

# Trinity Voters

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## Voting Member

**Mission Statement:** In keeping with the injunction of Scripture to “do all things in a decent and orderly way,” the voters manage and participate in the affairs of the corporation of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church.

**Description:** By meeting together at properly called meetings, the voters manage the affairs of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church. A person becomes a Voting Member by attending a voters’ meeting, participating in the “Installation of Voting Members,” and signing the constitution of the congregation.

**Qualifications:**

- The organization guidelines of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church state, “The voters consist of all confirmed male members age 18 or older in good standing within the congregation and who have signed the constitution.”

**Responsibilities:**

1. Attend all properly called voters’ meetings to:
  - a. Establish the overall vision and direction of the congregation’s ministry
  - b. Act on matters of business regarding the affairs of the congregation
  - c. Elect the lay leaders in the congregation
  - d. Approve the annual budget
  - e. Approve major capital expenditures
  - f. Extend calls for pastors and staff ministers
  - g. Act on matters of excommunication
2. If unable to attend a meeting, excuse oneself to the voting assembly by contacting the church office or contacting another voting member.

**Time Commitment:**

- 6 hours per year
- A person remains a Voting Member until he no longer desires to be a voter or no longer meets the qualifications.

**Relationships:** A Voting Member works in fellowship with other voters at meetings conducted according to the guidelines of “Robert’s Rulers of Order.”

**Training:** Training is provided by explanation from a current voting member and by presentation of the “Constitution and By-Laws of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church - Unaltered Augsburg Confession” and the “Organizational and Structure Guidelines of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.”