**Lay Voting Member Assignment Formula**

 Synod Council 12/8/98

| Baptized Membership | No. of Lay Voting Delegates |
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| 0 - 175 | 1 (either male or female) |
| 176 - 749 | 2 (1 male, 1 female) |
| 750 - 1249 | 3 (1 male, 1 female) + 1either male or female |
| 1250 - 1749 | 4 (2 male, 2 female) |
| 1750 - 2249 | 5 (2 male, 2 female) + 1either male or female |
| 2250 - 3249 | 6 (3 male, 3 female) |
| 3250 - 4249 | 7 (3 male, 3 female) + 1either male or female |
| 4250 - 5249 | 8 (4 male, 4 female) |
| 5250 - 6249 | 9 (4 male, 4 female) + 1either male or female |
| 6250 - 7249 | 10 (5 male, 5 female) |
| 7250 - 8249 | 11 (5 male, 5 female) + 1either male or female |
| 8250 - 9249 | 12 (6 male, 6 female) |
| 9250 - 10249 | 13 (6 male, 6 female) + 1either male or female |
| 10250 - 11249 | 14 (7 male, 7 female) |
| 11250 - 12249 | 15 (7 male, 7 female) + 1either male or female |
| 12250 - 13249 | 16 (8 male, 8 female) |
| 13250 and up | 17 (8 male, 8 female) + 1either male or female |

**Use Baptized Membership at the end of 2015 to determine the number of lay voting members. Retired Rostered Ministers or Rostered Ministers on leave from call may not register as lay voting members. Rostered Ministers of Word & Service may not register as lay voting members; all Rostered Ministers are expected at Synod Assembly, and each roster registers under its own category.**

*Constitution §7.21 c.* “A minimum of one lay member elected by each congregation with fewer than 175 baptized members and a minimum of two lay members elected by each congregation with more than 175 baptized members . . .”

From 175 to 749 baptized members, 2 voting members; from 749 to 2249 baptized members, one voting member for each additional 500 members; from 2250 baptized members up, one voting member for each additional 1000 members.

**Each congregation may also register a Youth Voting member (ages 15-18) in addition to the allowed number of lay voting members.**