

ELCA Continuing Resolution 10.31.B25.: The Association of Synod Vice Presidents

The Association of Synod Vice Presidents shall be composed of the synod vice presidents of this church. The churchwide vice president shall be a member with voice but not vote. The Church Council may appoint a member to serve as a liaison to the association with voice but not vote. The Conference of Bishops may appoint a synod bishop as a liaison to the association with voice but not vote. Annually, the Association of Synod Vice Presidents shall elect a chair and vice chair to preside at meetings for one-year terms with the possibility of re-election for a second year. Terms begin September 1 of the year of election. The persons who would make themselves available for election as chair or vice-chair would have at least two years remaining in their term.

- a. The Association of Synod Vice Presidents shall provide to synod vice presidents opportunities for orientation, worship, spiritual renewal, continuing education, collaboration, and leadership development. To fulfill these responsibilities, the Association of Synod Vice Presidents shall:
 - 1) meet at every Churchwide Assembly and may hold one additional in-person meeting each triennium and periodically gather informally as desired;*
 - 2) provide a forum in which goals, objectives, and strategies concerning lay leadership may be developed and shared;*
 - 3) participate in cultural competency training at each in-person meeting;*
 - 4) serve as a resource for training and guidance in the governance of this church;*
 - 5) assist the vice presidents in their role as collaborative leaders with bishops in fostering the work of the synods; and*
 - 6) when requested, provide advice and counsel to the Church Council and others holding leadership positions in this church.**
- b. The Association of Synod Vice Presidents may establish committees as the members from time to time may determine to assist in fulfillment of its responsibilities.*
- c. Staff services for meetings of the Association of Synod Vice Presidents shall be provided by the synod relations staff in the Office of the Secretary.*