

LUTHERAN CHURCH–CANADA

ELECTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Common Responsibilities and Qualifications for the Boards and Commissions at the National Level.

All candidates for offices and board memberships are expected to be fully committed to the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions, to honouring and upholding the constitution and resolutions of the Synod, and to the mission of the Synod as demonstrated by participation and leadership of congregational involvement in that mission. Each candidate should possess the ability and willingness to work with others. Specific board responsibilities are noted in various sections of the bylaws. Desired qualifications of members for individual boards are noted below. Candidates should be aware that they serve without remuneration.

1. Board of Directors (Statutory Bylaws Article XI - XV)

Responsibilities: The Board of Directors is responsible for the legal, property, and financial affairs of the Synod, including planning, budgeting, finance, personnel and program review. It oversees the work of its appointed committees in the areas of communications and missions.

Desired Qualifications: Board members should be able to see the “big picture” both nationally and internationally. Experience on district or national boards is desirable, particularly for the clergy. Experience in law, finance, personnel, general administration and corporate planning is always helpful as well as representation from the more typical lay persons who are active in the congregation and are users of the various services available through district and Synod. The candidate must be available for at least three meetings of two days each, normally held over weekends.

2. Board of Regents (Synodical Bylaws 6.01 - 6.03)

Responsibilities: Boards of Regents of the seminaries are responsible for the educational programs of the institution. They assure themselves that the work of the institution is carried on effectively and are responsible for its business management. They are also responsible for the general welfare of faculty, staff and students.

Desired Qualifications: Board members should be acquainted with current trends in education and should have a strong commitment to Christian education at all levels, with special interest in the objectives of preparing church workers. It is desirable to have had experience on a governing board of an elementary or secondary school, or on the board of regents, or faculty of a college or university. Experience in finance, personnel, general corporate administration, or corporate planning is helpful. The time requirements for meetings vary with the institution.

3. Commission on Theology and Church Relations (Synodical Bylaws 2.105 - 2.107)

Responsibilities: The Commission on Theology and Church Relations is responsible for assisting the president of the Synod, at his request, in fostering internal unity in the Synod and in relating to other church bodies. The Commission is also responsible for providing guidance to the Synod in matters of theology.

Desired Qualifications: Members of the Commission should be well grounded in their knowledge of and commitment to the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions and the doctrinal position of the Synod. They should have a good understanding of the internal workings of Lutheran Church–Canada. Above all, they should be motivated by a love for the Lord Jesus Christ which shows itself in concern for the pure teaching of the Gospel and the right administration of the Sacraments and for God-pleasing relationships with all members of the body of Christ. The candidate must be available for meetings twice a year, two days normally, held on weekends.

4. Commission on Adjudication (Synodical Bylaws 8.35-8.39)

Responsibilities: The Commission on Adjudication serves as the judicatory head of the Synod having jurisdiction over cases under Article XIII of the Synodical Bylaws, cases in which a member is removed from Synod as well as all cases in which the Synod, a district of the Synod or one of its institutions or organizations is a “party.”

Desired Qualifications: Members of the Commission on Adjudication should be grounded in their knowledge of and commitment to the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. They should also have a good understanding of the internal workings of LCC. Because of the judicial nature of this commission, members should have a basic understanding of natural law, and some understanding of legal procedures with the ability to filter information in a logical manner.