

Nominations Summary Update

2025 Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

Job Description: Attend the 2025 Churchwide Assembly. July 28 - August 2, 2025 in Phoenix, Arizona. The ECSW has been allotted a slate of 12-14 voting members: 60% Lay; 40% Rostered; 10% Persons of color or persons whose primary language is other than English; 10% Youth or young adults. While considering the whole group, diverse representation in age, gender, and geography should be considered. Those not elected will serve as alternates.

For the care of young people, position 9 will take place by slate. This position is for youth or young adults and will include a chaperone adult who will serve as an on-site alternate. All other youth or young adults who expressed interest will be included in the list of alternates.

Qualifications: The business of this churchwide gathering has many implications for our life together: the election of a new presiding bishop, receiving the report on the Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church. Persons who are gifted at listening, communal discernment, and visioning would be thoughtful nominations.

CWA Voting Member

Position 9

2 Youth or young adult elected as a slate with accompanying adult & alternate voting member
The Proposed Slate includes Julia Schwab and Natalie Wagner who serve on the Synod Youth Team and their Youth Director who also serves as Co-Chair of the Synod Youth Team, Christine Loppnow.

Julia Schwab, Youth
Natalie Wagner, Youth
Christine Loppnow, Accompanying Adult

Alternates

Sarah Bauer
Lillian Smoot

CWA Voting Member

Position 10

2 Persons of Color | First Language is Other than English

Seeking Nominations

CWA Voting Member - Lay Person

6 Lay Persons, one of whom is the synod vice president. ELCA Churchwide breaks down voting member designation by gender to allow for diverse representation.

Position 11A - Male or Non-binary

Select three

Adam Clifford
Randy Johnson
Jamie Kiener
Mike Sturzenegger
Bob Wiederhoeft

Position 11B - Female or Non-binary

Select two

Shilrey Paulson
Laurie Sturzenegger
Breanna Drossart
Kira James

CWA Voting Member - Rostered Minister

4 Rostered Ministers, one of whom is the synod Bishop. ELCA Churchwide breaks down voting member designation by gender to allow for diverse representation.

Position 12A - Male or Non-binary

Select two

Rev. Matt Olson
Rev. Will Ostrem
Rev. Ben Williams

Position 12B - Female or Non-binary

Select one

Rev. Sara Gorman
Rev. Michelle Nickodemus
Rev. Kimberly Swenson
Rev. Heather Yerion-Keck