

Regional Council Representatives

(see Section 3.1.2 in The Manual 2019)

Communities of faith that are congregations or pastoral charges continue to elect lay representatives to the regional council in the same way they elected representatives to the presbytery prior to January 1, 2019.

NOTE: They may also change the way in which they elect representatives within denominational policies, with the agreement of the regional council, and by including it in the covenant between the community of faith and regional council.

Lay representatives to the regional council must be full members of your congregation.

The number of lay representatives from each community of faith is determined in the following way:

- i) one representative from each community of faith with 100 or fewer members;
- ii) two representatives from each community of faith with 101 to 200 members;
- iii) three representatives from each community of faith with 201 to 300 members.

The regional council representatives are expected to attend the meetings of the regional council. In-person gatherings will happen at most annually.

The representatives would be included in the mailing lists for the region and would receive regular emails. They would be expected to share that information with their community of faith.

The representatives might also be asked to be members of the committees of regional council. There will be fewer committees than before, but there will still be a need for volunteers.

NOTE: you don't have to be a regional council representative to be asked to volunteer on a committee of regional council

Each community of faith will determine other duties of their regional council representatives. Some congregations or pastoral charges may choose to include their representatives on their governing boards.