

Who can serve as a voting member?

The *requirements** to be a voting member of the assembly remain the same as for an in-person assembly, subject to provisions in the governing documents. Voting members will need to be ready to use some different ways and methods as they participate.

We do not usually think about the inherent needs or issues that affect the ability of individuals to attend an in-person assembly – getting to and from the Knight Center, mobility issues (even though the Knight Center is ADA accessible), etc. The virtual assembly removes those considerations, but others arise.

Virtual Meeting Considerations:

Voting members must be able to participate via Zoom, and to vote from a valid email address for security. This means that participants must have access to a unique email address; and to a device which is capable of connecting to the internet, operating the Zoom client or web browser Zoom connection, and connecting via a web browser or app to vote.

*NOTICE OF VOTING MEMBERSHIP

VOTING MEMBERS

- *Ministers of Word and Sacrament (Clergy) on the roster of the Northeastern Ohio Synod and ordained ministers from a church body with which a relationship of full communion exists and are under service in a congregation of this synod in accordance with S7.27.A13*
- *Ministers of Word and Service (Deacons) on the roster of the Northeastern Ohio Synod*
- *Synod officers and voting members of synod council*
- *Two lay voting members from each congregation, congregation under development, or synodical authorized worshipping community*
- *One additional lay voting member, for a maximum total of three lay voting members, from each congregation, congregation under development, or synodical authorized worshipping community provided that one such additional member qualifies as a youth (under age 18), young adult (age 18-30), person of color, LGBTQ+, or person whose primary language is other than English.*