

Virginia Synod Assembly 2023

CONGREGATIONAL LAY VOTING MEMBERS

Voting Membership of the Assembly:

- All Rostered Ministers under call on the roster of this synod
- Congregational Lay Voting Members
- Lay Officers of the Synod
- Lay Members of Synod Council
- If the Constitutionally Required 60% Lay Voting Member and 40% Rostered Voting Member requirement can be satisfied,
 - Retired Rostered Ministers
 - Rostered Ministers on leave from call
 - Rostered Ministers on disability leave

Please note that every congregation is entitled to at least two (2) lay voting members, typically of different genders.

Congregations are **strongly** encouraged to elect, where possible, qualified persons who would express the inclusiveness of the church. **EARLY** election and certification of voting members are highly desirable so that Assembly committees can be formed in a timely manner with proper representation from the conferences.

Additional Lay Voting Members: Larger congregations are entitled to additional lay voting members on the following basis of baptized members (as of December 31, 2022). For each additional 200 baptized members or portion thereof over 400, the congregation should elect an additional lay voting member.

400 = 2 voting members

401-600 = 3 voting members

601-800 = 4 voting members

801-1000 = 5 voting members

1001-1200 = 6 voting members