

Northwest Washington Synod - ELCA
Bishop's Spouse Travel Policy
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The spouse of the Bishop is invited to attend and actively participate at certain Churchwide, Region 1 and Synod meetings. Therefore, if the spouse desires to attend, it is appropriate that the Synod pay the reasonable and necessary expenses of the Bishop's spouse to attend such meetings.

Current meetings to which a bishop's spouse may be invited are:

1. Annual Region 1 Bishops and Spouses retreat
2. Annual Conference of Bishops (when spouses are specifically invited).
3. One pastors' conference per year
4. Synod Assembly
5. Triennial Churchwide Assembly

Approved travel should be arranged with the same care and planning as one would use when planning travel with their personal funds. Only reasonable and necessary expenses within the synod's travel reimbursement practice will be considered for reimbursement.

Exceptions to this policy must be approved in advance by the Executive Committee.

This policy, including the list of approved meetings, may be amended or modified by the Executive Committee as expectations change, or when finances require a tightening of fiscal policies.