



Minneapolis Area Synod  
of the ELCA

## Lay Voting Member Assignment Formula

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

Use Baptized Membership at the end of 2023 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 . . ."

**Each congregation may also register a Youth Voting member (ages 15-18) in addition to the allowed number of lay voting members. If you would like to bring an additional youth, you may replace one of your lay voting members with a youth delegate.**