



# **2007 Nominations Workbook**

for  
**Program Committees and Boards  
of Churchwide Units,  
and Churchwide Committees**

# Instructions

This booklet contains two listings:

1) the names of those individuals currently serving terms on program committees or boards of churchwide units, or on other churchwide committees, whose terms of office *end* with the 2007 Churchwide Assembly; and

2) the names of those individuals whose terms of office will continue.

These terms represent a new pattern of governance adopted for this church by the 2005 Churchwide Assembly. In this new practice, nominations to serve on the ELCA Church Council are made by Synod Assemblies. Similarly, synods provide three nominees for certain positions on program committees from which the Nominating Committee shall select two, in addition to making nominations to "at large" positions. The Nominating Committee shall continue to present nominations for terms on boards and particular churchwide committees.

Information has been provided on page one summarizing the representational principles observed by the nomination process. Election slates will be prepared only for those numbers and categories of persons whose terms are expiring; therefore, nominations of persons to categories where terms are not expiring should not be presented for consideration by the Nominating Committee.

The responsibility of the churchwide Nominating Committee is to nominate two persons for each position for which an election will be held by the assembly.

To assist the Nominating Committee, and to keep manageable the number of nominations received from the floor during the assembly, nominees are sought for consideration by the Nominating Committee.

Please complete and return the Nomination Form provided with this booklet for as many nominees as you deem qualified for the various vacancies indicated. This form can be duplicated for your convenience if you wish to nominate several people, however, we encourage nominees to complete and submit forms via the Internet at the Web site ([www.elca.org/secretary/governance/nominations/](http://www.elca.org/secretary/governance/nominations/)).

To satisfy ELCA constitutional requirements, all information requested on the form *must* be completed and verified. Be sure to provide each nominee's full legal name, but nicknames also may be included, for example, William 'Bill' Thomas Lee Jr.

Completed nomination form(s) should be returned by February 28, 2007, to:

Nominations  
Office of the Secretary  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
8765 West Higgins Road  
Chicago, IL 60631-4101

# 2007 Nominations

Voting members of the 2007 Churchwide Assembly will vote to elect many people to various positions on the Church Council, the program committees and boards of churchwide units, and some other committees. Prior to the assembly, the Nominating Committee has the responsibility of preparing slates of two nominees for each position to be elected by voting members of the assembly. Elections will be held to fill each position listed on the following pages under the heading, “Terms Expiring.” For your information, those individuals who will continue in their terms beyond this Churchwide Assembly are listed under the heading, “Continuing Members.”

**Paired Nominees:** The Nominating Committee will present two nominees for each open position. The names of incumbents who are *eligible* for reelection are marked by an asterisk (\*). Note that the Nominating Committee may or may not choose to nominate such incumbents as it deems appropriate. All other individuals listed under the heading “Terms Expiring” are *ineligible* for reelection.

**Restrictions:** The *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America* places the following restrictions upon geographic representation that may disqualify some nominees from consideration by the Nominating Committee: (1) Committees and Boards—No more than two people from any one synod may serve at the same time (ELCA 19.21.04.); and (2) Nominating Committee—No more than three people from any one region may serve at the same time on the churchwide Nominating Committee (ELCA 19.21.01.).

The geographic information of Continuing Members’ residence (e.g., 8E) is provided for your reference as you consider a nominee’s availability to serve in a particular position. An index of these designations appears below.

**Inclusive Representation:** The nominations made by the churchwide Nominating Committee also will reflect this church’s commitment to inclusive representation as explained in Chapter 5 of the governing documents. Vacancies are grouped as Clergy, Lay Female, and Lay Male positions in keeping with these representational principles. The abbreviation “(PC/L)” indicates positions specified for “persons of color or whose primary language is other than English.”

## ELCA REGIONS AND SYNODS

### REGION 1

- 1A Alaska Synod
- 1B Northwest Washington Synod
- 1C Southwestern Washington Synod
- 1D Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod
- 1E Oregon Synod
- 1F Montana Synod

### REGION 2

- 2A Sierra Pacific Synod
- 2B Southwest California Synod
- 2C Pacifica Synod
- 2D Grand Canyon Synod
- 2E Rocky Mountain Synod

### REGION 3

- 3A Western North Dakota Synod
- 3B Eastern North Dakota Synod
- 3C South Dakota Synod
- 3D Northwestern Minnesota Synod
- 3E Northeastern Minnesota Synod
- 3F Southwestern Minnesota Synod
- 3G Minneapolis Area Synod
- 3H Saint Paul Area Synod
- 3I Southeastern Minnesota Synod

### REGION 4

- 4A Nebraska Synod
- 4B Central States Synod
- 4C Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod
- 4D Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod
- 4E Southwestern Texas Synod
- 4F Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod

### REGION 5

- 5A Metropolitan Chicago Synod
- 5B Northern Illinois Synod
- 5C Central/Southern Illinois Synod
- 5D Southeastern Iowa Synod
- 5E Western Iowa Synod
- 5F Northeastern Iowa Synod
- 5G Northern Great Lakes Synod
- 5H Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
- 5I East-Central Synod of Wisconsin
- 5J Greater Milwaukee Synod
- 5K South-Central Synod of Wisconsin
- 5L La Crosse Area Synod

### REGION 6

- 6A Southeast Michigan Synod
- 6B North/West Lower Michigan Synod
- 6C Indiana-Kentucky Synod
- 6D Northwestern Ohio Synod
- 6E Northeastern Ohio Synod
- 6F Southern Ohio Synod

### REGION 7

- 7A New Jersey Synod
- 7B New England Synod
- 7C Metropolitan New York Synod
- 7D Upstate New York Synod
- 7E Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod
- 7F Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod
- 7G Slovak Zion Synod

### REGION 8

- 8A Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod
- 8B Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod
- 8C Allegheny Synod
- 8D Lower Susquehanna Synod
- 8E Upper Susquehanna Synod
- 8F Delaware-Maryland Synod
- 8G Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Synod
- 8H West Virginia-Western Maryland Synod

### REGION 9

- 9A Virginia Synod
- 9B North Carolina Synod
- 9C South Carolina Synod
- 9D Southeastern Synod
- 9E Florida-Bahamas Synod
- 9F Caribbean Synod

# Church Council

## Terms Expiring:

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### Individuals Completing Terms:

#### Clergy

Pr. Joseph G. Crippen, Northfield, Minn. 3I [2007]  
 Pr. Charles W. Mays, Everett, Wash. 1B [2007]  
 Pr. Kenneth M. Rupp, Richmond, Va. 9A [2007]  
 Pr. Sarah J. Stumme, Northbrook, Ill. 5A [2007]

#### Lay Female

Ms. Faith A. Ashton, Chapel Hill, N.C. 9B [2007]  
 Ms. Judy Biffle, Houston, Texas 4F [2007]  
 Ms. Jessica M. McKee, Vancouver, Wash. 1C [2007]

#### Lay Male

Mr. Grieg L. Anderson, Portland, Ore. 1E [2007]  
 Mr. David M. Nelson, Bertrand, Neb. 4A [2007]  
 Vacancy

#### Lay Male (PC/L)

Mr. Allan E. Thomas, Yeadon, Pa. 7F [2007]

### Synod Assembly Nominations:

Information on these nominees follows on subsequent pages.

#### Clergy

Montana Synod (1F)  
 Southwestern Minnesota Synod (3F)  
 North Carolina Synod (9B)

#### Clergy (Female)

Central States Synod (4B)

#### Lay Female

Oregon Synod (1E)  
 Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod (4D)  
 Northern Illinois Synod (5B)

#### Lay Male

Northwest Washington Synod (1B)  
 Grand Canyon Synod (2D)  
 Minneapolis Area Synod (3G)  
 East-Central Synod of Wisconsin (5I)

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## Continuing Members:

#### Clergy

Pr. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Ashtabula, Ohio 6E [2011]  
 Pr. Keith A. Hunsinger, Oak Harbor, Ohio 6D [2011]  
 Pr. David E. Jensen, Minocqua, Wis. 5G [2009]  
 Pr. Jonathan W. Linman, New York, N.Y. 8B [2011]  
 Pr. Steven "Steve" P. Loy, Las Cruces, N.M. 2E [2011]  
 Pr. John C. Richter, Allentown, Pa. 7E [2009]  
 Pr. Jeffery B. Sorenson, Garretson, S.D. 3C [2011]  
 Pr. Jennifer J. Thomas, Milwaukee, Wis. 5J [2009]

#### Clergy (PC/L)

Pr. J. Paul Rajashekar, Philadelphia, Pa. 7A [2009]

#### Lay Female

Ms. Judith Anne Bunker, Pinellas Park, Fla. 9E [2009]  
 Ms. Norma J. Hirsch, Des Moines, Iowa 5D [2009]  
 Ms. Ann F. Niedringhaus, Duluth, Minn. 3E [2011]  
 Ms. Lynette M. Reitz, Muncy, Pa. 8E [2011]  
 Ms. Sandra Schlesinger, Midland, Mich. 6B [2011]

#### Lay Female (PC/L)

Ms. Phyllis L. Wallace, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 9F [2009]  
 Ms. Judith Tutt-Starr, Los Angeles, Calif. 2B [2009]

#### Lay Male

Mr. Bradley Dokken, Williston, N.D. 3A [2011]  
 Mr. Mark S. Helmke, San Antonio, Texas 4E [2011]  
 Mr. William R. Lloyd Jr., Somerset, Pa. 8C [2009]  
 Mr. David Truland, Waterford, N.Y. 7D [2011]  
 Mr. Richard L. Wahl, Millersville, Md. 8F [2009]  
 Mr. Gary Wiperman, Waverly, Iowa 5F [2009]

**MONTANA SYNOD (1F) CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINEES: CLERGY**

**Pr. Joe R. Haugestuen**

- 1) *Congregational membership*  
St. Luke's, Shelby, Mont.
- 2) *Experience relevant to this position*  
Thirty-one years of parish ministry and the experience of meeting with councils;  
Experience serving on community boards and committees
- 3) *Church-related service*  
Voting member at Churchwide Assembly in Philadelphia in 1997;  
Served two separate 3-year terms on Montana Synod Council;  
Served one 3-year term on LSS of Montana board
- 4) *Education*  
B.A., University of Wisconsin; M.Div., Luther Theological Seminary
- 5) *Occupation*  
Parish Pastor; St. Luke's Lutheran Church
- 6) *Community service*  
Currently, community board member for Wells Fargo Bank;  
Past Kiwanis member
- 7) *Year of birth* 1949
- 8) *Primary language* English

*Describe why you wish to be elected as a member of the Church Council:*

I am concerned about the confessional integrity of our church. I would appreciate being part of the conversation about the direction our church will take in the immediate future. I also wish to be a faithful voice representing the congregations of our synod.

*Are there particular perspectives that you would contribute as a Church Council Member?*

I bring the background of being/and having been/ the pastor of rural and small town congregations.

*What, in your judgement, is the most important responsibility of the Church Council?*

The Church Council has a responsibility to maintain the integrity of our church in faithfulness to its evangelical witness and to its stated mission.

**Pr. David W. Peters**

- 1) *Congregational membership*  
King of Glory, Billings, Mont.
- 2) *Experience relevant to this position*  
Life-long Lutheran - soaked and enfilled with the grace of Word and Sacrament;  
Wide variety of ministry, parish pastor, missionary Southeast Asia, chaplain;  
Knowledge in theological and faith issues, management & administration
- 3) *Church-related service*  
Member, Spiritual Emotional Care Com., Lutheran Disaster Response;  
Voting Member, 2003 ELCA Churchwide Assembly;  
Chaplain/Presenter, Mont. Synod First Call Theological Events
- 4) *Education*  
B.A., Gustavus Adolphus College; M.Div., Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary
- 5) *Occupation*  
Executive Director; Lutheran Social Services of Montana
- 6) *Community service*  
Chair, community advisory committee, St. Vincent Health Care;  
Chair, St. John's Lutheran Ministries;  
Member, Montana Faith Health Cooperative
- 7) *Year of birth* 1949
- 8) *Primary language* English

*Describe why you wish to be elected as a member of the Church Council:*

I have an enthusiasm for the health of the body of Christ as it seeks to serve the world; I enjoy seeing faith at work and joining with others to discern the "push" and "pull" of our gracious God; I love to organize and am good at it!

*Are there particular perspectives that you would contribute as a Church Council Member?*

I have had the advantage of seeing the church at work from several different angles – as a parish pastor (serving large and small, as associate and lead), as a missionary serving as staff for "The Committee on Displaced Persons in Southeast Asia" (refugee resettlement), as the co-director for a "Theological Education by Extension" program (Indonesia), as director for a nonprofit health care organization, as a hospital chaplain, and as executive director for a social ministry organization of the ELCA I am sensitive to local issues of "the person in the pew," organizational issues of church related agencies, and global issues of people and partners outside the U.S.

*What, in your judgement, is the most important responsibility of the Church Council?*

It is all in the word "fiduciary" which means "to hold in trust or faith." The Church Council is called to be trustworthy and faithful not only to documents and policies, but to the gracious call of the Gospel! Its judgments need to be more than legal or operational decisions, but faith-filled actions and responses.

## SOUTHWESTERN MINNESOTA SYNOD (3F) CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINEES: CLERGY

**Pr. Timothy N. Hansen**

- 1) *Congregational membership*  
Zion, Litchfield, Minn.
- 2) *Experience relevant to this position*  
I served as a pastor re-developer and worked within larger expression of church  
I have been a part of a creative team that put together the "Welcome Forward"  
I currently serve as pastor in a growing congregation in a prairie synod
- 3) *Church-related service*  
As a re-developer I worked with various expressions of the church, including the former Division for Outreach; "Welcome Forward" project with ELCA Church in Society and Global Mission helped me see greater resources;  
As parish pastor I understand impact of the decisions of the larger expression
- 4) *Education*  
B.A., St. Olaf College; M.Div., Luther Northwestern Seminary
- 5) *Occupation*  
Pastor; Zion Lutheran Church
- 6) *Community service*  
Coordinate Concert for Hunger benefitting local food shelf/ELCA World Hunger;  
Serve on the local County Food Shelf Board;  
Serve as chair of the Meeker County Extension Com.
- 7) *Year of birth* 1960
- 8) *Primary language* English

*Describe why you wish to be elected as a member of the Church Council:*

I believe that my past experiences working with the church-wide offices in several different areas of ministry have given me insight into how the larger expression of this church impacts its members. I would love to use some of my gifts to serve the church through this position.

*Are there particular perspectives that you would contribute as a Church Council Member?*

I believe that one of my unique perspectives would be that I am the son of a man who served in two synod offices in the 1970s and 1980s and so I understand life in the church, not only as a P.K., but as one who has grown up with a healthy respect for a wider expression of the church.

*What, in your judgement, is the most important responsibility of the Church Council?*

To me, the Church Council ought to be about the task of helping the church carry out its ministry in all of its mission outposts. We can be better missionaries out here on the prairie, or in the cities, because of our collective resources. While the ELCA council needs to lead, it can also be a unique resource for us. Helping to coordinate ministries like Global Mission and American missions as well as connecting the church with larger expressions is vital and important. As a resource, the congregations see, in tangible ways, the collective power of the whole and our interdependence on each other.

**Pr. José Pablo Obregon**

- 1) *Congregational membership*  
Paz y Esperanza, Willmar, Minn.
- 2) *Experience relevant to this position*  
Have a passion for the long-term vision of the ELCA;  
The Church is a wonderful place of empowerment, healing and reconciliation;  
Represent both rural America and multicultural presence in the larger church
- 3) *Church-related service*  
Past Assistant to the Director, Latin America Region, Global Mission;  
Past member of ELCA board for Church in Society;  
Past Coordinator for Hispanic Ministries, Southwestern Minnesota Synod
- 4) *Education*  
Biblical Study, Luther Bible Institute; M.Div., Luther Seminary;  
Universidad San Martin De Porres
- 5) *Occupation*  
Chaplain; Bethesda Health & Housing
- 6) *Community service*  
Member of Shelter House Board of Directors, present;  
YMCA Kandiyohi, Board of Directors, past;  
Human Right Commission, City of Willmar, past
- 7) *Year of birth* 1965
- 8) *Primary language* Spanish

*Describe why you wish to be elected as a member of the Church Council:*

The ELCA in its effort to respond to the needs of the world and yet be faithful to the Scriptures and traditions, is at a crucial time in its history. It would be a privilege to bring a voice from this synod as we bring our discernment about the vision of the church.

*Are there particular perspectives that you would contribute as a Church Council Member?*

In my present call God has given me a passion for the elderly; it is important to recognize that here in this synod a large number of our members belong to the advanced age. I would like to be an advocate and a voice of our elder brothers and sisters. I have a passion for outreach and evangelism as well as for the tradition of the Lutheran church. Being a Latino living in rural America has given me a unique perspective on the role of the Church in today's world.

*What, in your judgement, is the most important responsibility of the Church Council?*

To serve as support to the ELCA in general but also support to the presiding bishop and staff. To gather voices throughout the ELCA and discern what is the vision of the Church. Be able to respond and deal with issues of vision, stewardship, and empowerment. Be a strong voice to the global church and to the nations on issues of peace and justice.

**NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD (9B) CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINEES: CLERGY**

**Pr. Rachel L. Connelly**

- 1) *Congregational membership*  
Water of Life, Wilmington, N.C.
- 2) *Experience relevant to this position*  
ELCA mission developer 2000-2004 (member of the College of Developers);  
ELCA Churchwide voting member 1995, 1997, 1999
- 3) *Church-related service*  
North Carolina Synod Evangelism Committee 1991-1996 (2 yrs as chairperson);  
Agape + Kure Beach Camp Board of Directors 2000-2005
- 4) *Education*  
B.S., Newberry College; M.Div., Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary
- 5) *Occupation*  
Pastor; Water of Life Lutheran Church
- 6) *Community service*  
GAAIN - Goldsboro Area Aids Interfaith Network - Board Member 1995-1999;  
First Fruits Ministry Volunteer - Homeless Feeding 2001-2006;  
Habitat for Humanity Volunteer 2005-2006
- 7) *Year of birth* 1963
- 8) *Primary language* English

*Describe why you wish to be elected as a member of the Church Council:*

I believe that I have gifts as a mission-minded, pastoral leader that would contribute to the decision-making and visioning of the greater church.

*Are there particular perspectives that you would contribute as a Church Council Member?*

My passion is reaching out to those who do not know Christ or are not connected to a community of faith. I think that we can do a better job of stream-lining organizational structures and decision-making processes so that more time can be given to building community and making disciples which is the real purpose of the church.

*What, in your judgement, is the most important responsibility of the Church Council?*

I believe the Church Council has the responsibility of keeping the ELCA focused on the mission, vision, and ministry that we share in together as the body of Christ and in the world. I also feel that the Church Council should be constantly reviewing how the ELCA as a whole is visible in the world and actively looking at ways we can be more evangelical and reaching out to those who do not have a relationship with Christ.

**Pr. Robert H. Shoffner**

- 1) *Congregational membership*  
Holy Trinity Evangelical, Hickory, N.C.
- 2) *Experience relevant to this position*  
Lifelong active participation and leadership in the Lutheran Church, all levels;  
Pastor for 32 years in parish, synod staff, and college administration positions  
Continual discovery of how the Holy Spirit does indeed call, gather, enlighten
- 3) *Church-related service*  
Member of the North Carolina Synod Council 2001;  
Member of ELCA Division for Congregational Ministry board 1999-2005;  
Member of Lenoir-Rhyne College Board 1992-2005
- 4) *Education*  
B.A., University of North Carolina; M.Div., Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary
- 5) *Occupation*  
Senior Pastor; Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
- 6) *Community service*  
Member and volunteer with Cooperative Christian Ministry;  
Secretary of Greater Hickory Martin Luther King Jr. Events;  
Habitat for Humanity volunteer 1991-
- 7) *Year of birth* 1944
- 8) *Primary language* English

*Describe why you wish to be elected as a member of the Church Council:*

A. To honor the confidence the North Carolina Synod has in me to serve if elected. B. To offer my particular spiritual gifts in helping lead the ELCA in making Christ known as broadly and effectively as possible in an increasingly challenging world. C. To serve the church in a new way.

*Are there particular perspectives that you would contribute as a Church Council Member?*

I am often told that I bring good common sense, an eye for detail and organization, and the heart of a mediator to any calling. I would hope to bring all that to the Church Council along with a passion for helping the ELCA discern Spirit-led ways to celebrate our kinship in Christ amidst the tremendous diversity which exists among us. I love this church and would hope to contribute to its re-discovering our unity that will survive, with the help of God, any threats of divisiveness.

*What, in your judgement, is the most important responsibility of the Church Council?*

To make sure the ELCA is faithful to the purpose of the Church "to bear witness to God's creative, redeeming and sanctifying activity in the world."

**CENTRAL STATES SYNOD (4B) CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINEES: CLERGY (FEMALE)**

**Pr. Susan Langhauser**

- 1) *Congregational membership*  
Advent, Olathe, Kan.
- 2) *Experience relevant to this position*  
Member of Congregation Council as lay person 1982-1990;  
Staff Liaison to International Council of Governors &  
Chapter Presidents Council  
Dean of Conference
- 3) *Church-related service*  
Co-Chaired Local Arrangements Committee for ELCA  
Churchwide Assembly 1993;  
First Call Theo. Task Force & Tri-Synodical Educational  
Steering Com. Chair 1998  
Retreat/Seminar Leader & Speaker, "Blessings & Rituals for  
the Journey of Life"
- 4) *Education*  
B.A., University of Missouri; M.Div. Honors, Pacific  
Lutheran Theological Seminary
- 5) *Occupation*  
Pastor; Advent Lutheran Church
- 6) *Community service*  
Convener, Blue Valley Ministerial Association;  
Chaplain, Overland Park Police Department;  
Chair, Blue Valley Fine Arts Commission
- 7) *Year of birth* 1952
- 8) *Primary language* English

*Describe why you wish to be elected as a member of the Church Council:*

Although I do not see myself as an "institutional participant," I continue to be surprised by colleagues who feel I have the gifts that qualify me to be nominated for institutional positions of leadership. From my perspective, I am a confident and accomplished preacher, teacher, and pastor, who enjoys dialog with colleagues and working cooperatively toward a common goal (validated by the fact that I have served in a co-pastorate with my husband for 15 years!). I have a passion for providing theological education and sacramental expression to believers of all ages and it is my desire to connect the local congregation to the national church in dialog and witness. I believe that working side by side with other members of the Church Council, I might be able to bring creative solutions to some of the issues that are facing the ELCA today.

*Are there particular perspectives that you would contribute as a Church Council Member?*

I am a second-career pastor of a thriving and enthusiastic "missional" congregation, with extremely strong skills in discernment of spiritual gifts and leadership development. I bring the perspective of the experience of being a woman, a dean, a committee chair, a community minister and a public speaker. I am confident in my call, and in the priesthood of all believers, and I have a desire to create better communication across the church between lay and institutional leadership, within the context of our theological tradition, and yet perhaps in more liberally creative ways. I like to think outside the box.

*What, in your judgement, is the most important responsibility of the Church Council?*

To support and guide the ongoing mission of the wider church as it comes to the Church Council from assemblies, committees, and staff, within the confines and parameters of the organizational structure. At the same time I believe it is incumbent upon this group to always be actively considering where the Holy Spirit might be at work.

**Pr. Charlotte M. Strecker-Baseler**

- 1) *Congregational membership*  
Faith, Oberlin, Kan.
- 2) *Experience relevant to this position*  
Several years on the Central States Synod Council;  
Dean of Area Ministry 1, Western Kansas congregations of  
Central States Synod;  
Small Town & Rural Ministry Alliance (STaR), affinity  
groups, served as chair
- 3) *Church-related service*  
Dean of Area Ministry 1;  
Central States Synod Council;  
Voting Member to 1995 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in  
Minneapolis
- 4) *Education*  
B.A., Bethany College, Lindsborg, KS; M.Div., Lutheran  
Theological Southern Seminary
- 5) *Occupation*  
Pastor; Faith Lutheran Church
- 6) *Community service*  
Decatur County Stand Against Violence Task Force;  
LIONS Club;  
Decatur County Ministerial Association
- 7) *Year of birth* 1956
- 8) *Primary language* English

*Describe why you wish to be elected as a member of the Church Council:*

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*Are there particular perspectives that you would contribute as a Church Council Member?*

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*What, in your judgement, is the most important responsibility of the Church Council?*

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**OREGON SYNOD (1E) CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINEES: LAY FEMALE**

**Ms. Deborah L. Chenoweth**

- 1) *Congregational membership*  
Our Redeemer, Hood River, Ore.
- 2) *Experience relevant to this position*  
33 years experience in public administration-15 years as senior level executive;  
Held church leadership positions in every community I have lived in-Ohio, Nebraska, and Oregon;  
Board member of Soul Café in Hood River since its inception
- 3) *Church-related service*  
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church; past Congregation Council; current Mutual Ministry;  
Current Oregon Synod Council and Executive Committee;  
Current Oregon Synod Outreach Committee, Oregon Synod Finance Committee
- 4) *Education*  
B.S., University of Michigan; Graduate course, Portland State University
- 5) *Occupation*  
Chief of Operations; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- 6) *Community service*  
Friends of Hood River Library;  
Nature Conservancy;  
Habitat for Humanity
- 7) *Year of birth* 1951
- 8) *Primary language* English

*Describe why you wish to be elected as a member of the Church Council:*

I would like to use my background in management to serve this church and be part of the search for solutions to the diverse challenges facing us. I believe that we are at a critical time in the life of the church and we need to be able to build on the strengths of our traditional congregational family while seeking new ways to reach the increasingly secular world.

*Are there particular perspectives that you would contribute as a Church Council Member?*

I am a Lutheran by choice; a wife, mother, and working person. I live in a state that is polarized between the "left coast" and the conservative eastern part of the state. The northwest is also the most unchurched region in the United States. The issues of sexuality, the environment, the war, and immigration are at the forefront here. I believe that this area is a crucible reflecting the issues that impact the entire church. I worship in a traditional congregation every Sunday and I also serve on the board for Soul Café, a nontraditional group that seeks out those who may never cross the threshold of a classic church, those who do not have a voice, and those who are seeking but who have no church tradition.

*What, in your judgement, is the most important responsibility of the Church Council?*

I believe the most important responsibility of the Church Council is to carry out the business of this church so that the policies, direction, and objectives of the church are fulfilled. The Church Council should provide the direction and resources to not only respond to the current issues before this church but also prayerfully look to the future.

**Ms. Debra Hanson Mantey**

- 1) *Congregational membership*  
Milwaukie, Milwaukie, Ore.
- 2) *Experience relevant to this position*  
Oregon Synod staff - Coordinator for Congregational Resources;  
Regional work with Congregation Resource Network, Regional Planning;  
Consecrated Deaconess, LDA, Valpo (25 yrs) Ministry in Parish, Camp, Hospitals
- 3) *Church-related service*  
Companion Synod Mission Trip to youth camp in Poland; Region 4 Adult Chaperone for youth attending churchwide assembly;  
Sunday School Teacher (Preschool thru Adult)
- 4) *Education*  
B.A., Valparaiso University; Biblical study, Lutheran Bible Institute;  
Concordia College
- 5) *Occupation*  
Coordinator for Congregational Resources; Oregon Synod-ELCA
- 6) *Community service*  
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon Board Member 2004 to present;  
Public School System mentor/volunteer 1994 to present  
Habitat for Humanity fundraising walks
- 7) *Year of birth* 1957
- 8) *Primary language* English

*Describe why you wish to be elected as a member of the Church Council:*

I care that the ELCA connect with its members, equip members for ministry in daily life and take positions in our society which profess God's grace and love for the world. I am hopeful that we will utilize the gifts we have (theology, resources, ecumenical concern) to be a voice for justice and reconciliation in our society and in the world.

*Are there particular perspectives that you would contribute as a Church Council Member?*

I am blessed with serving in this church and related organizations (Augsburg Fortress, camps, social service organizations) as a theologically trained lay person. I am often the voice who asks: "and what about the youth?" or "how will the laity understand this?" I have also lived and served in various parts of the midwest, south, and west coast.

*What, in your judgement, is the most important responsibility of the Church Council?*

I think the Church Council's most important responsibility is to pray for discernment and watch for God's leading as they gather and listen to concerns, perspectives, and possibilities for the future of this church.

## NORTHERN TEXAS-NORTHERN LOUISIANA SYNOD (4D) CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINEES: LAY FEMALE

**Ms. Catherine A. Zwernemann**

- 1) *Congregational membership*  
Emanuel, Dallas, Texas
- 2) *Experience relevant to this position*  
Synod assemblies attendance has given me insight into the "business" of church;  
Member of inner city congregation has exposed me to a diverse racial environment  
Coordinating Summer Reading Program enabled me to serve education needs
- 3) *Church-related service*  
Synod Council member January 2004–June 2005 fulfilled previous council member's term;  
Synod Task Force on Sexuality member January 2002–April 2005;  
Congregation Financial Secretary 1999 - present
- 4) *Education*  
B.A. Journalism University of Texas at Austin
- 5) *Occupation*  
Volunteer / Altruist
- 6) *Community service*  
North Texas Reading and Radio Resource - reader for the blind;  
Dallas Zoological Society - Volunteer Zoo Keeper Asst/  
Volunteer Research Tech;  
Sparkman Club Estates Neighborhood Association - Board Member
- 7) *Year of birth* 1955
- 8) *Primary language* English

*Describe why you wish to be elected as a member of the Church Council:*

We face tough issues in today's society — war, crime, poverty, sexuality, immigration. These issues affect our lives and can impact the way people see God and his activity in the world. As a member of the Church Council I want to help this church face these issues with God as our guide.

*Are there particular perspectives that you would contribute as a Church Council Member?*

I would bring a spirit of ecumenism and a love of all people. I have a respect for and an appreciation of people of all races, cultures, religions, and sexual orientation. I believe that God loves all people and wants to bring them unto himself, sometimes in ways we may not fully understand.

*What, in your judgement, is the most important responsibility of the Church Council?*

The Church Council's most important responsibility is to listen to the Holy Spirit's guidance on issues which affect the church and our society and to communicate those insights to his people of the ELCA.

**Ms. Rebecca "Becky" Jo Brakke**

- 1) *Congregational membership*  
King of Glory, Dallas, Texas
- 2) *Experience relevant to this position*  
Member of Board of Regents/Trustees at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S.D., 12 yrs;  
Meeting Planner for Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod-responsible for Synod Assembly Planning-11 yrs;  
Local Arrangements Mgr, 1991 Youth Gathering-recruited 1,000 volunteers
- 3) *Church-related service*  
Congregation Council President;  
Co-moderator of Forum Sunday School Class-20 yrs;  
Member of Church in Society Committee
- 4) *Education*  
B.A. Augustana College, Sioux Falls
- 5) *Occupation*  
Meeting Planner & Antique Business Owner; Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod
- 6) *Community service*  
Member of medical ethics research review board at Medical City Hospital-10 yrs;  
Past Vice President of League of Women Voters of Dallas;  
President of local Neighborhood Association
- 7) *Year of birth* 1943
- 8) *Primary language* English

*Describe why you wish to be elected as a member of the Church Council:*

I am passionate about my church, its heritage, and its mission. I feel the Lutheran church has so much to offer in this multi-cultural world and I would consider it a privilege to serve on the Church Council.

*Are there particular perspectives that you would contribute as a Church Council member?*

Having grown up on a dairy farm in the Midwest and having spent most of my adult life in a major city in Texas, I feel I have a unique perspective of the strengths and challenges facing the ELCA today. The strength of the Lutheran church has been in the smaller rural church communities with a solo pastor. The church now must find a ministry model that works in the city and suburban environment as well-a model that plans for growth utilizing clergy, trained laity and multi-level staff positions.

*What, in your judgement, is the most important responsibility of the Church Council?*

The most important responsibility of the Church Council is to oversee the function of the ELCA between ELCA assemblies, to listen to the needs and concerns of the synods and the churchwide leadership, and to help interpret the work of the church to the people in the congregations and to the churchwide leadership.

**NORTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD (5B) CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINEES: LAY FEMALE**

**Ms. Myrna K. Andersen**

- 1) *Congregational membership*  
First, Galesburg, Ill.
- 2) *Experience relevant to this position*  
Involvement in many areas of the ELCA at the local and Synod level;  
Serving as a voting member at several Churchwide Assemblies;  
Good understanding of the mission and ministry of the ELCA
- 3) *Church-related service*  
Synodical Vice President for two terms;  
Synod Council member for two terms;  
Membership on Synod and Multi-Synodical Candidacy Committees
- 4) *Education*  
B.M., Yankton College, Yankton, S.D.; M.S.M., Union Theological Seminary
- 5) *Occupation*  
Director of Music; Trinity Lutheran Church
- 6) *Community service*  
Sunrise Rotary Club;  
American Guild of Organists
- 7) *Year of birth* 1941
- 8) *Primary language* English

*Describe why you wish to be elected as a member of the Church Council:*

I bring a good working knowledge of the ELCA. I consider my service in the areas of candidacy, social ministry, advocacy, worship, and synod and regional councils would help me. I bring gifts of listening to all sides, discernment and leadership. Serving on the Church Council would help me learn much more about the ELCA and communicate our mission and ministries to others in the Church.

*Are there particular perspectives that you would contribute as a Church Council Member?*

I have strong interest and knowledge in the area of worship, music, and congregational life. I have spent my life enabling and empowering God's people for ministry. I am committed to growing disciples of Jesus Christ and teaching and enabling them to live out their faith in the world.

*What, in your judgement, is the most important responsibility of the Church Council?*

To exercise legislative authority between meetings of the Churchwide Assembly and carry out that group's decisions.

**Ms. Karin Lynn Graddy**

- 1) *Congregational membership*  
Bethlehem Evangelical, DeKalb, Ill.
- 2) *Experience relevant to this position*  
Completion of ELCA candidacy process of preparation as an associate in ministry;  
Eleven years of ministry experience with Christian education and family ministry  
Two years of experience on Synod staff serving as Communication Director
- 3) *Church-related service*  
Northern Illinois Synod Professional Leaders Conf. planning committee, 1999-present;  
Northern Illinois Synod Congregational Life committee, 2002-present;  
ELCA Region 5 Lay Ministers Gathering planning committee, 2003-2005
- 4) *Education*  
B.A. cum laude, Northern Illinois University; LSTC & SELECT video courses;  
Cert. Youth Min, Center for Youth Ministries
- 5) *Occupation*  
Director of Education & Family Ministries; Our Savior's Lutheran Church
- 6) *Community service*  
Program/marketing committee member for LOMC;  
Guest reader for local elementary school;  
Started a community play group for moms and toddlers
- 7) *Year of birth* 1968
- 8) *Primary language* English

*Describe why you wish to be elected as a member of the Church Council:*

As a lifelong Lutheran and rostered associate in ministry, I have a great love for the church and its mission to make Christ known. I would be honored to serve on the board of directors of this church.

*Are there particular perspectives that you would contribute as a Church Council Member?*

Before becoming rostered in the ELCA, I was an exchange student to Denmark for a year and a high school history teacher. While education, family ministry, and communication are the focus of my current professions, I am also passionate about evangelism, global ministry, and hospitality.

*What, in your judgement, is the most important responsibility of the Church Council?*

The Church Council serves as the interim legislative authority between meetings of the Churchwide Assembly. In this capacity, its most important responsibility is to make such decisions necessary to support and strengthen the ability of the ELCA to make Christ known through its churchwide units, regions, synods, and local congregations.

## NORTHWEST WASHINGTON SYNOD (1B) CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINEES: LAY MALE

**Mr. Mark E. Johnson**

- 1) *Congregational membership*  
Magnolia, Seattle, Wash.
- 2) *Experience relevant to this position*  
Attorney who listens well, cogently summarize key points/  
identify possibilities  
Actively involved in the worship life of the church for 40  
years;  
Active in the community serving on boards of two  
nonprofit corporations
- 3) *Church-related service*  
Delegate to the Constituting Convention of the Luther  
League of The ALC;  
Member of Synod Council, 2002-present, recently re-  
elected to second term;  
President of Congregation Council; member of  
Congregation Council, two terms
- 4) *Education*  
B.A., Trinity College; J.D., University of Oregon School of  
Law
- 5) *Occupation*  
Attorney/Partner; Lane Powell PC Attorneys/Counselors
- 6) *Community service*  
Board of Directors, Residence East Corp. (provides  
housing/services);  
Board of Directors, LOM/Spiritwood at Pine Lake, assisted  
living/memory care;  
Past Chair of Troop Committee, Troop 80, Boy Scouts of  
America, Seattle, Wash.
- 7) *Year of birth* 1943
- 8) *Primary language* English

*Describe why you wish to be elected as a member of the Church Council:*

I would like to serve the greater Church in a time of stress, challenge and opportunity through the use of the analytical abilities and mediation skills I have developed over 33 years as a practicing attorney.

*Are there particular perspectives that you would contribute as a Church Council Member?*

I would bring the Church Council the perspective of a husband and father (four children), lawyer, civic volunteer and retired Captain in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve (4 years active and 22 years reserve service).

*What, in your judgement, is the most important responsibility of the Church Council?*

I believe the most important responsibility of the Church Council is to proclaim the Gospel and foster the outreach of the Church through its programs and people while balancing the need to be welcoming to all as well as being faithful to Lutheran doctrine.

**Mr. Glenn L. Ryder II**

- 1) *Congregational membership*  
Denny Park, Seattle, Wash.
- 2) *Experience relevant to this position*  
Currently serving second term on Northwest Washington  
Synod Council;  
Served on Congregation Council 15+ years;  
Public Servant for 20+ years
- 3) *Church-related service*  
Synod Council Member, Member of Executive Committee;  
Chair of Congregation Trustee Board 10+ years;  
Lutheran Brotherhood Communicator
- 4) *Education*  
B.F.A. Pacific Lutheran University
- 5) *Occupation*  
Transit Operator (Bus Driver); King County Metro
- 6) *Community service*  
n/a
- 7) *Year of birth* 1953
- 8) *Primary language* English

*Describe why you wish to be elected as a member of the Church Council:*

I have discovered I have a real passion for this church, God's Church, the ELCA. I care about it. I am concerned about it so much that I am willing to serve God however I can. I am willing to work to make sure this church adheres to God's Word and the authority of Scripture.

*Are there particular perspectives that you would contribute as a Church Council Member?*

I'm a long time member of an inner-city congregation in Seattle. As a metro bus driver in Seattle for almost 25 years I work with the public on a daily basis. I see God's children one passenger at a time.

*What, in your judgement, is the most important responsibility of the Church Council?*

To conduct the business of this church in accordance with God's Word.

**GRAND CANYON SYNOD (2D) CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINEES: LAY MALE**

**Mr. Mark W. Myers**

- 1) *Congregational membership*  
The Lakes, Las Vegas, Nev.
- 2) *Experience relevant to this position*  
I have served as conference representative on the Synod Council, two years;  
I have spoken to each head pastor in our conference & have strong understanding;  
On Synod Council, I helped with healing after resignation of bishop
- 3) *Church-related service*  
President of Congregation Council, The Lakes, Las Vegas;  
Currently on Synod Council, Colorado River Conf. Rep.;  
Currently serving as an assisting minister in my cong.
- 4) *Education*  
B.S., University of New York; M.B.A., Canisius College
- 5) *Occupation*  
Real Estate Agent; Self-Employed, RE/MAX One
- 6) *Community service*  
Pres., V.P., Sec. & Treasurer for local Rotary Club;  
Council Advancement Chair for the Boy Scouts, 5 ½ yrs.;  
Active in Boy Scouts of America as adult leader, 14 years
- 7) *Year of birth* 1953
- 8) *Primary language* English

*Describe why you wish to be elected as a member of the Church Council:*

As a Christian, it is our mission to serve God enthusiastically and to use the gifts we have been given to the best of our abilities to spread the good news. I have had many years of running a successful business, as well as developing leadership skills through many leading roles with volunteer organizations. My gifts and abilities are well suited to serve our Lord as a lay leader within the ELCA. I would welcome the opportunity to serve on the Church Council. Being self employed would provide me with the freedom to meet the obligations asked of one who accepts the responsibility to serve on the Church Council. I would welcome this opportunity to serve.

*Are there particular perspectives that you would contribute as a Church Council Member?*

As a lay person on the Synod Council, I have had the unique opportunity to meet, interact, and befriend bishops, pastors, synod staff, and fellow lay leaders on a professional level. This has given me the opportunity to view issues that are facing the church not only from the perspective of a worshipping member of a congregation, but from a broader perspective and to see how these issues affect the synods, our church, and the entire Christian community. By attending several Synod Assemblies, I have experienced debates over many critical issues, not the least of which is the issue on sexuality within our church. I have heard passionate views expressed on both sides of many issues. This provides me with a very strong understanding of not only the issues facing our Church, but of the varying viewpoints maintained by our church members on both sides of these issues.

*What, in your judgement, is the most important responsibility of the Church Council?*

As a member of the Church Council, I would be a representative of all members of the ELCA. I would be expected to represent our members with an unbiased viewpoint and to vote and make decisions based upon what is best for the future health and growth of our churchwide ministry and not based upon the specific needs of one or a few congregations, synods, or regions.

**Mr. Thomas H. Welch**

- 1) *Congregational membership*  
Lord of Life, Sun City West, Ariz.
- 2) *Experience relevant to this position*  
Congregation Council;  
Grand Canyon Synod Council;  
Synod Executive Committee
- 3) *Church-related service*  
Facilitator for service teams at Lord of Life;  
Synod Advocacy team member;  
Active volunteer for homeless program at Grace, innercity Phoenix
- 4) *Education*  
2 years, Capital University; B.S., Ohio State Univ.;  
Graduate study, California Lutheran University
- 5) *Occupation*  
Retired Senior Sales Representative; 3M Co
- 6) *Community service*  
West Side Lutheran Thrift Shop (truck driver/pick ups & deliveries);  
Grace Lutheran homeless day shelter (feed, clothe & listen);  
Thrivent fraternal (president W. Maricopa Co. Chapter)
- 7) *Year of birth* 1938
- 8) *Primary language* English

*Describe why you wish to be elected as a member of the Church Council:*

Having served on Congregation Council and the Grand Canyon Synod Council, I feel that ELCA Church Council would be yet another challenge and a way to further serve the ELCA.

*Are there particular perspectives that you would contribute as a Church Council Member?*

Love of God; Love of Church; Love of Man - especially God's lesser peoples who are homeless and hungry, hurting for comfort, security and the love that we can bring or try to bring to them. In them do we see God's face and his miracles working. We've so much to learn!!

*What, in your judgement, is the most important responsibility of the Church Council?*

1) Planting new churches, especially in cooperation with our ecumenical partners developing a "joint" plan of mission development. 2) Preservation of Assets - those many buildings within the ELCA that have 10/40 people trying to worship in areas where real estate has value, could be reallocated to new mission fields or funds from sale could aid transforming congregations. A team of experts in real estate is needed to counsel these congregations. 3) Training for called positions - we really need to get out of our "boxes" and seek ways to get "trained-qualified" people serving our churches.

## MINNEAPOLIS AREA SYNOD (3G) CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINEES: LAY MALE

**Mr. John S. Munday**

- 1) *Congregational membership*  
Long Lake, Isanti, Minn.
- 2) *Experience relevant to this position*  
Leadership in bereavement support groups for 25 years;  
A global perspective based upon 20 years of third world involvement;  
A full understanding of today's technical world as a patent attorney
- 3) *Church-related service*  
Minneapolis Area Synod Council 2003-2006 & Executive Committee 2005-2006;  
ELCA Churchwide Assembly voting member 2005 & 2007;  
PC(USA) Task Force on Central America 1986-1990
- 4) *Education*  
B.S., Purdue University; J.D., DePaul University;  
M.T., Princeton Theological Seminary
- 5) *Occupation*  
Intellectual Property Lawyer & Writer; Self-employed  
Attorney / Author
- 6) *Community service*  
Founding President of Habitat for Humanity Affiliate,  
Berlin, Md.;  
Co-Founder of Compassionate Friends Chapter, Delaware  
County, Pa.;  
Charter Board Member of Romero Interfaith Center,  
Philadelphia, Pa.
- 7) *Year of birth* 1940
- 8) *Primary language* English

*Describe why you wish to be elected as a member of the Church Council:*

I believe that my training and experience in science, law, theology, and writing give me a broad understanding of the issues facing the ELCA, as well as the ability to articulate ways to resolve those issues.

*Are there particular perspectives that you would contribute as a Church Council Member?*

I have been called a peacemaker and healer in my work with the bereaved, in international solidarity, and in my service in local churches and higher denominational entities.

*What, in your judgement, is the most important responsibility of the Church Council?*

In my opinion, the Church Council should be a source of reconciliation and healing by affirming the message of Jesus Christ and by being a vessel through which the Holy Spirit can work.

**Mr. Clarence M. Smith**

- 1) *Congregational membership*  
Westwood, St. Louis Park, Minn.
- 2) *Experience relevant to this position*  
A positive/active experience as a teen in Luther League, including relationships  
Experience as congregational treasurer and member of Congregation Council;  
Experience in corporate workplace and need to put Sunday morning faith into practice
- 3) *Church-related service*  
Member, Leadership Table, Minneapolis Area Synod, ELCA;  
Member, Hurricane Katrina Relief Task Force;  
Chairperson, Board of Directors, National Lutheran Choir
- 4) *Education*  
B.A., Univ. of Texas; Graduate study, Univ. of St. Thomas
- 5) *Occupation*  
Risk Management/Compliance Officer; Wells Fargo  
Equipment Finance Inc.
- 6) *Community service*  
Former Bd., Lowry Hill Residents Assn. in Minneapolis;  
Former Bd. Co-Chair, Civic Orchestra;  
Member, Compline Choir of Minnesota, 1993-2005
- 7) *Year of birth* 1957
- 8) *Primary language* English

*Describe why you wish to be elected as a member of the Church Council:*

I believe the ELCA will face tremendous challenges in the future. In particular, the growing conservatism and reliance on more literal interpretations of Scriptures from evangelical Christian groups are aspects of a changing spirituality that present unique challenges. In addition, the world around us continues to exhibit a growing apathy toward the Church and may even harbor suspicions that the Church is becoming increasingly irrelevant in the 21st century. These challenges present greater opportunities for the ELCA. Our church's challenge is to engage both ends of the religious spectrum. Our call to discipleship compels us to proclaim to the World our unique Lutheran perspective - one that is grace-filled, centered on Word and Sacrament, and grounded in the confessions and teachings of our Lutheran heritage.

*Are there particular perspectives that you would contribute as a Church Council Member?*

During my lifelong membership in the Lutheran Church, I have had the privilege of residing within three different synods of the ELCA. I have been involved in three synods (Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, Northwest Washington Synod, and Minneapolis Area Synod). Because "being Lutheran" feels so very different in each of these synods, I believe I can bring a heightened awareness to issues of geographical and cultural diversity within the Church.

*What, in your judgement, is the most important responsibility of the Church Council?*

In my judgement, the most important responsibility of the Church Council is to provide leadership - leadership for a church that is facing declining memberships, stagnant financial resources, and tension from dissatisfied congregations threatening to dissolve their affiliation of the ELCA. The Church Council provides this leadership by offering guidance and direction for the various programs and ministries of the ELCA, paying close attention to Scripture, heavy reliance upon the Spirit, and careful listening to the cares and concerns of those who occupy the pew on a weekly basis.

EAST-CENTRAL SYNOD OF WISCONSIN (5I) CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINEES: LAY MALE

Mr. John R. Emery

- 1) *Congregational membership*  
Ascension, Fond du Lac, Wis.
- 2) *Experience relevant to this position*  
Service on numerous church/community boards and committees;  
Extensive involvement in congregational, synodical, & churchwide expressions;  
Legal training and professional background
- 3) *Church-related service*  
Synod Council 1989-1995, 2005; Vice Pres. 2005;  
Congregation Council member and officer 1990-1994;  
Churchwide Assembly voting member 1999, 2005, 2007
- 4) *Education*  
B.S., University of Wisconsin; J.D., University of Wisconsin
- 5) *Occupation*  
Arbitrator/Mediator/Hearing Examiner; Wisconsin Employment Relations Comm.
- 6) *Community service*  
Relay for Life Team Captain;  
Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors;  
Boy Scout Leader
- 7) *Year of birth* 1956
- 8) *Primary language* English

*Describe why you wish to be elected as a member of the Church Council:*

I have derived satisfaction from opportunities to serve on congregational and synodical councils, in part because I believe such service is consistent with my gifts. I also enjoy seeing and being a part of the work of the larger church. It is an honor to be nominated for this position and, if elected, I would be glad to serve.

*Are there particular perspectives that you would contribute as a Church Council Member?*

I believe my legal background and experience give me a familiarity with legislative and corporate structures, and my previous church activities give me an understanding of church polity, as well. I am also a graduate of East-Central Synod of Wisconsin's Lay School of Ministry which enables me to bring a greater biblical and spiritual perspective to what I do than might otherwise be the case.

*What, in your judgement, is the most important responsibility of the Church Council?*

Inasmuch as the Churchwide Assembly convenes only once every two years, the key responsibility of the Church Council is to exercise its interim legislative authority between assemblies. This maintains continuity and provides necessary guidance and support to the church officers and ongoing ministries. The makeup of the Church Council also assures input from a wide and diverse perspective and gives voice to the wisdom of the broader church.

Mr. Roman J. Rommelfanger

- 1) *Congregational membership*  
First, Manitowoc, Wis.
- 2) *Experience relevant to this position*  
My service at the congregational and synodical level;  
Attendance at Region 5 consultations on five occasions;  
Service on other boards and committees
- 3) *Church-related service*  
Pres., Congregation Council & many boards, committees, activities;  
Synod Council 1996-2002;  
Synod Secretary 2002-present
- 4) *Education*  
B.S., University of Wisconsin; Graduate Work, University of Wisconsin;  
Accounting, Lakeshore Technical College
- 5) *Occupation*  
Retired; Holiday House of Manitowoc
- 6) *Community service*  
Continue to do volunteer community support;  
Member, board of directors and president, CY Historical Society;  
Volunteer, United Way
- 7) *Year of birth* 1944
- 8) *Primary language* English

*Describe why you wish to be elected as a member of the Church Council:*

My life has been and is about service to God and his people. My parents were always active in the church and I was raised to serve. I have served the church at all levels and believe I could make contributions to the greater church by serving on the council. I believe that issues to be addressed by the Church Council and the presiding bishop will determine the future direction for this church. I would like to be part of those discussions.

*Are there particular perspectives that you would contribute as a Church Council Member?*

My life has followed a varied path, providing me with experience and insight. The Lord has placed me in situations and activities, causing me to grow, whether I liked it at the time or not. I believe I would bring a perspective of hope because I truly believe there are good things ahead for the Lord's Church and people.

*What, in your judgement, is the most important responsibility of the Church Council?*

I think I have a slight idea of the magnitude of the issues facing this church. I believe the most important issue facing the Church Council and the presiding bishop is to continue to find ways to "agree to disagree" and still get along. I hope that our words and our actions as individuals and as a church body will proclaim the Good News that Christ is alive among us and reaches out to save all those who believe.

# Program Committee for Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission

## Terms Expiring:

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### Individuals Completing Terms:

#### Clergy

Pr. Melanie Martin-Dent, Missoula, Mont. 1F [2007]

Pr. Peter Y. Wang, Naperville, Ill. 5A [2007]

#### Lay Female

Ms. Luz E. Rubert-Lopez, Trumbull, Conn. 7B [2007]

#### Lay Female (PC/L)

Ms. Gail A. Starr, Durham, N.C. 9B [2007]

#### Lay Male

Mr. Lance W. Webster, Wayne, Neb. 4A [2007]

### Synod Assembly Nominations:

#### Clergy (Female)

Pacifica Synod (2C)

#### Lay Female

Virginia Synod (9A)

#### Lay Male

Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod (4C)

### At-Large Nominations:

Clergy (P/CL) (1)

Lay Female (P/CL) (1)

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## Continuing Members:

#### Clergy

Pr. Matthew Bode, Detroit, Mich. 6A [2011]

Pr. Pamela R. Fickenscher, Minneapolis, Minn. 3G [2009]

Pr. Sarah M. Lee-Faulkner, Grafton, W.Va. 8H [2009]

Pr. Angela L. Shannon, Ft. Wayne, Ind. 6C [2011]

#### Lay Female

Ms. Marilyn Liden Bode, Kingston, Wash. 1B [2011]

Ms. Marilyn Miller, Milwaukee, Wis. 5J [2009]

Ms. Leesa Wimmer, Quakertown, Pa. 7F [2011]

#### Lay Male

Mr. Fuad B. Nijim, Santa Clara, Calif. 2A [2011]

Mr. Francis Ramos-Scharron, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico 9F [2009]

Mr. Rob M. Stuberg, Helena, Mont. 1F [2009]

## Program Committee for Global Mission

### Terms Expiring:

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#### Individuals Completing Terms:

##### Clergy

Pr. Virginia Anderson-Larson, Lost Nation, Iowa 5D [2007]

Pr. Stephen M. Youngdahl, Austin, Texas 4E [2007]

##### Lay Female

Ms. Nancy Bader, Cicero, N.Y. 7D [2007]

Ms. Emily Rapp, Cheyenne, Wyo. 2E [2007]

##### Lay Male

Mr. James L. Hansen, Hurricane, W.Va. 8H [2007]

Mr. Carmelo Santos, Chicago, Ill. 9F [2007]

Vacancy

#### Synod Assembly Nominations:

##### Clergy (Female)

Lower Susquehanna Synod (8D)

##### Lay Male

Northwestern Minnesota Synod (3D)

Southern Ohio Synod (6F)

#### At-Large Nominations:

##### Clergy (1)

##### Lay Female (1)

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### Continuing Members:<sup>†</sup>

##### Clergy

Pr. Shauna K. Hannan, Princeton, N.J. 3D [2009]

Pr. Michelle L. Olson, Wausa, Neb. 4A [2011]

Pr. Arthur C. Repp, Carbondale, Ill. 5C [2011]

Pr. Frederick Strickert, Waverly, Iowa 5F [2009]

Pr. Mari L. Thorkelson, Lodi, Calif. 2A [2009]

##### Lay Female

Ms. Sharon Magelssen, Mason City, Iowa 5F [2011]

Ms. Brooke Petersen, Chicago, Ill. 6B [2009]

Ms. Cari L. Skogberg, Sioux Falls, S.D. 3C [2009]

##### Lay Female (PC/L)

Ms. Sarah Geddada, Floral Park, N.Y. 7C [2011]

##### Lay Male

Mr. Kamy Moghbeli, Baldwin, N.Y. 7C [2009]

Mr. Vincent Peters, New Brighton, Minn. 3G [2009]

##### Lay Male (PC/L)

Mr. John A. Henderson, Baltimore, Md. 8F [2011]

<sup>†</sup>Note: To implement the revisions in governance approved by the 2005 Churchwide Assembly, the program committee for this unit shall have a total of 17 members during the 2007-2008 biennium, and 15 members from 2009 onward (19.04.A05.).

## Program Committee for Vocation and Education

### Terms Expiring:

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#### Individuals Completing Terms:

##### Clergy

Pr. Marcia Cox, Washington, D.C. 8G [2007]

Pr. Russell C. Kleckley, Minneapolis, Minn. 9C [2007]

##### Lay Female

Ms. Alcyone M. Scott, Fremont, Neb. 4A [2007]

##### Lay Male

Vacancy

##### Lay Male (PC/L)

Mr. Osamu Matsutani, Anchorage, Alaska 1A [2007]

#### Synod Assembly Nominations:

##### Clergy

Southwestern Washington Synod (1C)

##### Lay Female

South-Central Synod of Wisconsin (5K)

##### Lay Male (PC/L)

Southeastern Synod (9D)

#### At-Large Nominations:

Clergy (1)

Lay Male (1)

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### Continuing Members:

##### Clergy

Pr. John F. Hoffmeyer, Philadelphia, Pa. 7B [2009]

Pr. Kathryn A. Kleinhans, Waverly, Iowa 5F [2011]

Pr. Gerald A. Spice, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich. 6A [2011]

##### Clergy (PC/L)

Pr. Nelson T. Strobert, Gettysburg, Pa. 8E [2009]

##### Lay Female

Ms. Kathryn L. Johnson, Louisville, Ky. 6C [2009]

Ms. Susan M. Stover, Hildreth, Neb. 4A [2011]

Ms. Carolyn Wright, Fargo, N.D. 3B [2009]

##### Lay Male

Mr. Jordan Krey, Quincy, Mass. 7F [2009]

Mr. Paul J. Rasmussen, Sioux Falls, S.D. 3C [2011]

Mr. Kai S. Swanson, Rock Island, Ill. 5B [2011]

## Program Committee for Church in Society

### Terms Expiring:

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#### Individuals Completing Terms:

##### Clergy

Pr. James M. Brandt, Kansas City, Mo. 4B [2007]

Pr. Rosa M. Key, Philadelphia, Pa. 7F [2007]

Pr. Andrea L. Walker, Summit, N.J. 7A [2007]

##### Lay Female

Ms. Kristin Anderson-Ostrom, Fremont, Neb. 4A [2007]

Ms. Crystal Oxner Klein, Medina, Ohio 6E [2007]

Ms. Zulema E. Suarez, Jersey City, N.J. 7A [2007]

##### Lay Male

Mr. Christopher E. Cook, Norfolk, Va. 9A [2007]

#### Synod Assembly Nominations:

##### Clergy

Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod (4F)

##### Lay Female

Southeastern Minnesota Synod (3I)

Slovak Zion Synod (7G)

#### At-Large Nominations:

##### Clergy (1)

##### Lay Male (1)

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### Continuing Members:<sup>†</sup>

##### Clergy

Pr. Ellen J. Arthur, Valley City, N.D. 3B [2009]

Pr. Paul D. Ostrem, Muscatine, Iowa 5D [2011]

Pr. Alexander "Alex" F. Schmidt, Leavenworth, Wash. 1D [2009]

Pr. Roger A. Thompson, Phoenix, Ariz. 2D [2009]

##### Lay Female

Ms. Joyce Schoulte, Farmersburg, Iowa 5F [2011]

Ms. Kaanaeli Makundi, Chicago, Ill. 5A [2009]

##### Lay Female (PC/L)

Ms. Katy S. Abdallah, Hammond, Ind. 6C [2009]

##### Lay Male

Mr. Jadon Berry, Bellingham, Wash. 1B [2011]

Mr. Kent Burgess, Billings, Mont. 1F [2011]

Mr. Daniel Namarra, Brooklyn Park, Minn. 3G [2011]

Mr. Michael D. Swenson, Nome, Alaska 1A [2009]

##### Lay Male (PC/L)

Mr. Y. T. Chiu Jr., Canfield, Ohio 6E [2009]

<sup>†</sup>Note: To implement the revisions in governance approved by the 2005 Churchwide Assembly, the program committee for this unit shall have a total of 17 members during the 2007-2008 biennium, and 15 members from 2009 onward (19.04.A05.).

# Program Committee for Multicultural Ministries

## Terms Expiring:

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### Individuals Completing Terms:

#### Clergy (PC/L)

- \* Pr. James K. Echols, Chicago, Ill. 4F [2007]
- \* Pr. Wi Jo Kang, Colorado Springs, Colo. 2E [2007]

#### Lay Female (PC/L)

- \* Ms. Grace G. El-Yateem, Brooklyn, N.Y. 7C [2007]
- \* Ms. Alyce A. Walluk, Anchorage, Alaska 1A [2007]

#### Youth

Vacancy

### Ethnic Association Nominations:

#### Clergy (PC/L)

Association of Lutherans of Arab and Middle Eastern Heritage  
American Indian and Alaska Native Lutheran Association in  
the ELCA

#### Lay Female (PC/L)

African American Lutheran Association in the ELCA  
Association of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the ELCA

#### Youth

Multicultural Advisory Committee of the Lutheran Youth  
Organization

### At-Large Nominations:

Caucasian (0)

Multiracial (0)

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## Continuing Members:<sup>†</sup>

#### Clergy

Pr. Larry J. Jorgenson, Anchorage, Alaska 1A [2011]

#### Clergy (PC/L)

Pr. Khader N. El-Yateem, Brooklyn, N.Y. 7C [2009]  
Pr. Ramona Soto Rank, Portland, Ore. 1E [2009]  
Pr. Rosemary Sanchez-Guzman, El Paso, Texas 2E [2011]

#### Lay Female (PC/L)

Ms. Karris Golden, Waterloo, Iowa 5F [2011]  
Ms. Patricia M. Robinson, Philadelphia, Pa. 7F [2011]

#### Lay Male

Mr. Stephen A. Berg, West Bend, Wis. 5J [2009]

#### Lay Male (PC/L)

Mr. Aureo F. Andino, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico 9F [2009]  
Mr. Anthony M. Bateza, Ames, Iowa 5D [2009]  
Mr. Alfred V. Sagar, Jackson, Miss. 9D [2011]

<sup>†</sup>Note: To implement the revisions in governance approved by the 2005 Churchwide Assembly, the program committee for this unit shall have nominees provided by ELCA ethnic associations in addition to at-large nominations provided by the Nominating Committee (19.51.A06.). The Multicultural Advisory Committee of the Lutheran Youth Organization elects one member to a three-year term (19.51.02.).

\* = Incumbent eligible for reelection

# Board of the Publishing House of the ELCA

## Terms Expiring:

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### Clergy

Pr. Kirk W. Bish, Pittsburgh, Pa. 8B [2007]  
Pr. Ray D. Christenson, Henderson, Nev. 2D [2007]  
Pr. Margaret A. Krych, Springfield, Pa. 7F [2007]

### Lay Female

Ms. Annette Citzler, La Grange, Texas 4F [2007]  
Ms. Kimberly K. Folkers, Waverly, Iowa 5F [2007]

### Lay Male

Mr. Jack "Art" A. Blum, Kennewick, Wash. 1D [2007]  
Mr. Fred J. Korge, Houston, Texas 4F [2007]

## At-Large Nominations:

### Clergy (2)

### Lay Female (2)

### Lay Male (1)

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## Continuing Members:<sup>†</sup>

### Clergy

Pr. Lee M. Miller, East Syracuse, N.Y. 7D [2009]  
Pr. Jan A. Ruud, Tacoma, Wash. 1C [2011]  
Pr. Marty E. Stevens, Gettysburg, Pa. 8C [2011]

### Clergy (PC/L)

Pr. Kwanza Yu, Edina, Minn. 3G [2009]

### Lay Female

Ms. Debra M. Jacobs Buttaggi, Sarasota, Fla. 9E [2009]  
Ms. Martha E. Stortz, Berkeley, Calif. 2A [2011]  
Ms. Janet Thompson, Eagan, Minn. 3H [2011]

### Lay Female (PC/L)

Ms. Linda Chinnia, Baltimore, Md. 8F [2009]

### Lay Male

Mr. Michael D. Bash, Long Lake, Minn. 3G [2009]  
Mr. Paul Carlson, Lincoln, Neb. 4A [2009]  
Mr. Richard L. McAuliffe, Glen Ellyn, Ill. 5A [2009]  
Mr. Steven E. Titus, Fremont, Neb. 4A [2011]

<sup>†</sup>Note: To implement the revisions in governance approved by the 2005 Churchwide Assembly, the board for this unit shall have a total of 17 members during the 2007-2008 biennium, and 15 members from 2009 onward (19.04.A05.).

## Board of Trustees of the ELCA Board of Pensions

### Terms Expiring:

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#### Plan Participants

Vacancy

#### Lay Female

Ms. Mary S. Ranum, Circle Pines, Minn. 3H [2007]

#### Lay Female (PC/L)

Ms. Yvonne Wells, St. John, Virgin Islands 9F [2007]

#### Lay Male

Mr. T. Van Matthews, Simpsonville, S.C. 9C [2007]

Mr. Kenneth G. Mertz II, Lititz, Pa. 8D [2007]

Mr. Harry C. Mueller, St. Louis, Mo. 4B [2007]

Mr. Joseph A. Swanson, Racine, Wis. 5J [2007]

#### At-Large Nominations:

Plan Participants (2)

Lay Female (1)

Lay Male (2)

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### Continuing Members:<sup>†</sup>

#### Plan Participants

Ms. Louise P. Evenson, Alamo, Calif. 2A [2009]

Pr. Jon R. Lee, Dallas, Texas 4D [2009]

Pr. Kathleen O. Reed, Natick, Mass. 7B [2009]

#### Lay Female

Ms. Ivy S. Bernhardson, Bloomington, Minn. 3G [2011]

Ms. Charlotte E. Carlson, Northfield, Minn. 3I [2009]

Ms. Mary K. Gobber, Lincoln, Neb. 4A [2011]

Ms. Lois A. O'Rourke, Madison, Wis. 5K [2011]

#### Lay Male

Mr. Emried D. Cole Jr., Gettysburg, Pa. 8F [2009]

Mr. Warren R. Luckner, Lincoln, Neb. 4A [2009]

Mr. James R. Penner, Helena, Mont. 1F [2009]

Mr. David D. Swartling, Bainbridge Island, Wash. 1B [2011]

Mr. James D. Swinford, Indianapolis, Ind. 6C [2011]

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## Board of Trustees of the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA

### Terms Expiring:

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**Lay Female**

Ms. Lisa K. Stump, Clive, Iowa 5D [2007]

**Lay Male**

Mr. Robert C. Gorsuch, Fitchburg, Wis. 5K [2007]

Mr. Willis "Bill" O. Serr II, Centerville, Ohio 6F [2007]

**Lay Female**

Vacancy

### At-Large Nominations:

**Lay Female (1)**

**Lay Male (2)**

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### Continuing Members:<sup>†</sup>

**Clergy**

Pr. David W. Hanson, Wheaton, Ill. 5A [2009]

Pr. Abraham Cheng Shin Lu, Elmhurst, N.Y. 7C [2011]

Pr. Maria D. Valenzuela, Litchfield Park, Ariz. 2D [2009]

**Lay Female**

Ms. Janet H. Neff, Royersford, Pa. 7F [2011]

**Lay Female (PC/L)**

Ms. Josefina Nieves-Lebron, Bayamon, Puerto Rico 9F [2011]

**Lay Male (PC/L)**

Mr. Victor M. Guzman, Charlotte, N.C. 9B [2009]

<sup>†</sup>Note: Revised membership of this board requires nine members (churchwide bylaw 17.51.01.).

# Churchwide Nominating Committee

## Terms Expiring:

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### Clergy

Pr. Darrel O. Lundby, Chelan, Wash. 1E [2007]  
Pr. Catherine A. Ziel, Wescosville, Pa. 7E [2007]

### Lay Female

Ms. Bonnie J. Earp, Fairmont, W.Va. 8H [2007]  
Ms. Beverly A. Peterson, Billings, Mont. 1F [2007]

### Lay Male

Mr. Christopher J. Mehling, Covington, Ky. 6C [2007]

### Lay Male (PC/L)

Mr. Edward Wang, Missouri City, Texas 4F [2007]

## At-Large Nominations:

### Clergy (2)

### Lay Female (2)

### Lay Male (1)

### Lay Male (PC/L) (1)

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## Continuing Members:

### Clergy

Pr. Daniel B. Bollman, Denver, Colo. 2E [2009]  
Pr. Kathryn "Kathy" J. Gerking, Iowa City, Iowa 5D [2011]  
Pr. Thomas E. McKee, Harrisburg, Pa. 8D [2011]  
Pr. Raymond A. Miller, Quakertown, Pa. 7F [2009]  
Pr. Martin J. Russell, Omaha, Neb. 4A [2009]

### Lay Female

Ms. Judith M. Bailey, Ocean City, N.J. 7A [2011]  
Ms. Rita J. Dudley, Manchester, Iowa 5F [2009]  
Ms. Virginia K. Frantz, Lewisburg, Pa. 8E [2009]  
Ms. Jeannine G. Grimm, Bowling Green, Ohio 6D [2011]

### Lay Male

Mr. David H. Black, Concord, N.C. 9B [2009]  
Mr. Larry D. Iverson, Rochester, Minn. 3I [2011]  
Mr. Daniel F. Wilson, Miami, Fla. 9E [2011]

# Churchwide Committee on Discipline

## Terms Expiring:

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### Clergy

Pr. David J. Ernat, Boise, Idaho 1D [2007]  
Pr. Robert H. Herder, Appleton, Wis. 5I [2007]  
Pr. David C. Wold, Tacoma, Wash. 1C [2007]  
Pr. Donna Wright, Omaha, Neb. 4A [2007]

### Clergy (PC/L)

Pr. Carmelo Nieves Canino, Catano, Puerto Rico 9F [2007]

### Lay Female

Ms. Margaret A. Mikkelson, Rochester, Minn. 3I [2007]  
Ms. Patricia E. Swanson, Hallock, Minn. 3D [2007]  
Ms. Nancy F. Young, Madison, Wis. 5K [2007]

### Lay Female (PC/L)

Ms. Ruth H. Beagles, St. Croix, Virgin Islands 9F [2007]

### Lay Male

Mr. Chip Borgstadt, Omaha, Neb. 4A [2007]  
Mr. Neil E. Johnson, Osakis, Minn. 3D [2007]

### Lay Male (PC/L)

Mr. Joseph R. Malone, Cleveland Hts., Ohio 6E [2007]

## At-Large Nominations:

Clergy (4)

Clergy (PC/L) (1)

Lay Female (3)

Lay Female (PC/L) (1)

Lay Male (2)

Lay Male (PC/L) (1)

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## Continuing Members:

### Clergy

Pr. L. Paul Bartling, Seattle, Wash. 1B [2011]  
Pr. Jean Bozeman, Norfolk, Va. 9A [2011]  
Pr. Janet M. Corpus, Philadelphia, Pa. 7F [2011]  
Pr. Jon S. Enslin, Madison, Wis. 5K [2009]  
Pr. Kirk J. Havel, Midland, Mich. 6B [2011]  
Pr. Arlen D. Hermodson, Moorhead, Minn. 3D [2011]  
Pr. David E. Klepper Jr., Mount Joy, Pa. 8D [2011]  
Pr. Judith A. McKee, Harrisburg, Pa. 8D [2011]  
Pr. Niels H. Nielsen, Dingmans Ferry, Pa. 7E [2011]  
Pr. Fred S. Opalinski, Reading, Pa. 7E [2009]  
Pr. Guy H. Shealy, Rock Hill, S.C. 9C [2009]  
Pr. Lee H. Wesley, Maplewood, N.J. 7C [2011]

### Lay Female

Ms. Amy E. Hackler, Olathe, Kan. 4B [2011]  
Ms. Kathryn J. Nelson, University Place, Wash. 1C [2009]  
Ms. Janice Krempin Wahl, Worthington, Ohio 6F [2011]  
Ms. Sally Young, Waterloo, Iowa 5F [2009]

### Lay Female

Ms. Yolanda A. Tanner, Baltimore, Md. 8F [2011]

### Lay Male

Mr. Gregory G. Foote, Eugene, Ore. 1E [2011]  
Mr. George E. Friedline, New Martinsville, W.Va. 8H [2009]  
Mr. Benjamin E. Landon, South Williamsport, Pa. 8E [2011]  
Mr. Thomas R. Olson, Fargo, N.D. 3B [2011]  
Mr. Brian D. Rude, Coon Valley, Wis. 5L [2009]  
Mr. Rod Schofield, Buena Vista, Colo. 2E [2011]  
Vacancy [2009]

# Churchwide Committee on Appeals

## Terms Expiring:

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### Clergy

Pr. Guy S. Edmiston, Camp Hill, Pa. 8D [2007]

Vacancy

### Lay Female

Ms. Carol L. Weiser, Bethlehem, Pa. 7E [2007]

### Lay Male

Mr. Roger C. Malm, Hallock, Minn. 3D [2007]

## At-Large Nominations:

Clergy (2)

Lay Female (1)

Lay Male (1)

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## Continuing Members:

### Clergy

Pr. Daryl S. Everett, Columbia, S.C. 9C [2009]

Pr. Glenn W. Nycklemoe, Rochester, Minn. 3I [2009]

Pr. David G. Gabel, Traverse City, Mich. 6B [2011]

Pr. Margaret E. Herz-Lane, Camden, N.J. 7A [2011]

### Lay Female

Ms. Heidi E. Schultz, Alexandria, Minn. 3D [2009]

Ms. Deborah S. Yandala, Westlake, Ohio 6E [2011]

### Lay Male

Mr. Charles F. Ruthroff, Oakland, Calif. 2A [2009]

### Lay Male (PC/L)

Mr. Athornia "Thornie" Steele, Columbus, Ohio 6F [2011]



# Nomination Form ❖ General Use

## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

### TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE *(Please, type or print legibly):*

Nominee for: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Specify which Committee or Board*

1. Name:  Ms.  Mr.  Pr. \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please provide full, legal name*

2. Residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address City State ZIP Code*

3. Preferred Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address City State ZIP Code*

4. Telephone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

5. E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Congregation Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ Synod: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Congregation*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Street Address City State ZIP Code*

7. If rostered, by which synod: \_\_\_\_\_  
Which Roster:  Clergy  Associate in Ministry  Deaconess  Diaconal Minister

8. Indicate experiences or factors (*up to three*) that you believe have prepared you for service on this board or committee:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

9. List three current or past congregational, synodical, or churchwide service activities (*up to three*) related to this position:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

10. Educational Institution (*please, limit to three*): \_\_\_\_\_ Degree (if applicable) Field of Study

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

11. Employer (*current or most recent*): \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name City State*

12. Position/Title (*if applicable*): \_\_\_\_\_

13. List current or past community-related service activities (*up to three*):

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: IN ORDER TO SATISFY ELCA CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS ON NOMINATIONS  
THE FOLLOWING SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED.  
FAILURE TO DO SO WILL PRECLUDE CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATION.**

A. Gender: _____	B. Year of Birth: _____	C. Primary Language: _____	
D. Other languages you speak: _____			
E. Ethnic/Racial Group ( <i>check one</i> ):	<input type="radio"/> African American and Black	<input type="radio"/> Alaska Native and American Indian	<input type="radio"/> Arab and Middle Eastern
	<input type="radio"/> Asian and Pacific Islander	<input type="radio"/> Latino	<input type="radio"/> Multiracial
	<input type="radio"/> White	<input type="radio"/> Other _____	
F. Are you: <input type="radio"/> Lay <input type="radio"/> Clergy	G. Are you willing to serve, if elected? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
H. Are you related to a ELCA churchwide staff member? _____		If yes, by what relationship: _____	
		<i>If yes, print name here.</i>	
I. If you are a nominee for the Board of Pensions, are you a member or potential recipient of benefits in any form of the pension plan? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			

14. Why do you believe you would serve well as a member of this board or committee?

15. Are there particular perspectives that you would contribute as a member of this board or committee?

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**NOMINATOR INFORMATION:**

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Weekend Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_