

Proposed **RESOLUTION** for **2008 Synod Assembly**



Date	March 3, 2008
Resolution Title	Voting Members on the Synod Council
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Congregation name and city or committee name*
Women of the ELCA

* Attach a copy of the minutes authorizing this resolution.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS we value all the ministry contributions of synodical organizations and Specialized Ministries; and

WHEREAS youth are full members of the Synod Council with voice and vote as special representatives of an important ministry of our synod and are elected at the Synod Assembly; and

WHEREAS the women's organization, the men's organization, and Specialized Ministries are referred to in S10.01.01 as having voice but not vote as appointed members of the Synod Council; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that in addition to youth representatives, representatives from the women's organization, the men's organization, and Specialized Ministries be elected at Synod Assembly as members of the Synod Council with voice and vote.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that S10.01a be revised to read: "The Synod Council consisting of the four officers of the Synod, 10 to 27 voting members, including at least one youth, one women's organization member, one men's organization member, and one person serving in an endorsed Specialized Ministry shall be elected by the Synod Assembly;" and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that S10.01.01 be revised to read: "The Synod Council shall consist of the four officers of the Synod; and one ordained minister under call on the roster of the Synod and one male and one female lay person from each conference, elected to three-year terms; and two representatives of the youth organization, elected to staggered two-year terms; and one representative from the women's organization, one representative from the men's organization, and one representative from an endorsed Specialized Ministry, elected to three-year terms; three persons of color or language other than English—one ordained minister under call on the roster of the Synod, and one male and one female lay person from the Synod, elected to three-year terms."