



Committees of the NC Synod

Synod Council Committees

According to the constitution (S10.03.A23.), synod council shall establish the following standing committees focused on the operations of the synod.

Finance and Property Committee:

This team oversees the finances of the synod including budgeting. They are also responsible for oversight of synod properties.

Legal Committee:

This team provides legal guidance for the NC Synod. They also review constitutions of congregations and recommend them to synod council for adoption.

Mission and Ministry Committee:

This team tends to the strategic plan, helping the synod council explore ways to live into our values and engage with documents and recommendations like The Strategy for Authentic Diversity.

Boards, Committees, Ministry Teams and Organizations:

This team is the liaison to ministries beyond synod council. BC&O will bring motions from these groups to the floor of synod council.

Peeler/Casey Committee:

This team oversees the disbursement of the Peeler/Casey Funds. They tend to the application process, shepherd grants, and make final recommendations to the synod council for the distribution of funds.

Assembly Committee:

This team serves to support the staff liaison planning for the Synod Assembly (odd years) or the Synod Gathering (even years). The team helps determine the theme, plans worship, and oversees logistics.

Personnel Committee:

This committee oversees the evaluation of the bishop and provides support to the bishop and director of finance and administration regarding personnel matters including salary recommendations and the personnel handbook.

The constitution (S11) calls for these additional committees:

Executive Committee:

This committee is chaired by the NC Synod Vice President and consists of the officers of the synod and the chairs of the Finance and Property Committee, Legal Committee and Mission and Ministry Committee.

Consultation Committee:

This committee, elected at Synod Assembly, provides additional wisdom and discernment regarding potential discipline cases. After discernment, they make recommendations for carrying out the disciplinary process.

Committee on Discipline

This committee is elected at Synod Assembly and adjudicates discipline cases which are determined necessary by the Consultation Committee.

Mutual Ministry Committee:

This team provides support to the bishop and assistants to the bishop.

Audit Committee:

This committee oversees the annual audit that includes the NC Synod financials as well as those of the NC Synod Endowment, the Mission Fund of the North Carolina Synod, and the AROC Fund.

Recently, synod council has established three additional committees to support its work:

LifeLine Fund Distribution Team:
This team approves disbursements of the LifeLine Fund to rostered ministers who have applied.

Disaffiliation Committee:
This group serves as the liaison to synod council for the disaffiliation processes. They serve as the communication vehicle to congregations in the disaffiliation process.

Synod Administration Council:
These leaders serve as the council for congregations in synod administration.



Programmatic Committees & Ministry Teams

Additionally, the constitution calls for the following programmatic committees. For the sake of our strategic plan, we will refer to these groups as Ministry Teams. They remain committees in the constitution.

Outreach:

This team provides oversight to the ministry of new starts, strategic ministries, redevelopment, and shared ministry.

Stewardship:

This team provides oversight to both the synod stewardship process (including Mission Support) and the provision of congregational resources for stewardship.

Multicultural Ministry:

This team provides support for our communities of color, diversity efforts, and AROC Fund leadership.

African Descent Strategy Team:

The ADST supports the work of and for African descent leaders and communities, and supports/leads efforts to grow more diverse and racially just.

Congregational Vitality:

This team provides support for congregations looking to engage in renewal and vitality processes.

Social Justice and Advocacy:

This team is divided into task forces focused on five particular areas of community impact: Immigration & Refugee Support; Climate Justice; Voting Rights; Homelessness & Housing; and Hunger.

Campus Ministry:

This team supports campus ministries of this synod and makes determinations regarding annual funding from the synod to the ministry.

Specialized Pastoral Care:

This team supports those in specialized ministries of care like hospital chaplains, federal chaplaincy, counseling, and more. This team plans gatherings for these ministers.

Ecumenical Affairs:

This team engages our ecumenical partners in deepening relationships and shared ministry. The bishop is the synod's chief ecumenical officer.

Candidacy for Rostered Ministry:

This committee stewards the candidacy process for all candidates for ministry.

In addition to the committees/ministry teams named in the constitution, new teams are being established to respond to God's call for ministry in our midst.