

Congregational FAQ to Nominate President and Vice-Presidents of Synod

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How does a congregation nominate for President and Vice-Presidents of Synod?

A: The Secretary of the Synod mailed ballots for president and vice-presidents to each congregation. Your congregation should have its ballot now.

Q: What if my congregation doesn't have a ballot?

A: E-Mail or Call Rev. Raymond Hartwig (Raymond.hartwig@lcms.org) or phone 314-965-9000.

Q: When are the ballots due back?

A: Ballots for president and vice presidents **MUST be to the Secretary of Synod by March 10, 2010** (per Bylaw 3.12.1,c)

Q: How many candidates for President and First Vice-President can congregations nominate?

A: Each congregation can nominate two ordained ministers for president and two ordained ministers for First Vice-President.

Q: Who from the congregation needs to sign the ballot?

A: Each ballot must be signed by the president and the secretary of the congregation and **MUST be to the Secretary of Synod by March 10, 2010.**

Q: Who would you recommend for President and First Vice-President?

A: Since each congregation can nominate two ordained clergy for each position, we recommend nominating Rev. Matthew Harrison for president and Rev. Herbert Mueller for first vice-president, and Rev. Herbert Mueller for president and Rev. Matthew Harrison for first vice-president.

Q: What if some in my congregation wants to nominate the incumbents?

A: That is fine. Since each congregation can nominate two men for each position, suggest Revs. Harrison and Mueller for the other slots, so that the Synod has a choice.

Q: What about the vice presidents two through five?

A: We recommend the fine Churchmen listed on "United List." Incumbent 2nd Vice President Wohlrabe should be for VP 2 - 5 as well as others like Carl Fickenschler.

Bylaws from 2007 LCMS Handbook, pg. 179.

President and Vice-Presidents

3.12.1 Nominations for the offices of President, First Vice-President, and other vice-presidents in line of succession shall be made by the member congregations of the Synod.

(a) Each member congregation shall be entitled to nominate from the clergy roster of the Synod two ordained ministers as candidates for president and two ordained ministers as candidates for First Vice-President, and four ordained ministers as candidates for other vice-presidents in line of succession.

(b) The Secretary of the Synod shall mail to each congregation of the Synod ballots for nominating these candidates.

(c) Each nominating ballot shall be signed by the president and the secretary of the member congregations and shall be sent to the Secretary of the Synod not later than four months prior to the openings date of the convention.

(d) The Secretary of the Synod, with the approval of the Board of Directors of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, may engage an external auditing firm to tabulate the nominations and shall report to the convention by means of the *Convention Workbook* the names and tallies of all ordained ministers who have received nominating votes for the offices of President, First Vice-President, and other vice-presidents in line of succession.

(e) Groups and individuals within and without the Synod are urged to refrain from circularizing the Synod or areas thereof relative to favoritism in nominations for President, First Vice-President, and other vice-presidents in line of succession.