



Board of Directors NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCESS

Overview

The ELCA Youth Ministry Network is accepting nominations for persons to serve three-year terms on the organization's board of directors. Nominations are being accepted by the Nominating Committee through June 30, for election in October. The three-year term of service would begin in February.

The ELCA Youth Ministry Network

The ELCA Youth Ministry Network is an organization of professional and volunteer youth ministry leaders affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). With about 700 members, the network provides programs, events, and resources aimed at fulfilling its mission to "strengthen and empower adult youth ministry leaders in service to Christ as a part of God's mission."

For more information on the organization's current activities, visit www.elcaymnet.org.

The Role of the Board of Directors

The board of directors serves as the organization's governing body, providing primary direction and leadership of the organization as it achieves the mission.

Specifically, the board of directors:

- guides the vision and strategic planning of the network,
- implements plans for the organization's future,
- directs the work of the executive director,
- dictates policies to ensure efficient operations,
- monitors the organization's finances,
- assists in financial resource development (fundraising), and
- assesses the organization's overall performance.

The board's work is further described in *ELCA Youth Ministry Network Bylaws* and *Governing Policy of the ELCA Youth Ministry Network* (Sections 1 and 2).

Expectations of Board Members

While serving on the board of directors, members are expected to:

- be members of the Network,
- be active in their own ELCA community,
- care for their own spiritual life,
- view their role on the board as their primary volunteer priority,
- actively engage each other in discussions and decision making, and
- attend all board meetings and the Extravaganza.

Complete expectations of board members are detailed in *Governing Policy of the ELCA Youth Ministry Network* (Section 3).

Requirements of Nominees

To carry out its work, the board of directors seeks members who are visionary, possess solid communication skills, are willing to support the mission of the network, employ critical and creative thinking, display personal humility, and model a servant's heart. Nominees in consideration of election are assumed to meet the board members' expectations (listed above) during their term of service.

For the current election cycle, the Nominating Committee specifically invites nominees who:

- provide the board with a diverse membership (age, ethnic, and geographic),
- have experience in fundraising, or
- possess a sense of creativity and the ability to “think outside the box.”

Process for Submitting Nominations

Nominees are to complete the *ELCA Youth Ministry Network Board Member Information Form* and submit it to the Nominating Committee at the address noted on the form. (The form can also be completed online at www.elcaymnet.org.) Information requested includes personal information; professional information, including ministry context; gifts, abilities, and passions that can be shared with the board; and contact information for three references.

Nominations must be submitted by June 30, for consideration in the present election cycle.

Timeline for Nominations and Election

The nominations period is open through June 30, after which the Nominating Committee will review nominations and create a slate of candidates. The candidates will be presented to the board of directors for election in October. If approved by the board, the members-elect will begin their two-year term of service in February. If the presented slate is not approved by the board of directors in October, the Nominating Committee will present subsequent slates of nominees until an election is made. The nominations and election process is further detailed in the *ELCA Youth Ministry Network Bylaws* (Article V, Section 1).

Interested ... But Not Right Now?

If you are interested in serving on the board, but don't feel you have a grasp on what the Network is about, we encourage you to prayerfully consider your future service to the board by taking a year to get to know the organization and the work of the board. Browse the website, attend the Extravaganza, read network documents (meeting notes, policies, etc.), discuss your interest with others, and talk with current board members about the initiatives the board has recently undertaken. We look forward to your nomination in the future!

For More Information

For additional information about the nominations process, please contact:

- Rev. Todd Buegler, Executive Director; todd@elcaymnet.org, or toll free at 866-ELCANET. Or;
- The current Network Board chairperson. Info on this individual can be found at www.elcaymnet.org/leadership.