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Memorandum

Date: January 12, 2026

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 2026 Synod Assembly

Resolutions:

Resolutions for the 2026 Synod Assembly must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. March 27, 2026 to the Synod. This is the constitutionally required date for the resolutions to be submitted sixty days before the assembly which will be May 29-30, 2026, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. For updates on the assembly refer to the synod website at <http://www.semisynod.com>.

Information explaining the form and content needed for resolutions follows. 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 S7.33.01.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 300 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 300 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, no 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

The members of the Southeast Michigan Synod Nomination Committee are committed to preparing a full slate of nominees for the 2026 Synod Assembly (May 29-30, 2026) to be held at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335

As details about the assembly become available, they will be posted on the synod website. Refer to <http://www.semisynod.com> for updates on the assembly.

The positions for which nominations are needed are listed below.

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

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

Please mail the completed form to:

Southeast Michigan Synod
Attn: Nominations
4800 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48201
Or email forms to b.fisher@semisynod.com

Nominations must be received by **April 10, 2026**

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 4-6 times a year.

3 Year Term

Conference 2

Conference 6

Conference 7

Conference 8

2 Year Term

Young Adult

Southeast Michigan Synod
2026 Nomination Form - please return to b.fisher@semisynod.com

Please print clearly

Position: _____ Congregation: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Work/cell phone: _____

Email: _____

Conference: _____

Check all that apply:

Female Male Non-Binary

Clergy Lay Deacon

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: _____