



FEBRUARY 2026 FIRST CALL OPENINGS

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

While the numbers in this report reflect the status as of **February 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 currently exists.

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	4	2	5	0
1E - Oregon	1	3	0	0
1F - Montana	3	5	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	0	0	0	0
2C - Pacifica	1	0	0	0
2D - Grand Canyon	2	2	0	0
2E - Rocky Mountain	5	2	0	0

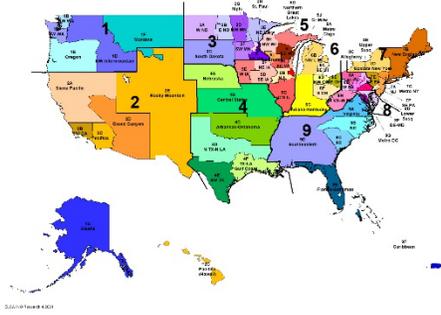
Region 3				
Synod	W/Sacrament (FT)	W/Sacrament (PT)	W/Service (FT)	W/Service (PT)
3A - Wester ND	15	8	1	0
3B - Eastern ND	12	2	0	0
3C - South Dakota	12	7	4	2
3D - NW Minnesota	21	3	0	0
3E - NE Minnesota	7	6	0	0
3F - SW Minnesota	14	10	2	0
3G - Minneapolis Area	1	4	0	0
3H - St Paul Area	1	1	0	0
3I - SE Minnesota	5	0	0	0



Region 4				
Synod	W/Sacrament (FT)	W/Sacrament (PT)	W/Service (FT)	W/Service (PT)
4A - Nebraska	9	1	1	1
4B - Central States	5	3	0	0
4C - Arkansas-Oklahoma	2	0	0	1
4D - Northern Texas Northern Louisiana	1	2	0	0
4E - SW Texas	4	0	0	0
4F - Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast	2	0	0	0

Region 5				
Synod	W/Sacrament (FT)	W/Sacrament (PT)	W/Service (FT)	W/Service (PT)
5A - Metro Chicago	3	5	0	1
5B - Northern IL	9	0	1	0
5C - Central/Southern IL	2	3	0	0
5D - SE Iowa	8	2	0	0
5E - Western Iowa	4	3	1	0
5F - NE Iowa	6	7	0	0
5G - Northern Great Lakes	6	3	0	0
5H - NW WI	13	12	0	0
5I - East-Central WI	7	6	1	0
5J - Greater Milwaukee	5	2	0	2
5K - South-Central WI	8	1	0	0
5L - La Crosse Area	1	1	0	0

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



Region 7				
Synod	W/Sacrament (FT)	W/Sacrament (PT)	W/Service (FT)	W/Service (PT)
7A - NJ	3	2	0	0
7B - New England	2	5	0	0
7C - Metro NY	0	0	0	0
7D - Upstate NY	3	7	0	0
7E - NE PA	0	1	1	0
7F - SE PA	1	8	0	0
7G - Slovak Zion	1	1	0	0

Region 8				
Synod	W/Sacrament (FT)	W/Sacrament (PT)	W/Service (FT)	W/Service (PT)
8A - NW PA	6	2	0	0
8B - SW PA	2	1	0	0
8C - Allegheny	2	1	0	0
8D - Lower Susquehanna	5	2	0	0
8E - Upper Susquehanna	4	3	0	0
8F - Delaware-Maryland	3	2	0	0
8G - Metro Washington DC	0	0	0	0
8H - W Virginia/W Maryland	3	2	0	0

Region 9				
Synod	W/Sacrament (FT)	W/Sacrament (PT)	W/Service (FT)	W/Service (PT)
9A - Virginia	6	4	0	0
9B - NC	5	3	2	1
9C - SC	3	1	1	0
9D - Southeastern	6	3	1	0
9E - Florida-Bahamas	5	1	2	0
9F - Caribbean	0	14	0	0