

**NOTICE OF LAY VOTING MEMBER ALLOCATION
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY
May 5-6, 2023**

According to the Synod Constitution, the Synod Assembly shall include *“a minimum of two lay members elected by each congregation related to the synod, one of whom shall be male and one of whom shall be female.”* (S7.21c) In addition, the Synod Council is charged by the constitution to *“establish a formula to provide additional lay representatives from congregations on the basis of number of members in the congregation.”* (S7.21c)

“In addition to the voting members to Synod Assemblies established by the constitutional provisions, each congregation may send as one additional voting member a confirmed youth/young adult up to the age of 25 who is a voting member of their congregation.” (From a resolution passed by the 2008 Synod Assembly)

The following congregations with more than 2,000 baptized members (2021 statistics) are allocated two additional lay voting members (total four) **plus** one youth/young adult voting member: Trinity, Lansdale

The following congregations with more than 800 but less than 2,000 baptized members (2021 statistics) are allocated one additional lay voting member (total three) **plus** one youth/young adult voting member:

*Calvary, West Chester
Grace, Royersford
New Hanover, Gilbertsville
Reformation, Media
St. Andrew, Perkasie
St. Luke, Devon
St. Mark, Pennsburg*

*St. Matthew, Chester Springs
St. Matthew, Perkasie (Keller’s Church)
St. Matthew, Springfield St.
Michael, Unionville
St. Paul, Doylestown
Upper Dublin, Ambler*

The following bi-lingual congregations are allocated an additional lay voting member (total three) **plus** one youth/young adult voting member: New Creation, Philadelphia; Tabor, Philadelphia; Immanuel, Philadelphia (Somerton).

The following congregations with significant numbers of baptized persons of color and/or persons whose primary language is other than English are allocated an additional lay voting member (total three) **plus** one youth/young adult voting member: Christ, Philadelphia (30th & Diamond); Christ, Upper Darby; Emanuel, Philadelphia; Grace, Philadelphia (West); New Life Ministries, Philadelphia (West); Mediator, Philadelphia; Prince of Peace, Philadelphia; Reformation, Philadelphia; Spirit and Truth, Yeadon; St. Mark, Philadelphia; St. Peter, Philadelphia (West Oak Lane); Tabernacle, Philadelphia; Trinity, Philadelphia (Germantown).

Our congregations not listed above all reported less than 800 baptized members and do not have significant numbers of members who are persons of color or whose primary language is other than English (2021 statistics). These congregations are allocated two (2) lay voting members, one male and one female **plus** one youth/young adult voting member.