



EXPECTATIONS OF OFFICE BEARERS IN CHURCH COUNCIL

(Supplementary to the Constitution of NELCSA)

1. NAME OF POSITION:

Lay member in Church Council.

2. DESCRIPTION:

Non-ordained representative of a Circuit (i.e. Northern, Central, Eastern or Southern) in the Church Council of NELCSA.

Election normally takes place during the 2nd session of a synod period for the duration of six (6) years by synod delegates of the candidate's respective circuit.

Office is assumed immediately after the end of the session of synod where (s)he is elected.

After two periods in office (i.e. 2x6 years) (s)he retires.

The incumbent has full voting rights at synod, Church Council and Circuit Council meetings.

It is a non-remunerated position, yet travelling expenses are reimbursable.

3. EXPECTATIONS:

3.1 On Circuit level

(Note: Circuit Council is constituted of the Dean, the Deputy Dean, the lay member of Church Council and one other lay member who is not part of Church Council).

Attendance of Circuit Council meetings (typically four [4] meetings per year of limited duration scheduled according to members' availability) and of Circuit events.

Participation in ordinary (and extra-ordinary) visitations of congregations according to a schedule or special circumstances and based on individual Circuit Council members' and congregation availability.

3.2 On Church Council level

Attendance of regular (and extra-ordinary) Church Council meetings, at least 4 times per year, two full days, mostly in Pretoria, but on occasion in NELCSA congregations.

Involvement in (sub)-committees / delegations / tasks as and when needed and negotiated.

Perusal of minutes and documents / reports.

Attendance of synod.

Possible attendance of bi-annual UELCSA synod.