NOMINATIONS PROCESS
Council, Boards
and Committees

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America celebrates the diverse gifts of its members and asks that members consider sharing those gifts in leadership roles in this church.

The Churchwide Assembly elects the presiding bishop, vice president and secretary of the ELCA. Synods nominate and each Churchwide Assembly elects 16 members to the Church Council. The Churchwide Assembly may elect up to 13 additional Church Council members, nominated by the Nominating Committee.

The Churchwide Assembly also elects members to the following boards and committees:
- Portico Benefit Services Board of Trustees
- Mission Investment Fund Board of Trustees
- 1517 Media Board of Trustees
- Committee on Appeals
- Committee on Discipline
- Nominating Committee

Every four years, the Conference of Bishops elects a chair, who also serves as a member of the Church Council and its Executive Committee.

The Church Council elects the treasurer of the ELCA and is responsible for filling vacancies on certain churchwide boards and committees.

The Church Council also elects members to the following boards and committees:
- Endowment Fund Board of Trustees
- Committee of Hearing Officers
- Boards of Certain Social Ministry Organizations
- Seminary Governing Boards
- National Lutheran Campus Ministry, Inc., Board of Directors

If you are interested in being nominated for election to a particular board or committee, please read and complete the online Biographical Form: http://webapps.elca.org/secretary/nominations/.

If you would like someone else to be considered for nomination, please ask him or her to read and complete the Biographical Form or email the person's name and contact information to the following address: nominations@elca.org.

Questions about the nomination process may be asked by writing nominations@elca.org or by calling the Office of the Secretary at 800-638-3522 ext. 2800.