REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
SLATE OF NOMINEES

CLASS OF 2023 SYNOD COUNCIL – ORDAINED MINISTER
Vote for no more than 2
(*indicates 2020 SC election to vacated seat)
The Rev. Hans E. Becklin
The Rev. Molly K. Haggerty*
The Rev. Brian A. McClinton*
The Rev. Kevin W. O’Bryan

CLASS OF 2023 SYNOD COUNCIL – LAY WOMAN
Vote for no more than 2
(*indicates 2020 SC election to vacated seat)
Jennifer R. Lau
Linda J. Long
Stacy L. Schroeder*

CLASS OF 2023 SYNOD COUNCIL – LAY MAN
Vote for no more than 1
(*indicates 2020 SC election to vacated seat)
James F. Druckenbrod*
Randy D. Tyson

CLASS OF 2024 SYNOD COUNCIL – ORDAINED MINISTER
Vote for no more than 2
The Rev. Kathleen A. Kuehl
The Rev. James D. Polanzke
Two from Class of 2023

CLASS OF 2024 SYNOD COUNCIL – LAY WOMAN
Vote for no more than 2
Kay A. Hinkle (I)
Barbara G. Miller
Two from Class of 2023

CLASS OF 2024 SYNOD COUNCIL – LAY MAN
Vote for no more than 1
Zachary J. Weiss (I)
One from Class of 2023

CLASS OF 2024 SYNOD COUNCIL – YOUTH
Vote for no more than 1
Laura A. Willoughby

CONSULTATION COMMITTEE – PASTOR
Vote for no more than 3
(*indicates appointed to vacated seat)
The Rev. Karen E. Larson*
The Rev. Miriam L. Nicholson
The Rev. Eric L. Petty
The Rev. Michael L. Reist
The Rev. Timothy J. Seitz-Brown
The Rev. Kevin C. Stout
The Rev. Gwenn Louise Trout
CONSULTATION COMMITTEE – LAYPERSON

Vote for no more than 2
Virgil L. Gibson
Rhada J. Hartmann
Gregory P. John
Evan P. Williams

COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE – PASTOR

Vote for no more than 2
The Rev. Wicky L. Barnes III
The Rev. Martha S. Boyd
The Rev. Stephen R. Herr
The Rev. Jason P. Northridge

COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE – LAYPERSON

Vote for no more than 2
Chuck Bissell
Natalie A. Kratzer
Douglas A. Ockrymiek
Joseph A. Ricci

VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – YOUTH AT LARGE

Vote for no more than 2
Greta Haley
Katarina R. Nienstedt
Alyssa N. Slatky
Laura A. Willoughby

VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – YOUNG ADULT AT LARGE

Vote for no more than 1
Elizabeth P. Eckman
Kayla A. McAllister

VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – ORDAINED PERSON OF COLOR OR OF PRIMARY LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT LARGE

Vote for no more than 1
The Rev. Titus Dormeyan Clarke
The Rev. Carla Christopher Wilson

VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – LAY WOMAN OF COLOR OR OF PRIMARY LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT LARGE

Vote for no more than 1
Byambatserei Adiya
Rabecca Aluel Mach
Leah Q. Wolfinger

VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – LAY MAN OF COLOR OR OF PRIMARY LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT LARGE

Vote for no more than 1
Moses Robson Kavishe
Fred P. Mulbah
Jacob M. Ruei

VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – ORDAINED AT LARGE

Vote for no more than 3
The Rev. Wicky L. Barnes III
The Rev. Jay W. Eckman
The Rev. Molly K. Haggerty
The Rev. Stephen R. Herr
Deacon David Anderson Hope-Tringali

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The Rev. Jennifer A. Hope-Tringali  
Deacon Marsha L. Roscoe  
The Rev. Beth A. Schlegel  
The Rev. Kevin C. Stout  
The Rev. Sean Spencer Titus

VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – LAY WOMAN AT LARGE  
Vote for no more than 1  
Kay A. Hinkle  
Barbara G. Miller

VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – LAY MAN AT LARGE  
Vote for no more than 1  
Chuck Bissell  
Joseph M. Stepansky

POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

THE SYNOD COUNCIL

• Is interim legislative authority between meetings of the Synod Assembly  
• Exercises trustee responsibility  
• Recommends program goals and budget to the assembly  
• Carries out resolutions of the assembly  
• Provides for an annual review of rostered ministers  
• Issues letters of call as authorized  
• Fills vacancies on the council  
• Reports its actions to the assembly annually  
• Determines the salaries of officers and assistants to the bishop and maintains a system of personnel practices for all employees  
• Plans the time, place, agenda, and program of each assembly  
• Confirms appointments by the bishop of this synod  
• Creates and appoints committees, commissions, and other organizations needed to fulfill this synod's functions  
• Provides liaisons to the conferences  
• Elects members to Luthercare; SpiriTrust Lutheran; Lutheran Camping Corporation; Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania, and United Lutheran Seminary  
• Calls assistants to the bishop; appoints functional committees of the council and other committees and task forces of the council

DUTIES OF A SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBER

• Serves on at least one committee of the Synod Council  
• Serves as a liaison to at least one committee or ministry of this synod  
• Serves as a liaison to a conference  
• Receives no compensation for such service  
• Attends called meetings – at least 5 stated meetings annually, special meetings as necessary

Term – 3 years, with 2 consecutive terms allowed for adult and young adult members; Youth seat is one term of 2 years. Terms run from Synod Assembly to Synod Assembly.

CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

The Consultation Committee functions as an extension of the office of the bishop for purposes of adjudication when conflict arises or there is a need for discipline. It functions in two primary ways: 1) as a vehicle of appeal and mediation when there is disagreement among factions within a congregation on a substantive issue that cannot be resolved (+S17.11); and 2) in an advisory capacity to the bishop during the disciplinary process for ministers of Word and Sacrament and Word and Service. This second function is defined in Chapter 20 of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE

The Committee on Discipline functions as an extension of the office of the bishop for purposes of adjudication when conflict arises or there is a need for discipline. The function of the committee is defined in Chapter 20 of *The Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*.

- 12 persons, six pastors and six laypersons, are a standing committee elected by the Synod Assembly.
- For any given disciplinary hearing, six of the 12 members of this committee are elected by the Synod Council’s Executive Committee to serve with six persons, three pastors and three laypersons, who will be appointed from a committee of 36 persons elected by the Churchwide Assembly to serve as needed in any synods of the church by the Executive Committee of the Church Council for the specific case. (ELCA bylaw 20.22.08.)

Meetings - as required.
Term - 6 years, no consecutive terms allowed.

VOTING MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY

- Elected by the Synod Assembly the year before a churchwide assembly
- Elected according to procedures set by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- For each assembly, the bishop and vice president of the synod and voting members as determined by the ELCA, plus alternates, are elected
- The formula for election is set by the synod governing documents, bylaws S6.03.09., S6.03.10., S6.03.11., and continuing resolution S6.03.r.A15.
- Nominations shall include representatives of each conference
- Nominations should include a youth representative (not yet 18 years old at the time of election) and a young adult representative (aged 18 – 30 at the time of election)
- Nominations shall include at least 10% persons of color and/or persons whose primary language is other than English

Voting members elected by this synod must be voting members of a congregation of this synod or on the roster of Ministers of Word and Sacrament or the roster of Ministers of Word and Service of this synod. If voting members are no longer voting members of a congregation of this synod or if they are no longer on one of the rosters of this synod, they cannot serve as voting members from this synod to the Churchwide Assembly.

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

**THE REV. HANS E. BECKLIN**
**NOMINATED FOR POSITION: CLASS OF 2023 SYNOD COUNCIL – ORDAINED MINISTER**

Mailing address:
Phone number: Office 717-627-0048; Cell 717-330-3918
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Congregation: Salem (Kissel Hill), Lititz
Congregation conference: North Lancaster
Current occupation: Pastor
Previous occupation (if relevant):
Year of birth (optional): 1992

Education:
- B.A. summa cum laude – Luther College
- M.Div. – Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Church Service Position:
- Member, ELCA Church Council (2013 – 2019)
- Presiding Bishop's Representative to the Moravian Church (2015 – 2019)
- Member, ELCA Budget and Finance Committee (2013 – 2019)
- Member, ELCA Memorials Committee (2016)
- Voting Member, ELCA Churchwide Assembly (2011, 2013)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Warwick Released Time, Lititz – substitute teacher

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
As a baptized Christian, I bring to this work my call to pray for my fellow leaders and discern alongside them. As a young pastor with a strategic mind and a deep knowledge of church history, I bring a unique perspective to the cultural, societal, and ecclesial crossroads
at which we find ourselves. As a leader with extensive experience in the national church and with our ecumenical partners, I can help our Synod strengthen and learn from these relationships. As a detail-minded thinker, I can serve as a faithful trustee of the Synod and its finances.

THE REV. MOLLY K. HAGGERTY
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: CLASS OF 2023 SYNOD COUNCIL – ORDAINED MINISTER

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Congregation: Big Spring United, Newville and Zion, Newville
Congregation conference: West Cumberland
Current occupation: Pastor and Interim Pastor
Previous occupation (if relevant): Deacon (rostered), Advocate
Year of birth (optional):

Education:
▪ B.S. – University of Minnesota, Moorhead – Elementary Ed/Special Ed
▪ M.A. – Luther Seminary – Children Youth & Family
▪ M.Div. – United Lutheran Seminary (Gettysburg/Philadelphia)

Church Service Position:
▪ Pastor (2 years)
▪ Deacon (11 years + 4 years prior to commission)
▪ Youth & Children Ministry Volunteer (25 years)
▪ ELCA Youth Ministry Network Region 5 Coordinator (3 years)
▪ Lutheran Campus Ministry Board, U of WI-Oshkosh (3 years)

Significant Community Service Position:
▪ Global Mission Synodical Committee – 5A (6 years)
▪ Crossways Camping Ministries, Wisconsin – Program Committee (11 years; volunteered as program leader for family programs for 15 years)
▪ Human Rights Committee – DHS, Washington DC (4 years)

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
Having served on both rosters of the ELCA synodical committees and nationwide ministries, I believe my experiences of church in the world and the Word help see the complexities of our church expressions. The synod calls communities from rural, suburban and urban areas which makes our church dynamic. I have served as a rostered leader and on church staff in all of these areas and believe it helps me seek a deeper understanding of context and unique ministry needs. Having served as a Court Monitor prior to ministry as well as being active on boards, I believe I have an understanding of rules/regulations and the importance to use them as a framework toward justice and community. They must be every changing to our contexts and we must have honest dialogue on the need to keep or change these guiding principles to live into God’s mission in our synod. As a mission developer and redeveloper as well as training in Congregational leadership & Change and Conflict, I believe I have the ability to think outside the norms and use creativity and imagination to find ways to live out our synodical mission and vision to meet traditional and creative new expressions of church.

THE REV. BRIAN A. McCLINTON
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: CLASS OF 2023 SYNOD COUNCIL – ORDAINED MINISTER

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Email:
Congregation: Mt. Zion, York
Congregation conference: North York
Current occupation: Pastor
Previous occupation (if relevant): Lead Clergy; Mt. Zion, York and Christ (Starview), Mount Wolf
Year of birth (optional): 1967

Education:
▪ Lead Pastor Training – United Lutheran Seminary – 2018
▪ M. Div. – LTSG – 1993
▪ B.A. – Gettysburg College (Degrees Psychology / Musical Theatre) – 1989
Incomplete Graduate Studies
Towson University - Masters in Music Education
LTSP - Doctor Ministry program

Church Service Position:
- Discipline Committee (6 years)
- Candidacy Committee (6 years)
- Worship Committee (6 years)
- Prison Ministry Task Force (4 years)

Significant Community Service Position:
- East York Fire Department – chaplain
- SpiriTrust – Community Committee
- Access York (YWCA) Clergy Committee Domestic Violence

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
My leadership style is very pastoral and team oriented, trusting the gifts of all people, being open to not just my ideas, but the ideas of others, realizing that all are called to ministry, regardless of profound agreement and/or disagreement. Being open to the Holy Spirit is crucial in acknowledging what the future holds for the synod and church. I have learned in my 27 years of parish ministry, to not only set goals and profiles, but to remain open, as the Spirit of God moves and flows as it chooses. There are a lot of wonderful ministries that are being done separately and collectively within congregations and the synod. Our society is embroiled in division and I have seen similar actions and behaviors becoming an influence in the life of the church. The challenge that I see is how can the church combat such influence in our working with one another while, at the same time, return to being a beacon for society by loving God and neighbor, transforming society rather than being a byproduct of it (Romans 12:1-2). My hope is being a part of the synod council, we can continue in assisting and moving toward the goal of inclusion and diversity. By working together in the tasks presented to us, we can reach a level that goes beyond the surface in dealing with the realities of the bigotry that is both overtly and covertly hidden within the synod among both lay people and ministers. Together in breaking the racial and LGBTQIA walls that are still standing strong within Central Pennsylvania we would be simply working side by side, with the help of God, in deciding on the daily, monthly and yearly issues within the synod making thus another avenue of truly adhering to God’s message that we are all known by our love.

THE REV. KEVIN W. O’BRYAN
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: CLASS OF 2023 SYNOD COUNCIL – ORDAINED MINISTER

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Congregation: Mannsville, Elliottsburg
Congregation conference: Perry
Current occupation: Pastor
Previous occupation (if relevant):
Year of birth (optional): 1990

Education:
- B.A. – Oakland University – Philosophy
- M.Div. – Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University

Church Service Position:
- Vicar, Zoar Lutheran Church (2 years)
- Associate Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church Latrobe PA (1 year)
- Pastor, Mannsville Lutheran Church (Current – start 12/15/2019)

Significant Community Service Position:

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
As a passionate young adult with training in critical analysis, I am able to bring a new perspective to discussions related to this position. I am also serving within rural Perry County and hope to give voice to some of the passions of those congregations. I have always felt called and am excited by sitting on bodies like Synod Council and hope to not only contribute with these and other strengths, but also to learn this expression of the Church and from my more experienced colleagues.
JENNIFER R. LAU
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: CLASS OF 2023 SYNOD COUNCIL – LAY WOMAN

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Congregation: Zion, York
Congregation conference: York
Previous occupation (if relevant): Director of Child Care Licensing, OCDEL, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania – retired 2013
Year of birth (optional): 1955

Education:
- B.S. – York College of Pennsylvania – Police Science and Corrections

Church Service Position:
- Acting Synod Vice-President (November 2020 – present)
- Synod Council Executive Committee (2018 – present)
- Synod Council Member; Member of Mission Committee, Constitution Committee, LSS Mission Fund Committee and Transforming Ministry Team (2017 – present)
- R3 Renewal Coach, Rounds 1 and 2 (2017 – present)
- Zion York Church Council; served as Council President for four years (2005-2010 and 2012-2017)

Significant Community Service Position:

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position: I feel God is calling me to deeper involvement in the life of all expressions of the church – congregation, synod and churchwide. I am committed to the priorities of our synod – equipping leaders, encouraging cooperation and engaging in new mission - and am involved in efforts to meet those priorities. I am passionate about renewal in our church on many levels and serve as a coach guiding congregations through the R3 journey. My experience working with other congregations across our synod has provided me with opportunities to learn about the ministries and joys as well as the concerns and challenges that are part of being the church. Three years of service as a member of Synod Council has broadened my understanding of issues facing our synod and I want to continue to be of service on Synod Council. Serving for 12 years on congregational council, including four years as president, allowed me to deepen my understanding of issues faced in each of our congregations. Through my career, I developed skills in administration, public speaking, team building, visioning, policy and program development, working across organizations and communications. With the help of God, I hope to put my love of Christ, talents and experience to use by continuing to serve as a member of Synod Council.

LINDA J. LONG
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: CLASS OF 2023 SYNOD COUNCIL – LAY WOMAN

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Congregation: Immanuel, Williamstown
Congregation conference: Upper Dauphin
Current occupation: Retired
Previous occupation (if relevant):
Year of birth (optional): 1948

Education:
- B.S. – Education
- Currently working on a Certificate of Evangelism from Stevenson School for Ministry

Church Service Position:
- Sunday School Teacher and VBS Director (23 years)
- President, Church Council (2 4-year terms)
- Upper Dauphin Conference & Synod Assembly Representative (18 years)
- Churchwide Assembly Delegate (New Orleans 2016)
- Member, Synod Council (Oct. 2017 – Sep. 2018)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Gate Ministry Twin Valley Alliance Church Williamstown – teacher (no longer active since Covid-19)
- Vikings Backpack Program – volunteer
- Neighbor's United Café – volunteer
Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:

Through all my experiences at the various levels of Christ's Church I have developed a "rule of life", Proverbs 3:5-6, "5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." I refer to this rule often especially in decision making and choosing what actions are needed. As I did when asked to serve on Synod Council once again; I agreed, with the help of God. I am looking forward to participating in the development of God's Church in these changing times.

STACY L. SCHROEDER
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: CLASS OF 2023 SYNOD COUNCIL – LAY WOMAN

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Congregation: St. Stephen, New Kingstown
Congregation conference: West Shore
Current occupation: Writer and community leader
Previous occupation (if relevant): Nonprofit executive
Year of birth (optional): 1970

Education:
- B.A. with honors – Pennsylvania State University – English with writing emphasis

Church Service Position:
- Director of Camp Nawakwa (1994 – 1997)
- Mag editor/designer/writer/photog, St Stephen, New Kingstown (2018 – present)
- Member/blog coordinator, Toward Racial Justice Task Force, LSS (2019 – present)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Ta-ri (www.ta-ri.org) – exec. dir. local org. (2005 – present)
- Emmaus Village (building tiny homes for those experiencing homelessness) – board, local org. (2019 – present)

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:

Thanks for this opportunity! I am a lifelong Lutheran with deep roots in central PA, a dreamer who cares passionately about people. I've been involved with nonprofits my entire adult life, often in the formation or revitalization of them. One thing I love is to understand a system and its purpose, then brainstorm and get involved with improving how others are served through it. I'm still learning, still growing, and I thank God for that. Currently, I'm part of a discipleship huddle and chair of my congregation's R3 team. I am also writing a book on women, faith, and leadership.

JAMES F. DRUCKENBROD
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: CLASS OF 2023 SYNOD COUNCIL – LAY MAN

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Congregation: Trinity, Chambersburg
Congregation conference: Chambersburg
Current occupation: Retired
Previous occupation (if relevant): Medical Doctor-Family Practice/Psychiatry
Year of birth (optional): 1945

Education:
- University of Notre Dame – Sociology
- St. Louis University School of Medicine – Medical degree

Church Service Position:
- Trinity Lutheran Church Council (circa 2012-2018)
- Synod Global Mission Committee (circa 2011-2016)
- SpiritTrust Lutheran Board Member (circa 2008-2014)

Significant Community Service Position:
Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
I would bring a willingness to discern and follow God’s will, for myself and for God’s Church. I have a background in medicine, psychiatry, and a love of theological and biblical learning. I have retired from 10 years of short-term medical mission trips to Haiti. With God’s grace and help, I would bring an openness to change, to be flexible both for myself and for our Church in and beyond this unusual experience of COVID 19.

RANDY D. TYSON
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: CLASS OF 2023 SYNOD COUNCIL – LAY MAN

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Congregation: Saint James the Apostle Evangelical Lutheran Church, Brogue
Congregation conference: South York
Current occupation: HR Consultant
Previous occupation (if relevant):
Year of birth (optional): 1961

Education:
▪ MBA – University of Maryland, Global Campus

Church Service Position:
▪ Church Council (Jan 2020 – Present)

Significant Community Service Position:
▪ Trained Stephens Minister
▪ Big Brother/Big Sister Mentor
▪ Cherie Blair Foundation for Women Mentor

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
I am a senior business professional with strong leadership, digital media, and communications skills that has decades of experience helping and supporting others -- from urban-at-risk boys to women entrepreneurs on other continents. I am continually seeking ways to give back to the community and serve my neighbor in new ways. I have been a digital media subject matter expert in the HR and benefits field for decades and see a need for a revolution in our church tradition for more and effective online capabilities. Our neighbor is and will become an increasingly digital native and the church must continue to find ways to serve and support this community. My experience and insights can help drive necessary changes. Likewise, and related, I am an excellent communicator at all levels. I make the complex understandable. I work across the communication equation to ensure the receiver and the sender are aligned and key messages are getting through. I remove barriers that hinder effective communication. I ensure that all stakeholders have a voice. I'm eager to help the Lower Susquehanna Synod continue to move forward with our mission in ways that are yet to be explored.

THE REV. KATHLEEN A. KUEHL
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: CLASS OF 2024 SYNOD COUNCIL – ORDAINED MINISTER

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Congregation: St. Paul (Lebanon), Felton
Congregation conference: South York
Current occupation: Pastor of ULM (St. James, Brogue, and St. Paul (Lebanon), Felton)
Previous occupation (if relevant): Music teacher
Year of birth (optional): 1951

Education:
▪ B.S. – Gettysburg College – Music Ed
▪ MDiv – LTSG

Church Service Position:
▪ Allegheny Synod Small Town/ Rural Ministry Committee (10+ years)
▪ Allegheny Synod Council (6 years)
▪ Dean of Northern Somerset Conference (4 years)
▪ Dean of Northern Dauphin Conference (3 years)
▪ LSS Transforming Ministry Team (7+years)
Significant Community Service Position:
- Food Pantry – manager (9 years while I was a pastor in Somerset County)
- City on a Hill Ministerium of Red Lion – member (we work with the school district)

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
I have spent my adult life as both a member and pastor of small and mostly rural congregations. I bring training and skills in transformational and renewing ministries. I approach the life of the church with the understanding that God is at the center of everything we do.

The Rev. James D. Polanzke
Nominated for Position: Class of 2024 Synod Council – Ordained Minister

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Congregation: Christ Lutheran Church of Spry, York
Congregation conference: York
Current occupation: Pastor
Previous occupation (if relevant):
Year of birth (optional):

Education:
- B.A. – University of Iowa
- M.Div. – Wartburg Theological Seminary

Church Service Position:
- Pastor, Christ Spry (2002-present)
- Camp Director Camp Lutherock (2000-2002)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Dallastown School District Anti-Racism Council

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
One of the most enlightening and difficult phrases in our Christian faith is "Thy will be done". In The Lord's Prayer we state this truth and yet too often ignore it in daily life. My daily opening words are for the Holy Spirit to guide me in every aspect of my life. I pray that our Synod Council and other leaders will not seek to bring an assortment of human desires but gather to discern the desires of God. The path forward is not picking the best idea out of many but discerning God's will and having the strength and wisdom to do it.

Kay A. Hinkle
Nominated for Position: Class of 2024 Synod Council – Lay Woman

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Congregation: Trinity, East Berlin
Congregation conference: Hanover
Current occupation: Retired
Previous occupation (if relevant): Sales and Customer Service Division Manager, Glatfelter Paper, York, PA
Year of birth (optional): 1952

Education:
- Associate Degree in Business

Church Service Position:
- Mission in Motion Team Lead (since 2012)
- Mutual Ministry (since 2015)
- Congregation Council twice (total 9 years - previous)
- Worship and Music Committee (total 6 years - previous)
- Sunday Church School Teacher (total 6 years - previous)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Lake Meade Garden Club - Adams County (current)
- Penn State Master Gardeners - Adams County (previous)
- 4-H Leader - Adams County (previous)
Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:

I served a 3-year term previously and learned quite a bit about the Synod as a governing body and means of widely broadcasting the love of Jesus Christ Our Savior. I have chaired both the Gifts Discernment and Nominating Committees. It has all been a learning experience, for sure. I am hopeful, if serving a 2nd term, I will be able to use what I have learned to contribute at a high level to the coordination and organization of the larger church. I have a renewed respect for the work of our rostered leaders and Synod executive committee; this has been an awesome opportunity.

BARBARA G. MILLER  
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: CLASS OF 2024 SYNOD COUNCIL – LAY WOMAN

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Congregation: Christ, Manchester  
Congregation conference:  
Current occupation: Retired  
Previous occupation (if relevant): Tax accountant (County of York)  
Year of birth (optional): 1957

Education:  
- B.S. – Accounting  
- B.S. – Microbiology

Church Service Position:  
- WELCA Treasurer (30 years)  
- Sunday School Teacher (25 years)  
- Call Committee (3 calls)  
- Congregation Council (3 terms)  

Significant Community Service Position:  
- Youth and _____ through York County Juvenile Probation  
- Men’s Baseball League – scorekeeper and treasurer

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:

Being a member of 1 congregation since childhood has given me a faith family. I would like to help others find that family as God leads us. I have been able to see much of the larger family through serving on call committees and learning more of how God leads us.

ZACHARY J. WEISS  
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: CLASS OF 2024 SYNOD COUNCIL – LAY MAN

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Congregation: Trinity, Camp Hill  
Congregation conference: West Shore  
Current occupation: Director of Kirchenwald (Lutheran Camping Corporation)  
Previous occupation (if relevant):  
Year of birth (optional): 1982

Education:  
- B.A. – Muhlenberg College

Church Service Position:  
- Video ministry team volunteer

Significant Community Service Position:  

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:

Serving as the director at one of our synod’s camps, I have come to know both the leaders within our synod and the youth and their families. I am invested in the health of our church- on a congregational level, a synod one, and within partnering organizations.
**LAURA A. WILLOUGHBY**
**NOMINATED FOR POSITION: CLASS OF 2024 SYND Council – Youth**

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Congregation: Advent, York  
Congregation conference: York  
Current occupation: Full-time student  
Previous occupation (if relevant):  
Year of birth (optional): 2005

Education:  
- Sophomore year at York Suburban High School

Church Service Position:  
- Youth Member (2016 until present)  
- Acolyte/Crucifer (2017 until present)  
- Youth Liaison for congregation council (2021)

Significant Community Service Position:  

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:  
As a young woman in the church I have always aspired to not only make a difference in the lives of those around me, but also to learn and grow as a leader in my walk with God. My journey with faith has been a catalyst for change. It is imperative that the voices of the youth are heard on a local and national scale. My experience with the LYO Leadership Camp and a variety of other ELCA affiliated experiences have led me to believe I have what it takes to faithfully and honestly represent the youth of this synod.

**THE REV. KAREN E. LARSON**
**NOMINATED FOR POSITION: CONSULTATION COMMITTEE – PASTOR**

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Congregation: Zion, Leola  
Congregation conference: North Lancaster  
Current occupation: Pastor  
Previous occupation (if relevant):  
Year of birth (optional): 1956

Education:  
- B.S. Summa cum laude – Wilmington University, New Castle Delaware – Behavioral Science  
- M.Div. – Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg – 2012

Church Service Position:  
- Pastor, Zion, Leola (2018 to present)  
- Dean, North Lancaster Conference (2019 to present)  
- Pastor, Grace, Easton, MD (2012 to 2018)  
- Secretary, S. Delmarva Conference DE-MD Synod (2017 – 2018)  
- Volunteer chaplain, Memorial Hospital (Regional UMMC) (2012 – 2018)

Significant Community Service Position:  
- Memorial Hospital, Easton, MD – volunteer on-call chaplain,  
- Talbot (Interfaith) Association of Clergy and Laity, Easton, MD  
- CONTACT Harrisburg – telephone crisis and referral center telephone volunteer

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:  
As a parish pastor, and previously serving in organizations as diverse as seminary student association (President) and PTA (offices including President), an Interfaith ministry organization and Stephen’s Ministry, I have wide-ranging experience. I have felt the movement of the Spirit and I have felt challenged at times, walking with people and organizations during times of stress and conflict. My gifts in serving as a listening post and non-anxious, and sometimes (when possible) healing presence has been honed in various settings including a daytime drop-in center for homeless and at-risk women, many of whom had just been released from prison, a church in conflict and an multi-cultural group working on homelessness. I have a deep love for people and deep sense that God is in the midst of all things, even the conflicts that arise in and between frail human beings. I desire to serve.
THE REV. MIRIAM L. NICHOLSON
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: CONSULTATION COMMITTEE – PASTOR

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Congregation: St. James, Gettysburg
Congregation conference: Gettysburg
Current occupation: Retired
Previous occupation (if relevant): Parish Pastor – Messiah Elliottsburg
Year of birth (optional): 1962

Education:
- Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg – 1992
- East Tennessee State University – 2006

Church Service Position:
- LSS Special Needs Task Force (6 years)
- Perry Conference Secretary (4 years)
- Perry Conference Dean (3 years)
- LSS Listening Committee (4 months)

Significant Community Service Position:
- YOUNG VOICES IN SONG Planning Committee (Lutheran/Methodist Elementary After School Program)

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
Twenty-three years of parish ministry has provided a variety of experiences which may be beneficial to this position. Having served on a Listening Committee, I am aware of the importance of good communication and allowing individuals and/or congregations to express their own point(s) of view.

THE REV. ERIC L. PETTY
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: CONSULTATION COMMITTEE – PASTOR

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Congregation: Messiah, Elliottsburg and St. Paul, Newport
Congregation conference: Perry
Current occupation: Pastor
Previous occupation (if relevant): Intentional Interim Pastor
Year of birth (optional): 1964

Education:
- M.Div. – Trinity Lutheran Seminary – 2005

Church Service Position:
- SW Texas Synod Council (2007 – 2011)
- Synod Assembly Planning Team (2015)

Significant Community Service Position:

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
I have the desire to serve the synod and larger church. While having an eye for detail and the “letter of the law,” I always keep in view the larger picture, where an action will lead us in the future, and the spirit of the law when making decisions. My training and work as an Intentional Interim has taught me how to look beyond the “presenting problem” to the larger issues(s) that are driving it and the forces and systems that generate it. My goal is to bring about reconciliation to the situation and parties.
THE REV. MICHAEL L. REIST
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: CONSULTATION COMMITTEE – PASTOR

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Congregation: St. Mark, Annville
Congregation conference: Lebanon
Current occupation: Pastor
Previous occupation (if relevant):
Year of birth (optional):

Education:
- M.Div. – LTSP
- Masters in Sacred Theology – LTSP

Church Service Position:
- Pastor, New Jerusalem Lutheran Church (6/04 – 7/07)
- Pastor, Bethany Lutheran Church (8/08 – 9/13)
- Pastor, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (9/13 – 3/19)
- Pastor, St. Mark Lutheran (4/19 – present)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Berks Habitat for Humanity – organized fundraisers (6 years)
- Do free fundraisers a few times a year for different charitable organizations
- Habitat, Special Olympics, Relay for Life, etc. – volunteer

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
I am not only an ordained pastor but I am a certified PA teacher in secondary education. As a result I am quite versed in education and youth issues. In addition I run my own business, The Amazing Magi, LLC. I am a professional magician that has performed all over the NE United States and on the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line. Because of this I am also well versed in audience management, presentation of programs, delivering a message, and be able to hold people’s attention. I have performed and been to many churches of different denominations. It has helped reinforce my already strong ecumenical nature. Church is about witnessing, serving, and then leading. That is why I am at your service. I want to serve however I am able. In addition, before I was a pastor but instead a Youth Director I served at St. Mark Lutheran Church during a time when there was a very nasty division and conflict over the serving Pastor. I was able to observe and learn during that experience and it has served me well.

THE REV. TIMOTHY J. SEITZ-BROWN
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: CONSULTATION COMMITTEE – PASTOR

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Congregation: Benders and Saint Paul, Biglerville
Congregation conference: Gettysburg
Current occupation: Interim Pastor
Previous occupation (if relevant):
Year of birth (optional): 1959

Education:
- Thiel College – Environmental studies – 1981
- M.Div. – Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia – 1987

Church Service Position:
- Lower Susquehanna Synod Council (2018 – 2020)
- LSS Toward Racial Justice Team (2018 – present)
- Pennsylvania Poor People's Campaign (2018 – present)
- Transformational Ministry Team (2012 – present)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Movement of Immigrant Leaders of Pennsylvania
- March on Harrisburg
- Christian Peacemaker Teams/Iraqi Kurdistan
Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
As a parish pastor since 1987, returned Peace Corps Volunteer (Jamaica, 1981-83), Global Mission Volunteer (Tanzania, 1999-2000), Christian Peacemaker Team delegate (Iraqi Kurdistan, 2016), I have had the opportunity to work alongside people of diverse backgrounds. I seek to listen to every person's backstory and listen to how the Spirit has been moving in our lives and to discover together what in their lives have been suffocating the Spirit.

THE REV. KEVIN C. STOUT
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: CONSULTATION COMMITTEE – PASTOR

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Congregation: St. John, Boiling Springs
Congregation conference: West Cumberland
Current occupation: Pastor
Previous occupation (if relevant): Christian Mission Development in Asia
Year of birth (optional): 1963

Education:
- B.S. – Agronomy – 1985
- M.A. – HCD – 2010
- Master of Divinity – 2016

Church Service Position:
- Church Pastor, St. John Boiling Springs, PA (Oct. 2016 to present)
- Church Partnership World Wide, Compassion International (2008 to 2015)
- Bangladesh Country Director, Compassion International (2003 to 2007)
- Youth Group Coordinator, Mt. Zion Lutheran, Lewisberry, PA (2009 to 2014)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Red Land High School Soccer Boosters – board president (2010 to present)

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
Passion for fostering a team culture complemented by discipleship and preaching from the Word. Leverage knowledge and faith as follower and believer in Jesus Christ as an advocate for children worldwide. A proven servant for leading supporters in today’s complex and fast-paced world with extensive experience in participatory planning, designing and implementing programs, financial and operational administration, and fund raising.

THE REV. GWENN LOUISE TROUT
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: CONSULTATION COMMITTEE – PASTOR

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Congregation: Zion, Enola
Congregation conference: West Shore
Current occupation: Pastor
Previous occupation (if relevant): Arts administrator, Publications design consultant
Year of birth (optional): 1958

Education:
- B.A. – Mansfield University – Communications & Theatre
- M.Div. – Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (now United Lutheran Seminary)

Church Service Position:
- LSS Synodical Worship Committee (6 years – 2 years as chair)
- LSS Assembly Planning Committee (7 years)
- LSS Conference Dean, Lancaster & West Shore (3 years, 4 years respectively)
- LSS Synod Council (6 years)
Significant Community Service Position:
- Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland/Perry County – member of the board and secretary
- Greater Harrisburg Chorus, Sweet Adelines International – various administrative and musical positions, as well as administrative positions for the regional board/management team

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
As stated in their job description, “The Consultation Committee functions as an extension of the office of the bishop for purposes of adjudication when conflict arises or there is a need for discipline.” As a member of this committee, I would be open to hearing all sides, discussing the findings with committee members, and working toward a reasonable plan of action. I feel that I can remain non-judgmental, fair and impartial in all issues which would come before this committee, and would bring a sense of humility and compassion for all parties. Having served as a dean in two different conferences throughout my 23 years of ordained ministry, I have helped both individuals and congregations deal with issues which may come before this committee.

Virgil L. Gibson
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: Consultation Committee – Layperson

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Congregation: Christ, Gettysburg
Congregation conference: Gettysburg
Current occupation: Retired; Part-time Teacher/Tutor, Harrisburg Area Community College
Previous occupation (if relevant):
Year of birth (optional): 1944

Education:
- M.S.B.A. – Boston University – 1985

Church Service Position:
- Synod Council, Lower Susquehanna Synod (5 years)
- Executive Committee (1 year)
- Mission Interpreter, Lower Susquehanna (2 years)
- Crossroads Campaign, ULS (1 year)
- Congregational Council, Our Shepherd, MD (3 years)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Adams County (PA) Literacy Council – tutor (6 years)

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
The only gift I bring to this job is that of being loved by God and having a deep love for Jesus’ church as it lives out faith in the Lutheran tradition. I’ve held about every job a layman can over the years, serving on Synod Council for the recent five years. I firmly subscribe to Luther’s explanation of the eighth commandment, putting the best construction on others’ comments and actions, not exaggerating others’ beliefs, nor making prejudicial assumptions based on labels, categories, or stereotypes. I extend the benefit of the doubt. (Ephesians 4:29)

Rhada J. Hartmann
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: Consultation Committee – Layperson

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Congregation: St. Paul’s, York
Congregation conference: York
Current occupation: Adjunct Nursing Faculty at York College of Pennsylvania
Previous occupation (if relevant): Director, Palliative Care and Bereavement Services, York Hospital, York, PA
Year of birth (optional): 1953

Education:
- B.S.N. – Villa Maria College, Erie, PA
- M.S.N. – Capella University, Minneapolis, MN
Church Service Position:
- President, Church Council (5 years)
- Chairperson, Pastoral Sabbatical Committee (3 years)
- Chairperson, Mutual Ministry Committee (3 years)
- Chairperson, Benevolence Committee (3 years)
- Synod Representative (1 year)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Youth Aid Panel
- Get Out the Vote
- York County Food Bank

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
I have been very involved in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, York, PA since 1998. Our church has many active and retired rostered leaders. I have a meaningful, personal relationship with several of them. As the founding chairperson of the first Sabbatical Committee at St. Paul's, I learned about the practical and personal challenges that pastors face daily. As an expert with formal training on grief and loss, I understand that rostered clergy have unique issues that impact them on a daily basis, both personally and professionally. I also have training and experiences with assisting people struggling with the effects of grief and loss. Additionally, I have added expertise in mental health issues including addictions and mood disorders. I am very aware that rostered leaders are not exempt from these issues. In my management positions within the high stress environment of an acute care hospital, I have successfully utilized a holistic approach in assessing and managing behavioral and performance issues in the work place. I would bring this approach to evaluating performance concerns with rostered leaders.

GREGORY P. JOHN
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: CONSULTATION COMMITTEE – LAYPERSON

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Congregation: St. Stephen, New Kingstown
Congregation conference: West Shore
Current occupation: Retired
Previous occupation (if relevant): Logistics Analyst Manager/Consultant
Year of birth (optional): 1953

Education:
- Chambersburg High School – 1970
- B.S.B.A. – Shippensburg State University – 1974
- M.B.A. – Shippensburg State University – 1976

Church Service Position:
- St. Stephen Church Council Member (3 years)
- St. Stephen Church Adult SCS Teacher (Circa 2000 – present)
- St. Stephen Church Educational Ministry Com. Member (Circa 2010 – present)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Boy Scouts of America – various adult leadership and service positions (over 45 years)

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
Greg is locally acknowledged as a faith-grounded, prayerful, deep thinker. In his congregational life, his Scouting life, and in his professional life he has been willing to engage in contentious discussions and provide researched, balanced, and logical feedback.

EYAN P. WILLIAMS
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: CONSULTATION COMMITTEE – LAYPERSON

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Congregation: Zion (Rife-Killinger), Millersburg
Congregation conference: Upper Dauphin
Current occupation: Retired
Previous occupation (if relevant): Superintendent, Upper Dauphin Area School District
Year of birth (optional): 1955
Education:
- A.B – Lafayette College – 1977
- M.Ed. – East Stroudsburg – 1989

Church Service Position:
- Upper Dauphin Cabinet Representative, Nominating Committee (2019 – present)
- Lower Susquehanna Synod Discipline Committee (2019 – present)
- Church Council Member, Zion Lutheran Church (2013 – 2019)

Significant Community Service Position:

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
With God’s help, I feel I may ably serve on the Consultation Committee. Sorting through thorny matters was an integral part of the various positions I have held throughout the course of my career in education. I have had to consider many and various cases as a mediator and as a judge. As a teacher, principal, and superintendent, I have been called upon to settle disputes, to ascertain the facts of a case, and do what is proscribed and, most importantly, what is right. Thankfully, I have always had sound guidelines to work with, and I have always hoped for the Lord’s guidance. Given the choice between justice and mercy, I feel that the Lord would want me to show the same mercy that I pray he will show me when the time comes.

THE REV. WICKY L. BARNES III, STS
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE – PASTOR

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Congregation: Shells, Grantville  
Congregation conference: Harrisburg  
Current occupation: Minister of Word and Sacrament - Pastor  
Previous occupation (if relevant): Church Musician  
Year of birth (optional): 1991

Education:
- Bachelor of Science – York College of Pennsylvania, Behavioral Science  
- Master of Divinity – United Lutheran Seminary

Church Service Position:
- Shells Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grantville, PA – Pastor (February 2019 – present)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) - former board member  
- Lower Susquehanna Synod AMMPARO Task Force - member

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
I have been blessed to serve the Church in many ways. However, simultaneously, I am also aware of the reality of our bondage to Sin. I feel called to use my Psychology degree and pastoral care skills to aid in the process of disciplining Rostered Leaders should a need arise. An issue in regards to the conduct of a Church leader is sensitive and must be met with righteous judgment and caring mercy. I believe that I am suited to serve in this capacity to lend aid during these periods of brokenness with care, compassion, and discipline.

THE REV. MARTHA S. BOYD
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE – PASTOR

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Congregation: St. John (Hoernerstown), Hummelstown  
Congregation conference: Harrisburg  
Current occupation: Pastor  
Previous occupation (if relevant):  
Year of birth (optional): 1961
Education:
▪ MBA - Penn State,
▪ MDiv - Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg

Church Service Position:
▪ Pastor (5+ years)
▪ Christian Education Lay Teacher (20 years)
▪ Secretary and Dean of the Harrisburg Conference (3+ years)
▪ Social Ministry Chair-Lay (15+ years)
▪ Synod Personnel Committee (4+ years)

Significant Community Service Position:
▪ Hummelstown Ministerium – secretary
▪ Lutheran World Relief Coordinator/Representative for Lower Susquehanna Synod

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
Prior to my current role as Rostered Minister of Word and Sacrament, I worked both in public and private industry in Human Resources. I have over 20 years of experience in this field as a generalist, benefits specialist, payroll, organization management, information systems, compensation, hiring/interviewing and termination. Additionally, as a life-long Christian, I have worked on many committees with a variety of people. I believe that my gifts, experience and education, combined with my life-long faith will be strengths, in serving on this committee.

THE REV. STEPHEN R. HERR
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE – PASTOR

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Congregation: Christ, Gettysburg
Congregation conference: Gettysburg
Current occupation: Senior pastor
Previous occupation (if relevant):
Year of birth (optional): 1966

Education:
▪ B.A. – Gettysburg College
▪ S.T.M/M.Div – Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg

Church Service Position:
▪ ELCA Church Council and Executive Committee (2011-2017)
▪ Chair, ELCA Legal and Constitutional Review Committee (2011-2017)
▪ ELCA Future Directions Task Force (2016-2018)
▪ Lutheran Camping Corporation Board of Directors (2020-present)

Significant Community Service Position:
▪ Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania – board of directors and president (2010-present)
▪ Gettysburg Community Theatre – board of directors and treasurer (2009-2018)

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
As chair of the ELCA’s Legal and Constitutional Review Committee I gained experience working with both constitutional and legal matters in all three expressions of the ELCA (churchwide, synod, and congregation). I would bring those experiences and constitutional knowledge of the chapters on Consultation, Discipline, Appeals, Adjudication in all three model constitutions to my service on the discipline committee. In addition, I have worked twice with the Lower Susquehanna Synod Consultation Committee on disciplinary matters and would bring that experience as well.

THE REV. JASON P. NORTHRIIDGE
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE – PASTOR

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Congregation: St. John, Mt. Wolf
Congregation conference: North York
Current occupation: Pastor
Previous occupation (if relevant):
Year of birth (optional): 1983

Education:
- B.A. – Susquehanna University
- M.Div. – Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg

Church Service Position:
- Dean, North York Conference (2018 - )
- Reference and Counsel Committee (2017 – 2019)
- Nominating Committee (2018, 2020, 2021)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Northeastern Area Senior Center – Board Member (2015 - Current)

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
I have the patience to listen with empathy to different points of view. I truly appreciate process and establishing ways for open communication between different parties while keeping the focus on the issue at hand.

CHUCK BISSELL
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE - LAYPERSON

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Congregation: Zion, York
Congregation conference: York
Current occupation: Director of Family Faith Formation and Youth Ministry
Previous occupation (if relevant): Training Manager - D&H Distributing - Harrisburg, PA 1990-2017
Year of birth (optional): 1970

Education:
- Trinity High School

Church Service Position:
- Part Time Youth Associate - St. Peter, Mechanicsburg, PA (March 2012 - June 2017)
- Director, Youth and Family Ministry – Friedens, Myerstown, PA (August 2017 - October 2019)
- Congregation Council Member - St. Peter, Mechanicsburg, PA (January 2011 - December 2013)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Harrisburg Area Confirmation Camp – co-chairperson Saints track (2019-present)

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
I am both humbled and thankful for the nomination to this position. In my prior position as the Training Manager for an inside sales force of over 200 employees I was well versed in company policies surrounding all aspects of business. I took on key roles of hiring and training all new employees. I also evaluated their progression in the various positions they were hired. Part of my role was to keep them aware of any performance issues or violations of company policies. Some interactions led to the discipline and sometimes dismissal of new hires. Moving into the roles I've held (and currently hold) in youth ministry have allowed me to balance the cold “right and wrong” attitude of policy with the understanding that it takes to recognize the reasons behind the faults of someone and to carefully consider everything before making what can be life changing decisions.

NATALIE A. KRATZER
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE - LAYPERSON

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Congregation: Zion, Hummelstown
Congregation conference: Harrisburg
Current occupation: Financial Consultant
Previous occupation (if relevant):
Year of birth (optional): 1980
Education:
- B.S. - Lebanon Valley College - 2002

Church Service Position:
- Vocalist/soloist (20+ years)
- Congregation Council (2012-2014)
- Zion Preschool Board (2017-2020)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Communities That Care - Lower Dauphin - board member
- Hummelstown Business Professionals - board member
- Lower Dauphin Falcon Packs - volunteer

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
I am a lifetime member of the Lutheran church. I have served in many capacities over the years, including church council, mission committee, stewardship committee, various musical groups, etc. I have organized and led international mission trips with Thrivent Builds and Habitat for Humanity. I am a business owner and entrepreneur. I have been a high school athletics coach for more than 10 years. In previous roles, I worked in a Human Resources capacity. This breadth of experience and background provides a solid footing to serve in this role, including an excellent understanding of human relations and interpersonal skills.

DOUGLAS A. OCKRYMIEK
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE - LAYPERSON

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Congregation: Concordia, Columbia
Congregation conference:
Current occupation: Psychiatrist and Spiritual Director
Previous occupation (if relevant):
Year of birth (optional):

Education:
- Hershey Medical Center - Psychiatry Residency
- PCOM - Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

Church Service Position:
- Congregation Council (2021)
- VBS Volunteer (2018 – 2019)
- Lector (2020 – 2021)
- Led Sexual Abuse Awareness Training (2016)

Significant Community Service Position:
- LUMINA (Lancaster United Methodist Inner City Alliance) - board of directors
- Volunteer at Samaritan Counseling Center - provide supervision to clinicians
- Lancaster County Mental Health Association - board of directors (past member)

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
For several years, I served on the District Committee on Ministry (DCOM) for the Southwest District of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, UMC. We evaluated new candidates for ministry and those seeking to reenter the ministry. At my previous church, I served two years as Chairman of the Staff Parish Relations Committee. During this time, a beloved pastor that was called to the congregation for 25 years retired and we transitioned to a new pastor. I completed a two-year program in Spiritual Direction. As a Spiritual Director at the Samaritan Center, I meet with both lay people and clergy.

JOSEPH A. RICCI
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE - LAYPERSON

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Congregation: Trindle Spring, Mechanicsburg
Congregation conference: West Shore
Current occupation: Executive Director, Pennsylvania Optometric Association
Previous occupation (if relevant): Attorney
Year of birth (optional): 1962

Education:
- A.B. - Hamilton College - 1984
- J.D. - Dickinson School of Law - 1987

Church Service Position:
- Congregational Council President (2006-2008)
- Congregational Secretary (2016-2017)
- Synod Candidacy Committee (2007-2017)
- Synod Parliamentarian (2015 to present)
- Board of Directors, LTSG (2011-2018)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Silver Spring Township Planning Commission - chair (2000 to Present)
- Pennsylvania Society for Association Excellence - board of directors (2019 to Present)

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
Discipline can be both straightforward and complicated at the same time. On the one hand there are consequences that follow a failure to adhere to the norms and principles expected in certain situations. On the other hand, we have all fallen and are in need of grace. I believe that my time as the Chair of the Candidacy Committee, other positions in local and regional Church Leadership, and my experiences as a member of the Bar combine to provide me with unique insights into the attributes necessary to effectively, fairly and justly address matters of discipline within the church. I would be humbled by your support as a candidate for membership on the Synod Committee on Discipline.

Greta Haley
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – YOUTH

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Congregation: Trinity, East Berlin
Congregation conference: Hanover
Current occupation: High School Student
Previous occupation (if relevant):
Year of birth (optional): 2006

Education:
Church Service Position:
Significant Community Service Position:
- Girl Scout - Bronze and Silver Award recipient (2011 to present)

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
I enjoy learning new things and meeting new people. I love my community and my church family is very special to me so the opportunity to be the Youth Representative is exciting. I’m not the best player on the field but a leader on the field hockey team and am an active Girl Scout, planning many community service activities in our area. I’ve earned the Bronze and Silver Girl Scout award and am currently working on my Gold award, which is the highest achievement in Girl Scouts. These activities require the ability to focus, work together as a team toward a common goal and to be able to listen to others. I think I’ll use those skills in this position.

Katarina R. Nienstedt
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – YOUTH

Mailing address: 6095 Mountain View Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17202
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Email:
Congregation: Solomon’s, Chambersburg
Congregation conference: Chambersburg
Current occupation: Student
Previous occupation (if relevant):
Year of birth (optional): 2008
Education:
- Will enter 8th grade in Fall 2021

Church Service Position:
- Acolyte (3 years to present)
- Lector (1.5 years to present)
- Greeter (4 years to present)
- Cantor (3 years)
- Children’s Choir (7 years)

Significant Community Service Position:
- 4-H Club – served as secretary and vice president
- Meals-On-Wheels
- Conference Meal-Packing Events

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
As an active member of the Lutheran Church, I feel a desire as a synod youth to take a stance and ensure that the church will continue to be appreciated and a center for faith in my community when I’m older. I participate in my church by aiding the homebound, greeting people in worship, canting, lectoring, acolyting, singing when appropriate and assisting in church community events. I desire to share my faith in the gospel and I am interested in important ministries like world hunger and social justice issues.

ALYSSA N. SLATKY
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – YOUTH

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Congregation: St. Peter, York
Congregation conference: York
Current occupation:
Previous occupation (if relevant):
Year of birth (optional): 2006

Education:
- Central York High School

Church Service Position:
- Acolyte (2016 – present)
- Lector (2017 – present)
- Teller (2019 – present)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Reach Mission Trips - Newfane, New York 2019
- Assisting with Community Meals within my church

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
As a youth voting member, I feel as though I would have many good ideas to bring to the table. I have the ability to be able to listen to all sides of a situation, and never rush a decision. I want to hear what everyone has to offer and make informed decisions based on what I think is best for the church. It would be an absolute honor to hold this position, and if selected I would do my best to help carry out and implement change for the better.

LAURA A. WILLOUGHBY
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – YOUTH

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Congregation: Advent, York
Congregation conference: York
Current occupation: Full-time student
Previous occupation (if relevant):
Year of birth (optional): 2005
Education:
- Sophomore year at York Suburban High School

Church Service Position:
- Youth Member (2016 until present)
- Acolyte/Crucifer (2017 until present)
- Youth Liaison for congregation council (2021)

Significant Community Service Position:

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
As a young women in the church I have always aspired to not only make a difference in the lives of those around me, but also to learn and grow as a leader in my walk with God. My journey with faith has been a catalyst for change. It is imperative that the voices of the youth are heard on a local and national scale. My experience with the LYO Leadership Camp and a variety of other ELCA affiliated experiences have led me to believe I have what it takes to faithfully and honestly represent the youth of this synod.

ELIZABETH P. ECKMAN
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – YOUNG ADULT

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Congregation: Tree of Life, Harrisburg
Congregation conference: Harrisburg
Current occupation: Interim Vicar & Chaplain
Previous occupation (if relevant): Student
Year of birth (optional): 1993

Education:
- B.A. - Penn State University - Telecommunications
- M.Div. - United Lutheran Seminary

Church Service Position:
- Interim Vicar, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (July 2020-April 2021)
- Interim Chaplain, Gettysburg College (January 2021-June 2021)

Significant Community Service Position:

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
As a recent graduate of Seminary, I have a vested interest in the governance of the ELCA church body. I am a bi-racial woman, both black and white and have grown up going to church camp, synodical events, Youth Gathering and now help to plan these events for others. As a minority in the ELCA I believe it’s important to use my voice to advocate for the diverse voices in our midst. I love to sing and exercise knowing that our physical and mental wellness is just as important as our spiritual wellness. I have a passion in the future of this church and the direction in which it goes. Thank you for your consideration.

KAYLA A. MCALLISTER
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – YOUNG ADULT

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Congregation: Friedens, Myerstown
Congregation conference: Lebanon
Current occupation: Gym worker
Previous occupation (if relevant): Dog walker
Year of birth (optional): 2002

Education:
- High school senior

Church Service Position:
- Reader (5 years)
- Greeter (5 years)
- Communion Assistant (2 years)
Significant Community Service Position:
- Raiderthon – secretary
- NHS – secretary

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
I am very well versed in how to be a leader. I know how to handle many types of people. I can be strong-willed and confident.

THE REV. TITUS DORMEYAN CLARKE
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – ORDAINED PERSON OF COLOR OR OF PRIMARY LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT LARGE

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Congregation: St. Paul, Carlisle
Congregation conference: West Cumberland
Current occupation: Pastor
Previous occupation (if relevant):
Year of birth (optional): 1966

Education:
- MDiv

Church Service Position:
- Member, LAMPA Policy Council (2018-2020)
- African National Ministries Steering Committee (churchwide) (2008 – present)
- ELCA Congregation Vitality Team (2018)
- Synod Mission Team (2018 – present)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Liberian Christian Association – chairperson
- Liberian Association of Maryland – founding member

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
As a pastor and rostered leader in the ELCA for more than 20 years; and the developer of one of the first African Immigrant ministries in the ELCA, and as one who have served in many capacities in the Church, I come with vast knowledge and experience that can help our church, tackle the challenges of the day, and chart its course for the future. My cultural background and leadership in the Ethnic community gives me a diverse and informed perspective. I am insightful, thoughtful, pastoral, and prayerful; therefore, my conversations are guided by my sensitivity to the other and my commitment to love my neighbor as myself. Preserving the community and being faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ is of paramount importance to me.

THE REV. CARLA S. CHRISTOPHER WILSON
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – ORDAINED PERSON OF COLOR OR OF PRIMARY LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT LARGE

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Congregation: Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Lancaster
Congregation conference: Lancaster
Current occupation: Associate Pastor of Faith Formation and Outreach, Assistant to the Bishop for Justice Ministries
Previous occupation (if relevant): Cultural Competency and Diversity Trainer/Consultant
Year of birth (optional):

Education:
- MDiv – United Lutheran Seminary
Church Service Position:
- Toward Racial Justice Task Force Chair (2018-2020)
- R3 Coach and Transformational Ministries Team Member (2019 – current)
- Synod Assembly Chaplain Team (2018, 2019)
- LAMPa Statewide Policy Council Member (2020 – current)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Pennsylvania Commission for LGBTQ Affairs - commissioner

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
While I am also able to speak my own experience and hope, I am deeply connected to multiple underrepresented communities within the ELCA and feel I can share insight and perspective from many voices and communities in a professional and objective, thoughtful manner.

BYAMBATSEREN ADIYA
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – LAY WOMAN OF COLOR OR OF PRIMARY LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT LARGE

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Congregation: St. John, Boiling Springs
Congregation conference: West Cumberland
Current occupation: Program Manager, Forgotten Voices International
Previous occupation (if relevant):
Year of birth (optional): 1972

Education:
- Master of Holistic Child Development, Malaysia, 2012

Church Service Position:
- Video/Sound Manager (2019 to Present)
- Children Ministry Team Leader (2007-2019)
- Child Protection Team (2005-2009)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Planting Churches in Mongolia Research (2017-2019)
- Advocating For Children, Compassion International (2015-2016)
- Education Project, Khuslen, Mongolia (1999-2000)

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
Have over 20 years of leadership and management experience with national and international development organizations and Christian churches. Passion for fostering a team culture complemented by discipleship. Empowering and capacity building of the organization and its workers. Proven advocacy with community, local churches, and ministries for better partnership and networking. Demonstrated curriculum development based on researched findings. Earning trust with others through active listening, being curious, and learning. Speak Mongolian, Russian and English.

RABECCA ALUEL MACH
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – LAY WOMAN OF COLOR OR OF PRIMARY LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT LARGE

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Phone number:
Email:
Congregation: Sudanese Worshipping Community, Harrisburg
Congregation conference: Harrisburg
Current occupation:
Previous occupation (if relevant):
Year of birth (optional):

Education:
- B.A. – social work
Church Service Position:
- Children Teacher
- Leader of Ladies Prayer Group
- Church Events Organizer Person

Significant Community Service Position:
- Support Circles of Franklin County – volunteer (5 years)
- Rotaract of Franklin County – member (2019-present)

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
As a Nominated member of my congregation, I will contribute to a voting assembly to pick someone’s who will serve my congregation better.

LEAH Q. WOLFGINGER
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY –
LAY WOMAN OF COLOR OR OF PRIMARY LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT LARGE

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Congregation: Solomon’s, Chambersburg
Congregation conference: Chambersburg
Current occupation: College student/part-time social worker
Previous occupation (if relevant):
Year of birth (optional): 1998

Education:
- Some college (year 4)

Church Service Position:
- Congregation Council Member (2 years 2019-2021)
- Church choir (3 years)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Support Circles of Franklin County – volunteer (5 years)
- Rotaract of Franklin County – member (2019-present)

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
I have consistently grown my faith through accepting opportunities that add to my liturgical growth and personal relationship with God. I attended the Theological Education with Youth program at the Gettysburg seminary for three years, which awakened a deep curiosity and love of questioning “what does it mean?” I have also attended two national youth gatherings alongside two different youth groups. I am now studying at Shippensburg University to be a licensed social worker, focusing on social policy and the effects of poverty. These unique experiences culminate to grow my abilities to be an open-minded church leader and voting member.

MOSES ROBSON KAVISHE
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY –
LAY MAN OF COLOR OR OF PRIMARY LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT LARGE

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Congregation: St. Paul, Carlisle
Congregation conference: West Cumberland
Current occupation: Youth and Family Director
Previous occupation (if relevant):
Year of birth (optional):

Education:
- B.S. – Business Administration

Church Service Position:
- Youth Leader (7 years)
- Praise Band Member (10 years)
- Tech Team Leader (1 year)
- Congregation Meeting Organizer (1 time)
- Worship Organizer Member (5 years)

**Significant Community Service Position:**
- Hope Station – board president
- LSS Toward Racial Justice Task Force – member
- ELCA Youth Network - organizer

**Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:**
As we all experience 2020, it is true that the church is changing and we should change as well. Technology is here to stay. As a person who is excited about the technology and how we can be a church in today’s world, I would love to share this experience with our churchwide community. Also, I am excited about social justice issues and I have been part of a different task force, but most importantly, a frontier on creative programs that will make impact within my community.

**FRED P. MULBAH**  
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**Congregation:** Christ, Manchester  
**Congregation conference:** North York  
**Current occupation:** Member  
**Previous occupation (if relevant):** Member  
**Year of birth (optional):** 1960

**Education:**
- Criminal Justice

**Church Service Position:**
- President Men Department, Trinity Lutheran Church, Monrovia/Liberia (1996-1997)
- Special Father of the Year, Trinity Lutheran Church (2015-2016)
- Acting Council Member, Christ Lutheran Church (2017)
- Member, Christ Lutheran Church (2007-2021)

**Significant Community Service Position:**
- After the civil war in Liberia, I organized and encouraged citizens from my hometown (Gbonyea) living in refugee camps in Guinea to return and rebuild their home in Liberia

**Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:**
The unique talents I would contribute to this position include: 1) Encouraging productive leadership; 2) Encouraging communication amongst voting members; 3) Building relationship with other members for better results; 4) Making decisions in a reasonable and timely manner; 5) Identifying effective plan to achieve meaningful goals; 6) Working with a diverse group of people to solve problems.

**JACOB M. RUEI**  
**NOMINATED FOR POSITION:** VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – LAY MAN OF COLOR OR OF PRIMARY LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT LARGE

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**Congregation:** Sudanese Worshiping Community, Harrisburg  
**Congregation conference:** Harrisburg  
**Current occupation:** Council President  
**Previous occupation (if relevant):**

**Year of birth (optional):**

**Education:**
- Council president (01/27/2018)
- Member (2005)

**Significant Community Service Position:**
Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:

**THE REV. WICKY L. BARNES III, STS**

**NOMINATED FOR POSITION: VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – ORDAINED AT LARGE**

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Congregation: Shells, Grantville
Congregation conference: Harrisburg
Current occupation: Minister of Word and Sacrament - Pastor
Previous occupation (if relevant): Church Musician
Year of birth (optional): 1991

Education:
- Bachelor of Science – York College of Pennsylvania, Behavioral Science
- Master of Divinity – United Lutheran Seminary

Church Service Position:
- Shells Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grantville, PA – Pastor (February 2019 – present)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) - former board member
- Lower Susquehanna Synod AMMPARO Task Force - member

**Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:**

As a Rostered Minister of Word and Sacrament, I feel called to serve as a delegate to the Churchwide Assembly. In my ministry, I seek to preach, teach, and minister in accord with the Holy Scriptures, the Creeds, and the Lutheran Confessions. I hold fast to orthodox theological beliefs as well as the traditions of the Church that have been handed down to us over the centuries and believe that voice should be represented at the Churchwide Assembly. That belief also convicts me to serve those in need, welcome the stranger, and build up the marginalized.

**THE REV. JAY W. ECKMAN**

**NOMINATED FOR POSITION: VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – ORDAINED AT LARGE**

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Congregation: Christ, Gettysburg
Congregation conference: Gettysburg
Current occupation: Associate Pastor
Previous occupation (if relevant): 
Year of birth (optional): 1987

Education:
- B.A - Millersville University, Social Science
- M.Div - United Lutheran Seminary

Church Service Position:
- Associate Pastor, Christ Gettysburg (May 2019-present)
- Interim Vicar, St. Matthews Lebanon 9June 2018-April 2019)

**Significant Community Service Position:**

**Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:**

I've served in leadership roles in all expressions of the ELCA: confirmation camp locally, youth gatherings nationally LYO leadership board, student leadership in Seminar, and now as a Pastor. I have served with volunteers both youth and adults from all across the synod and country. Someone who goes to our Churchwide Assembly must be able to not just vote on what's important to our church's synodical expression but the entire church and her people. The policies and procedures affect not only today's church but the future church in which we are called to serve.
THE REV. MOLLY K. HAGGERTY
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – ORDAINED AT LARGE

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Congregation: Big Spring United, Newville and Zion, Newville
Congregation conference: West Cumberland
Current occupation: Pastor and Interim Pastor
Previous occupation (if relevant): Deacon (rostered), Advocate
Year of birth (optional):
Education:
- B.S. – University of Minnesota, Moorhead – Elementary Ed/Special Ed
- M.A. – Luther Seminary – Children Youth & Family
- M.Div. – United Lutheran Seminary (Gettysburg/Philadelphia)
Church Service Position:
- Pastor, Big Spring United Lutheran Church, Newville PA (1.5 years - present)
- Interim Pastor, Zion, Newville, PA (1 year - present)
- Intern/Deacon, Grace Camp Hill PA (2 years)
- Director of Family Ministries, Bethel, Green Bay WI (4 years)
- Director of Children & Youth Ministries Calvary, Green Bay WI (7 years)
Significant Community Service Position:
- Gathering Place, U of WI Oshkosh – board of directors
- DDS, District of Columbia – Human Rights Committee
- Pratt Monitoring, District of Columbia – quality assurance monitor

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
Having served as Deacon, Pastor and volunteer in churches throughout the country and globally, I believe I bring a variety of perspectives to the fabric of our church. As a mission developer, I am equipped to vision and imagine church beyond the traditional structure and practices. Our church is changing in the midst of cultural change and we need to embrace this to adapt ourselves to serve God’s mission in new and creative ways while keeping a placeholder for where we have been. It is a both/and rather than an either/or. Having served in youth ministry in many parts of the US as well as in Europe and South Africa, it is important that we intentionally adapt our church policy and vision to seek the input of our current and future leaders of our church. Forming ways to be missions, celebrate and worship in our Lutheran understanding while engaging the ideas and creative spaces needed to make room for our younger members is vital to our thriving. Although it is hard, it is good and important work to assess our current practices that may exclude the children, youth and young adults that see a multi-cultural and inclusive world that should be reflected in our churchwide practices and policies. As we do this together, we must also hold the hands of the faithful people who have lived a lifetime providing stability and care to our current ministries and buildings. It would be a great honor to serve as a voting member at our churchwide assembly. I promise to listen, pray and vote the spirit of our synod.

THE REV. STEPHEN R. HERR
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – ORDAINED AT LARGE

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Congregation: Christ, Gettysburg
Congregation conference: Gettysburg
Current occupation: Senior pastor
Previous occupation (if relevant):
Year of birth (optional): 1966
Education:
- B.A. – Gettysburg College
- S.T.M/M.Div. – Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg
Church Service Position:
- ELCA Church Council and Executive Committee (2011-2017)
- Chair, ELCA Legal and Constitutional Review Committee (2011-2017)
ELCA Future Directions Task Force (2016-2018)
Lutheran Camping Corporation Board of Directors (2020-present)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania – board of directors and president (2010-present)
- Gettysburg Community Theatre – board of directors and treasurer (2009-2018)

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
As a recipient of God’s grace through faith, I would offer my God given gifts in service to the church as an ELCA Churchwide Assembly voting member. My experiences serving on the ELCA Church Council and the synod councils of the Lower Susquehanna and Southwestern Pennsylvania Synods provided me with an understanding and deep appreciation for the ELCA's governance, structure, theology, and mission. I would draw on my work as the co-chair of the ELCA’s Memorials Committee for two Churchwide Assemblies to assist our synod in articulating its hopes and vision the ELGA through the assembly's legislative and deliberative processes.

DEACON DAVID ANDERSON HOPE-TRINGALI
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – ORDAINED AT LARGE

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Congregation: Tree of Life, Harrisburg
Congregation conference: Harrisburg
Current occupation: Director of Harrisburg Area Youth Initiative and The Tribe Youth Ministry
Previous occupation (if relevant): Director of Evangelical Mission for New Mission (LSS)
Year of birth (optional): 1989

Education:
- BA - University of Pittsburgh, 2010
- MAML - United Lutheran Seminary, 2018

Church Service Position:
- Co-Chair AMMPARO Task Force (Nov. 2020 – present)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Helping Hands Ministry - volunteer and volunteer coordinator
- Service Trip Leader to Guatemala
- Caitlin’s Smiles - volunteer and volunteer coordinator

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
I am a young, multilingual, dynamic leader with significant experience working in diverse environments both in the United States and abroad. I build bridges and connect communities in ways that allow them to see their common identity as children of God and to recognize how their unique talents and abilities can help build God’s kingdom on earth. Not only do I have a knack for future visioning, but I also have the skillset and patience necessary to form a dream into a reality, one step at a time.

THE REV. JENNIFER A. HOPE-TRINGALI
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – ORDAINED AT LARGE

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Congregation: Tree of Life, Harrisburg
Congregation conference: Harrisburg
Current occupation: Global Missionary in Guatemala (LSS) serving as Dean for Hope Academy (a bilingual STEAM School for Girls) and Adjunct Professor ULS Guatemala Immersion Program
Previous occupation (if relevant): Director of Evangelical Mission for New Mission (LSS)
Year of birth (optional): 1973

Education:
- B.S. - Penn State University (Premedicine - 1994)
- M.S. - Penn State University (Neuroscience and Anatomy - 1998)
- M.Div. - Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (2016)
- D.Min. - United Lutheran Seminary (expected graduation May 2022)

**Church Service Position:**
- Co-Chair, LSS AMMPARO Task Force (1 year current)
- Synod Worship Committee Member (1 year 2018-2019)
- Voting Lay Person at Churchwide Assembly (2013)

**Significant Community Service Position:**
- President of Tree 4 Hope 501(c)(3)

**Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:**

Some of my strengths, including future visioning and strategizing, would be well used as a voting ordained person at our 2022 Churchwide Assembly. As a prior DEM and now global missionary, I have experience within a broad perspective, while at the same time being rooted in our particular context in the Lower Susquehanna Synod. This perspective would allow me to vote as a representative in service of our Synod. At the same time, I would be able to build relationships with leaders from other geographical locations, bringing knowledge and creative ideas back to the LSS.

**DEACON MARSHA L. ROSCOE**
**NOMINATED FOR POSITION: VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – ORDAINED AT LARGE**

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**Congregation:** Tree of Life, Harrisburg  
**Congregation conference:** Harrisburg  
**Current occupation:** Assistant to the Bishop  
**Previous occupation (if relevant):**

**Year of birth (optional):** 1976

**Education:**
- Master's Degree – Gettysburg Seminary (now United Lutheran Seminary)

**Church Service Position:**
- Assistant to the Bishop/Communications Director (6 years)
- Spiritual Formation & Missional Outreach Dir., Zion, Hummelstown (8 years)

**Significant Community Service Position:**
- Breathing in Christ – founder (partner with regional organizations for mission and ministry)  
- Collaborative Mission Center in Central PA – director (ecumenical)  
- Churchwide Assembly Voting Member (2019)

**Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:**

Churchwide Assembly is a process of communal spiritual discernment and a time for us to be the living body of Christ guided by the Spirit and conformed to God’s will. Experience as a 2019 Churchwide voting member paired with the opportunity to serve on bishop’s staff for more than six years gift me with the ability to understand and contribute to the intricacies of Churchwide Assembly decisions and actions. As our synod’s communications director, this opportunity strengthens my capacity to serve our congregations, our synod, and the ELCA missionally.

**THE REV. BETH A. SCHLEGEL**
**NOMINATED FOR POSITION: VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – ORDAINED AT LARGE**

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**Congregation:** St. Peter, York and Christ, Manchester  
**Congregation conference:** York and North York  
**Current occupation:** Pastor  
**Previous occupation (if relevant):**

**Year of birth (optional):**
Education:
- B.A. - Susquehanna University
- M.Div. - Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg

Church Service Position:
- Pastor, St. Peter, York (12 years)
- Pastor, Christ, Manchester (1.5 years)
- Synod Secretary – LSS (1.5 years)
- Synod Council -- LSS and SEPA (cumulative 10+ years)

Significant Community Service Position:

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
The life of the Church is precious to me, and I would like the opportunity to serve this church as a voting member to the Churchwide Assembly. As a voting member with experience at churchwide assemblies, I would be a voice for the confessional Lutheran tradition. I have respect for various viewpoints and use the gift of discernment in a deliberative body, as the Holy Spirit empowers me.

**THE REV. KEVIN C. STOUT**
**NOMINATED FOR POSITION: VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – ORDAINED AT LARGE**

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Congregation: St. John, Boiling Springs
Congregation conference: West Cumberland
Current occupation: Pastor
Previous occupation (if relevant): Christian Mission Development in Asia
Year of birth (optional): 1963

Education:
- B.S. – Agronomy – 1985
- M.A. – HCD – 2010
- Master of Divinity – 2016

Church Service Position:
- LSS Worship Committee (2018 to present)
- LSS Stewardship Committee (2019 to present)
- LSS Global Mission Committee (2017 to 2019)
- Youth Group Coordinator, Mt. Zion Lutheran, Lewisberry, PA (2009 to 2014)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Red Land High School Soccer Boosters – board president (2010 to present)

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
Passion for fostering a team culture complemented by discipleship and preaching from the Word. Leverage knowledge and faith as follower and believer in Jesus Christ as an advocate for children worldwide. A proven servant for leading supporters in today’s complex and fast-paced world with extensive experience in participatory planning, designing and implementing programs, financial and operational administration, and fund raising. Can speak Bengali.

**THE REV. SEAN SPENCER TITUS**
**NOMINATED FOR POSITION: VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – ORDAINED AT LARGE**

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Congregation: Trinity (Jefferson), Codorus
Congregation conference: Hanover
Current occupation: Pastor
Previous occupation (if relevant): Teacher
Year of birth (optional): 1980
Education:
- B.A. - Messiah College (politics, 2002)
- M.A. - University at Buffalo (history, 2005)
- M.Div. - Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (2016)

Church Service Position:
- Vicar (Intern), St. John’s Lutheran Church & Grace Parish (St. Luke & Grace-Two Taverns), Littlestown, PA (July 2014 to July 2015)
- Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church (Jefferson), Codorus, PA (July 2016 to present)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Lutheran Historical Society of the Mid-Atlantic – board member (2019 to present)
- Synod Worship Committee Member (2021 to present)

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
I bring my faith journey, my experience, and my theological commitments to this position. Rooted in my faith in Jesus, I seek to know Christ more deeply and make him known more effectively. My theology is firmly rooted in the Lutheran Confessions, while seeking a contemporary widening of the proclamation of God’s grace, as we face new challenges. I had the privilege of being a CWA Voting Member in 2019, and that experience gives me an important understanding of the current tasks and issues the ELCA, as well as knowledge of the procedures of a Churchwide Assembly.

KAY A. HINKLE
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – LAY WOMAN AT LARGE

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Congregation: Trinity, East Berlin
Congregation conference: Hanover
Current occupation: Retired
Previous occupation (if relevant): Sales and Customer Service Division Manager, Glatfelter Paper, York, PA
Year of birth (optional): 1952

Education:
- Associate Degree in Business

Church Service Position:
- Mission in Motion Team Lead (since 2012)
- Mutual Ministry (since 2015)
- Congregation Council twice (total 9 years - previous)
- Worship and Music Committee (total 6 years - previous)
- Sunday Church School Teacher (total 6 years - previous)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Lake Meade Garden Club - Adams County (current)
- Penn State Master Gardeners - Adams County (previous)
- 4-H Leader - Adams County (previous)

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
In my quest to better understand the organizational structure of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, I am expressing interest in attending the 2022 Churchwide Assembly as a Lay Woman. I have served my home congregation on congregation council, and now, am a member of the Lower Susquehanna Synod Council. The opportunity to participate at the national level would be a learning experience for me, and a chance to better serve the church, both locally and regionally. My background in business management has instigated an interest in, and working knowledge of, organizational structure. Learning more about the structure of the church excites me. But most importantly, when attending large gatherings of those who serve the Lord, I am inspired by others to serve at a higher level. When I was with LutheranHands of Harrisburg, I found the National Gathering (of Lutheran Youth) to be among the most inspiring events I've ever attended. I would be honored to represent our Synod at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly as Lay Woman.
BARBARA G. MILLER
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – LAY WOMAN AT LARGE

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Congregation: Christ, Manchester
Congregation conference:
Current occupation: Retired
Previous occupation (if relevant): Tax accountant (County of York)
Year of birth (optional): 1957

Education:
▪ B.S. – Accounting
▪ B.S. – Microbiology

Church Service Position:
▪ WELCA Treasurer (30 years)
▪ Sunday School Teacher (25 years)
▪ Call Committee (3 calls)
▪ Congregation Council (3 terms)

Significant Community Service Position:
▪ Youth and _____ through York County Juvenile Probation
▪ Men’s Baseball League – scorekeeper and treasurer

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
Being a member of 1 congregation since childhood has given me a faith family. I would like to help others find that family as God leads us. I have been able to see much of the larger family through serving on call committees and learning more of how God leads us.

CHUCK BISELL
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – LAY MAN AT LARGE

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Congregation: Zion, York
Congregation conference: York
Current occupation: Director of Family Faith Formation and Youth Ministry
Previous occupation (if relevant): Training Manager - D&H Distributing - Harrisburg, PA 1990-2017
Year of birth (optional): 1970

Education:
▪ Trinity High School

Church Service Position:
▪ Part Time Youth Associate - St. Peter, Mechanicsburg, PA (March 2012 - June 2017)
▪ Director, Youth and Family Ministry – Friedens, Myerstown, PA (August 2017 - October 2019)
▪ Congregation Council Member - St. Peter, Mechanicsburg, PA (January 2011 - December 2013)

Significant Community Service Position:
▪ Harrisburg Area Confirmation Camp – co-chairperson Saints track (2019-present)

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
I am both humbled and thankful for the nomination to this position. I have served in three different congregations in youth ministry roles and have served on congregation council in my home church. I have seen how different congregations work and I believe I can offer unique insight on how the policies brought before churchwide assembly effect not only the adults but also the youth of the ELCA.
JOSEPH M. STEPANSKY
NOMINATED FOR POSITION: VOTING MEMBER OF THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY – LAY MAN AT LARGE

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Congregation: Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Harrisburg
Congregation conference: Harrisburg
Current occupation: Retired
Previous occupation (if relevant): Financial Analyst
Year of birth (optional): 1957

Education:
- M.S. - California State University, Sacramento, Accounting, 1987
- B.S. - Penn State University, University Park, Computer Science, 1979
- B.S. - Mississippi State University, Meteorology, 2003

Church Service Position:
- Congregation Treasurer (December 2008 – Present)
- Congregation Council (Six years)
- Catechism Instructor (Two years)
- Treasurer, Lower Susquehanna Synod (September 2017 – Present)

Significant Community Service Position:
- Frankford Radio Club, newsletter publisher (12 years)

Please describe your unique talents and/or experiences that equip you for this position:
As Lower Susquehanna Synod treasurer for the past four years, I’ve had a unique opportunity to work with other synod treasurers from around the United States. I’ve also worked with staff at the churchwide office in Chicago. Attending churchwide assembly would allow me to better experience issues at the churchwide level. It would also allow me to develop working relationships with others within ELCA, be they at other synods or at churchwide.