

**Provisions for election of Churchwide Voting Members
(these are bylaws changes)**

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Voting members of the Churchwide Assembly shall be elected by the Synod Assembly in the following manner:

- a. The bishop shall automatically be a member, in accordance with ELCA Constitution 12.41.11.
- b. The Vice President shall automatically be a member.
- c. The Assembly shall elect ~~an~~ three ordained ministers on the roster of this synod, ~~one~~ three lay ~~man~~ males and ~~one~~ three lay ~~woman~~ females to serve as Churchwide Voting Members from each electoral district. Preliminary nominations for these positions ~~may be~~ will be made by the conferences. The particular nominations to be made by each conference (Clergy, Lay Male, Lay Female) shall be determined in the year prior to the election by means of a lottery conducted by the Synod Council Executive Committee. ~~additional nominations may be made from the floor at the Electoral District Caucus with the consent of the nominee. Each Caucus shall select two persons for each position from among those nominated by the Conferences of the Electoral District or from the floor at the time of the Caucus.~~ ~~The~~ Two nominees for each position selected by the ~~Caucus~~ Conference shall be presented to the Synod Assembly; no additional nominations shall be permitted. The Assembly shall elect one person for each position to serve as a member of the Churchwide Assembly. A member who subsequently moves out of the ~~electoral district~~ Conference from which ~~he or she was~~ they were elected shall continue to hold office until the next election, provided ~~he or she~~ they continues to hold membership in a congregation of this synod.
- d. Additional members-at-large sufficient to complete the assigned delegation number shall be elected from nominations made by the Nominating Committee, with further nominations from the floor permitted. The election of the at-large members, if necessary, shall take place after the elections of the members from the ~~districts~~ conferences have been completed. In the event that the number of Churchwide Assembly members assigned to the Synod precludes electing ~~three~~ nine persons described above from each Electoral District, the Synod Council shall determine how best to distribute the members to be elected.
- e. The runner-up in each election shall be the first alternate for the seat. In the event the elected voting member or alternate is unable to serve, the Synod Council or Executive Committee shall appoint additional alternates as necessary.