

PNW Delegates to 2025 Synod Convention

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Pastors (4)

Delegates 2025:

- 1. James Wilcox**
- 2. Mark Parsons**
- 3. Youn Soo Park**
- 4. Tim Wilkens**

Alternates 2025:

- 1. Aaron West**
- 2. Jason Strong**

Teachers/Staff Ministers (1) Delegates 2025:

- 1. Ryan Schmeling**

Alternates 2025:

- 1. Jacob Biebert**
- 2. Justin Eternick**

Congregations (7)

Delegates 2025:

- 1. Light of the World, Fairbanks**
- 2. Light of Life, Covington**
- 3. Christ, Juneau**
- 4. Amazing Grace, Portland**
- 5. Saviour of the Nations, BC**
- 6. Calvary, Bellevue**
- 7. Grace, Portland**

Alternates 2025:

- 1. Grace, Kenai**
- 2. Holy Trinity, Des Moines**
- 3. King of Kings, Wasilla**
- 4. Our Savior, East Wenatchee**
- 5. Grace, Sitka**

Guidelines for Nominating Delegates to WELS Synod Conventions

- 1. Selection of voting delegates to WELS Synod Conventions will be determined by seniority. For congregations the seniority will be determined by the date the congregation was organized, or the date it last represented the District at a WELS Synod Convention, whichever occurred the earliest. For pastors and male teachers/staff ministers the seniority will be determined by the date the man entered the ministry in the WELS, or the year he last served as a voting delegate to a WELS Synod Convention, whichever occurred the earliest.*
- 2. Male Teachers and Staff Ministers are lumped together into one seniority list.*
- 3. Congregations, when certified by a PNW District Convention to serve as a WELS Synod Convention voting delegate and then for whatever reason opt out, will lose their turn and drop to the bottom of the seniority list. Pastors and male teachers/staff ministers, when certified by a PNW District Convention to serve as a WELS Synod Convention voting delegate and then for whatever reason opt out twice in succession, will lose their turn and drop to the bottom of the seniority list. Alternate congregations, pastors, male teachers/staff ministers, when certified by a PNW District Convention, are exempt from the previous stated policy.*
- 4. Should there be equal seniority in any of the three seniority lists (congregations, pastors, male teachers/staff ministers), the seniority will be determined by the following priority: 1) never previously attended, 2) longest in the WELS ministry, 3) longest in the PNW District, and 4) alphabetical order.*
- 5. A congregation becomes eligible to send a voting delegate and is placed on the bottom of the congregation seniority list at the year of its organization. Should a congregation be part of a dual parish circumstance served by one pastor, both congregations are a part of the congregation seniority list as separate congregations. Both are to provide a separate delegate to a WELS Synod Convention at their turn, even if both congregations become eligible the same year.*
- 6. The PNW District secretary shall keep a list of the congregations, pastors and male teachers/staff ministers of the District in the order of seniority. He shall submit this list to the PNW District Nominating Committee chairman. The PNW District Nominating Committee shall prepare the list of PNW voting delegates and present it to the PNW District Council. After review and/or revision the PNW District Council will recommend their final list to the PNW District Convention for approval as voting delegates to the following WELS Synod Convention.*