

## **Frequently Asked Questions Nominations for the 2025 District Convention**

### **Why are nominations important for the functions of the District?**

Nominations are part of the process of selecting qualified individuals who are willing to have their names placed on the ballot for positions that are essential for the operation of the District.

### **Which offices need nominations?**

- Regional Directors (Lay) for the Board of Directors. The Regions:
  - Hawaii (Circuit 11)
  - Nevada (Circuits 10, 20)
  - Northern (Circuits 4, 12, 13, 14, 19)
  - Pacific (Circuits 1, 2, 8, 18)
  - Southern (Circuits 3, 5, 7, 9, 15, 16)
- Secretary (must be from clergy roster)
- Treasurer (Lay)
- Director – Commissioned Minister for the Board of Directors
- 2028 District Convention Nominating Committee (one pastor, one commissioned minister, and two lay persons)

### **What qualifications are needed for nominees?**

Nominees should be brothers and sisters in Christ who are active in their own congregations, who demonstrate a mature Christ-like attitude and servant heart, who exhibit a special sensitivity for the mission of Christ, and who have demonstrated talents and abilities consistent with the position for which you are suggesting the nomination. Nominees must also understand and be willing to commit to the time needed for the position.

### **Are there any nominations that happen only at the Convention?**

Nominations for Regional Vice Presidents (Ordained) take place at the Regional caucuses, which are part of the Convention.

### **Which positions can be nominated from the floor of the Convention?**

Except for the Offices of President and First Vice-President, additional nominations for any elective office may be made from the floor of the Convention, from the floor of the Caucus as appropriate, or by any voting delegate; however, the prior consent of the nominee shall have been obtained and a brief biographical sketch submitted to the District Secretary at the time the nomination is made.

### **What is the process for the election of Regional Vice Presidents and Regional Lay Directors?**

- The Regions shall caucus at the Convention to nominate their Regional Vice Presidents and the Regional Director. Each Region will submit to the Convention one nomination to be ratified for Regional Vice President and one nomination for Regional Director.
- In the Regional caucus, the Teller Committee will present the slate prepared by the Nominating Committee for the office of Regional Director; entertain nominations from the floor of the caucus.

- The Teller Committee shall submit to the Convention a final slate of candidates for the offices of Regional Vice President and Regional Director to be ratified by the Convention.

### **Which positions are not allowed to be nominated at the Convention?**

Nominations for President and First Vice-President are not allowed at the Convention.

### **What is the process for voting for President and Vice President?**

- The Secretary of the District shall mail nominating ballots to each voting congregation no later than eight months prior to the Convention, by **Monday, September 16, 2024**. Each voting congregation of the District is entitled to nominate two Ministers of Religion - Ordained from the roster of the Synod as candidates for the office of District President, and two Ministers of Religion – Ordained from the roster of the District as candidates for the office of First Vice-President.
- Each nominating ballot shall be signed by two officers of the voting congregation and shall be returned to the Secretary of the District ([cnhsecretary@cnh-lcms.org](mailto:cnhsecretary@cnh-lcms.org)) no later than six months prior to the opening date of the Convention, by **Friday, November 15, 2024**.

### **How are Circuit Visitors elected?**

The circuit visitor shall hold his position by virtue of his selection by the circuit forum and ratification by the district convention.

- a) Circuit forums shall meet at the call of their circuit visitors to select their circuit visitors no later than the time established by the district. When in-person meetings are burdensome (e.g., geographically large circuits), a circuit may select another manner of meeting (e.g., e-meeting technologies) that is suitable and made available to all participants, taking into consideration the need to provide for an open and fair exchange of ideas and secure, private, and confidential voting.
- b) Prior to the day of the circuit forum, nominations for candidates for the office of circuit visitor may be submitted by a voting congregation of the circuit and suggested by the district president, in consultation with the praesidium of the district. Names suggested by the district president may, during the circuit forum, be received into nomination by a majority vote of the assembly.
- c) Each circuit may adopt procedures and methods that will ensure efficiency and accuracy, including the use of mechanical, electronic, or other methods of casting, recording, or tabulating votes. The privilege of voting shall be exercised by the representatives from each member congregation of the circuit, who shall have been selected in the manner prescribed by the congregation (Bylaw 5.3.2).
- d) All nominated pastors serving congregations and emeriti pastors whose names were nominated prior to the day of the circuit forum shall be eligible for election.
- e) Each voter shall submit the names of two pastors on the initial ballot.
- f) Immediately following the circuit forum, the circuit visitor shall report in writing the results of the selection process to the secretary of the district in preparation for ratification by the district convention. Nominations for Circuit Visitor for each circuit are due to the District Secretary ([cnhsecretary@cnh-lcms.org](mailto:cnhsecretary@cnh-lcms.org)) by **Wednesday, January 15, 2025**.
- g) The convention shall have the right to alter the slate by amendment.

- h) The convention shall then ratify the slate of circuit visitors, which ratification shall constitute election.

**What is the timing for different nominations and when is it done?**

- Nominations for Regional Lay Directors, Secretary, Treasurer, Commissioned Minister Director, and the Nominating Committee for the 2028 District Convention are handled through the current Nominating Committee. (Based on Synod’s Bylaw 4.7.2, “Nominating committees may not be employed in the election of the president and vice presidents.”) [Click here](#) for the Nomination Form. It is to be submitted to Nominating Committee member, Dan Hahn, at [info@cnh-lcms.org](mailto:info@cnh-lcms.org) by **Monday, August 26, 2024**.
- Nominations for President and Vice President are to be submitted to the District Secretary ([cnhsecretary@cnh-lcms.org](mailto:cnhsecretary@cnh-lcms.org)) by **Friday, November 15, 2024**.
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