

EXPECTATIONS OF A MEMBER OF SYNOD COUNCIL

1. Attend all meetings of the Synod Council. Presently these include:
 - a. Two regular meetings, each evening of one day and all of the next day.
 - b. A meeting on the afternoon and evening on the Thursday preceding the Synod Assembly and a brief meeting immediately following the Assembly.
 - c. One annual retreat (3 PM of the 1st day through noon of the 3rd day)
 - d. Synod Assembly (noon Friday through noon Sunday)
 - e. Special meetings as called.
2. Serve a three-year term commencing at the adjournment of the assembly at which elected.
3. Maintain an active membership in a congregation of the Synod.
4. Study the agenda and advance materials received prior to each meeting.
5. Study the agenda and advance materials received prior to the Synod Assembly.
6. Participate in commissions, committees, task forces, and individual assignments as directed by the Council.
7. Be familiar with the Synod constitution insofar as it affects the activities of the Council, the Assembly, and the Synod.
8. Be the eyes and ears of the Synod Council on the territory of the Synod to inform members in accomplishing the mission and the ministry of the Synod.
9. Be a representative of the synod in your home congregation, conference, and throughout the synod, as appropriate as an advocate of the mission and ministry of the Synod.
10. Assume responsibility occasionally for opening and closing devotions at meetings.
11. Serve without compensation.
12. Receive expense reimbursement for transportation, housing and meals, and other expenses directly related to the responsibility, but such reimbursement does not include personal arrangements necessary for the member to be away from home.
13. Make your congregations aware of these expectations if you are a parish pastor serving on the Synod Council.