



POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

2023 ELECTIONS

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: two positions (one clergy, one lay); 4-year term

The Executive Council functions as the board of directors for the NALC, providing leadership for the church between the biennial Convocations. The Executive Council consists of the bishop, four clergy and four lay members who are elected for a four-year term. Terms begin on October 1 in the year elected and end on September 30, four years later. The council meets quarterly, usually in January, April or May, July and October. The meetings occur on a weekday and do require some time away from one's day job. These in-person meetings require two days and they are held at various locations. Participation in the biennial Convocation is also expected, which is another three to four days away from home and work.

COURT OF ADJUDICATION: two positions (clergy or lay); 4-year term

The Court of Adjudication hears appeals from disciplinary decisions; resolves questions of interpretation of NALC governing documents; and decides claims that a person or entity has violated these governing documents. The Court of Adjudication consists of seven members, each elected to a four-year term by the biennial Convocation. Terms begin on October 1 in the year elected and end on September 30, four years later. Any member of a NALC congregation shall be eligible for election and service. Usually, the court is able to meet online or via a conference call, but an occasional face-to-face meeting may be needed.

BISHOP: one position (clergy); 4-year term

From the NALC Constitution:

8.01 The Bishop shall be an ordained minister who is a member of the NALC. The Bishop shall serve as the chief pastor and chief evangelist of the NALC, responsible for ensuring the priority of the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 16-20) in the life of the church.

8.02 The Bishop shall carry out a pastoral ministry within the church, serving as pastor for the ordained ministers and congregations of the NALC. The Bishop shall preach the Gospel, forgive sins, administer the Sacraments, and judge doctrine. (Augsburg Confession XXVIII) The Bishop shall carry out a ministry of visitation throughout the church, will be a defender of the faith, and will promote the mission of the church. The Bishop shall be the chief ecumenical officer of the NALC.