

Expectations of a Member of the Virginia Synod Council

1. Attend all meetings of the Synod Council. Presently these include:
 - a. Two regular meetings (one in-person, one on Zoom)
 - b. A meeting on the afternoon and evening on Thursday preceding the Synod Assembly and a brief meeting immediately following the Assembly
 - c. One annual retreat (evening of the 1st day through noon of the 3rd day)
 - d. Synod Assembly
 - e. Special meetings as called
2. Serve a four-year term commencing at the adjournment of the Assembly at which elected.
3. Maintain active membership in a congregation of the Synod.
4. Study the agenda and advance materials received before each meeting.
5. Study the agenda and advance materials received before the Synod Assembly.
6. Participate in committees, task forces, and individual assignments as directed by the Council.
7. Be familiar with the Synod constitution insofar as it affects the activities of the Council, the Assembly, and the Synod.
8. Share the vision and mission of the Virginia Synod with congregations, rostered ministers, ministry partners, and all members of the Synod.
9. Be a representative of the synod in your home congregation, conference, and throughout the synod, as appropriate as an advocate of the mission and ministry of the Synod.
10. Assume responsibility occasionally for opening and closing devotions at meetings.
11. Serve without compensation.
12. Receive expense reimbursement for transportation, housing and meals, and other expenses directly related to the responsibility, but such reimbursement does not include personal arrangements necessary for the member to be away from home.
13. Make your congregations aware of these expectations if you are a pastor or deacon serving on the Synod Council.

*For more information and who serves on synod council go to: vasynod.org/about/synod-council/
Expectations are defined in the [Virginia Synod's Constitution, Bylaws, & Continuing Resolutions](#)*