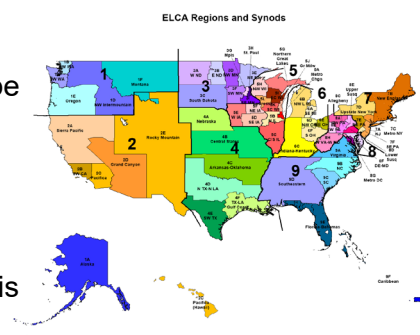


September 2026 First Call Openings

Each year in **February & September**, synods across the ELCA submit reports on ministry site openings within their synod that may be suitable for First Call deacons or pastors. These openings may already be open at the time of reporting or are anticipated to open in the near future.

While the numbers in this report reflect the status as of **September 2026**, and some positions may since have been filled while others have opened, we hope this resource provides a helpful snapshot of where the need for Rostered Ministers is present.

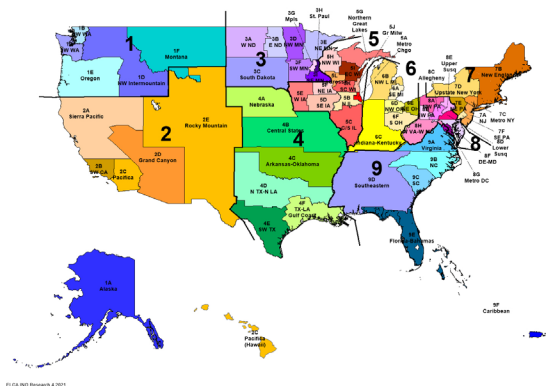


Region 1				
Synod	W/Sacrament (FT)	W/Sacrament (PT)	W/Service (FT)	W/Service (PT)
1A - Alaska	1	0	0	0
1B - NW Washington	2	1	1	0
1C - SW Washington	0	0	0	0
1D - NW Intermountain	3	2	2	0
1E - Oregon	1	3	0	0
1F - Montana	3	4	0	3

Region 2				
Synod	W/Sacrament (FT)	W/Sacrament (PT)	W/Service (FT)	W/Service (PT)
2A - Sierra Pacific	1	3	0	0
2B - SW California	1	1	0	0
2C - Pacifica	1	0	0	0
2D - Grand Canyon	2	2	1	0
2E - Rocky Mountain	4	2	0	0

Region 3				
Synod	W/Sacrament (FT)	W/Sacrament (PT)	W/Service (FT)	W/Service (PT)
3A - Wester ND	15	8	1	0
3B - Eastern ND	12	5	1	0
3C - South Dakota	17	8	1	1
3D - NW Minnesota	21	3	0	0
3E - NE Minnesota	1	3	0	0
3F - SW Minnesota	12	3	0	0
3G - Minneapolis Area	0	1	0	0
3H - St Paul Area	1	0	0	0
3I - SE Minnesota	4	2	0	0

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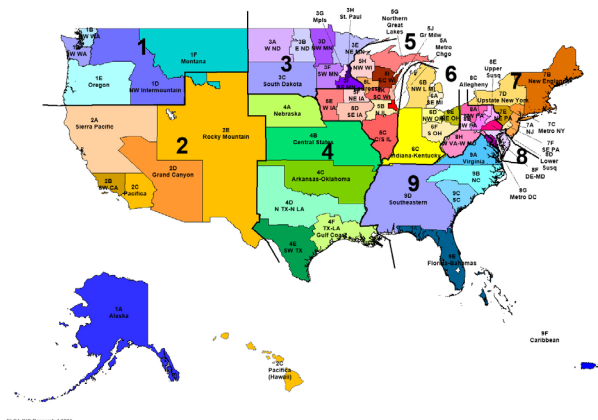


Region 4				
Synod	W/Sacrament (FT)	W/Sacrament (PT)	W/Service (FT)	W/Service (PT)
4A - Nebraska	11	3	2	1
4B - Central States	3	3	0	0
4C - Arkansas-Oklahoma	1	1	0	0
4D - Northern Texas Northern Louisiana	1	2	0	0
4E - SW Texas	2	2	0	0
4F - Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast	3	1	0	0

Region 5				
Synod	W/Sacrament (FT)	W/Sacrament (PT)	W/Service (FT)	W/Service (PT)
5A - Metro Chicago	1	2	0	1
5B - Northern IL	3	3	1	0
5C - Central/Southern IL	9	2	0	0
5D - SE Iowa	11	2	0	0
5E - Western Iowa	2	2	1	0
5F - NE Iowa	7	4	0	0
5G - Northern Great Lakes	6	6	0	0
5H - NW Wisconsin	15	15	0	0
5I - East-Central Wisconsin	1	1	0	0
5J - Greater Milwaukee	3	2	0	1
5K - South-Central Wisconsin	5	1	0	0
5L - La Crosse Area	2	2	0	0

Region 6				
Synod	W/Sacrament (FT)	W/Sacrament (PT)	W/Service (FT)	W/Service (PT)
6A - SE Michigan	2	1	0	0
6B - North/West Lower Michigan	3	4	0	0
6C - Indiana/Kentucky	4	6	0	1
6D - NW Ohio	5	0	0	0
6E - NE Ohio	4	7	1	0
6F - Southern Ohio	1	0	0	0

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Region 7				
Synod	W/Sacrament (FT)	W/Sacrament (PT)	W/Service (FT)	W/Service (PT)
7A - NJ	5	7	0	0
7B - New England	3	2	0	0
7C - Metro NY	4	5	0	0
7D - Upstate NY	1	4	0	0
7E - NE PA	2	2	0	0
7F - SE PA	6	13	0	0
7G - Slovak Zion	2	1	0	0

Region 8				
Synod	W/Sacrament (FT)	W/Sacrament (PT)	W/Service (FT)	W/Service (PT)
8A - NW PA	4	3	0	0
8B - SW PA	4	1	0	0
8C - Allegheny	2	2	0	1
8D - Lower Susquehanna	7	3	2	0
8E - Upper Susquehanna	4	3	0	0
8F - Delaware-Maryland	3	1	1	0
8G - Metro Washington DC	0	1	0	0
8H - W Virginia/W Maryland	4	2	1	1

Region 9				
Synod	W/Sacrament (FT)	W/Sacrament (PT)	W/Service (FT)	W/Service (PT)
9A - Virginia	4	3	0	0
9B - NC	6	4	2	1
9C - SC	4	1	1	0
9D - Southeastern	7	3	0	0
9E - Florida-Bahamas	4	2	0	0
9F - Caribbean	0	12	0	0