

Background Info to Electoral Regions Policy

When determining the number and membership of electoral regions, attention must be given to the number of rostered members who will be eligible to serve as delegates to national conventions. As the number of rostered members decline with a decline in the number of congregations/parishes that are able to afford rostered ministry, additional pressure will be placed on our ability to elect delegates from regions with small numbers of eligible rostered members given a provision that a rostered member should not attend consecutive national conventions.

To minimize potential delegate selection issues, a four electoral region system is being proposed. Each region would receive one rostered and one lay delegate with the exception of Metro which would receive two rostered and two lay delegates. Any remaining delegates would be elected on an at-large basis (please see proposed policy on the Election of Delegates to a National Convention for more detail on the electoral process).

Note also that the assignment of congregations to Areas will be a separate process independent of electoral region assignments.

Eligible Active Rostered by Region

NB - only those congregations with a rostered ministered are listed in these tables.

Metro Winnipeg

Karlowsky-Clark	Winnipeg, Cross	Winnipeg, Cross	
Kerr	Special Service, LUM	Winnipeg, Cross	
Moroz	Winnipeg, Epiphany	Winnipeg, Epiphany	
Francis	Winnipeg, St. Mary	Winnipeg, Faith	Serving ACC
Taylor	Winnipeg, Faith	Winnipeg, Faith	
Barr		Winnipeg, Faith	
Granke	Victoria Hospital	Winnipeg, First	
Kurtz	Winnipeg, First	Winnipeg, First	
Ulrich	MNO Synod	Winnipeg, First	
Lowe		Winnipeg, Gloria Dei	
Gelhorn	Winnipeg, Grace	Winnipeg, Grace	
Reedman Parker	Winnipeg, Grace(Assoc)	Winnipeg, Grace	
Janke	Winnipeg, Messiah	Winnipeg, Messiah	
Giroux	Winnipeg, Prince of Peace	Winnipeg, Prince of Peace	
Zinko	Winnipeg, Sherwood Park	Winnipeg, Sherwood Park	
Hutchison	Winnipeg, St Luke Zion	Winnipeg, St. Luke Zion	
Johnson	Winnipeg, St. John (ACC)	Winnipeg, St. Luke Zion	Serving ACC
Gingrich	ELCIC, (CLWR)	Winnipeg, St. Mark's	
Sauer	MNO Synod	Winnipeg, St. Mark's	
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Still	Winnipeg, St. Stephen, St. Bede	Winnipeg, St. Stephen/Bede	ACC

Central – North East Manitoba

Tippel	Ashern, Moosehorn	Ashern, Moosehorn	Retiring in 2015
Coleman	Beausejour, Zion	Beausejour, Zion	
Skonnord	Gimli	Gimli, Gimli	
Krentz	Lac du Bonnet, Cross	Lac Du Bonnet, Cross	Retiring in 2016
Parker	Selkirk, Good Shepherd	Selkirk, Good Shepherd	
Speary	Teulon, Inwood	Teulon/Inwood	Status not certain
Harder	LTS	Thalberg, Trinity	
Engel	Whitemouth, River Hills	Whitemouth/River Hills	
MacIntosh	Winnipeg, Abundant Life	Winnipeg, Abundant Life	

SE Manitoba / NW Ontario

Frankland	Steinbach, St. Paul	?	
Keffer	Fort Frances, Zion	Fort Frances, Zion	
Gallivan	Kenora, Bethesda	Kenora, Bethesda	
Gudmundson	Steinbach, St. Paul	Steinbach, St. Paul	
Lahtinen	TB, Hilldale	Thunder Bay, Hilldale	
Ringham	TB, Hilldale	Thunder Bay, Hilldale	ACC serving in ELCIC
Diegel	TB, Our Sav, Immanuel	Thunder Bay, Our Saviour's/Immanuel	

Western / Northern Manitoba

Seyfert	Redeemer, Brandon	Brandon, Redeemer	
Thorarinson	Carman, Grace, St. John (& ACC)	Carman, Grace, St. John	Joint Parish ACC
Tiefenbach	South Parkland Parish	Erickson, Waldersee	ACC
Vickers	Erickson/Waldersee Lutheran Parish	Erickson, Waldersee	
Vickers	Erickson Waldersee Lutheran Parish	Erickson, Waldersee	
Poulin	Rosenfeld/Morris	Morris & Rosenfeld	Status not certain
Graham	The Pas, Christ	Thompson, Advent	ACC
Sodtke	Henry Budd College	Thompson, Advent	

Region	Congregations	Baptized Membership	Eligible Rostered	Projected by 2017*
Central - NE MB	17	3,559	9	6
Metro	14	5,952	21	21
SE MB / NW Ont	10	3,616	6	6
West / North MB	15	1,991	7	6
Total	56	15,118	43	39

* Excludes those pastors retiring from congregations where there is uncertainty about ability to sustain a called position.
Includes those on our roster serving in ACC congregations.

Electoral Regions

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Background

The MNO Synod Constitution – Article XII – Electoral Regions – Section 1 reads:

This synod shall be organized into electoral regions whose number and boundaries shall be determined by the synod upon recommendation by the synod council.

MNO Synod Bylaw – Section 4b reads:

The assignment of congregations to electoral regions shall be defined in a policy document approved by the synod upon recommendation by the synod council.

The purpose of this policy is to assign congregations within the MNO synod to an electoral region. The primary purpose of these regions is to serve as a basis for electing some of the synodical delegates to national conventions. Additional delegates may be elected on an at-large basis depending on the total number of delegates assigned to the MNO synod.

NOTE: the above quoted clauses are from the proposed constitution and bylaws to be considered by the 2016 convention.

Policy

1. The synod shall be divided into four electoral regions.

2. The membership of each electoral region shall consist of the following congregations

Electoral Region 1 – Western / Northern MB

Immanuel	Baldur
Redeemer	Brandon
St Paul	Brunkild
Grace St. John's	Carman
Emmanuel	Emerson
Erickson	Erickson
First United	Flin Flon
Zion	Friedensthal
Glenboro	Glenboro
Grace	Langruth
Church Of The Cross	Morris
St John	Rosenfeld
Trinity	Starbuck
Advent	Thompson
Christ	Waldersee

Electoral Region 2 – Central and NE Manitoba

Ardal-Geysir	Arborg
Grace	Ashern
Zion	Beausejour
Abundant Life	Bird's Hill
Gimli	Gimli
St Paul	Green Bay
Gethsemane	Inwood
Church Of The Cross	Lac du Bonnet
Lundar	Lundar
Peace	Moosehorn
Pinawa	Pinawa
St Paul	River Hills
Riverton-Hnausa	Riverton
Church Of The Good Shepherd	Selkirk
Evangelical	Selkirk

St Peter
Trinity
Redeemer

Teulon
Thalberg
Whitemouth

Electoral Region 3 – SE Manitoba / NW Ontario

Trinity	Bergland
Zion	Ft. Frances
Salem	Pass Lake
Hilldale	Thunder Bay
Our Saviour	Thunder Bay
Immanuel	Thunder Bay
St Paul's	Steinbach
Ostenfeld	Ostenfeld
St John	Lydiatt
Bethesda	Kenora

Electoral Region 4 - Metro

Grace	Winnipeg
Epiphany	Winnipeg
Faith	Winnipeg
First	Winnipeg
Messiah	Winnipeg
St Mark's	Winnipeg
St Luke's Zion	Winnipeg
Sherwood Park	Winnipeg
Gloria Dei	Winnipeg
Prince Of Peace	Winnipeg
Church Of The Cross	Winnipeg
St John's	Winnipeg
St Stephen St Bede	Winnipeg