

2010 Synod-Elected Provincial Elders' Conference Duties & Expectations

A great trust is given members of the Provincial Elders' Conference as it oversees the work of the Province through its agencies and congregations. This responsibility requires a significant investment of time, energy, faith and character. We trust the Holy Spirit to guide both in the process of selecting nominees and in the election of those chosen by Synod. Through this process, the Spirit calls those who are to serve and brings them into this role. The Nominating Committee seeks to discern those whom the Spirit is calling.

PEC members typically spend between 20 and 30 hours each month working on PEC responsibilities. They travel outside the Province for periodic interprovincial and ecumenical meetings. Members may also be active participants in other working commissions or committees of the Province. PEC members must balance their personal perspectives with the need to deliver the common priorities established by Synod.

Working together as a Conference, members should possess: strong communication skills, conflict resolution skills, the ability to make difficult decisions, knowledge of the Moravian church, including its polity, and doctrine. Experience in the law, human resources, finance or management is a plus, but not required for consideration.

An active worship and prayer life and a supportive family and home congregation enrich and provide a needed foundation for the service of PEC members.

Rules & Regulations, Section 7. Provincial Elders' Conference

1. The Provincial Elders' Conference shall provide priority-based leadership of all church ministries and administer the polity of the province.
2. The Provincial Elders' Conference shall consist of seven persons to be elected by Synod: a President who may be a layperson or clergy, three (3) laypersons and three (3) clergy.
3. The Synod shall elect the President of the Conference, after which the remaining six (6) members shall be chosen in accordance with Section 519 of the Rules and Regulations. No person may be elected President after reaching the age of sixty-five.
4. The term of office of the President of the Provincial Elder's Conference shall be from the first day of the second month following the adjournment of Synod until a successor is seated. All other members shall take office upon election. The outgoing President of the Provincial Elders' Conference shall be continued on salary and housing allowance for a period of two months after the end of Synod to permit an orderly transfer of authority to the incoming President.
5. It shall be the duty of the Provincial Elders' Conference to:
 - a. Implement strategic directives of Synod and set plans and priorities for the Board of Cooperative Ministries.
 - b. Administer the call process and appointment procedures.
 - c. Develop relationships with, and oversee, congregations including Quadrennial Reviews.
 - d. Provide Conflict Management support as needed.
 - e. Make appointments to boards/commissions/task forces.
 - f. Supervise and manage the day-to-day operations of the Province.
 - g. Oversee Board of Cooperative Ministries (BCM) and Provincial Support Services (PSS).
 - h. Oversee Unity and ecumenical relationships.
 - i. Oversee candidacy and clergy development.
 - j. Oversee planning and preparation for Synod.
 - k. Oversee new church development.
 - l. Approve the Provincial Budget
 - m. Allocate available financial resources of the province based on Synod priorities.
 - n. Approve financial forgiveness.
 - o. Manage, report and communicate progress and successes from Synod directives.
 - p. Communicate with the Bishops' Conference.