

Representation of Ministers of Word and Service in Synod Bodies

Whereas the 2019 Churchwide Assembly adopted constitutional amendments affirming ordination as the entrance rite for Ministers of Word and Service, thereby removing such Ministers from the laity when the representational principle is applied; and

Whereas the existence of two distinct categories of Rostered Ministers in the ELCA – Ministers of Word and Service and Ministers of Word and Sacrament – recognizes the equally valuable vocations and distinct perspectives of Rostered Ministers; and

Whereas Ministers of Word and Service represent 10% of the population of active Rostered Ministers within the Minneapolis Area Synod (MAS); therefore be it

Resolved that the Minneapolis Area Synod (MAS) Nominating Committee shall ensure representation of Ministers of Word and Service in all arenas of church leadership for which Rostered Ministers are elected to represent at least 10% of those elected, including no less than one Minister of Word and Service for each individual arena. These arenas include, but may not be exclusive to, Synod Council and Churchwide Assembly voting members; and be it further

Resolved that the Office of the Bishop of the MAS shall take every effort to ensure representation of Ministers of Word and Service in all arenas of church leadership for which Rostered Ministers are appointed or chosen in a setting other than a Synod Assembly including, but not limited to, membership on synodical teams and committees, and leadership as Conference Deans.

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