

VA Synod Assembly 2019

CONGREGATIONAL LAY VOTING MEMBERS

Voting Membership:

- All Rostered Ministers under call on the roster of this synod
- Congregational Lay Voting Members
- Lay Officers of the Synod
- Retired Rostered Ministers
- Rostered Ministers on leave from call (pending a bylaw approval at the Assembly)
- Lay Members of Synod Council

Election of Lay Voting Members: Enclosed you will find a Voting Member Credential Form for the names of the lay voting members from your congregation(s).

Please note that every congregation is entitled to at least two (2) lay voting members, typically one of whom is to be female and one male.

Congregations are **strongly** encouraged to elect, where possible, qualified persons who would express the inclusiveness of the church. **EARLY** election and certification of voting members are highly desirable so that Assembly committees can be formed in a timely manner with proper representation from the conferences.

The deadline for submitting the completed credentials form is May 8, 2019.

Additional Lay Voting Members: Larger congregations are entitled to additional lay voting members on the following basis of baptized members (as of December 31, 2018). For each additional 200 baptized members or portion thereof over 400, the congregation should elect an additional lay voting member.

400 = 2 voting members

401-600 = 3 voting members

601-800 = 4 voting members

801-1000 = 5 voting members

1001-1200 = 6 voting members