



Member, Consultation Committee Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod Position Description & Expectations as of February 2022

As you consider this opportunity for service, we would like you to know something of the expectations and responsibilities of this office so that you may make an informed decision.

Commitment /Frequency

The Consultation Committee meets only on an “as-needed” basis.

Election Process and Term

In accordance with our synod’s *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions*, members of the Consultation Committee shall be elected by the Synod Assembly and cannot be reelected for a second consecutive term. The Consultation Committee shall be composed of twelve members, six ministers of Word and Sacrament and six lay persons. The terms of committee members shall be staggered so that the terms of four members (two ministers and two lay) shall expire every two years in even-numbered years. The term of office for members shall begin upon election.

The 2022 Synod Assembly will elect four members of the Consultation Committee, two of whom are ministers of Word and Sacrament and two of whom are lay persons, to serve six-year terms.

Functions and Duties

The governing provisions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) provide the following guidance for the duties of members of the Consultation Committee:

- When there are indications that a cause for discipline may exist in matters pertaining to ministers of Word and Sacrament and ministers of Word and Service of our synod, and before charges are made, efforts shall be made by the bishop of the synod to resolve the situation by consultation; for assistance in these efforts, the bishop may utilize either a



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consultation panel or an advisory panel appointed from the members of the Consultation Committee.

- When there is disagreement among factions within a congregation on a substantive issue that cannot be resolved by the parties, members of a congregation shall have access to the bishop of the synod for consultation after informing the chair of the Congregation Council of their intent. If the consultation fails to resolve the issue(s), the Consultation Committee shall consider the matter. If the Consultation Committee of this synod shall fail to resolve the issue(s), the matter shall be referred to the Synod Council, whose decision shall be final.
- Additional functions of the Consultation Committee are set forth in [Chapter 20](#) of the *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*.

Nomination Process

Interested individuals should complete the Candidate Information Form at the Web page for the 2022 Synod Assembly, at <http://metrocelca.org/2022assembly/>.

We are looking for people who are faithful and mature Christians, are good listeners and able to keep confidences, and are deliberative and fair minded in their dealings with others. Are you willing to have your name submitted for nomination?



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