



Florida-Bahamas Synod
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Nominating Committee of the Florida-Bahamas Synod is preparing the slate of elections for the 2019 Synod Assembly on June 6-8, 2019. In preparation for those elections, we ask your help in identifying nominees to fill these important positions.

2019 Synod Assembly Elections:

1. Synod Council Representatives (in good standing for a three-year term)

Southwest Mission District – Minister of Word and Sacrament
(Includes Lake, Mid Gulf, Tampa, Sun Coast, Gulf Coast & Caloosa Conferences)

Southeast Mission District - Lay Female
(Includes Miami-Dade, Broward-Bahamas, Tradewinds & Space Coast Conferences)

Southeast Mission District – Person of Color or Language other than English (PCLE) male or female, lay or Rostered Minister
(Includes Miami-Dade, Broward-Bahamas, Tradewinds & Space Coast Conferences)

North Mission District – Lay Male
(Includes 1st Coast, Heart of Florida, Pinelands, Panhandle & Flagler-Volusia Conferences)

North Mission District – Person of Color or Language other than English (PCLE) male or female, lay or Rostered Minister
(Includes 1st Coast, Heart of Florida, Pinelands, Panhandle & Flagler-Volusia Conferences)

Youth – Male or Female – any mission district – 2-year term
Nominees for the youth position shall be 15-18 years of age AND be a rising 9th through 11th Grader in school at the time of election.

After all the open positions on Synod Council are elected, the need for an at-large member, if any, will be identified and announced.

Deadline for nominations is **May 1, 2019**. The nominations form is available at <http://www.fbsynod.com>.

Nominations from the floor will be accepted for all positions using a “Floor Nomination Form” which requires the written consent of the person being nominated and must be submitted as a paper copy only at the Assembly.

Yours in Christ,

Tracy Moffatt

Tracy Moffatt, Chair
Nominating Committee

A completed Nomination Data Form must be received at Synod Office no later than May 1, 2019. The form is available at <http://www.fbsynod.com/>. This form may be downloaded, saved, and emailed to Ileana Sardinas (ileanas@fbsynod.org). Please include a photo with the nomination form.

After the May 1, deadline the Nominating Committee will work to assure that there are two nominations for each position. Nominations from the floor are strongly discouraged.

Descriptions of the elected positions are below. Your prayerful consideration of these opportunities for service is encouraged.

Synod Council Representatives

The Synod Council sees to it that the mission and vision of the Synod are lifted and carried forward.

Mission: **Share Christ, Make Disciples, Do Justice in the world.**

Vision: **To be deeply rooted in Christ, firmly grounded in Word and Sacrament, and joyfully sent for the sake of the world.**

A Synod Council member shall be a voting member of a congregation of this synod. The term of office shall be three years. The Synod Council is the board of directors of the synod and serves as its interim legislative authority between meetings of the Synod Assembly. The functions of synod council are:

- Trusteeship responsibilities on behalf of the synod
- Recommend program goals and budgets to meetings of the Synod Assembly
- Carry out the resolutions of the Synod Assembly
- Provide for an annual review of the roster of the rosters, receive and act upon recommendations regarding those persons whose status is subject to reconsideration.
- Issue letters of call to rostered persons
- Fill vacancies in elected positions until the next regular meeting of Synod Assembly
- Report its actions to regular meetings of Synod Assembly.

The Synod Council meets four times a year at various sites around the territory of the Synod.