

Position – Committee on Discipline

Committee on Discipline – 6 Year Term

Applying for (check one):

Clergy Female

Clergy Male

Laity Male

Clergy Female

Laity Male

Deadline to submit nominations – April 14, 2025

Members of the Committee on Discipline may be called to serve on a Discipline Hearing Panel when a formal charge has been brought against a rostered leader or a congregation of the ELCA. The Hearing Panel consists of 12 persons (six from the synod committee and six from the churchwide committee). They serve as the body who hears the evidence against the rostered leader or congregation and the defense provided by the accused. The Hearing Panel is called upon to make a judgment as to the validity of the charges and to recommend actions appropriate to the outcome of their decision.

From the Synod Constitution:

†S11.03. The Committee on Discipline of this synod shall consist of 12 persons of whom six shall be ordained ministers and six shall be laypersons, who shall each be elected by the Synod Assembly for a term of six years without consecutive reelection.

- a. The functions of the Committee on Discipline of this synod are set forth in Chapter 20 of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.*
- b. The terms of committee members shall be staggered so that the terms of four committee members (two clergy and two lay) expire every two years.*
- c. The Synod Council shall fill vacancies on the Committee on Discipline for any unexpired term.*

Skills/Abilities/Gifts: The following skills, abilities, and/or gifts are required for a person to effectively serve on the Synod Consultation Committee:

- Ability and willingness to pray regularly for the ministry and congregations of the synod
- Openness to the guidance of the Holy Spirit

- Comfort in the gathering, discussing and discerning of potentially sensitive personal material
- Ability to maintain appropriate confidentiality when considering potentially sensitive personal material
- Voting member of a congregation of the synod

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Primary Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Email Address _____

Congregation _____

Congregation City and State _____

Male Female Non-Binary Lay Ordained

Current Occupation _____

Please list three examples of the skills, abilities, and/or gifts you possess that would enable you to perform the ministry of this position:

1.

2.

3.

Name of person submitting this candidate:

Address _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Email to: synod@gulfcoastsynod.org (preferred method of submission)

Mail to: Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod
Attn: Nominating Committee
7822 Northline Dr
Houston, TX 77037

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Please note: This nomination is a submission to the Nominating Committee (not the Synod Assembly). According to our constitution and bylaws, the Nominating Committee is responsible for preparing a slate of “at least one qualified candidate for each position available” which will be presented to the Synod Assembly. “Qualification will be based on a comparison of stated required or preferred skills, abilities, gifts, and experience with those possessed by the candidate(s).” (Both quotations are taken from section S9.03.A03 of the synod constitution.) Qualifications for each position are listed on the candidate form for each position. Submitting this nomination form is very much appreciated by the Nominating Committee but does not guarantee a position on the slate presented by the Nominating Committee. Additional nominations may be made from the floor of the Synod Assembly.