



**Most Committees
meet quarterly
and have been meeting
on ZOOM or hybrid.**

~AUDIT:

Reviews that annual audit of Synod finances.

Chair: Terry Frankenstein

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~CANDIDACY:

Accompanies seminary candidates for ministry through their academic and faith formation journey including Entrance, Endorsement, and Approval.

Members added by invitation only.

Chair: Marcie Kaven

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~COMPANION SYNOD:

Serves to nurture connections to the Lutheran church in Tanzania through congregations and our synod as a whole.

Co-Chairs: Brian & Danielle Anderson

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~CONSTITUTION WORK:

Encourages congregations to keep their constitutions up to date. Offers help, review, and approval.

Chair: Nancy Heykes

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~ENDOWMENT MINISTRY:

Encourages giving and stewards the distribution of multiple endowment funds to support various ministry efforts.

Chair: Chuck Thomas

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~FAITHFUL INNOVATIONS:

Attend a training, become a coach, form a team in your congregation, find out more.

Contact: Pr. Sharolyn Swenson

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~FINANCE:

Prepares the Annual NGLS Budget for the following year and amends the budget for the current year.

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~KALEIDOSCOPE IN CHRIST:

So far has offered an annual Lenten challenge to educate our synod regarding issues of race and gender, to see others through the eyes of Jesus.

Contact: Pr. Jared Howard

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~LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION:

Formerly the Lay School Board, this committee oversees and promotes the synodwide education effort to deepen the discipleship of all.

Chair: Matthew Johnson

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~LAY MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM:

Provides accountability and support to our Licensed Lay Ministers, equipping them for the work they are already doing.

Contact: Bishop Katherine Finegan

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~LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY:

Oversees and supports those who provide spiritual care and fellowship for college students in our synod.

Chair: Christine Ebert

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~STEWARDSHIP:

Through presentations and events, educates congregations and leaders how to be a blessing through generous and faithful giving.

Chair: Pastor Mike Markwell
mike.j.markwell@gmail.com

~SYNOD ASSEMBLY PLANNING:

Plan the details for the next Assembly.

Chair for 2025: Pr. Jack Busche
Contact: Pr. Sharolyn Swenson
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~SYNOD WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION:

Seeks to involve women in every congregation in joined fellowship, ministry efforts, and education.

President: Melzee Jacobson
imlizrd@yahoo.com

~WALKING WITH OUR INDIGENOUS NEIGHBORS:

Works to educate our synod and build relationships with our tribal neighbors.

Contact: Pr. Julie Belew
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~WORLD HUNGER:

Encourages congregational participation and support of Hunger ministries, local and global, and thinks of creative ideas to build enthusiasm for our Synod assembly offering.

Chair: Pr. Tommy Richter
pastor.tommyrichter@gmail.com

~WORSHIP:

Plans worship for Synod Assembly and workshops to enrich congregational worship and equip musicians and choir directors.

Chair: Lucas Wickstrom
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~YOUTH MINISTRY:

Plans meaningful activities for youth and training for adult leaders and will also be involved in organizing our synod participation in the Youth Gathering 2027.

Chair: Charlotte Strom
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Additional Committees as required by our NGLS Constitution:

~CONSULTATION:

Available to serve as needed for conflict resolution or investigative efforts.

Members elected by Synod Assembly

~DISCIPLINE:

Stand ready to serve as needed for conflict resolution or investigative efforts.

Members elected by Synod Assembly

~EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

A subset of the Synod Council. Attends to any business or consultation that is needed between Synod Council meetings.

Consists of the officers: Synod Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Bishop, Assistant, and two at large members elected by the Council.