

2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member Information for Nominations

In accordance with the ELCA Constitution, which governs the composition of the Churchwide Assembly, the Southern Ohio Synod’s delegation of voting members is comprised of the following:

1. The Bishop and Vice President, as Ex Officio members of the Synod’s delegation to the Churchwide Assembly, functioning as the Synod’s At Large Lay and At Large Rostered Minister voting members.
2. A roughly equal number of men and women (at least 45% men and at least 45% women)
3. A Youth voting member (defined as aged 17 and under AT THE TIME OF ELECTION) or a Young Adult voting member (defined as aged 18-29 AT THE TIME OF ELECTION). By tradition, the Southern Ohio Synod has sent both a Youth Member and a Young Adult Member.
4. A delegation is approximately 40% rostered ministers and 60% lay voting members. Please note that, as of the last Churchwide assembly, “rostered ministers” include deacons as well as pastors.
5. Approximately 10% of the delegation should be persons of color or persons whose first language is not English. A higher percentage is preferred.
6. In addition, the Southern Ohio Synod attempts to mirror our denomination’s commitment to inclusivity in our delegation in terms of sexuality.
7. By tradition, the Southern Ohio Synod attempts for an even geographic distribution across the synod (through relatively even representation from our geographic conferences) and to offer this valuable opportunity to experience the work of the larger church to new people by alternating representative positions (for instance, if a conference was invited to send a Lay Man to a previous CWA, they might be asked to send a Lay Woman to the next one). This list of open seats has been generated with this goal in mind. The Nominating Team is encouraged to solicit the names of people who have never enjoyed this experience before IF THAT IS POSSIBLE.

The Nomination Committee is accepting nominations for the following positions:

Central Ohio Conference Lay Man	Central Ohio Conference Rostered Minister
Cincinnati Conference Lay Woman	Cincinnati Conference Rostered Minister
Dayton Conference Lay Man	Dayton Conference Rostered Minister
Muskingum Conference Lay Man	Muskingum Conference Rostered Minister
Northwest Conference Lay Woman	Northwest Conference Rostered Minister
Scioto Conference Lay Woman	Scioto Conference Rostered Minister
Young Adult (18-29)	Youth (Confirmed & age 17 or under)

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly is the primary decision-making body of the church. Voting members are chosen locally from across the ELCA. Together with other leaders of the ELCA, and guided by the Holy Spirit, these voting members discuss the work of the Church in the world

and make decisions reflecting a common vision for the ELCA and its member congregations and synods. The 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly is scheduled for August 8-12 in Columbus, Ohio. Hotel, food and travel expenses are mostly covered for voting members. Nominees must be available to attend all five days of the Churchwide Assembly and must be able to travel to Columbus.

If you are interested in submitting your name as a potential nominee for the Southern Ohio delegation to the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly ballot for the 2021 Synod Assembly, please complete the Word or PDF form below and send to Michelle Riesbeck, Nominations Committee Chairperson, via email at micheller@riesbeckfoods.com no later than March 22, 2021.