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Memorandum

Date: 1/24/2023

To: All Congregations, Rostered Leaders, Deans, Program Directors, Synod Council, Committee/Task Force Chairs

From: Resolutions Committee and Nominating Committee

RE: Resolutions and Nominations for the 2023 Synod Assembly

Resolutions for the 2023 Synod Assembly must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. March 19, 2023 to the Synod House. This is the constitutionally required date for the resolutions to be submitted sixty days before the assembly which will be May 18- May 20 at the Blue Water Convention Center in Port Huron, MI. For updates on the assembly refer to the synod website at <http://www.semisynod.com>. An information sheet explaining the form and content needed for resolutions is on the reverse side of this sheet. Please be sure to read these guidelines before submitting a resolution for consideration by the Resolutions Committee.

The Resolutions Committee will make recommendations on all Resolutions. Our Rules of Procedure call for those recommendations to be dealt with as follows:

If the Resolutions Committee recommends the adoption or defeat of a resolution, the Resolution itself will be considered before the Assembly.

If the Resolutions Committee recommends the referral of a motion or a substitute Resolution, the recommendation will be considered by the Assembly. If the recommendation is defeated, the original resolution is considered.

Resolutions

The Southeast Michigan synod provides for Resolutions in S7.33.O1.d which states:

Resolutions Committee: All resolutions and proposed modifications in the Constitution/Bylaws of this Synod shall be considered by the Resolutions Committee. Such items may be submitted by:

- Voting members of the Synod Assembly
- Congregations
- Conferences
- Committees of this Synod
- The Synod Council.

In order for such items to be included in the pre-Assembly report they must be received by the Resolutions Committee at least sixty (60) days in advance of the Assembly. Later submissions must be accompanied by 500 copies, in the proper format, of the item to be considered and may be considered only by a majority vote of the Assembly. The requirement to provide 500 copies may be waived by the committee, if they have been able to finish their work on a late resolution and get it posted on the website for pre-assembly reports by 20 days prior to the Assembly.

The committee shall assist submitters in achieving the fullest clarity and accuracy in their proposals (including Rationales), actively facilitate consultation between submitters who offer similar proposals, and recommend the placement of each item on the agenda of the Synod Assembly. The committee shall make recommendations for actions regarding proposals.

Resolutions shall consist of: no more than three hundred (300) words, nor more than three (3) "Resolved" paragraphs, and no preamble. A "Rationale" of less than five hundred (500) words may be appended to the resolutions and will not be subject to debate.



ROSTERED AND CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS

At this assembly, there will be an election for bishop to a six-year term. Nominations in advance are not permitted; there will be a nominating ballot on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at the opening of the assembly.

The members of the Southeast Michigan Synod Nomination Committee are committed to preparing a full slate of nominees for the 2023 Synod Assembly May 18-20, at the Blue Water Convention Center in Port Huron, MI. As details about the assembly become available, they will be posted on the synod website. Refer to <http://www.semisynd.com> for updates on the assembly.

The positions for which nominations are needed are listed below.

Please elicit responses from conference and congregational leaders. Make sure to secure the consent of the persons whom you regard as qualified for the open positions.

A nominations form is included and may be reproduced as needed.

Please return the completed form to:

Southeast Michigan Synod
Attn: Nominations
8115 East Jefferson Ave.
Detroit, MI 48214-3970

Nominations must be received by March 24, 2023

POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR NOMINATION

SYNOD COUNCIL

This is the governing body of the synod that is empowered to make decisions on behalf of the synod between annual assemblies. Normally this body meets 5-6 times a year.

4 Year Term

- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer – This is an appointed position.

3 Year Term

- Conference 2

- Conference 6
- Conference 7
- Conference 8

2 Year Term

- Youth

CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

The Consultation Committee hears disagreements of substantive issues that have been referred to the bishop/executive committee as well as hears charges against a rostered person or congregation which could lead to discipline. The committee meets only as needed.

6 Year Term ending 2029

- 1 Clergy Male
- 1 Clergy Female
- 1 Lay Male
- 1 Lay Female

2 Year Term ending 2025

1 Clergy Female (fills a vacant position)

*(Incumbents are **not** eligible for re-election.)*

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

The Discipline Committee meets to adjudicate discipline cases along with appointments from churchwide. The committee meets only as needed.

6 Year Term ending 2029

- 1 Clergy Male
- 1 Clergy Female
- 1 Lay Male
- 1 Lay Female

2 Year Term ending 2025

1 Lay Female (fills a vacant position)

*(Incumbents are **not** eligible for re-election.)*

**Southeast Michigan Synod
2023 Nomination Form**

Please print clearly

Position: _____

Congregation / City: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Check all that apply:

City, Zip: _____

___ Female ___ Male

Home phone: () _____

___ Clergy ___ Lay

Work/cell phone: () _____

___ Deacon

Email: _____

___ Youth or Young Adult
(age 18-30 at time of election)

Conference: _____

___ Person of color or whose
primary language is other
than English

List of areas of involvement in the synod (maximum three) and indicate current positions with a ✓

List areas of involvement in your congregation (maximum three) and indicate current positions with a ✓

List areas of community service (maximum three) and indicate current activity with a ✓

Has this person consented to nomination? _____ Nominated by: _____