

Election of Indiana-Kentucky Synod Vice President 2009 Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly

The term of current Synod Vice President Judy Rehmel comes to an end in 2009. After many years of faithful service, Judy has chosen not to be available to serve in this position at the end of this term. Consequently, the slate of candidates for Vice President at the 2009 Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly will not include an incumbent. In accordance with the Synod's Constitution and By-Laws the Synod Council has appointed a task force from among its members to shepherd the nomination and election process for this office. If you have any questions about this office or its responsibilities or would like to nominate yourself or another person for this office, please contact one of the members of this task force by April 10, 2009.

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This synod's mission and vision documents state that "as a leader in the church, the Vice President will endeavor to live the life of a missionary witnessing to the love and grace of God in every way." Also, "along with the Bishop and the Synod Council the Vice President will offer visionary leadership for the Synod in discovering and doing its mission and ministry." Here are some highlights regarding the election process and some information from the position description:

- The vice president is elected by the Synod Assembly.
- The vice president must be a layperson and a voting member of a congregation of this synod.
- The vice president does not receive a salary for the performance of the duties of the office.
- Like the Synod Secretary and Treasurer, the Synod Vice President is elected to a term of 4 years and may be reelected. The vice president's term begins on September 1.
- The Synod Council is required by Synod by-laws to nominate at least two persons for vice president; additional nominations may be made from the floor the first day of the Synod Assembly. Pre-assembly nominations for this position must be made to the nomination task force (listed above) by April 10 for consideration at the April 17-18 Synod Council meeting.
- Some of the primary responsibilities of the Synod Vice President:
 - Chair Synod Council (at least four meetings each year) and meet with Executive Committee between meetings
 - Ex-officio member of ELCA Churchwide Assemblies
 - Guide synod bishop elections
 - Serve on the Region 6 Steering Committee (consists of the bishops and vice presidents of the six synods of the region of which our synod is a part)
 - Relate to Nominating Committee in anticipation of annual Synod Assemblies

See <http://www.iksynod.org/events/Assembly09/Elections/2009iksynodpositionsforelection.asp> for a detailed description of the position.