

**OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS TO BE ELECTED  
BY THE SYNOD IN 2007  
FOR WHICH NOMINATIONS ARE SOLICITED**

Numbers and pages refer to the 2004 *Handbook* of the Synod, unless otherwise noted. Present elected officers and members of boards and commissions are listed in the 2005 *Lutheran Annual*, pages 16–29, 33, 40.

All candidates for offices, board and commission memberships are expected to be fully committed to the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, to honoring and upholding the resolutions of the Synod, and to the mission of the Synod as demonstrated by participation and leadership in that mission in their local congregations. They also should possess the ability and willingness to work with others. Specific officer, board, and commission responsibilities are noted in various sections of the *Handbook*.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- Nominees are required to be members of voting congregations of the Synod.
- Terms for Secretary are three years. Reelection is without limitation (3.2.4, 3.2.4.1).
- Terms of board and commission members are six years (3.2.4). Members of elected boards and commissions may serve two successive six-year terms or three successive three-year terms (3.2.4.2). The LCEF bylaws specify a maximum of four three-year terms (3.6.4.3).
- Nominees should have no gainful business contacts or relation with the Synod, a district, or any board or commission on which they would serve if elected. See 1.5.12.1 (a).
- No one, either in the Synod or in a district, or between the Synod and a district, shall hold more than one elective office as defined by paragraph (a) of 1.5.5; or more than two offices, although one or both be appointive; or ever hold two offices of which one is directly responsible for the work done by the other (1.5.5).
- Those presently holding other offices may be nominated. In the event of election, the person elected will be required to choose between offices when Bylaw 1.5.5 pertains.
- Ordained ministers (pastors) are all who are rostered and listed in *The Lutheran Annual* under Ministers of Religion—Ordained. Some board positions specifically call for a parish pastor.
- Commissioned ministers are all who are listed in *The Lutheran Annual* under Ministers of Religion—Commissioned including teachers, deaconesses, directors of Christian outreach, directors of Christian education, certified lay ministers, parish assistants, directors of parish music, and directors of family life ministry.
- No more than two elective members of any board of regents of a seminary, college, or university shall be members of the same congregation. See 3.8.2.5.2 1 (b) and 3.8.3.6.2 6.

**SPECIFIC CRITERIA, QUALIFICATIONS, NUMBER TO BE ELECTED:**

**Secretary** — Ordained minister; full time; also secretary of Board of Directors of LCMS, of Commission on Constitutional Matters, of Administrators Forum, maintains rosters, oversees dispute resolution process, extensive convention responsibilities, editor of *Annual*; duties — pp. 16, 36–49, 106–107, 170–172, 183–184.

**LCMS Board of Directors** — 2 ordained ministers, 1 commissioned minister, 4 laypersons; meet two or more days at least four times per year usually in St. Louis; duties — legal representatives of Synod, custodian

of all property of Synod, responsible for management and supervision of all business affairs of Synod (pp. 17, 108–110 — note important restriction, 3.3.5.1 1).

***Board for Black Ministry Services*** — 1 ordained minister, 1 commissioned minister, 1 layperson; two-day meetings four times a year; expand Black ministry in Synod through convocation promotion, mission networking, new church development, education, and family life (p. 165).

***Board for Communication Services*** — 1 ordained minister, 1 commissioned minister; meets three days four times per year; informs, reports, and interprets Synod's purpose, program, and positions (pp. 165–167).

***Board for District and Congregational Services*** — 1 ordained minister, 1 commissioned minister, 2 laypersons; meets four times a year; supports and serves congregations of the Synod in their varied range of diverse and unique ministries through its staff and in partnership with districts (pp. 167–168).

***Board for Human Care Ministries*** — 1 ordained minister, 1 commissioned minister; address human care and justice issues, observe equal opportunity and affirmative action policies, attend and actively participate in board meetings and seek opportunities to be advocates and interpreters of the board's mission and ministry (pp. 168–169).

***Board for Mission Services*** — 2 ordained ministers, 1 commissioned minister, 2 laypersons; meet two or more days at least quarterly in St. Louis; establish policies, direct all synodical mission activities in all areas of the world (pp. 169–170).

***Board for Pastoral Education*** — 1 ordained minister, 1 commissioned minister; meet at least three times a year; promote, improve, supervise, direct adequate education for preparation of pastors (pp. 123–124).

***Board for University Education*** — 1 ordained minister; meet at least three times a year; promote, improve, supervise, direct adequate education for preparation of teachers and others (pp. 142–144).

***Commission on Theology and Church Relations*** — 1 ordained minister (parish pastor), 1 layperson; meet four times a year in St. Louis; serve as clearing house, guide, advise, adjust, assist in theological matters of Synod (pp. 175–178).

***Concordia Historical Institute Board of Governors*** — 2 ordained ministers, 1 layperson; quarterly one-day meetings; gather, preserve, and make available for use historical resources on history of Lutheranism in America, especially LCMS (pp. 114–116).

***Concordia Publishing House Board of Directors*** — 4 laypersons; quarterly meetings of two days each in St. Louis; conduct business affairs of CPH (p. 116).

***LCMS Foundation Board of Trustees*** — 1 ordained minister, 1 layperson; responsible for business, financial, property, personnel, and legal affairs of LCMS Foundation (pp. 119–120).

***Lutheran Church Extension Fund Board of Directors*** — 1 ordained or commissioned minister, 2 laypersons; provide financial resources and services for ministry, witness, and outreach to the LCMS; offer demographics, planning, and architectural services (pp. 116–119).

***Boards of Regents*** for synodical colleges and universities (1 ordained, 1 commissioned, 3 laypersons), and seminaries (2 ordained, 1 commissioned, 1 layperson) — Shall meet at least four times each year at the respective school; establish policy and direct all affairs affecting the school (pp. 127ff.)