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**Biographical Synopses
& Statements of Nominees**

**Submitted by Committee for Convention Nominations
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10. NOMINATIONS

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Report on Nominations for President, First Vice-President, and Other Vice-Presidents

Bylaws 3.12.1–3.12.1.6 establish our Synod’s process for receiving nominations and determining five candidates each for the offices of President and First Vice-President and 20 candidates for the offices of Vice-Presidents two through five. During October 2009, each voting congregation of the Synod received its official nominating ballots and the opportunity to nominate ordained ministers to each office. The official deadline for the return of these nominating ballots was March 10, 2010.

The Office of the Secretary, with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Synod, engaged the auditing firm of Brown Smith Wallace to tabulate the nominations. As required by Bylaw 3.12.1 (d), the following is a full report of the results of the nominating process.

Nomination Ballot Tallies

President

The following is a complete listing of the names and tallies of all clergymen who received nominating votes for the office of President:

Matthew Harrison	1,332	John Wohlrabe Jr.	79	David Buegler	9
Gerald Kieschnick	755	Daniel Preus	31	Dean Wenthe	8
Herbert Mueller Jr.	503	Dale Meyer	23	C. William Hoesman	6
Wallace Schulz	188	Paul Maier	16	Carl Fickenscher II	5
William Diekelman	185	Dean Nadasdy	12	Robert Newton	4

3 Votes Each: Donald Fondow, Terry Forke, Daniel Gard, Thomas Zehnder

2 Votes Each: David Adams, David Benke, Dan Gilbert, Randall Golter, Raymond Hartwig, Kenneth Hennings, Robert Lessing, Daniel May, Gerhard Michael Jr., Lawrence Rast, Dien Taylor

1 Vote Each: Robert Appold, James Baneck, Donald Beaumont, Victor Belton, Joel Biermann, Patrick Ferry, Charles Gieschen, Eloy Gonzalez, Stephen Hartman, Joel Hoelter, Allen Hoyer, James Keurulainen, Kenneth Klaus, Keith Kohlmeier, Kenneth Lampe, Ronald Meyer, Ray Mirly, Richard Moore, Jeffrey Muchow, Charles Mueller Jr., John Nunes, Walter Otten, Roger Paavola, Dean Pittelko, Jacob Preus, Francis Rossow, Dean Rothchild, Jeffery Schrank, Robert Schrank, Kurtis Schultz, Warren Schumacher, Ken Schurb, Russell Sommerfeld, Ronald Stelzer, Larry Stoterau, Carl Wenck

As required by Bylaw 3.12.1.1 (b), the ordained ministers who received the highest number of votes from the nominating process were notified to obtain their approval in writing for the inclusion of their names on the convention ballot. Because of declinations, the nominees with the next highest numbers of votes were similarly notified. The five nominees who received the highest number of votes and consented to serve as President if elected are, in alphabetical order, the following:

Carl Fickenscher II, Daniel Gard, Matthew Harrison, Gerald Kieschnick, Herbert Mueller Jr.

First Vice-President

The following is a complete listing of the names and tallies of all clergymen who received nominating votes for the office of First Vice-President:

Herbert Mueller Jr.	809	Gerald Kieschnick	26	C. William Hoesman	6
Matthew Harrison	728	David Buegler	14	Randall Golter	5
William Diekelman	244	Victor Belton	10	Scott Murray	5
Wallace Schulz	240	Dean Wenthe	10	Jeffery Gibbs	4
John Wohlrabe Jr.	144	Gerhard Michael Jr.	8	Robert Preece	4
Jeffery Schrank	112	Robert Newton	8	Jacob Preus	4
Daniel Preus	79	David Adams	6	Russell Sommerfeld	4
Paul Maier	70	Carl Fickenscher II	6		
Dean Nadasdy	36	Terry Forke	6		

3 Votes Each: Donald Fondow, Daniel Gard, Raymond Hartwig, Carl Krueger, Lawrence Rast, Larry Stoterau, Dien Taylor

2 Votes Each: Wally Arp, Andrew Bartelt, Terry Cripe, Edward Engelbrecht, Patrick Ferry, Dan Gilbert, Eloy Gonzalez, Larry Harvala, Kenneth Hennings, Kenneth Klaus, Timothy Klinkenberg, Keith Kohlmeier, Robert Lessing, Paul McCain, John Pless, Klemet Preus, Ken Schurb, Paul Sieveking, William Weinrich, Thomas Zehnder

1 Vote Each: Harold Bender, David Benke, Arie Bertsch, Joel Biermann, Richard Bolland, David Bueltmann, Paul Devantier, James Fandrey, Donald Fehlauer, David Fleming, Albert Garcia, Michael Geml, Samuel Gomez, Vernon Gundermann, Ralph Hobratschk, Joel Hoelter, Meredith Jackson, Arthur Just, Robert Kuhn, Joel Lehenbauer, Richard Marrs, Daniel May, Ray Mirly, Richard Moore, Jeffrey Muchow, Herbert Mueller III, Walter Otten, Roger Paavola, Arlo Pullmann, Philip Quardokus, Thomas Ries, David Ritt, Christopher Roepke, Dean Rothchild, Donald Sandmann, Kurtis Schultz, Lane Seitz, Ronald Stelzer, John Stieve, Steven Theiss, Laurence White, Todd Wilken, Emil Witschy

As required by Bylaw 3.12.1.1 (b), the ordained ministers who received the highest number of votes from the nominating process were notified to secure their approval in writing for the inclusion of their names on the convention ballot. Because of declinations, the nominees with the next highest numbers of votes were similarly notified. The five nominees who received the highest number of votes and consented to serve as First Vice-President if elected are, in alphabetical order, the following:

William Diekelman, Matthew Harrison, Herbert Mueller Jr., Jeffery Schrank, Wallace Schulz

Other Vice-Presidents

The following is a complete listing of the names and tallies of all clergymen who received nominating votes for the offices of vice-presidents two through five:

John Wohlrabe Jr.	800	David Buegler	353	Luther Brunette	74
David Adams	682	Terry Forke	195	Matthew Harrison	45
Daniel Preus	488	Herbert Mueller Jr.	195	Lawrence Rast Jr.	44
Paul Maier	481	Carl Fickenscher II	161	Dean Wenthe	42
Scott Murray	436	Wallace Schulz	159	Harold Senkbeil	36
Dean Nadasdy	435	Victor Belton	134	Clint Poppe	35

Dale Meyer	34	Ronald Garwood	14	Jeffrey Gibbs	7
John Pless	34	Ken Schurb	14	John Nunes	7
Jacob Preus	32	Robert King	12	Laurence White	7
Daniel Gard	30	Klemet Preus	12	William Cwirla	6
Robert Lessing	24	William Weinrich	12	Robert Newton	6
William Diekelman	22	Warren Schumacher	10	Leopoldo Sanchez	6
C. William Hoesman	20	Randall Golter	9	Larry Stoterau	6
Charles Mueller Sr.	20	Eloy Gonzalez	9	Todd Wilken	6
Jeffery Schrank	20	Robert Preece	8		
Gerhard Michael Jr.	18	Wally Arp	7		

5 Votes Each: Andrew Bartelt, Ralph Blumenberg, Patrick Ferry, Donald Fondow, Arthur Just Jr., Kenneth Klaus, Martin Noland, Russell Sommerfeld, Dien Taylor, Thomas Zehnder

4 Votes Each: Kenneth Hennings, Keith Kohlmeier, Robert Kuhn, Paul McCain, Ray Mirly, Donald Muchow, Arlo Pullmann

3 Votes Each: Randy Asburry, David Benke, John Brunner, Jon Diefenthaler, Vernon Gundermann, Gerald Kieschnick, Timothy Kinne, Carl Krueger Jr., Daniel May, Elder McCants, Paul Sieveking, William Weedon

2 Votes Each: Thomas Ahlersmeyer, James Bauer, Jack Baumgarn, Dean Bell, Joel Biermann, Daniel Bishop, David Boisclair, Richard Bolland, Joel Brondos, Scott Bruzek, Peter Cage, Bradley Drew, Edward Engelbrecht, Brian Friedrich, Samuel Gomez, Roosevelt Gray, Paul Grime, Ralph Hobratschk, Stephen Hower, William Klettke, Loren Kramer, Brent Kuhlman, Kenneth Lampe, Paul Meyer, Ronald Meyer, Timothy Miille, Jeffrey Muchow, Ronald Mueller, Samuel Nafzger, David Petersen, David Ritt, Matthew Rueger, Dale Sattgast, Brian Saunders, Lane Seitz, Paul Shoemaker, David Smith, John Wille, S. T. Williams, Alan Wollenburg, William Yonker, Gary Zieroth

1 Vote Each: William Ameiss, Ronald Arnold, Benjamin Ball, Richard Behnke, David Belasic, Peter Bender, Marvin Bergman, Luther Biggs, George Black, David Block, Wayne Braun, Jon Braunersreuther, Daniel Brege, Steven Briel, Louis Brighton, Scott Bruick, David Bueltmann, Leonard Busch III, James Butler, Terry Cripe, Richard Dannenbring, John Davidson, Paul Devantier, Norman Dierking, Jonathan Dinger, David Dissen, Andrew Dzurovcik, Robert Eggers Jr., Richard Elseroad, Michael Ernst, Douglas Escue, Alfonso Espinosa, James Fandrey, Charles Froehlich, Jonathan Frusti, Albert Garcia, Eugene Gierke, Dennis Glick, Mark Grunst, Charles Gustafson, Mark Hannemann, Raymond Hartwig, Larry Harvala, John Heins, Timothy Henning, Steven Henze, Mark Hetzner, Barry Hildebrandt, John Hill, Herbert Hoefer, Glenn Huebel, Daniel Johnson, Peter Kirby, Timothy Klinkenberg, William Knippa, Victor Kollmann, Larry Krueger, Peter Kurowski, Peter Lange, Roger Lange, Raymond Larson, Joel Lehenbauer, Robert Luinstra, Arleigh Lutz, Cameron MacKenzie, Walter A. Maier, Walter A. Maier III, Charles Manske, Peter Marcis, Naomichi Masaki, Steven Maske, David Maxwell, John Mehl, Peter Meier, Yohannes Mengsteab, Ricky Mensing, Philip Meyer, Paul Meyer, Michael Miller, Paul Moldenhauer, Joseph Molitoris, David Mommens, William Mons, John Montgomery, Allen Montgomery, Paul Neuberger, Larry Nichols, Richard Noack, Nabil Nour, Norbert Oesch, Howard Patten, Randall Pekari, Benito Perez-Lopez, David Peter, Larry Peters, Peter Preus, Donald Pritchard, Douglas Punke, Ronald Rall, Steven Rasmussen, David Reed, Elroi Reimnitz, Chris Reinke, Robert Riggert, Scott Rische, Jonathan Rockey, Robert Roegner, Christopher Roepke, David Rohde, Robert Rosin, Dean Rothchild, Stephen Sanderson, Adam Scheblein, Evan Schiller, Vernon Schindler, Paul Schlueter, Ralph Schmidt, John Schmidt, Kurtis Schultz, Robert Scudieri, William Seaman, Gary Sears, Mark Sell, Floyd Smithey Jr., David Speers, Ronald Sprehe, David Stechholz, John Stennfeld, John Stieve, John Stohlmann, Christopher Tabbert, Matthew Thompson, Terry Tieman, Chad Trouten, William Utech, Charles Varsogea, Eugene Vetter, James Voelz, Larry Vogel, James Waddell, Stephen Wagner, Philip Wagner, Jerome Wagoner, Walter Waiser, Michael Warmbier, Richard Warneck, Kari Wellnitz, Carl Wenck, Jay Wheeler, Ronald Wiese, David Winningham, Gregory Wismar, C. Bryan Wolfmueller, James Young, Robert Zagore, Marcus Zill

As required by Bylaw 3.12.1.1 (b), the ordained ministers who received the highest number of votes from the nominating process were notified to secure their approval in writing for the inclusion of their names on the convention ballot. In the event of death, declination, or unavailability, the nominee with the next highest number of votes was similarly notified. This process continued until the twenty whose names will appear on the convention ballot were identified.

The following, in alphabetical order, have agreed to serve as vice-president two through five if elected:

David Adams, Victor Belton, Luther Brunette, David Buegler, Carl Fickenscher II, Daniel Gard, Matthew Harrison, Paul Maier, Herbert Mueller Jr., Scott Murray, Dean Nadasdy, John Pless, Clint Poppe, Daniel Preus, Jacob Preus, Lawrence Rast, Wallace Schulz, Harold Senkbeil, Dean Wenthe, John Wohlrabe Jr.

Amendments to the Slates of Candidates

Bylaw 3.12.1.3 provides opportunity for the convention to alter the slates for President, First Vice-President, and other Vice-Presidents by amendment. A motion, second, and majority vote is necessary. Prior written consent of such candidates is required and, along with pertinent biographical information, must be submitted immediately to the Secretary of the Synod by the delegate making the nomination. Forms for this purpose are available upon request from the Office of the Secretary. After all such amendments have been received and voted on, the convention ratifies the slate of candidates prior to each election.

Statistical Comparison

As part of the Secretary's report to the convention, the following provides opportunity to compare nominating ballot activity with that of prior conventions. Of the 2,045 total ballots received in 2010:

Ballots Recorded

Position	2010	2007	2004	2001	1998
President	2,007	2,075	2,581	3,001	3,343
First Vice-President	1,891	1,957	2,401	2,933	3,190
Other Vice-Presidents	1,561	1,679	2,114		

Biographical Information

Brief biographies of the five candidates for President, five candidates for First Vice-President, and twenty candidates for other Vice-Presidents are provided on the following pages of this report. As required by Bylaw 3.12.1.2, "such pertinent information as age, residence, number of years in the Synod, present position, offices previously held in a district or the Synod, year of ordination, former pastorates, involvement in community, government, or interchurch affairs, and any other specific experience and qualification for the office" is provided.

Raymond L. Hartwig, *Secretary*

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: David L. Adams
Address: 1288 Fenton Ridge Drive
 Fenton, MO 63026

Birth Date: July 24, 1955
Birth Place: Sikeston, Missouri

Wife's Maiden Name: Lisa Eaton
Number of Children: None

College: Concordia Sr. College, Fort Wayne (1977)
Seminary: Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1981)
Other Degrees: S.T.M., Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1983)
 Ph.D., Cambridge University, England (1997)



Member of Synod Congregations: 38 years
Rostered Member of Synod: 29 years
Year of Ordination: 1985

Nominee for Other Vice-President

Pastorates

<u>Congregations</u>	<u>Years</u>
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Caseyville, IL	1985–87

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Dir., Microcomputer Services	LCMS Office of Information Systems	1988–91
Assistant Professor/ Director of Pre-Sem Studies	Concordia, Ann Arbor	1991–95
Executive Director	LCMS Office of Government Information	1996–2000
Associate Professor	Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	2000–Present

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Member, KFUE Radio Committee	2003–06

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
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Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Member of Board, National Pro-Life Religious Council	1996–2000
President, National Pro-Life Religious Council	2000
Board of Directors, Hope Seeds Ministry	1997–2000
Senior Staff, Khirbet Qeiyafa Archaeological Excavation, Israel	2008–Present

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: Victor J. Belton
Address: 231 Dodd Avenue SW
 Atlanta, GA 30315

Birth Date: November 6, 1953
Birth Place: Washington DC

Wife's Maiden Name: Wenona L. Clark
Number of Children: One

College: Concordia, Bronxville, NY (1982)
Seminary: Concordia, St. Louis, MO (1986)
Other Degrees: LL.D., Concordia, Bronxville, NY



Member of Synod Congregations: 43 years
Rostered Member of Synod: 23 years
Year of Ordination: 1986

Nominee for Other Vice-President

Pastorates

<u>Congregations</u>	<u>Years</u>
Director, Youth & Evangelism, LUTHER Plan, St. Louis	1986–90
Peace Lutheran Church, Decatur, GA	1990–Present

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Computer Operator	Beconta Sports Suppliers	1979–81
Computer Operator	Bank of New York	1981–82
Comp. Oper./Shift Supervisor	Blue Cross Blue Shield, St. Louis	1983–86

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Board for Congregational Services	1995–2001
Board of Regents, Concordia College, Selma	2008–Present
LCMS Board of Directors	2004–10

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Circuit Counselor, Atlanta South	1999–2001
Florida-Georgia District Vice-President	2002
Florida-Georgia District Board of Directors	2003–04

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Summer Workforce Development Youth Program Supervisor	2005–10
Community Development Advisory Committee	2006–10
Dekalb Consortium of Churches Co-Chairman	2008–10

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: Luther C. Brunette
Address: 5147 Puffin Place
 Carmel, IN 46033-9642

Birth Date: November 28, 1954
Birth Place: Hickory, North Carolina

Wife's Maiden Name: Kristine Daum
Number of Children: Three

College: Concordia, Milwaukee, WI (1974)
 Marquette University (1976)
Seminary: Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO (1986)
Other Degrees:

Member of Synod Congregations: 55 years
Rostered Member of Synod: 30 years
Year of Ordination: 1980

Pastorates

<u>Congregations</u>	<u>Years</u>
St. James Lutheran Church, Lafayette, IN	1980–88
Salem Lutheran Church, Affton, MO	1988–93
Carmel Lutheran Church, Carmel, IN	1993–Present

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
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Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
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Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
IN District Board of Education	1994–97
Chairman, IN District Board of Education	1997–2001
Chairman, IN District Council for Congregational Services	2001–07

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
PALS Facilitator	2007–Present
Board of Directors, Lutheran High School, Indianapolis	2002–05
PLI (Parish Leadership), Mentor Pastor	2001–Present
Board of Directors, Valparaiso University	2008–Present
Devotional and sermon author for CPH, LLL, LWML	1994–Present



Nominee for Other Vice-President

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: David D. Buegler
Address: 4321 Jaycox Road
 Avon, OH 44011

Birth Date: July 31, 1946
Birth Place: Blue Earth, Minnesota

Wife's Maiden Name: Susan Gudahl
Number of Children: Two

College: Minnesota State Univ., Mankato, MN (1968)
Seminary: Con. Theol. Sem., Springfield, IL (1972)
Other Degrees: LL.D., Concordia, Ann Arbor (1994)
 LL.D., Concordia, Chicago (2006)



Member of Synod Congregations: 63 years
Rostered Member of Synod: 38 years
Year of Ordination: 1972

Nominee for Other Vice-President

Pastorates

<u>Congregations</u>	<u>Years</u>
Trinity Lutheran Church, Jackson, MI	1972–80
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon, OH	1980–88
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Westlake, OH	1996–2003

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Ohio District President	Ohio District, LCMS	1988–96
Executive Director	Cleveland Lutheran High School Association	2003–08

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Board of Regents, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne	1989–96; 2004–Present
Synod Vice-President	1998–2004
Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance	2006–Present

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Board of Stewardship, Ohio District	1985–88
Board of Directors, Ohio District	1988–96
<i>Fan into Flame</i> Chairperson, Ohio District	2008–Present

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Board of Trustees, Fairview/Lutheran Hospitals, Cleveland	1998–Present
Board of Directors, P.O.B.L.O. International Muslim Outreach	2001–Present
Board of Directors, Community West Foundation, Cleveland	2005–Present

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: William R. Diekelman
Address: 893 Sugar Hill Drive
 Ballwin, MO 63021

Birth Date: September 25, 1946
Birth Place: Harvey, Illinois

Wife's Maiden Name: Carol Schroeder
Number of Children: Six

College: Concordia Sr. College, Fort Wayne (1969)
Seminary: Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1973)
Other Degrees: LL.D., Concordia University Chicago



Nominee for First Vice-President

Member of Synod Congregations: 63 years
Rostered Member of Synod: 37 years
Year of Ordination: 1973

Pastorates

<u>Congregations</u>	<u>Years</u>
St. Mark Lutheran Church, Elko, NV	1973–81
Faith Lutheran Church, Owasso, OK	1981–2004

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
First Vice-President The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	2004–Present

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Circuit Counselor, Miami Circuit, Oklahoma District	1985–88
First Vice-President, Oklahoma District	1988–91
President, Oklahoma District	1991–2004

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Wheat Ridge Ministries, Board of Directors	1997–2006
Owasso Ministerial Alliance	

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: Carl C. Fickenscher II
Address: 2 Martin Luther Drive
 Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Birth Date: April 21, 1955
Birth Place: San Mateo, California

Wife's Maiden Name: Claire Helmreich
Number of Children: Three

College: Southern Methodist University (1976)
Seminary: Concordia Theol. Sem., Fort Wayne (1984)
Other Degrees: M.B.A., Southern Methodist University
 Ph.D., Southwestern Baptist Theol. Sem.



Member of Synod Congregations: 55
Rostered Member of Synod: 26
Year of Ordination: 1984

Nominee for President
Nominee for Other Vice-President

Pastorates

<u>Congregations</u>	<u>Years</u>
Messiah Lutheran Church, Midland, MI	1984–89
Peace Lutheran Church, Garland, TX	1989–99

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Area Distribution Manager	The Hertz Corporation	1978–80
Research Assistant	United States Senate	1980
Associate Professor	Concordia Theological Seminary	1999–Present

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Conventions: delegate, floor committee, essayist	1986, 1998, 2001, 2007
Board of Regents, Concordia University, Austin, TX	1997–99
LCMS—ELCA Discussion Panel	1998–2001

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Secretary, North and West Pastors Conference, Michigan District	1986–89
Circuit Counselor, Michigan District	1988–89
Floor committee chairman, Texas District conventions	1994, 1997

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Editor, <i>Concordia Pulpit Resources</i> and many other publications	2003–Present; 1985–Present
Lutherans For Life, Texas District Pastoral Advisor	1984–Present; 1995–99
LWML Zone and District Counselor	1986–89; 1992–96

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: Daniel L. Gard
Address: 7430 Clingmans Trail
 Fort Wayne, IN 46835

Birth Date: January 29, 1954
Birth Place: Bossier City, Louisiana

Wife's Maiden Name: Annette Scheumann
Number of Children: Three

College: Carthage College (1975)
Seminary: Concordia Theol. Sem., Fort Wayne (1984)
Other Degrees: M.A., University of Notre Dame
 Ph.D., University of Notre Dame



Nominee for President
Nominee for Other Vice-President

Member of Synod Congregations: 32 years
Rostered Member of Synod: 25 years
Year of Ordination: 1984

Pastorates

<u>Congregations</u>	<u>Years</u>
St. Paul Lutheran Church (Woodland), Mishawaka, IN	1984–89

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Professor	Conc. Theol. Sem., Fort Wayne	1989–Present

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Commission on Ministerial Growth and Support	1998–2004
CRISP	2000–2007
Pastoral Delegate, Wichita	1989

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
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Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Chaplain, U.S. Navy Reserve	1998–Present

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: Matthew C. Harrison
Address: 580 Spragues Mill Court
 Ballwin, MO 63011

Birth Date: March 14, 1962
Birth Place: Sioux City, Iowa

Wife's Maiden Name: Kathy Schimm
Number of Children: Two

College: Morningside College, Sioux City (1984)
Seminary: Concordia Theol. Sem., Fort Wayne (1989)
Other Degrees: S.T.M., Concordia Theol. Sem., Fort Wayne
 Graduate Studies, Conc. Sem., St. Louis



Member of Synod Congregations: 48 years
Rostered Member of Synod: 19 years
Year of Ordination: 1991

Nominee for President
Nominee for First Vice-President
Nominee for Other Vice-President

Pastorates

<u>Congregations</u>	<u>Years</u>
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Westgate, IA	1991–95
Zion Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN	1995–2001

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Missionary to Native Canadians	Luth. Assoc. Missionaries & Pilots	1983–84
Graduate Assistant	Concordia Theological Seminary	1990–1991
Exec. Dir., World Relief/Human Care	LCMS	2001–Present

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Board for Missions	1998–2001
Founding President, Nat'l. Lutheran Housing Support Corporation	2004–Present

Other District Offices

	<u>Years</u>
District Task Force on Rural Ministry	1993–95
Synod Nominations Committee	1994–95

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Co-Founder, St. Peter's/Zion Project for Neighborhood Renewal	1995–2001
Project Renew (Neighborworks Housing) Board	1995–2001
Fort Wayne Urban League Building Committee	1999
Catholic/Lutheran Dialogue; LCMS President's Church Relations Cabinet	1996–2001; Present
Lutheran Services in America Board; Lutheran World Relief Board	2001–Present
Missouri Area Bluegrass Committee Member (Five-String Banjo)	2005–08
Author/Trans./Ed. of numerous publications; most recently <i>A Little Book on Joy; At Home in the House of My Fathers; Christ Have Mercy</i>	2000–Present
Managed Synod's nat'l. responses to Haiti, Asian Tsunami, Katrina, etc.	2001–Present

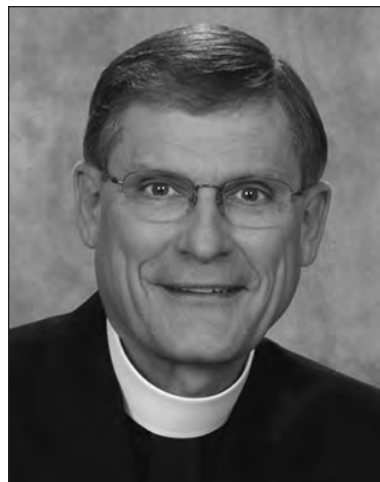
NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: Gerald B. Kieschnick
Address: 8847 Gladlea Drive
 St. Louis, MO 63127

Birth Date: January 29, 1943
Birth Place: Houston, Texas

Wife's Maiden Name: Terry Lee Roos
Number of Children: Two

College: Texas A&M University (1964)
Seminary: Concordia Theol. Sem., Springfield (1970)
 Concordia Theol. Sem., Fort Wayne (1977)
Other Degrees: Doctor of Laws, Concordia, Austin (1996)



Nominee for President

Member of Synod Congregations: 67 years
Rostered Member of Synod: 40 years
Year of Ordination: 1970

Pastorates

<u>Congregations</u>	<u>Years</u>
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Biloxi, MS	1970–73
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Beaumont, TX	1973–81
Faith Lutheran Church, Georgetown, TX—Mission Developer and Pastor	1981–86

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Director of Development	Lutheran Foundation of Texas	1986–88
Executive Director	Lutheran Foundation of Texas	1988–91
President	Texas District, LCMS	1991–2001
President	The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	2001–Present

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Program Committee, Council of Presidents	1994–Present
Chairman, Commission on Theology and Church Relations	1998–2001
Executive Committee, LCMS Board of Directors	2001–Present

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Director of Public Relations, Texas District	1977–86
Circuit Counselor, Texas District	1978–81
Task Force on Campus Ministry, Texas District	1982–83

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Chairman of Board, Southeast Texas Crisis Telephone Hotline	1975–81
President, Georgetown, TX, Lions Club	1984–85
Exec. Com., International Lutheran Council; Chairman, ILC (2009)	2001–Present
Committee on Inter-Lutheran Cooperation	2001–Present

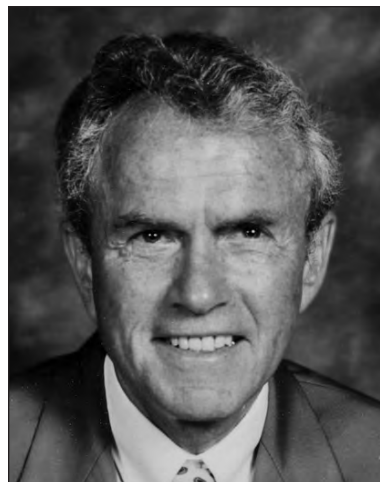
NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: Paul L. Maier
Address: 8383 West Main Street
 Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Birth Date: May 31, 1930
Birth Place: St. Louis, Missouri

Wife's Maiden Name: Joan M. Ludtke
Number of Children: Four

College: Harvard University (1954)
Seminary: Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1955)
Other Degrees: Ph.D., University of Basel (1957)
 Litt.D., Concordia Seminary (1995)
 LL.D., Concordia, Ann Arbor (2000)
 Litt.D., Concordia, Irvine (2007)



Nominee for Other Vice-President

Member of Synod Congregations: 79 years
Rostered Member of Synod: 52 years
Year of Ordination: 1958

Pastorates

<u>Congregations</u>	<u>Years</u>
University Lutheran Church, Kalamazoo, MI	1958–99

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Professor, History	Western Michigan University	1960–Present

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Exec. Com., Board of Directors, Concordia University System	1992–2001
Fourth Vice-President, LCMS	2001–04
Second Vice-President, LCMS	2004–Present

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
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Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Commission on Church Literature, LCMS	1976–81
Board of Regents, Concordia Seminary	2001–Present
KFUO Radio Arts Board	2007–09

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: Herbert C. Mueller Jr.
Address: 102 Front Street
 Waterloo, IL 62298

Birth Date: May 16, 1953
Birth Place: Grand Forks, North Dakota

Wife's Maiden Name: Faith Anderson
Number of Children: Three

College: Concordia College, Ann Arbor (1973)
 Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne (1975)
Seminary: Concordia Seminary, St Louis (1979)
Other Degrees:



Member of Synod Congregations: 57 years
Rostered Member of Synod: 31 years
Year of Ordination: 1979

Nominee for President
Nominee for First Vice-President
Nominee for Other Vice-President

Pastorates

<u>Congregations</u>	<u>Years</u>
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL	1979–83
Zion Lutheran Church, Bethalto, IL	1983–90
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Waterloo, IL	1990–94

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
District President	Southern Illinois District	1994–Present

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Commission on Ministerial Growth and Support	1998–07
Synod Colloquy Committee	1999–2000
Council of Presidents Program Committee	2003–2009

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Secretary	1988–91
Second Vice-President	1991–92
First Vice-President	1992–94

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Six Mission Trips to Southern Africa	1997–2010

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: Scott R. Murray
Address: 3419 Shadowwalk Drive
 Houston, TX 77082

Birth Date: May 24, 1958
Birth Place: Kitchener, Ontario, Canada

Wife's Maiden Name: Maryann Sovis
Number of Children: Two

College: Concordia College, Ann Arbor (1980)
Seminary: Concordia Theol. Sem., Fort Wayne (1983)
Other Degrees: M.A., Loyola Univ., New Orleans (1993)
 Ph.D., New Orleans Baptist Theol. Sem. (1998)



Nominee for Other Vice-President

Member of Synod Congregations: 52 years
Rostered Member of Synod: 26 years
Year of Ordination: 1983

Pastorates

<u>Congregations</u>	<u>Years</u>
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Cobourg, Ontario, Canada	1983–85
Salem Lutheran Church and School, Gretna, LA	1985–96
Memorial Lutheran Church and School, Houston, TX	1996–Present

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
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Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Member, Commission on Theology and Church Relations	1995–2001
Vice Chair, Commission on Theology and Church Relations	1998–2001

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
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Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Editorial Associate, <i>LOGIA</i>	1992–Present
Board of Directors, Lutheran Education Association of Houston	2001–07
Member and Vice-President, Board of Directors, Luther Academy	2007–Present

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: Dean Nadasdy
Address: 7380 Afton Road
 Woodbury, MN 55125

Birth Date: December 30, 1947
Birth Place: Chicago, Illinois

Wife's Maiden Name: Susan Begick
Number of Children: Three

College: Concordia Sr. College, Fort Wayne (1969)
Seminary: Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1973)
Other Degrees: M.A., University of Missouri, St. Louis
 D.Litt., Concordia, Seward



Nominee for Other Vice-President

Member of Synod Congregations: 62 years
Rostered Member of Synod: 37 years
Year of Ordination: 1973

Pastorates

<u>Congregations</u>	<u>Years</u>
Grace Lutheran Church, Eugene, OR	1973–81
Cross View Lutheran Church, Edina, MN	1981–97
Woodbury Lutheran Church, Woodbury, MN	2000–Present

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Associate Professor, Benidt Memorial Chair, Homiletics and Literature	Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	1997–2000

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Board for Communication Services	2001–03
Third and Fourth Vice-President, LCMS	2004–Present
General Editor, LCMS Circuit Bible Studies for Pastors	2005–Present

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
District Board of Directors, Minnesota South District	1988–91
Chair, District Missions Committee, Minnesota South District	1991–97
First Vice-President, Minnesota South District	1991–97; 2003–04

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Writer (children/youth/adult curriculum, worship and preaching resources)	1981–Present
Speaker (Pastors, Teachers, LWML, and Youth Conferences)	1989–Present
Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity	1990–Present

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: John Pless
Address: 1 Wycliffe Place
 Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Birth Date: February 10, 1953
Birth Place: Hickory, North Carolina

Wife's Maiden Name: NA
Number of Children: None

College: Texas Lutheran College, Seguin, TX (1975)
Seminary: Trinity Luth. Sem., Columbus, OH (1979)
Other Degrees:



Nominee for Other Vice-President

Member of Synod Congregations: 27 years
Rostered Member of Synod: 27 years
Year of Ordination: 1983

Pastorates

<u>Congregations</u>	<u>Years</u>
University Lutheran Chapel, Minneapolis, MN	1983–2000

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Chapel Staff, Chapel of the Resurrection	Valparaiso University	1979–83
Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry & Missions/ Director of Field Education	Concordia Theol. Sem., Fort Wayne	2000–Present

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Board for Youth Ministry	1989–95
Board for Congregational and District Services	1995–2004
Sanctity of Human Life Committee	2006–Present

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Nominations Committee—Minnesota South District	1997–2000

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
LBA Agenda Committee	1998–2007
Co-President, International Loehe Society	2008–Present
Book Review Editor, <i>LOGIA: A Journal of Lutheran Theology</i>	1992–Present

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: Clint K. Poppe
Address: 705 Glenarbor Circle
 Lincoln, NE 68512

Birth Date: August 7, 1958
Birth Place: West Point, Nebraska

Wife's Maiden Name: Barbara Pagels
Number of Children: Three

College: Concordia, Mequon (1988)
Seminary: Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1998)
Other Degrees: Completing S.T.M., Concordia Sem., St. Louis



Member of Synod Congregations: 51 years
Rostered Member of Synod: 24 years
Year of Ordination: 1998

Nominee for Other Vice-President

Pastorates

<u>Congregations</u>	<u>Years</u>
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lincoln, NE	1997–Present

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Lay Minister	St. Paul, West Point, NE	1986–94

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Dialog Evangelism Trainer	1989–92
DE II Trainer	1992–94
First Vice-President, Nebraska District	2003–09

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
District Evangelism Commission	1988–94
Tell the Good News about Jesus District Coordinator	1997–2001
Chairman, Nomination Committee	2001–03

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
West Point City Council	1984–88
Educational Service Unit #2 Board	1990–94
Haiti Lutheran Mission Society USA Board	2000–Present

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: Daniel Preus
Address: 9228 Lavant Drive
 St. Louis, MO 63126

Birth Date: March 7, 1949
Birth Place: Mayville, North Dakota

Wife's Maiden Name: Linda Craig
Number of Children: Five

College: Concordia Sr. College, Fort Wayne (1971)
Seminary: Concordia Theol. Sem., Springfield (1975)
Other Degrees: S.T.M., Concordia Theol. Sem., Fort Wayne (1989)



Nominee for Other Vice-President

Member of Synod Congregations: 53 years
Rostered Member of Synod: 34 years
Year of Ordination: 1975

Pastorates

<u>Congregations</u>	<u>Years</u>
Trinity Lutheran Church, Hobart, IN	1975–78
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Truman, MN	1978–86
Christ Lutheran Church, Oak Park, IL	1986–90
Shepherd of the Springs Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, CO	1990–95

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Director	Concordia Historical Institute	1995–2001
First Vice-President	The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	2001–04
Director	Luther Academy	2005–Present

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Board for Parish Services, LCMS	1986–92
LCMS Board of Directors	2001–04
Lutheran Church Extension Fund	2001–04

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Board of Youth, Indiana District	1976–78
LWML Pastoral Counselor, Minnesota South District	1981–86
Circuit Counselor, Truman Circuit, Minnesota South District	1982–86

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Discussion Leader, LCMS and ELCK (Kenya) Church Fellowship	2003–04
Liaison, CHI and Federal Republic of Germany—return of Luther Manuscript	1995–96

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: Jacob A. O. Preus
Address: 600 Hoffmann Drive
 Watertown, WI 53094

Birth Date: March 20, 1953
Birth Place: Luverne, Minnesota

Wife's Maiden Name: Sherry Bender
Number of Children: Three

College: University of Missouri, Columbia (1975)
Seminary: Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1980)
Other Degrees: S.T.M, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
 Th.D., Concordia Seminary, St. Louis



Nominee for Other Vice-President

Member of Synod Congregations: 51 years
Rostered Member of Synod: 30 years
Year of Ordination: 1980

Pastorates

<u>Congregations</u>	<u>Years</u>
Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA	1980–83
Holy Sacraments Lutheran Church, St. Louis, MO	1983–86

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Dean of Faculty	Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	1986–98
President	Concordia University, Irvine, CA	1998–2009
Executive Vice-President	Bethesda Lutheran Communities	2009–Present

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Commission on Adjudication	1984–94
Commission on Theology and Church Relations	1994–98
Commission on Doctrinal Review	2002–09

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
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Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Chaplain, U.S. Navy Reserves	1984–98
Board of Directors, The Luther Institute, Washington DC	2000–06
President, Concordia Mission Society	1994–Present

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: Lawrence R. Rast Jr.
Address: 6 Martin Luther Drive
 Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Birth Date: September 13, 1962
Birth Place: Chicago, Illinois

Wife's Maiden Name: Amy Engelbrecht
Number of Children: Three

College: Concordia, River Forest (1986)
Seminary: Concordia Theol. Sem., Fort Wayne (1990)
Other Degrees: S.T.M., Concordia Theol. Sem., Fort Wayne
 Ph.D., Vanderbilt University



Nominee for Other Vice-President

Member of Synod Congregations: 47 years
Rostered Member of Synod: 18 years
Year of Ordination: 1992

Pastorates

<u>Congregations</u>	<u>Years</u>
Ascension Evangelical Lutheran Church, Madison, TN	1992–96

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Graduate Assistant	Concordia Theol. Sem., Fort Wayne	1990–91
Professor, Historical Theology	Concordia Theol. Sem., Fort Wayne	1996–Present
Academic Dean	Concordia Theol. Sem., Fort Wayne	2007–Present

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Board of Governors, Concordia Historical Institute	1995–2010
Commission on Doctrinal Review	1998–2001
Commission on Theology and Church Relations	2006–Present

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Archivist, Mid-South District, LCMS	1992–96

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Author, numerous scholarly articles, CPH curricula, Associate Editor <i>CTQ</i>	1992–Present
Essayist/Presenter, various LCMS district conventions/conferences	1993–Present
Thrivent Fellows Leadership Training	2006–07
New Church Development Task Force	2007–Present

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: Jeffery Schrank
Address: 4302 East Blanche Drive
 Phoenix, AZ 85032

Birth Date: May 28, 1962
Birth Place: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Wife's Maiden Name: Joyce MacDougall
Number of Children: Three

College: Concordia, River Forest (1984)
Seminary: Conc. Theol. Sem., Fort Wayne (1988)
Other Degrees: D.Min., Westminster Theol. Sem. (1996)



Member of Synod Congregations: 47 years
Rostered Member of Synod: 22 years
Year of Ordination: 1988

Nominee for First Vice-President

Pastorates

<u>Congregations</u>	<u>Years</u>
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Lawrenceville, NJ	1988–95
Trinity Lutheran Church, Nashville, IL	1995–2000
Christ Church Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ	2000–Present

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance	2005–09
Board of Directors, LCMS	2008–Present

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Growth Plan Task Force	1990–94
District Camp Coordinator	1989–95

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Prison and Jail Chaplaincy	1989–2002

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

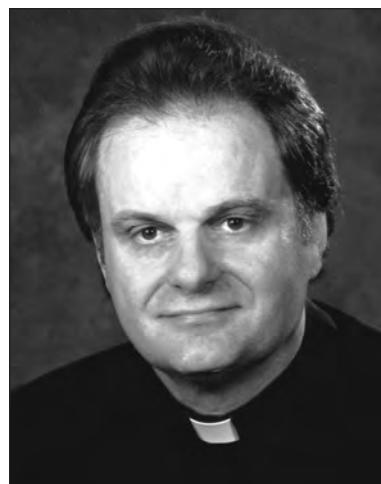
Name: Wallace R. Schulz
Address: 532 South High Post Road
 Augusta, MO 63332

Birth Date: July 3, 1944
Birth Place: Parkston, South Dakota

Wife's Maiden Name: Kathy Soyk
Number of Children: One

College: Concordia, Seward (1967)
Seminary: Concordia Theol. Sem., Springfield (1973)
Other Degrees: LL.D., Concordia, Seward

Member of Synod Congregations: 66 years
Rostered Member of Synod: 37 years
Year of Ordination: 1973



Nominee for First Vice-President
Nominee for Other Vice-President

Pastorates

<u>Congregations</u>	<u>Years</u>
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sioux City, IA	1973–74

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Professor	Concordia, Ann Arbor	1967–69
Admissions Counselor	Concordia, River Forest	1974–77
Lutheran Hour Assoc. Speaker	Lutheran Laymen's League	1977–2002

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Fifth Vice-President, LCMS	1995–98
Fifth Vice-President, LCMS	1998–2001
Second Vice President, LCMS	2001–04

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
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Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Evangelist, Lutheran Heritage Foundation	2002–Present

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: Harold L. Senkbeil
Address: 2125 Broken Hill Road #2
 Waukesha, WI 53188

Birth Date: March 6, 1945
Birth Place: Ortonville, Minnesota

Wife's Maiden Name: Jane Frances Nessel
Number of Children: Three

College: Conc. Sr. College, Fort Wayne (1967)
Seminary: Conc. Theol. Sem., Fort Wayne (1971)
Other Degrees: S.T.M., Conc. Theol. Sem. (1986)
 D.D., Conc. Sem., St. Louis (2001)



Nominee for Other Vice-President

Member of Synod Congregations: 65 years
Rostered Member of Synod: 39 years
Year of Ordination: 1971

Pastorates

<u>Congregations</u>	<u>Years</u>
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mahanomen, MN	1971–74
Zion Lutheran Church, Morris, MN	1975–79
Lutheran Church of the Living Christ, Madison, WI	1980–86
Elm Grove Lutheran Church, Elm Grove, WI	1987–2002

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Associate Professor	Concordia Theological Seminary	2002–08

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Commission on Theology and Church Relations	1998–2002
Advisory Board, <i>Concordia Pulpit Resources</i>	2002–08

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Board of Directors, South Wisconsin District	1989–97
Second Vice-President, South Wisconsin District	1991–94
First Vice-President, South Wisconsin District	1994–97

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Presenter, Westfield House Pastors' Study Week, ELCE	1998, 2006
Presenter, Theol. Conf., Luth. School of Theology, Copenhagen, Denmark	2007
Executive Director for Spiritual Care, Doxology: The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel	2008

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: Dean O. Wenthe
Address: 2919 Foxchase Run
 Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Birth Date: August 2, 1944
Birth Place: Effingham, Illinois

Wife's Maiden Name: Linda Arnholt
Number of Children: Four

College: Concordia Sr. College, Fort Wayne (1967)
Seminary: Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1971)
Other Degrees: Th.M., Princeton Theol. Seminary (1975)
 M.A., Ph.D., University of Notre Dame



Nominee for Other Vice-President

Member of Synod Congregations: 65 years
Rostered Member of Synod: 39 years
Year of Ordination: 1971

Pastorates

<u>Congregations</u>	<u>Years</u>
Zion Lutheran Church, Atlantic, Iowa	1977–80
Emanuel Lutheran Church, New Haven, Indiana	1989–96

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Assistant Professor	Concordia Theological Seminary	1971–76
Associate/Full Professor	Concordia Theological Seminary	1980–96
President	Concordia Theological Seminary	1996–Present

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Commission on Theology and Church Relations (advisory member)	1996–Present
Board for Mission Services (advisory member)	1996–Present
Board for Pastoral Education (advisory member)	2001–Present

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Sanctity of Life Committee	1996–2003
Human Care Committee, Sanctity of Life	2003–Present

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Reserve Chaplain, United States Air Force	1971–78
Associate Editor, Concordia Self-Study Bible	1986
General Editor, Concordia Commentary Series (CPH)	1996–Present

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: John C. Wohlrabe Jr.
Address: 318 South Oakwood Avenue
 Geneseo, IL 61254

Birth Date: September 2, 1953
Birth Place: Mankato, Minnesota

Wife's Maiden Name: Julie A. Schulz
Number of Children: Three

College: Concordia College, Ann Arbor (1978)
Seminary: Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1981)
Other Degrees: S.T.M., Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1982)
 Th.D., Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1987)



Nominee for Other Vice-President

Member of Synod Congregations: 52 years
Rostered Member of Synod: 28 years
Year of Ordination: 1982

Pastorates

<u>Congregations</u>	<u>Years</u>
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Fort Lupton, CO	1982–84
Concordia Lutheran Church, Geneseo, IL	2009–Present

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Assistant Director	LCMS, Concordia Historical Institute	1986–87
Navy Chaplain	United States Navy	1987–2009

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Third Vice-President, LCMS	2007–10
President's Representative, Concordia Historical Institute	2007–10

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
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Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Walther Fellow/Guest Instructor, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	1984–86

Report of the Committee for Convention Nominations Past and Present Service to the Church

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

C = in the Congregation **S** = in the Synod **D** = in the District **O** = in other positions
 * Incumbent LCMS numbers refer to years as member of a congregation; numbers after positions refer to years of service.

Admin. – administration, administrative, administrator	Com. – commission, committee, community	LFCS – Lutheran Family and Children Services
Adv. – advisor, advisory	Conc. – Concordia	LLL – Lutheran Laymen's League
AIC – Alive in Christ	Conf. – conference	Luth. – Lutheran
Assn. – association	Congr. – congregation	LWML – Lutheran Women's Missionary League
Asst. – assistant	Conv. – convention	Mem. – member
Assoc. – associate	Convoc. – convocation	Mgr. – manager
Bds. – boards	Coord. – coordinator	Min. – minister, ministry, ministerial
BCS – Board for Communication Services	COP – Council of Presidents	Miss. – mission(s), missionary
BDCS – Board for District and Congregational Services	Coun. – council	Nat'l. – national
BFCS – Board for Congregational Services	Couns. – counselor	Nom. – nominations
BES – Board for Evangelism Services	CPH – Concordia Publishing House	Plan. – planning
BFMS – Board for Mission Services	CTCR – Commission on Theology and Church Relations	PR – public relations
BHCM – Board for Human Care Ministries	CUS – Concordia Univ. System	Pres. – president
BHE – Board for Higher Education	DCE – Director of Christian Education	Prin. – principal
Bldg. – building	Deleg. – delegate	Prof. – professor
BOD – Board of Directors	Dept. – department	Prog. – program
BOR – Board of Regents	Devel. – developer, development	Rep. – representative
BRTFSSG – Blue Ribbon Task Force Synod Structure & Governance	Dir. – director	Secy. – secretary
BYS – Board for Youth Services	Dist. – district	Sem. – seminary
CCM – Commission on Constitutional Matters	Div. – division	Serv. – services
CEF – Church Extension Fund	Ed. – education	Soc. – society
Chapl. – chaplain	Evang. – evangelism	SS – Sunday School
Chm. – chairman	Exec. – executive	Stewp. – stewardship
CHP – Concordia Health Plans	Fin. – finance, financial	Supt. – superintendent
Cir. – circuit	Fl. Com. – floor committee	Tchr. – teacher
CMGS – Com. on Ministerial Growth and Support	Found. – Foundation	Tech. – technology
	GCC – Great Commission Convocation	TF – task force
	HS – high school	Theol. – theology
	Inst. – institute, institution	Treas. – treasurer
	Int'l. – International	Univ. – university
	Ldr. – leader	VP – vice president
	LB – Lutheran Brotherhood	VBS – Vacation Bible School
		VP – vice-president
		WBP – Worker Benefit Plans

Districts of the Synod

AT – Atlantic	MNN – Minnesota North	OK – Oklahoma
CNH – California-Nevada-Hawaii	MNS – Minnesota South	PSW – Pacific Southwest
CI – Central Illinois	MO – Missouri	RM – Rocky Mountain
EA – Eastern	MT – Montana	SELC – SELC
EN – English	NE – New England	SD – South Dakota
FG – Florida-Georgia	NEB – Nebraska	SW – South Wisconsin
IN – Indiana	ND – North Dakota	SE – Southeastern
IE – Iowa East	NJ – New Jersey	SO – Southern
IW – Iowa West	NW – North Wisconsin	SI – Southern Illinois
KS – Kansas	NI – Northern Illinois	TX – Texas
MI – Michigan	NOW – Northwest	WY – Wyoming
MDS – Mid-South	OH – Ohio	

BIOGRAPHICAL SYNOPSES AND STATEMENTS OF NOMINEES

NOMINATIONS 2010 SYNODICAL CONVENTION

The Committee for Convention Nominations (CCN) met December 3–6, 2009, and January 11–13, 2010. A subsequent conference call meeting on March 11, 2010, was necessary to respond to changes and corrections to the initial nominations list that were brought to the committee's attention after the list was publicized. Those changes were made without dissenting vote.

As the CCN went about its work in preparation for the 2010 convention, it struggled because of an unusually low number of nominations submitted from the Synod at large. Due to a lack of eligible nominees for some positions, the committee was not always able to provide the number of candidates necessary to fulfill the requirements of Bylaw 3.12.3.6 (a). The committee prayerfully presents its best effort as it presents the candidates listed in this publication.

Elections will occur during the July 10–17, 2010 convention in Houston, Texas. The committee expresses its appreciation to all who allowed their names to be considered for nomination.

SECRETARY

1 ordained minister to be elected

Qualifications: The Secretary must be an ordained minister with the skills necessary to perform the customary duties of a corporate secretary; carry out the required responsibilities relating to conventions of the Synod; perform such other work as pertains to his office by bylaw or by assignment by conventions, the President, or the Board of Directors; and provide counsel from the Constitution, Bylaws, and resolutions of the Synod to the members of the Synod on a daily basis. Administrative responsibilities include oversight of the Synod's dispute resolution process and supervision of the official rosters of the Synod. Membership on numerous boards, commissions, and committees includes service as secretary of the Commission on Constitutional Matters and of the Board of Directors. A high degree of integrity is essential, and a range of prior experience in the Synod will be helpful.

ORDAINED MINISTERS



Raymond L. Hartwig,* *St. Louis, MO; Zion (MO); LCMS 64; LCMS Secretary. S. Secretary 12; Chm., Pres. Com. Sanctity of Life 6; Chm., TF on Fin. 2. D. SD Dist. Pres. 10; SD 1st VP 3; Cir. Couns. 3. C. Pastor 17. O. Pres., Lafayette Home Owners Assn. 10; Participant, Essayist, ELCA/LCMS Dialogues 2; Volunteer Miss. Serv. ELCIR Seminary, St. Petersburg, Russia 1.*

We will not know until after the 2010 convention whether and to what extent the widespread proposals of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance will be adopted. Even after the convention, some changes will require ratification by LCMS congregations. All will combine to make the inclusion of changes into the Synod's Handbook and their implementation into the Synod's life major challenges for the Secretary's Office. My twelve years' experience in this office will probably be helpful. I will welcome that challenge if elected to another term of service to our "One People—Forgiven"—our beloved LCMS.



Larry S. Harvala, *Fort Wayne, IN; Prince of Peace, Grabill (IN); LCMS 33; Prof., Conc. Theol. Sem.; S. Prof., Pastoral Min. & Miss. 2; Conv. Fl. Com. 3; Reconciler 6. D. ND Dist. Pres. 8; Cir. Couns. 3; Div. of Stewp. 12. C. Worship Com. 2; Vacancy Pastor 1; Pastor 20. O. Dir., Chm., Luth. Soc. Serv. ND 8; Adv. Com., Great Plains Food Band/Daily Bread 6; Adv. Com.,*

Thrivent North County Regional 8.

My vision for the Synod as Secretary would be twofold. The near and narrow focus is on the Bylaws of the Synod and the faithful performance of the duties of the office. This includes involvement with the structure of the Synod in supporting congregations and rostered workers as well as enabling them to be faithful to their voluntary commitments. The far and wide focus is on the goals of the Synod to remain both doctrinally faithful and vigorous in outreach with the Gospel. This includes involvement with boards and commissions as a supportive member of a dedicated and faithful team.

VICE-PRESIDENT—FINANCE—TREASURER

1 layperson to be elected

(Nominated by the LCMS Board of Directors; other nominations may be made from the floor)

Qualifications: The Vice-President—Finance—Treasurer, as the Chief Financial Officer of the Synod, oversees all financial-related areas, including accounts receivable, cash receipts, general and cost accounting, risk management, budgeting, and corporate insurance. The position requires advanced analytical, interpersonal leadership competencies and fiduciary responsibility to successfully support mission and ministry in the Synod and corporate entities.

LAYPERSON



Paul S. Pettit, Lincoln, NE; *Christ (NEB); LCMS: Lifetime; NEB Dist. Treasurer/Business Manager/Admin. Asst. to the Pres.; LCEF VP. S. Chm., Congregational Treas. Manual; Chm., Plan. Com. Business Mgr. Conf. & Presenter; HR Adv. Coun.; Consultant, Conc. Plan Serv. TF. D. Treas.; Business Mgr.; Admin. Asst. to the Pres.; LCEF VP; Exec. Com., BOD; Treas.,*

Luth. Min. Found. 20; Treas., Luth. Home 8; Treas., Luth. Home Found. 8; Walking Together Luth. Min. 1; Presenter, small/large groups, Conc. Univ.; Chm., Accounting Manual & Software Selection Com. C. Communion Asst.; Usher; Fin. Peace Univ. Accountability Partner & Ldr.; Stephen Min. Ldr.; Bd. of Assimilation; Church Coun.; Dir., Capital Campaign. O. Mem. & Dir., Relations & Acquisitions, Nat'l. Assn. of Accountants; Pres./Treas./Mem., BOD, Goodwill Industries; VP/Treas./Mem., BOD, Boy Scouts of America; Eagle Boy Scout & Vigil Honor Mem., Order of the Arrow; BOD, Optimist Club.

Together as The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod we are called to grow together in faith and to see and engage the mission field around us. As Vice-President—Finance—Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer of the LCMS, my goal is to manage and safeguard the resources provided by God so that we can maximize our efforts to vigorously make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our churches, communities, and world.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, LCMS

2 ordained ministers, 4 laypersons to be elected

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Qualifications: The Board of Directors is responsible for the legal, property, and financial affairs of the Synod, as outlined in Bylaws 3.3.5.2–3.3.5.9. The Board is responsible for the plans and operating budgets as well as the human resources, financial, and other policies of corporate national Synod, and has certain oversight responsibilities regarding the other synodwide corporations and agencies. Board members should be able to see the “big picture,” both nationally and internationally. Experience on district or national boards is desirable, particularly for the ordained and commissioned members. Experience in large organization management, leadership, and oversight is always helpful. In addition, representation from laypersons who are active in the parish and service in the Synod is valuable as well. Must be available for quarterly meetings of two to four days each.



Victor J. Belton,* Atlanta, GA; *Peace (FG); LCMS 45; Pastor. S. BOD 6; Dist. & Congr. Serv. 6; D. FG VP 3; FG Cir. Couns. 3; C. Pastor 20; L.U.T.H.E.R. Plan, St. Louis MO, Miss-at-Large 4.*

The 2007 Handbook of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod charges the Board of Directors to be the legal representative of the Synod and the custodian of all property held by the Synod. In the last two triennial sessions the Board of Directors has struggled to define its responsibility and function in these rapidly changing times while making essential decisions regarding our stewardship of resources. It has been a privilege to serve on this board, and if elected to another term my pledge is to continue assisting the board to be prayerful, visionary, innovative, and courageous in the management of the Synod's resources.



Norbert C. Oesch, Tustin, CA; *Christ, Costa Mesa (PSW); LCMS 70; Exec. Dir., Int'l. Pastoral Leadership Institute. S. Chm., Luth. Family Assn. 7; Chm. 3, BPS 6; Chm., TF Pastoral Continuing Ed. 4. D. CNH 1st VP 3; Cir. Couns. 3; LWML Couns. 3. C. Chm., Sr. Pastor Call Com. 1; TF Hispanic Min. 1. O. Exec. Dir., Call Com. Luth. HS 1; Secy., BOD, Full Value Min.*

Experience as pastor of congregations ranging in size from 90 to 4,600; service in many capacities in two districts, including first vice-president; and appointed and elected positions at the Synod level have given me a keen insight into the missional and organizational needs of our church body. Further, I've been honed by giving leadership training to pastors and wives of the LCMS and six international partner churches, helping them to think both domestically and globally about the church's mission. I believe, therefore, that I could assist in prioritizing our Synod's work, focusing on the most essential mission and ministry tasks.



Curtis H. Peters, New Albany, IN; *Concordia, Louisville, KY (IN); LCMS 67; Ret. Pastor & Philosophy Prof. S. Conv. Deleg. 1; Prof., Conc. Sr. College 6. D. Worship Com. 1; Cir. Couns. 3; Conv. Com. 3 C. Pastor 14; Asst. Pastor 19. O. Chm., Friends of New Albany Fire Museum 1; Treas., Floyd County Historical Soc. 1; Prof., Indiana Univ. Southeast 30.*

I am honored to be considered for this position. Retired, I will

use my experience (educator, parish pastor, and administrator responsible for 100 people and annual budgets of over \$1 million) to serve my Lord and the Synod. The Reformation and Lutheran Confessions provide a wonderful theology and an excellent basis for outreach and church governance. I am committed to fiscal responsibility and strong support for missions and our Lutheran educational institutions. I am also committed to faithfulness to Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions and to peace and Christian love in the church. May the Holy Spirit guide and empower us.



Jeffery T. Schrank,* Phoenix, AZ; Christ (EN); LCMS 47; Pastor. S. BOD 2; BRTFSSG 5; Fl. Com. 1; Conv. Deleg. 3. D. Host for Regional Dist. Pastoral Conf. 1; Host for Phoenix Theological Conf. 1. C. Pastor 17. O. Prison Chap., Various Counties/States.

I have experienced the breadth and richness of the LCMS. Growing up in the Midwest, serving as a vicar and a pastor of inner-city Detroit and Chicago, rural Wyoming, east coast suburbia, small town southern Illinois, and Phoenix churches; I have experienced many ministry settings. I have served on the Blue Ribbon Task Force for Synod Structure and Governance from its inception, and the Board of Directors since 2008. It is our partnership in Christ's Gospel to reach souls for eternity that moves me. If again entrusted with this responsibility, I will serve to the best of my ability.



Gregory J. Wismar, Newtown, CT; Christ the King (NE); LCMS 64; Clergy. S. Chm., Com. on Worship 11; Exec. Coun., Secy., BOR, Conc. NY 3; Com. Miss. & Min.; Cong. Serv. Coordinating Com.; Nat'l Conv. Format Com. D. Chm., Archives Com. 12; Chm., Worship Com. 3; BOD; VP; Chm., Youth Bd.; LYF Coordinator. C. Choir Dir. 37; Pastor 37; Asst. Pastor

3. O. Vice-Chm., NE Luth. Historical Soc. 12; Sandy Hook CROP Walk Coord. 10; Author/Composer, CPH Books & Music, Luth. Witness 38.

The LCMS is my grandfather's church. My grandfather Wismar served as a devoted pastor and professor in a number of settings; my other grandfather just served as a dedicated layman in one congregation all of his life. The LCMS is also my grandchildren's church. All 12 of them are members of LCMS congregations. Honoring the esteem with which my parents and previous generations held the Synod and shaping a future for it through continuing national service so that children and grandchildren can joyfully share in that faithful work to the glory of God is my reason to stand for election.

LAYPERSONS



James W. Carter Jr., Arlington Heights, IL; St. Peter (NI); LCMS 66; Ret. Attorney. S. Conv. Nom. Com. 3; Conv. Voting Deleg. 1; Alternate Deleg. 1. D. Voting Deleg. 1; Alternate Deleg. 2. C. Worship Elder; Communion Asst.; Men's Min. Ldr. 14; Intercessory Prayer Group; Bible Study & Small Group Ldr.; Pres. & Chm., BOD 2. O. BOD, Chm., BOD 4, Americans

United for Life (Law Firm) 8; Wheeling Township Soc. Serv. Com. 4

By God's grace I have been blessed with many experiences and opportunities to serve. The United States Marine Corps designated me an Infantry Officer (Captain). A multinational, billion dollar marketing research firm employed me as Senior Vice-President and General Counsel (responsible for management, litigation, intellectual property, and international law). I have served on the Board of Directors of several foreign, domestic, and not-for-profit entities, including chairman of our congregation and a national public interest law firm. Retirement has allowed me to focus on serving the Kingdom. It would truly be a blessing to join the LCMS Board of Directors.



Ed Everts, Dubuque, IA; Our Redeemer (IE); LCMS 37; Bank Officer/Manager of Operations, D. Luth. BOD, Church Extension Fund 7. C. Treas. 16; Elder 4; Choir 18. O. Treas., Carnegie-Stout Library Found. 10; Treas., NE Iowa School of Music 5; Dubuque Chorale 16.

I appreciate every opportunity to use my gifts to serve the Lord. I have served in LCMS congregations for over 37 years, often using my finance and banking education and training. A Certified Financial Planner, I have served as head of operations for a multistate \$4 billion bank holding company for the past 17 years. I would be humbled by the opportunity to use my professional skills to serve as a steward of the Synod's resources, and I would ask God's blessing on our efforts to reach out to the mission field as well as reach in to the LCMS faithful.



Keith Frndak, Saxonburg, PA; St. Luke, Casot (EA); LCMS 55; President & CEO, Concordia Luth. Ministries. D. Various workgroups on projects. C. Pres. 3; Elder 3; VP-Trustee; Treas.; Recording Secy. O. Bd. Chm., 10 different corporations re Conc. Luth. Min.; Pres. & CEO, Conc. Luth. Min. 26.

I believe in the inerrant teachings of Scripture and accept Luther's catechism as an accurate portrayal of Scripture. The LCMS should defend the purity of the Gospel while always striving to reach a world of lost souls. I would advocate using more resources for saving sinners and helping the poor. I like tradition ("pages 5 and 15") but not at the expense of reaching the lost. I would push for action. I think the LCMS isolates itself too much from the rest of our Lord's church and should work with others in the greater church (within reason) to save souls.



David A. Piehler,* Wausau, WI; Christ (NW); LCMS 54; Attorney. S. BOD 4; CCM 7; Com. on Adjudication 4. **D.** Legal Counsel 17. **C.** Bd. of Stewp. 2; Long Range Plan. Com.; Call Com. **O.** City of Wausau Com. Devel. Authority Com. 7; City of Wausau Airport Com. 6; BOD, Com. Serv. Bldg. 4.

The Board of Directors of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is a creature of the Kingdom of the Left Hand, which deals with the secular affairs of the Synod so that the ecclesiastical work of the church may be conducted most effectively. The board benefits from having members with diverse backgrounds and experiences. My education as an engineer, and my qualifications as a registered professional engineer, are unique on the board. My experience as a litigation attorney further aids me in dealing with many of the issues that confront the board.



Warren Puck, Manning, IA; Zion (IW); LCMS 70; Retired, President, Puck Implement Co. S. Chm., LCEF BOD 11. **D.** Chm., BOD 6; Miss. Com. 6; Human Care Com. 4; Fan Into Flame Com. **C.** Pres. 4; Elder 10; Controller 4; Finan. Secy.; Youth Ldr.; Bible Study Ldr.; Choir. **O.** Bd. Of Trustees, Manning Regional Health Care Center 13; Pres., Tall Corn Ethanol; Founding

Pres., Iowa Renewable Fuels Assn.; Carroll Area Devel. Coun. 7; BOD, Iowa School Bd. Assn. 4.

Our Synod's doctrine and practice are a true expression of God's plan for the forgiveness of our sins, hope for our future, and the assurance of our eternal salvation. The hope this message gives needs to be shared. We need to emphasize getting the message out. God will bless the faithful efforts of His servants to share His love with others. God has blessed many in our midst with various gifts. Let all share them to His glory.



Roy A. Schmidt,* Bay City, MI; St. Paul (MI); LCMS 74; Vice-Pres. for Advancement, Concordia Ann Arbor. S. BOD 4; Conv. Deleg. & Fl. Com. 2; LLL Int'l. Pres. 4. **D.** Valley Luth. HS Found. 6; Pres., BOD, Luth. Homes of Mich. 6; BOD, LFCS 5. **C.** Chm. 10; Elder 3; Men's Club 41. **O.** Township Government 25; Pres., Mid-Mich. Minorities Pre-Engineering 6; Pres., Kiwanis Club 9.

Our beloved church body has been blessed through dedicated leaders and faithful laypeople. To accomplish our mission in the future, these human resources are vital. Professional workers and willing volunteers will need to be identified, encouraged, trained, and empowered at all levels to join in our God-given ministry. Personally, I have been blessed by the opportunities to serve and God-willing, will continue to serve, insuring that all things under our jurisdiction are done properly and in order, that our properties provide the necessary support to our mission and that we remain financially responsible.

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Walter F. Tesch,* Wauwatosa, WI; Elm Grove Lutheran, Elm Grove (SW); LCMS 67; Lawyer. S. BOD 6; CCM 12; Com. on Appeals. **D.** SW Legal Counsel 32; BOD; Constitution Com. **C.** Pres.; Trustee; Bd. of Stewp. **O.** Pres., BOD, Bethesda Luth. Home; City of Wauwatosa School Bd. Mem.

The Synod is an association of Lutheran congregations bound together in doctrine to preach, teach, and reach to a world that has lost its moral compass. In such an environment the Synod and its districts must be responsive to provide only needed services and activities on behalf of the congregations. The Board of Directors is responsible for the business, property, and legal affairs of the Synod. As such, it must provide guidance in those areas so that they are performed in the most efficient and cost-effective manner in an era of decreasing receipts.



Lloyd P. Wardley, Garden City, NY; Resurrection (AT); LCMS 51; Media Consultant. S. Conv. Deleg. 1; Program & Finance Fl. Com. 1. **D.** Conv. Deleg. 3. **C.** Council VP 1; Chm., Bldg. Renovations 8; Pres. 2. **O.** Bldg. & Grounds Com., Long Island Luth. HS 24; Bd. Mem., Luth. Schools Assn. 6; VP, BOD, Long Island Luth. HS.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod must fashion its future on the foundation of our strong scriptural and doctrinal heritage anchored in the means of grace. LCMS congregations

are living the love of God in Christ as received through Gospel and Sacraments. Service on the Board of Directors offers the privilege of administering the financial and business concerns of the LCMS corporately for the purpose of growth realized through nurturing the lives of members and offering Christ to the world. My vision is "abide in me." Abiding in Christ the vine, the LCMS as the branches will grow and bear fruit.

BOARD FOR DISTRICT AND CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES

1 ordained minister, 1 commissioned minister serving a congregation or Lutheran school, 2 laypersons to be elected

Qualifications: The Board for District and Congregational Services serves with districts in assisting congregations to develop and foster vibrant ministries to bring the saving, life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ to the sinful, dying world. Statements of Direction are: Proclaiming the Saving Gospel of Jesus Christ; Nurturing Children, Youth, and Adults; Developing Leaders; and Cultivating Stewards. These Statements of Direction are addressed through five ministry areas: Children's Ministry, Family Ministry, School Ministry, Stewardship Ministry, and Youth Ministry. It is desirable that the members of the Board for District and Congregational Services are actively involved in one or more of these ministry areas in their own congregation, understand the issues congregations face, have worked within their district to address these issues, and appreciate the partnership between national and district staffs and boards in addressing these issues.

ORDAINED MINISTERS



Juan A. Gonzalez,* New York, NY; Risen Christ, Brooklyn (AT); Exec. Dir., Luth. Services. NY Alliance & Interim Pastor. S. World Relief/ Human Care Min. BOD 10; Dist. & Congr. Serv. 6; Youth Gatherings 4; Nat'l. Com. on Housing, BHCM 3. **D.** Chm., Luth. Urban Com. Min. 6; Bd. Trustees, Luth. Chap. Serv. 2; Prompt Com. 2. **C.** Parish Pastor 22; Vicarage 1; Dir. of Youth Min.

2. **O.** Bd. Trustees, Com. Health Partners 3; Business Adv. Lorain City Schools 2; Pres., Neighborhood Housing Serv. 7.

As evangelical and confessional Lutheran Christians, our Synod needs to be continually focused (with unity and faith) on the Great Commission based on Matt. 28:16–20. In obedience and glory to God, we need to respond together to God's love/grace by serving one another, loving our neighbor based on the Great Commandment (Matt. 22:36–40; Mark 12:28–31) and reaching the lost. As a Synod, we need to intentionally raise up a new and ethnically diverse generation of worshipers based on John 4:23–24, and equip the Body of Christ for works of service that expand the kingdom of God based on Eph. 4:11–16.



William R. Kilps, Two Rivers, WI; Good Shepherd (SW); LCMS 53; Pastor. S. Doctrinal Reviewer; Pres. Dialogue Panel with RIM; Reconciler. **D.** CID 2nd VP; BOD; Chm., Conv. Fl. Com. on Education. **C.** Pastor 27 **O.** Adjunct Instructor, Conc. Univ. Wisconsin 3; Chm., Good Shepherd Luth. Grade School Bd. 2.

It is a privilege to have been chosen as a candidate to serve on a board which is able to reach out with the Gospel of Christ on so many levels! As someone who was blessed to have been raised in a Christian home and was afforded the opportunity of receiving a parochial education, I am well acquainted with the positive impact which families, pastors, and teachers have upon young and old alike. I believe that my years of experience in serving on both a congregational and district level have equipped me with insights which, if elected, I hope to bring to this position.

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James Wiggins Jr., Washington DC; Peace (SE); Clergy. S. Pres., Black Clergy Caucus 3; Bd. for Black Min. Serv. 6; Chm., BOR, Conc. College, Selma 2; Extended Staff, Bd. for Youth Serv. 7. **D.** SE 1st VP 3; Cir. Couns. 2; Tchr., St. Peter, Chicago, IL 2. **C.** Pastor 24. **O.** Mem., Washington Interfaith Network 7; Bd. Mem., Kannapolis Literacy Coun. 3.

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS



David J. Bangert, Garland, TX; Our Redeemer, Dallas (TX); LCMS 53; Exec. Dir., Dallas Lutheran School. S. Adv. Youth Deleg. 1; Adv. Tchr. Deleg. 2. **D.** Presenter, Youth Gatherings 2; Presenter, Teacher Gatherings 2. **C.** Lay Worship Asst. 14; Bd. of Stewp. 2; Bible Class Ldr. **O.** Presenter, Nat'l. LEA Conv. 2; Mem., LEA Secondary Ed. Network 4; Author, Devotional Book.

God has blessed our Synod with a variety of ways to reach people. As a person with experience in Lutheran elementary and secondary schools as well as a youth group leader and worship leader, I have seen many of these opportunities in action. It is my prayer that God continues to grant our church the courage, strength, and wisdom necessary to make our schools and congregations the best they can be in order to share the Good News of the saving grace and love of Jesus Christ.



Martha J. Milas, Champaign, IL; University Lutheran (CI); LCMS 58; Teacher, St. John. C. Tchr.; Music Dir., Choir Dir. **O.** Singing & Performing with Choirs 40.

My family and I reside in Champaign, IL. I currently teach 4th grade at St. John Lutheran School. Since my husband is the campus pastor at University

Lutheran of the U of I, I also have the privilege of working with college students by directing the choir and playing in our brass choir. I have over 30 years experience in working with church choirs. I have served on the worship and the nominations committees for the Central Illinois District. I feel honored to be nominated, and I would be very willing to do my best in serving the church in this capacity.

LAYPERSONS



David E. Bruns,* Topeka, KS; Christ (KS); LCMS 50; Kansas Dist. Court Judge. **S.** Dist. & Congr. Serv. 6, **Chm.** 3; **D.** Family Life Com.; Conv. Deleg.; Speaker, Various functions, including Prof. Workers Conf.; Adjudication Com. **C.** Adult Bible Class Tchr.; Elder; Youth Leader; Youth Bible Class Tchr.; Lenten Drama Writer/Dir.; **Chm.**; Stewp. **Chm.** **O.** **Chm.**,

Topeka Luth. School, Finance Com.; Basketball Coach; Founder, Topeka-Shawnee County Youth Court; BOD, Optimist Int'l.

It would be an honor to have the opportunity to continue serving with the dedicated professionals in District and Congregational Services who provide valuable resources to districts and congregations in the areas of Lutheran Schools, Stewardship, Youth Ministry, Children's Ministry, and Family Ministry. DCS truly represents "The Church at Work"—providing value resources to assist pastors and laymen in bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a sinful world. Regardless of the governance structure that may emerge from this convention, it is important that the LCMS continues to make resources available to districts and congregations in these crucial ministry areas.



Carla M. Claussen*, New Brighton, MN; Glory of Christ, Plymouth, (MNS); LCMS 55; Support Staff, UMNTC Undergrad Math Office. **S.** Mem.-at-Large, Dist. & Congr. Serv. 3; Representative to Nat'l. Youth Gathering 3. **D.** Nominations Com. 3. **C.** Organist & Choir Dir. 3; Music Asst. 4; Mercy Participant 2; AAL/Thrivent Officer; Anniversary Com. **Chm.**

Regardless of the organizational shape or form which LCMS structure may take in the future, continued access to the resources, guidance, and national leadership for Lutheran schools, early childhood education centers and care providers, families, youth, and whole life stewardship will be needed by LCMS congregations and districts. These District and Congregational Services Ministry Areas facilitate growth in discipline, service to the neighbor, and increased opportunities to spread the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ to those for whom He died and rose again.



Noreen L. Linke, Missouri City, TX; Memorial, Houston (TX); LCMS 18; Homemaker. **C.** Choir & Church Musician 36; Capital Campaign Com. 1; Evang. Com. 6; Memorial Moments Proofreader 2; LWIM 6; Mission Team 2; Liturgical Arts Com. 4; SS Tchr. 5; VBS 13; Youth Group 2; Founded Young Adult Fellowship Groups; Small-Group Bible Study Ldr. 2; Parish Plan. Secy. 1; **Chm.**, Nominating Com. 1. **O.** Thanksgiving Dinner for Homeless Volunteer 1; Orphan Grain Train 1; Braille Bible Making 1; Meals on Wheels 1; Nursing Home Visitation.

I was baptized and raised ALC/ELCA, married into the LCMS, traveled through evangelical circles, then returned again to find a permanent home in the LCMS. I came to value the strength our Synod has in its faithful adherence to the Lutheran Confessions, which bring clarity to the unchanging Word of God. We have the power of the Gospel to vibrantly and lovingly share with people who are hurting and searching in a world of constant change and uncertainty. With one voice, we proclaim this Gospel both corporately, through Word and Sacrament, and individually, as we love and serve our neighbors.



Phillip A. Magness, Bolingbrook, IL; Bethany, Naperville (NI); LCMS 32; Musician. **S.** **Chm.**, LSB Introduction Com. 2; Clinician & Keynote Speaker, LCMS Institute on Preaching & Liturgy 2. **D.** BOD 1; Worship Com. 4. **C.** Cantor 17; Elder 7; **Chm.**, Youth Bd. 1. **O.** Election Judge, Will Co. 4; Dir., Peoria Area Youth Chorus 5; Praise Team Ldr., Various Youth Gatherings 6.

The BDCS is positioned to play a vital role in advancing the Lord's ministry. The growing realization that it's time to work through our challenges as a church family means that we need to have clear, productive communication at all levels. We need to do more than publicize: we need to listen, adapt, and respond clearly so that appropriate encouragement, counsel, direction, and servant leadership may be provided. I have demonstrated the ability to foster authentic conversations for the sake of the Gospel, and, should I be elected, pledge to work faithfully toward these ends, with the help of God.

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Thomas W. Reagin, Valrico, FL; Hope, Plant City (FG); LCMS 45; Vice-President of Sales. **D.** Conv. Deleg. 1. **C.** Pres.; BOD 2; VP, BOD 1. **O.** Bd. Mem., American Cancer Soc. 2; Heritage Park Home Owners Assn., Pres. 1 & Secy./Treas. 1.

It is my hope, if it is God's will, that I serve on this board. I am able

to provide value in the following way: By empowering and equipping Synod staff to effectively assist the varied missions and ministries of our districts and congregations, so that through the power of the Holy Spirit, they are able to enrich the faith lives of all our parishioners, as well as to reach out with God's love and the saving message of the Gospel to those unfamiliar with our Lord's amazing grace.

BOARD FOR MISSION SERVICES

2 ordained ministers, 2 laypersons to be elected

Qualifications: The Board for Mission Services is responsible to the Synod for the development and interpretation of a challenging global mission vision. It is further responsible for developing and monitoring the mission policies of the Synod. It approves personnel for over 30 mission fields and partner churches affiliated with the Synod and conducts studies and approves plans for entering new fields. Recognizing the United States as a world mission field, it provides support services to districts — especially in the area of cross cultural ministry. Board members should be able to see the “big picture,” both nationally and internationally, should be acquainted with U.S. demographics and world trends, and should have a better than average understanding of and/or willingness to become knowledgeable in missiology for today's world. Experience on district mission boards is desirable, particularly for the clergy and teacher members. International business experience, law, finance, personnel, general administration, and corporate planning is helpful. Must be available for three quarterly meetings of two days each. Also, must be available for an international trip to visit mission fields and partner churches lasting for a period of 12 to 14 days once every three years.

ORDAINED MINISTERS



Ronald D. Biel, The Villages, FL; Trinity, Summerfield (FG); LCMS 66; Retired Pastor. **S.** Conv. Deleg. & Missions Fl. Com. 2; Evangelistic Miss., Philippines 9; Dir. of Theol. Ed. by Extension 9; Miss. Adv. Work 2. **D.** Coord., Transforming Churches Network 2; Stewp. Adv. Coun., Outreach Coun. 7; Cir. Couns. 10. **C.** Sr. Pastor 12; Pastor 18, including Campus

Pastor 11. **O.** Kiwanis Club & BOD 8; Kiwanis Mem. & Pres. 9; Clergy Assn. Pres. & Officer 12.

Loving Jesus and following Him leave the LCMS no choice—we are to “seek and save the lost.” Such a Mission drives us around the globe but also to each family living right next door. Today, those outside our church walls have little understanding of what transpires within, while those of us inside often dismiss the needs of the outsiders. We must become more fully intentional in all our efforts to become outwardly focused. Unfortunately, the Church is no longer crucial to the lives of society's majority. This makes sharing the Gospel of Jesus critical, “while the souls of men are dying.”



Lawrence L. (Lonie) Eatherton, Fenton, MO; Our Savior (MO); LCMS 62; Pastor. **S.** Short Term Miss. Serv. 2; Nat'l. Youth Gathering Prog. Team & Song Ldr. 1; Conv. Deleg. **D.** Cir. Couns. 9; Youth Gathering Plan. & Prog. 1; LWML Couns. 4; Pastors Conf. Prog./Conv. Com. **C.** Pastor 28; Asst. Pastor 2; Tchr./Min. of Ed. 12. **O.** Red Cross Blood Donor; Rotary Club; Ministerial Alliance; Servants Heart Mission Trip 1; Miss. Trips to India & Katrina.

“I am the Lord's servant!” Mary said. And with that she carried “the gospel” for nine months and delivered Him to the world. And yet it was God Himself who planted the seed, carried, and delivered the Savior to the world. There is no greater privilege than to be God's servants, engaged in planting, carrying, and delivering the Savior to people who would die eternally without Him. It is God's mission to save all people. Let us engage all God's people in knowing the mission, praying for the mission, and financially supporting the mission. I am the Lord's servant. Amen.



Thomas E. Engler, Havertown, PA; St. Mark, Bradley Park (EA); LCMS 45; Pastor/Exec. Dir., Philadelphia Luth. Ministries. **S.** Urban Strategist, LCMS World Mission 2; Miss. 7. **D.** Miss. Bd. 4; Missionary 3. **C.** Pastor 12; **O.** Philadelphia Luth. Ministries 3 & Exec. Dir. 1.

Mission is the Lord's work. His authority is behind it. Mission is pleasing to God because through it Christ establishes His Church and brings His kingdom. The Gospel is the mission of the Church. All good fruits grow from the Gospel. So many people in the United States and the world have not heard the Gospel. Our Synod follows the Lord by continuing to call, send, and support missionaries here and abroad. We can grow as a Synod in our efforts by utilizing creative partnerships with our congregations, circuits, districts, and partner churches throughout the world.



Andrew T. Fields, Atlanta, GA; Grace (FG); LCMS 39; Pastor, Instructor of Chinese, Georgia Tech. S. Bd. for Missions Serv., Volunteer Youth Min., Taiwan 4. **D.** Com. for Church Worker Recruitment 3. **C.** Mem., North Atlanta Cir. Outreach Coun. 3. **O.** VP, Intown Com. Assistance BOD 5.

The vision of the Florida-Georgia District is clear and compelling: "Every congregation is a church in mission, and every member is a missionary, with all of us working together under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, empowered by His Gospel to share His love." I share this missionary vision for my district, for the congregation I serve, and the Synod I love. The vision is the fruit of Christ's missionary imperative out of which the *Ablaze!* movement also was conceived. If elected, this vision will guide my participation in fiscally responsible, outcome-focused governance on the Board for Mission Services.



Michael Lange, Brentwood, CA; Resurrection (CNH); LCMS 47; Senior Pastor. S. Nat'l. Youth Gathering Plan. Com. 1. **D.** Regional VP 5; Cir. Couns. 1; BOD, Mount Cross Luth. Camp 5. **C.** Pastor 20; MAL 2. **O.** Coach 13; Contributor, Local Newspaper Articles 3; Christian Concert Organization Team 3; Japan Mission Trip 1.

The Great Commission, Matthew 28:18–20, comes with a great sense of encouragement and power. "All authority" has been given to Jesus. On the foundation of His sacrifice and victory we make disciples as He commands. Windows of opportunity to bring this message to all nations continue to open and close. We must watch and pray, seeking where and how the Holy Spirit is opening doors of opportunity. To paraphrase Jesus' words from John 9: "We must work the works of Him who sent Me (and sends us), while it is day, because night is coming when no man can work."

LAYPERSONS



Paul Flakne, Champlin, MN; Triune God, Brooklyn Center (MNS); LCMS 42; Senior Development Advisor. **C.** Elder/ Elder Chm. 4; SS Supt. 2; Pres. 4.

The LCMS must continue to remain steadfast in and faithful to its scriptural and confessional foundation. As a Synod we need to maintain our focus on proclaiming the Gospel of the forgiveness of sins to the whole world. At the same time

we must avoid the temptations of the devil, the world, and our own flesh to create a "popular" and "contemporary" church body. Faithfully teaching and confessing the doctrine of the blessed apostles, the Church and the world will be blessed!



Carolyn Holbird, Tahlequah, OK; First (OK); LCMS 78; Registered Nurse/Public Health Nurse with Cherokee Nation. **D.** Zone Pres., LWML; Presentation for Mission Project Grants; Bible Study Ldr. **C.** LWML Co-Pres. & Other Offices; Parish Nurse; Altar Guild; VBS Tchr.; SS Tchr.; Bell Choir; Choir; Miss. Trips. **O.** Mem., Cherokee County Health Coalition; CN Early Headstart Health Bd.

As we look to the future, our love of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit inspire us to remain true to God's Word as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. May we continue to be a light to the world and recruit our peoples to commit to missions at this time of economic and spiritual need.



Janis McDaniels, Greensboro, NC; Ebenezer (SE); LCMS 35; Retired. S. Conv. Deleg. 4; TF on Domestic Violence & Child Abuse 1; Adv. Group for Nat'l. Miss. 5; Bd. for Black Min. Serv. 6; Com. for Conv. Nom. 1. **D.** *Ablaze!* Event Plan. Com. 1; Youth Min. TF 2; BOD (AT) 5. **C.** Bd. for Social Concern 5; SS Tchr.; Choir Dir.; Organist; Various offices, Church Coun. **O.** LWML VP Gospel Outreach; Habitat Lunch Ministry 5.

I see the LCMS continuing outreach work with districts and partner churches, sharing the Gospel with the lost throughout the world; identifying and training local leaders here and abroad; working with congregations to plant new churches; encouraging us, as individuals, to share our faith with those people with whom we come in contact. While serving as LWML Vice-President of Gospel Outreach, I had the opportunity to see how our church's mission efforts have impacted the lives of the people who have received the Good News of Christ's love and salvation by their personal witness. To God be the glory!



Robert Van Gundy, St. Paul, MN; Bethlehem (MNS); LCMS 47; Retired, IT Consultant, BN Railroad. S. Conv. Deleg. 1. **D.** BOD 6; Chm., Miss. Com. 4; Chm., Miss. Com. Hispanic TF 4; Nom. Com. 6. **C.** Dir., Bd. of Lay Ministry (Elders) 9; Bd. of Deacons; Bd. of Evang.; Pres. & numerous other positions. **O.** Election Judge.

I take great joy in serving the Lord and His Church. Our Synod is at a crossroads with a tremendous opportunity to reach out, whether to neighbors, cohorts at work, or immigrant ethnic groups. The challenge is to make use of opportunity while remaining faithful to Holy Scripture and the Confessions. I have been involved locally for many years in outreach and evangelism. I have chaired our district's missions committee. My inner-city congregation is ethnically diverse, and while not always an easy task, we are one in faith, spirit, and working together. This background gives me much to offer our Synod.



Virginia Von Seggern,* Orchard, NE; St. Paul (NEB); LCMS 50; Retired, RN, Medical Professional. S. BFMS 6; BRTFSSG; Pres., LWML. D. BOD Luth. Min. Found. 9; Pres., LWML 5. C. Bd. of Ed. & Bd. of Church Vision 22; SS Tchr.; VBS Dir.; Choir Mem. O. LFCS Bd. Mem. 3.

God has blessed this Synod and all who work so willingly to further His mission. I have been privileged to serve on this board previously in an advisory capacity as LWML President and as an elected member for the past six years. I have witnessed firsthand His plan for furthering His mission. Our task remains to use resources carefully, raise awareness for missions, and proclaim the Gospel throughout the world. I hope that the LCMS will continue to maximize and appreciate the abundance of gifts God has given to His church and people. I would be honored to continue to serve.

BOARD FOR PASTORAL EDUCATION

2 ordained ministers (at least one a parish pastor), 4 laypersons to be elected

Qualifications: The Board for Pastoral Education is responsible for establishing educational and administrative standards, policies, and procedures for the coordination of the Synod's two seminaries. Board members should have a background and experience in education or administration or finance. They should be acquainted with current trends in pastoral education and should have a heart and passion for seminary education that prepares pastors, missionaries, and leaders for the church and that promotes seminary education as vital to the mission outreach of the LCMS. Must be available for no fewer than three meetings per year of two days duration.

ORDAINED MINISTERS



Steven C. Briel,* Maple Grove, MN; St. John's, Corcoran (MNS); LCMS 60; Pastor. S. BPE 6; BOR, Bronxville 3; BHE 12. C. Pastor 26; Assoc. Pastor 4; Asst. Prof. Winfield 4.

Having served on the BHE Committee for Pastoral Education (12 years) and more recently on the Board for Pastoral Education (6 years), I believe I bring to this board a sense of continuity with the past and an understanding of the exciting challenges faced by our seminaries in the future. I am deeply committed to the excellence, theological quality, and faithfulness of both seminaries. I am eager to continue to serve and will do my best, under God's blessing, to insure that our Synod continues to receive faithful pastors to serve God's people, to His glory and their eternal welfare.



Thomas P. Krause,* Overland Park, KS; Lord of Life (KS); LCMS 63; Retired Pastor, Tour Coordinator. S. BPE 3. D. Cir. Couns. 4; LWML Couns. 4; Stewp. Com. 4. C. Pastor 36; Planted New Churches 2. O. Many areas of activity in KS & TX; Pro-Life organizations & min. helping agencies.

God continues to give our LCMS opportunities to touch the world with His gracious message! While commitment to our biblical and confessional principles must never change, we must pray for discernment to apply those principles in the multiple opportunities before us! I pray for a future LCMS focus that reaches "the lost" with outreach ministries, revitalizes local congregations for renewal in ministry, assists small town and rural congregations in their ministries, encourages and strengthens our seminaries in their vital task for pastoral formation, blesses ministries with useful foundational stewardship principles, and uses the restructuring process to sharpen focus and effectiveness.



David H. Ritt, Aurora, IL; Trinity, Villa Park (EN); LCMS 70; President Emeritus, EN Dist. S. COP 9. D. EN Dist. Pres. 9; Cir. Couns. 10; Large Church Conf. 7; Bd. of Trustees, Luth. Church Ministers of Chicago Metro Area 2. C. Pastor 28. O. Chamber of Commerce 18; Rotary Int'l. 6; Luth. Home & Serv. for the Aged BOD 2; HS Dist. 88 Strategic Plan. Bd. for Curriculum 1.

Science, technology, and economic landscapes are ever-changing. To meet the challenges that affect our seminaries and university institutions, our Synod's officers, boards, and commissions must remain strong advocates for the development and coordination of programs and strategies and the discovery of new arenas for economic resources and pastoral educational opportunities. With a missional and pastoral heart for continuing education, I pledge to be such an advocate and will welcome the opportunity to serve on the Board for Pastoral Education and work faithfully at vigorously making known the love of Christ by word and deed within our churches, communities, and world.



Jeffrey E. Shearier, Aurora, CO; Mount Olive (RM); LCMS 53; Exec. Pastor. S. Conv. Deleg. 1. D. Cir. Couns. 5; Chm., Theol. Unity Fl. Com. 1; Mem., Licensed Deacon Standing Com. C. Pastor 24. O. Mem., Institutional Review Bd. 2; Clergy Rep., CO Luth. HS Assn. 2; Pastoral Couns., LWML 3.

I believe that my background has prepared me for such a time of service as this opportunity with the Board for Pastoral Education will provide. I am a graduate of both secular schools and our St. Louis seminary. With the completion of my post-graduate seminary degrees well into my parish ministry, I have come to appreciate the challenges of continuing education. I look forward with excitement to whatever the Lord has planned for me and would appreciate this opportunity to serve Him and His Church.

LAYPERSONS



Johnny E. Buck, Laurel, MT; Mount Olive (MT); LCMS 59; Financial Services. S. BOR, Conc. Theol. Sem. 12. D. BOD 4; Ed. Bd. 6. C. Chm., Bd. of Elders 3; School Bd. 4.

I have a great love and appreciation for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and for the pastoral office. I know what

a blessing a good pastor is to any congregation, and therefore would be honored to be even a small part of assisting the Synod with pastoral education.

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Jonathan A. Dorr, Marcus, IA; Holy Cross, Dakota Dunes, SD (SD); LCMS 55; Swine Production. C. Elder; Jr. & HS Bible Instructor; Fund Raiser; Organize Lecture Series. O. School Bd.; County Extension Council; Mental Health Bd. (6 Counties); Siouxland Endowment.

One of the enduring strengths of the LCMS is its two seminaries. Both of them continue to be widely recognized and respected for the teaching of their students. Their history shows how they have been molded and refined over time and through trial. The future of each will be no less complicated. Unrelenting challenges will continue to zero in on them. Experience teaches that institutions, just like individuals, can benefit from these unwanted events. I would welcome the opportunity to assist our seminaries with their future potential.



Ernest E. Garbe, Dieterich, IL; St. John (CI); Retired. S. BCS 6; LCMS lifetime; BOD 12; Blue Ribbon Com. on Structure 3. D. BOD 6; Congr. Life Com. 6; Nom. Com. 1. C. Elder 2; Chm.; Chm. & Secy. of Dual Parish. O. Regional Plan. Com. Mem. & Chm. 36; Dir., IL Community Bank 12; County Governing Bd. Chm. & Vice-Chm. 20; County Bd. State Assn. Mem. & Pres. 20; School Bd. Mem. & Pres. 9.

LCMS pastors best serve the congregations and people of the church when they are soundly grounded in the Holy Scriptures, the Lutheran Confessions, and Law-Gospel. Also of great value is an understanding of people, how they relate and react to the church and to each other. A knowledge of church governance and guidance in personal finance and family unity are useful. All of the above and more is needed to keep the LCMS the church of the Scriptures and to ensure the church our forefathers started remains the church of our children's future. Proper pastoral education is essential.



Jeffrey A. Hesterman, Prattville, AL; St. Paul, Montgomery (SO); LCMS 52; Naval Officer (retiring July 2010). C. Adult Bible Class Tchr. 8; Elder 5; Youth Ldr. 3; Church Council. 3. C. BOD, Ravenrock Luth. Camp 3.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's solid grounding in Scripture and the Confessions is liberating and allows the Synod to be agile and minister in many directions. The grace of our Lord Jesus liberates us to be servants of God without fear of failure or that we have not done

enough to be saved. The direction the Synod must go is clear in the Great Commission; we are to go, teach, and baptize all nations without fear. Jesus put no limits on our mission; it was broad yet simple. We should not limit ourselves in mission, but should minister to all.



Glenn Hurta, McGregor, TX; Trinity, Woodway (TX); LCMS 39; Retired, Exec. VP, Imperial Woodworks, Inc. **D.** Nom. Com. 9. **C.** Pres. 2; **Bd. of Elders** 2.

Our seminaries produce leaders who are well prepared to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In today's world, I believe that our leaders' education

must also equip them to reach out to lost people with compassion, transparency, and authenticity. Our seminaries must have strong financial support and management in order to carry out its task. With my background in finance, management, and my passion for pastoral education, I will do all that I can to strengthen our seminaries and support our future leaders.

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Marty Lindvedt, O'Fallon, IL; Blessed Savior (SI); Licensed Professional Counselor. **S.** World Relief & Human Care Domestic Violence & Child Abuse TF; CLB Natl. Youth Gatherings 3. **D.** Health Advocate 8; Ministerial Health Com. 9. **C.** Dir. of Music 16. **O.** O'Fallon Women's Club 13.



Richard Schaefer,* Bayside, NY; Redeemer (AT); LCMS 46; Archaeologist. **S.** BPE 6; Conv. Deleg. 1. **D.** Alternate Conv. Deleg. 3. **C.** Elder 6; Chm., Bd. Elders 5; Choir 31. **O.** Hofstra U. Collegium Musicum.

With God's help, the Board for Pastoral Education has been a strong advocate for seminary edu-

cation in the LCMS, a catalyst for cooperation between the seminaries, and a supporter of innovative developments in seminary education. This is as it should be, since I firmly agree with our Synod's founding fathers that the most important task of the Synod is to prepare faithful pastors for service to the church. With the physical and spiritual support of all members of the LCMS, I look forward to the future as our two seminaries, in brotherly competition, continue to strive for excellence in pastoral education.

BOARD FOR UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

1 ordained minister, 1 commissioned minister, 2 laypersons to be elected

Qualifications: The Board for University Education is responsible for establishing educational and administrative standards, policies, and procedures for the coordination of the Synod's 10 colleges and universities. Board members should have a background and experience in education or administration or finance. They should be acquainted with current trends in education and should have a heart and passion for Christian, Lutheran education that includes preparation for a variety of professions, especially leadership roles that serve parish life in local communities; that offers opportunities for an increasing number of the church's youth to select a Concordia as a preferred place for higher education experiences; and that promotes the educational system as a mission outreach of the LCMS as a significant feature. Must be available for no fewer than two meetings per year of two days each.

ORDAINED MINISTERS



William H. Ameiss, Wheaton, IL; Trinity, Lisle (NI); LCMS 71; Retired Clergy. **S.** Housing Corp. Bd. 5; Ablaze! Ambassador 3; Nat'l. Youth Gathering Mgmt. Team 2. **D.** Consecrated Stewards Guest Ldr. 3; NI Dist. Pres. 9; Staff, Youth & Parish Ed. 27. **C.** Grace Group 3; Advocate for Health Clinic 1; Worship TF 1. **O.** Pres. Rep. to Valpo Univ. 2; BOD, Luth. Mutual Fire Insurance Co. 15; Youth Encounter BOD 4.

My 43 years of LCMS ministry, 36 as district staff and district president, have made me keenly aware of the importance of quality training, continuing education, and Christ-centered career preparation for church workers and lay leaders, as provided by Concordia University System. My membership on the board of regents of one of our universities (chair for 7 years) left me deeply committed to this important training arm of our church. If elected, I will work diligently as a board member to strengthen and enhance it so that it will continue to prepare excellent and committed church workers and lay leaders.



Daniel N. Jastram,* St. Paul, MN; Messiah, Forest Lake (EN); LCMS 20; Pastor. **S.** BUE 6; CMGS 3; Prof., Greek & NT, Conc. Univ. St. Paul 14. **D.** Spring Pastoral Conf. Exegetical Presenter 1; Pre-Lenten Pastor's Workshop Ldr. 1; Evang. Com. 2. **C.** Sole Pastor 7; Vacancy Pastor 3.

I served for 13 years within our Concordia University System as an ordained pastor and professor of Greek and New Testament

at Concordia University, St. Paul, MN. My previous 10-year background outside our system (Univ. of So. Dak. and Univ. of Wisc.) also provided contextual background in educational and administrative standards. During these turbulent times when various forces test the very survival of our Concordia University System, we need the best cooperative effort within our church body to support our synodical colleges and universities and to provide direction for the university education of laymen and church workers for our Church.

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS



John E. Mierow, Wauwatosa, WI; *Our Father's*, Greenfield (SW); LCMS 55; Elementary School Principal. **S.** CUW Ed. Adjunct Prof. 3. **D.** Roster Com. 12; Accreditation Team 1. **C.** Prin./Tchr., *Our Father's* 19; Tchr., Immanuel, Brookfield 15.

In many churches, the compromising of practice and doctrine has weakened the message of the Gospel. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod must retain her stand on Sola Scriptura as our foundation if we are to continue as effective messengers of God's Word. For this to happen, the primary function of our colleges must continue to be the training of faithful workers for full-time ministry. At the same time, we are in the world. Our Concordia system can position itself to meet future vocational needs by increasing satellite campus facilities and online course work.



Lee E. Schluckebier, Seward, NE; *St. John* (NEB); LCMS 71; Project Dir., Luth. Univ. PNG, Prof. Emeritus. **S.** Project Dir., Marketing Luth. Schools 3. **D.** School Com. 1; Bd. of Parish Ed. 5. Elder 1. **O.** Kiwanis 3.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's schools are the backbone of the LCMS's strength as a church body reaching out to members, surrounding community, the country, and the world. The university system prepares individuals for servant leadership in the secular world through study in various professional fields. The university system of the LCMS is a source for church leadership development. It is important that the LCMS continually encourage its universities to refine and be a leader in tertiary education for its students and society. It should continue to be the desire of the LCMS's universities to provide exceptional staff and administrative leadership.

LAYPERSONS



James K. Gruetzner, Albuquerque, NM; *Christ* (RM); LCMS 47; Physicist, Retired Naval Officer (Submarines). **C.** Lay Min. Bd. 21; Stewp. Bd. 1; SS & Bible Class Tchr. 10. **O.** BOD, Creation Programs of NM (Destination Imagination K-12) 10; State Textbook Review Com. 1.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light that no darkness shall overcome. This light—God reconciling people to Himself through the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus—is the central brightness that is to guide our university education system. Every question and every issue that arises should be decided in a framework of how best to proclaim this message to others and to sustain Christians in this faith using the resources God has made available. Each decision should also be made in the humble knowledge that God will work all things together for His good.



Richard D. Peters, Camarillo, CA; *Peace* (PSW); LCMS 79; Retired Controller/Int'l. Operations. **S.** Conv. Deleg.; Found. Bd. of Trustees; BOD 5; BOD Vice-Chm. 1; Pres. Rep. BHE/CUS; LCEF Mem.-at-Large; WBP 6; Com. on Structure; TF Configuration Dists. & Regionalization of Staff; Symposium on Min. Health & Wellness 1; Various Sem./Univ.

Com. **D.** Reconciler; BOD; Chm., Stewp Com. **C.** Pres.; Vice-Pres.; Chm., Elders; Treas.; Chm., Fin. Com.; Bible Class Tchr.; Choir; Bldg. Com.; Chm., Stewp. Bd. **O.** Treas., American Legion; BOD & Treas., Golf Club; Pres., Chamber of Commerce; BSA Council; Various Positions on Inst. of Management Accountants.

My previous experience on the Board for Higher Education gives me some understanding of the challenges our universities and colleges face. If elected, I would use my God-given gifts to help keep our university/college system strong and vibrant.



Nancy (Drews) Petrie,* Beaverton, OR; *Our Redeemer*, Tigard (NOW); LCMS 57; Financial Representative. **S.** BUE 6. **O.** BOD, Forest Hills Luth. School, Cornelius 6; Oregon Guardianship Subcommittee, Good Shepherd Fund 2.

God's redemptive action in our lives moves us to respond with

grateful hearts and willing hands to serve. As Christians, with any endeavor, we ask, “How does this glorify God and point to Christ as Savior of the world?” Concordia University System equips individuals who carry out a response to this question and live out this faith in all walks of life. Stewardship of this valuable source of workers for our church and leaders in the Kingdom is important for our Synod. I offer my hands to continued service on the Board for University Education to carry out this task.

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Lisa C. Spence, Atlanta, GA; Grace (FG); Information Technology Management. **C.** Altar Guild 1. **O.** Univ. Adv. Com. for Information Technology 6.

COMMISSION ON THEOLOGY AND CHURCH RELATIONS

1 ordained minister (parish pastor), 1 commissioned minister (parish teacher), 1 layperson to be elected

Qualifications: The Commission on Theology and Church Relations is responsible for assisting the President of the Synod, at his request, in fostering internal unity in the Synod and in relating to other church bodies. The Commission is also responsible for providing guidance to the Synod in matters of theology and church relations. Nominees for election to the Commission on Theology and Church Relations should therefore be well grounded in their knowledge of and commitment to the Holy Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions and the doctrinal position of the Synod. They should have a good understanding of the internal workings of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Above all, they should be motivated by a love for the Lord Jesus Christ which shows itself in concern for the pure teaching of the Gospel and the right administration of the sacraments and for God-pleasing relationships with all members of the Body of Christ. Must be available for quarterly meetings of three days each.

ORDAINED MINISTERS



Armand J. Boehme,* Northfield, MN; Trinity (MNS); LCMS 63; Assoc. Pastor. **S.** CTCR 14; Volunteer, Kazakhstan Theol. Ed. 3; Vicarage Supervisor 18; Model Theol. Conf. 3. **D.** Program Com., Model Theol. Conf. 2; LWML Couns. 4; Campus Contact Pastor 14. **C.** Pastor 36; Vicar 1. **O.** Ministerial Assn. 19; Diversity Working Group 3; Neighborhood

Serv. Center Bd. Mem. 6; Published Author 35.

Our Synod is currently struggling with how best to share Christ with an America that has become increasingly multi-religious and secular. We need to tap the vast array of talents God has given the members of our church in order to actively engage the world around us, and to share with it the timeless truths of Holy Scripture in new and creative ways, including participation in interfaith dialogues. Thus more of the lost, the hurting, and the broken will have the opportunity to hear of Christ, come to know Christ’s love, and trust Him as their Savior from sin.



Arlo W. Pullmann, Laurel, MT; St. John (MT); LCMS 42; Pastor. **S.** Conv. Deleg. 2; **D.** 1st VP 4; 2nd VP 1; Cir. Couns. 11; Chm., Worship Com. 4; Parish Ed. Bd. 4; Secy., Central Dist., Luth. Church Canada 1. **C.** Pastor, 23; Vicar 1. **O.** Chm., BOD, Luth. Social Serv. 3; LWML Pastoral Adv. 4; Lutherans For Life Pastoral Adv. 3.

God’s name is kept holy when His Word is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as His children, also lead holy lives according to it. His Kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His Holy Word and lead godly lives. To those ends may God use the Commission on Theology and Church Relations as He continues to answer His people in the LCMS who are praying that His name be hallowed and His Kingdom come.



John M. Ramey, Bel Air, MD; St. Matthew (SE); LCMS 26; Senior Pastor. **S.** Conv. Deleg. 3; Chm., Host Com. for Conv. **D.** Theol. Plan. Com., Lubbock Conf. 1; Chm., Professional Church Workers Conf. 1; Cir. Couns. 5. **C.** Pastor 26. **O.** Army Chap. 9; Chamber of Commerce 12; Apple of His Eye; UNC; TMAC 12.

“God’s Word is our great heritage, And shall be ours forever” (LSB 582). This simple hymn speaks of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s *sola Scriptura*-centered approach to the matters of faith and life among Christian brethren. The CTCR helps guide the Synod in its faith and practice, and I would consider it a great honor to serve Christ and His Church in this manner if so chosen by my brethren.



Robert C. Steinke, New Port, FL; Faith (FG); LCMS 65; Pastor. D. Cir. Couns.; Chm., BFMS. O. Rotary 10; Library Bd. 10; Jaycees 7.

These are exciting times for a church organization that knows what she believes and can share with others what she knows to be true. The Lutheran Church—

Missouri Synod has a twofold challenge. First, we are called to share the Gospel in language that people outside the church can understand. Second, we are called to teach them the language of God's people. The CTCR can be helpful in providing resources to the people of God so that they are able to speak and act in accord with the doctrine of the church.

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS



Timothy D. Hardy, Mt. Clemens, MI; LCMS 16; Trinity, Clinton Township (MI); Teacher. S. Tchr. 15. D. Accreditation Com. 1; Youth Gathering Volunteer 3. C. Bible Study Ldr. 5; Call Com. 1.

I feel the world hears our message and thinks that we are just trying to point out flaws in others and trying to build ourselves up. I would

love it if the LCMS was more outreaching and vocal with our motivation: every man, woman, and child be brought into a relationship with God through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The world needs to know that the church is not in opposition to people but that God is in opposition to sin and that He has created a plan that redeems us from it.



Gail E. Hein, Loveland, CO; Immanuel (RM); Teacher. S. Conv. Deleg. 2. D. School Accreditation Teams. C. Music Min.; Children's Min. Tchr.; Worship Plan. Team; Bible Study Ldr.

In my experience as a Lutheran educator, I find that Scripture and our Lutheran theology are immensely practical, giving order and hope in

the confusion that is rampant in this sinful world. Living in God's grace can be challenging, so clear, helpful explanations and accessible demonstrations of our understandings are necessary for this day. Opportunities abound for reaching out with the grace and mercy God offers in Christ, and every means should be taken toward this end.

LAYPERSONS



Bryan Campbell, Stelleville, MO; Immanuel, Rosebud (MO); LCMS Lifetime; Telecommunications Engineer. D. Conv. Deleg. C. Pres.; Elder. O. Eagle Scout; Mem., Sons of the American Revolution.

The officially adopted mission statement of the CTCR is "Empowered by God's Spirit through the means of grace, the

CTCR serves Christ's church by providing theological guidance to pastors and congregations for retaining, confessing, and proclaiming the Scriptural GOSPEL of Jesus Christ." If it is God's will, I stand ready to serve.



Mark Dowell, Columbia, IL; Peace, St. Louis, MO (MO); LCMS 46; Manager, Process Improvement & Analytics. C. Elder 5; SS Tchr. 5; Life Min. Coord. 8; Constitution Com. 2; Miss. & Min. Com. 2.

"How do we resist pressures on the Lutheran church to compromise and water down its insistence on the Biblical truths that have been

confessed since the time of the Reformation? We resist these pressures by remaining firmly anchored in the truths of God's Word, the Holy Scriptures. The stormier the times, the more the need for a strong anchor to hold us fast to God's Word. The Lutheran Confessions are that anchor" (Robert Preus). "If you continue in My Word, you are truly My disciples, and you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free" (John 8:31–32).



Ray A. Moldenhauer, Long Prairie, MN; Trinity (MNN); LCMS 40; Retired. S. CTCR 12; Conv. Deleg. 3; CTCR FL. Com. 1. D. BOD 11. C. LifeLight Bible Study Ldr. 5; Elder; Chm.

Having served 12 years on the CTCR, I observed the strong commitment of our church body to the Scriptures and Confessions. God

has blessed our Synod with faithfulness to His Word and mission. As Satan continues his attacks and as the culture becomes more hostile, it is imperative that we continue to seek the Spirit's guidance as we study and apply Holy Scripture to the issues we face. I see the CTCR as providing needed help in doing this. May our Lord and Savior bless us as we carry out His mission of gathering the lost into His kingdom.

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Jeffrey Schwarz, *Edwardsville, IL; Chapel of the Cross (SI); LCMS 45; Exec. Producer, Luth. Public Radio. C. Elder 4; Chm., Parish Ed. Bd. 9. O. BOD, Higher Things 4; Pres., Tiger Booster Club 4.*



Scott C. Klemsz, *Salinas, CA; Our Savior (CNH); LCMS 45; Pastor. S. Dir. of Admission, PR & Publications, FW Sem. 10; Founding Publisher, FW Sem. 10; Founder, Dir., Christ Academy College 10. D. Chm., Communications Com. 2. O. Advertising Dir., Tahoe Daily Tribune/Tahoe Area Newspaper Group 4.*

CPH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1 ordained minister, 1 commissioned minister, 3 laypersons to be elected

Qualifications: Concordia Publishing House is the publishing arm of the Synod, conducts market research to determine what is to be published, arranges for the writing and editing of materials, manages publication, and sells the product directly to users or to distribution outlets. CPH annual sales exceed \$40 million. The members of its Board of Directors must be committed to producing resources faithful to God's Word and the Lutheran Confessions, committed to bringing the distinct witness of the Lutheran church to all whom the publishing house serves, and committed to what the LCMS believes, teaches, confesses, and practices. Board members should understand business management, as CPH is a self-sustaining corporation. Senior management experience in a corporation of significant size with experience in publishing, e-delivery, law, finance, personnel, marketing, engineering, or corporate planning would be helpful. Must be available for quarterly meetings of two days each.

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Michael S. Ernst, ** Muskego, WI; Hales Corners Lutheran, Hales Corners (EN); LCMS 63; Clergy. S. Miss. Planting TF 2; CPH BOD 2; Co-founder, PLI 12. D. Host Congr., Conv. 1; Miss. Bd. 4; VP 8. O. Community Min. Alliance 27; Numerous service projects 26.*

Privileged to serve on the board for the past two years, I am able to be an advocate for CPH materials to congregations of all sizes. CPH needs continuing strong vision and leadership as the entire printed media industry, and especially denominational publishers, face major challenges. I believe that I have much to offer as we face those challenges. We seek both to serve our Synod and to reach the unsaved through doctrinally sound and outreach-oriented resources and materials.

As a parish pastor, I rely on CPH for a tremendous amount of items. When one walks into our parish, one sees CPH's contributions to our community's life in Christ with the *Lutheran Service Book*, Service Builder—created bulletins, Sunday School curriculum, *The Lutheran Study Bible*, Vacation Bible School materials, and Bible studies. It would be an honor and a privilege to serve on the Board of Directors of Concordia Publishing House. I believe this organization is essential to the future of our beloved church and her ability to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the world.



Alvin J. Schmidt, *Jacksonville, IL; Our Redeemer (CI); LCMS 20+; Assistant Pastor, Retired Professor, S. TF on Women 4; Rep., LCUSA's Com. on Fraternal Organizations 2; LLL Focus-Group Study 1. D. CCM 1; Great Com. Conv. 2; Presenter, Pastoral Conf. C. Asst. Pastor 18; Treas. 2; Bible Class Tchr. O. BOD, Luth. Retirement Center Assn. 12;*

Alderman, City Council 4; Published 8 Books.

I see Concordia Publishing House as Synod's "right arm," as it helps our LCMS publish and disseminate sound Lutheran doctrine in books and Bible class materials. This strengthens our members and also informs many non-Lutherans. If elected to CPH's Board of Directors, I would work to maintain and strengthen this vital role. I commend CPH for having recently entered the e-book market. This opens new avenues of informing and educating members of the LCMS, as well as the general public. As the author of eight books with different publishers, I would bring helpful insights to CPH's future publishing efforts.

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS



Kelly Bailey-McCray, Bend, OR; Trinity (NOW); LCMS 49; Director of Christian Education. S. Author & Consultant, CPH VBS Materials 11; Nat'l. Youth Gatherings 5. D. Chm., Youth Min. TF & Chm. 18; Youth Gatherings 21; Youth Min. Consultant 7. C. Dir., Youth Min.; VBS Coordinator; Music Worship 27. O. Mem., Recorder Ensemble 18; Volunteer, Local Homeless Agencies 5.

For years I've heard people say that the LCMS is dying. My hope and prayer for our future is that we are not dying, but that we are constantly growing in hope and vigor based on our faith in Christ and our witness to His Gospel. I desire to see us characterized by love—for each other, for fellow Christians, and for the world—so that John 13:35 would be true for the LCMS. “By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”



Mark L. Bender, Ballwin, MO; St. Paul's, Des Peres (MO); LCMS 58; Teacher & Minister of Music. S. Liturgy Com. for Luth. Service Book 8; Com. on Worship, Secy. & Chm. 9; Conv. Organist. D. Worship Com. C. Men's Bible Study Ldr. 12. O. Red Cross Blood Donor.

For over 140 years, by God's grace, Concordia Publishing House has provided resources to strengthen the faith of the people of our Synod and to equip them to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people not yet in the church. In every age, the clear message of God's Word is to be proclaimed in and outside the church. CPH must continue to provide trustworthy resources that people can use, confident that these resources are faithful to the Word of God and its expression in the Confessions of the Lutheran Church. To this end I will serve if elected.

LAYPERSONS



Michael Besch, New Berlin, WI; Peace (EN); LCMS 60; University Vice-President. S. Com. on Nom. 1. D. Com. on Nom. 1; Conv. Deleg. 1. C. Bible Class Tchr. 9; Bd. of Ed. 21; Trustee 21; Elder 21; Worship Com. 9; Spiritual Care 3; SS Tchr. 21; Chm. 9; Confirmation Tchr. 9. O. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary; Crew Instructor; Vesser Examiner 9.

It is a great honor to be nominated. The current environment is indeed challenging, requiring all of our efforts and prayers.

In addition to 21 years retail business management and 25 years university academic experience, the following would form the context for my service: (1) Maintaining the tradition of publishing works of benefit to members of our Synod and Christendom at large; (2) Increasing the sophistication, quality, and level of scholarship; (3) Expanding the range of topics of works considered for publication; and (4) Managing costs and revenues to maintain margins that will provide financial stability and allow for future growth.

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David Domsch,* Independence, MO; Timothy, Blue Springs (MO); Consultant/Business Owner. S. CPH BOD 6. C. Sound Technician, HS Bd. Rep., School Bd.; VP, Stewp. Bd. O. Chm., Mother's Refuge Shelter for Pregnant & Unborn.



Kate A. Hallock, Bradfordwoods, PA; Ascension, Pittsburgh (EA); LCMS 53; Marketing & Communications. S. Nat'l. LWML: PR 2; Media & Marketing 3; Program Resources 2. D. Editor, The Pittsburgh Luth. & Accent on English Dist. LWML 27. D. Chm., Stewp. Bd. 3; Pres. 4; Vice-Pres. 2.

The LCMS—Who We Are: Let us continue to strengthen, promote, and communicate, as we profess on our Web site, the very beliefs that set us apart from the world (believing, reaching out, proclaiming), while deliberately considering the impact and consequences of being with the world. In doing so, let's put a greater focus on educating our children and youth in spiritual warfare, that they may be better prepared to face the “roaring lion.”

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Ruth N. Koch,* Denver, CO; Our Father (RM); LCMS 59; Mental Health Educator. S. CPH BOD 7, Chm. 4; D. Presenter: Pastors Wives Retreat, Preschool Directors Conf., Older Adults Conf. C. Adult Ed.; Parish Coun.; Fiber Arts; MOPS Mentor Mom; Worship Asst.; Lay Reader. O. Classroom Reader for Public Schools; Court Appointed Special Advocate for Abused Children.

It has been my pleasure to serve for six years on the Board of Directors at Concordia Publishing House. During that time we have responded to the Church's growing interest in technology and electronically delivered products and services. While we still cherish and produce the printed word, these are exciting times as CPH develops and publishes cutting-edge resources for the Church.



Natalie Oleshchuk, St. Louis, MO; Immanuel, Olivette (MO); LCMS 39; Elementary School Librarian. C. Chm., Bd. of Parish Ed. 1; Counc. Secy. 4; SS Supt. 4. O. Elementary School Librarian 11; Mgr., St. Louis County Library, Youth Serv. 2.

I pray that by God's loving guidance the LCMS can work united in the Word and our Lutheran Confessions to bring the promise of our salvation in Christ to the world. We should reach out by prudently combining the strengths of our strong traditions and the best 21st century technologies.



Gretchen A. Roberts, Knoxville, TN; First (MDS); LCMS 26; Professional Writer. S. Editor, Notes for Life 4; Freelance Writer, LCEF & Luth. Witness. D. Young Woman's Rep., LWML 1. C. Pres., LWML; Chm., School Marketing Com. 2; Handbells 4; Choir 4. O. Publications Chm., American Soc. of Journalists and Authors & Toastmasters 2; Mem., Neighborhood Clean-Up Com. 1.

The LCMS has a long history of faithfulness to God's Word and the pure teaching of the Word and Sacraments. I pray that we continue on this course regarding the right-hand kingdom. Regarding the left-hand kingdom, I would like us to maximize the use of our financial gifts, reducing excess wherever possible at all levels and funneling a larger percentage of donations into fiscally responsible evangelistic and human care efforts that spread the Gospel, produce faithful resources for churches and pastors, and exercise our faith by proclaiming salvation and showing mercy to people at home and around the world.



Stanley J. Scheumann, Fort Wayne, IN; St. Michael (EN); LCMS Lifetime; President of Network Source. C. Counc. Secy.; School Bd. Officer; PTA Pres.; Elder; Usher; Chm., Family Life Min.; Chm., Human Care Bd.; SS Tchr.; Bible Study Ldr.; Luth. Assn. for Elementary Ed. Bd. O. Pres., Bd. of Luth. Camp Assn.; Chm., Luth. Camp Found. Bd.; Pres., Fort

Wayne Venture; Valpo Alumni Bd. Mem.; Pres., Club North Pointe Bd.; Three Rivers Festival Bd.

It's an honor to be nominated for a position on the Board of Directors of Concordia Publishing House of the LCMS. This is a position for which I am willing to faithfully serve. Using today's technological resources to expand the missionary reach of Concordia Publishing House in spreading the

Gospel story is an exciting opportunity. If elected to serve as a member of the CPH Board of Directors, I would share my experiences as a church officer, leader of Bible Study programs, and businessman to help expand the outreach of the CPH.

LCEF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1 ordained or commissioned minister, 2 laypersons to be elected

Qualifications: The Board for Lutheran Church Extension Fund is responsible to the Synod to provide financial resources and services for ministry, witness, and outreach to the LCMS primarily by offering investments which, in turn, are used to finance construction of facilities, purchase of sites, buildings and equipment, and loans to rostered church workers, etc. In addition, LCEF offers a wide range of services such as demographics, planning, and architectural services. Board members should have a broad range of experience in one or more of the following: financial services, investments, strategic ministry planning, capital campaign, loans and real estate, legal, banking, administration, and marketing. Experience on district LCEF boards is also desirable.

ORDAINED MINISTERS



David L. Bahn, Cypress, TX; St. John (TX); LCMS 41; Pastor. S. Conv., Pres. Stage Asst. 2; CMGS 2. D. LCEF 2; Cir. Couns. 5; Area VP. C. Pastor 27. O. Program Com., Photo Club 3; PLI Conf. Chapl. 3; Residential Care Min. 2.

I believe in LCEF's mission as a Christ-centered servant partner of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, supporting the Church in fulfilling its mission of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ by ensuring that funds and services are available now and in the future. I believe a high accountability/low control approach to board governance allows executive leadership and staff to respond as needed to current and future challenges and opportunities to support the Mission of God. I hope LCEF can grow even stronger and more capable of fulfilling its mission by means of a bold and responsible approach to its mission.

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Mark A. Hansen, Rock Rapids, IA; St. John/Faith, Deloit (IW); LCMS 24; Pastor. D. Guest Ldr., Consecrated Stewards; Stewp. Com.; Rural Min. TF; Professional Church Worker Compensation and Debt Load TF; Conv. Fl. Com. on Finance. C. Pastor 33.

We must be confessional and reach out to the lost. First priority is personal contact with the lost, building relationships with them,

and showing them Christ in their time of need. The LCEF must remain safe to depositors and provide loans (along with financial counseling to avoid burying congregations in debt they can't repay). LCEF should continue providing services such as demographic information and stewardship education, like its role in developing "Consecrated Stewards," and watch for other needs to address.



William F. Meyer, Wildwood, MO; St. John, Ellisville (MO); LCMS 69; Retired Clergy/Part-Time Consultant, BUE/CUS. S. Exec./Pres., BUE/CUS 13; Exec., Found. 5; Exec, CPH 5; Admin., Concordia, Austin 8; Prof., Springfield Sem. 6. **D.** Exec. Dir., Luth. Found. of Texas 13. **C.** Dir. of Worship; Dir. of Stewp.; Bible Class Instructor. **O.** Dir., Bank in Austin, TX 7; Girls Softball League Umpire 5.

Thanks to the LCMS for preparing for the future of church plantings and facility improvements. Already as a young teenager, my father encouraged a savings plan with church extension programs in our district. Not only does one save and invest, but also supports the mission of planting the message of salvation here, there, elsewhere. It would be a privilege to serve!

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS



Albert J. Amling, Hales Corners, WI; Hales Corners Lutheran (EN); LCMS 29; Minister of Religion. **D.** BOD 4; NLSA Commissioner 9; Salary Com. **C.** Lay Worship Asst. 15; Prayer Partner 15; Information Counter 10; Strategic Plan. TF 5. **O.** Soccer Coach 4.

I am humbled and honored to be nominated to stand for election to the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. My thoughts and vision for the future of our Synod revolve around our church body providing opportunities for current and future members of the Body of Christ to grow in their journey with Him. To do this effectively, we must walk together to nurture His children as they grow in His grace! I would willingly serve our Synod through the LCEF Board of Directors to grow God's Kingdom.

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Chris A. Anderson, Wichita, KS; Ascension (KS); LCMS 29; Bank President. **D.** Dir., LCEF Bd. of Managers 2. **C.** Pres. 4; Vice-Pres. & Chm. of Bd. 12. **O.** Mem., Wichita Independent Business Assn.; Commissioner, Metropolitan Area Plan. Com.; Treas., Maize School Dist. Found.; Bond Issue Com. 2; Co-Chm., Facilities Strategic Team 2; Mem., HS Bldg. Devel. Com. 1.

I have truly enjoyed being a part of the growth and development of Ascension Lutheran Church, the Kansas District through LCEF and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. I believe that with my 32 years of experience in banking, lending, real estate, and management I can help the church expand and meet the needs of the church and the unchurched. I believe that God has placed me in this position to help build His Kingdom and further His mission. I look forward to continue working with LCEF and LCMS to meet that goal.



Christopher J. Bannwolf, San Antonio, TX; Shepherd of the Hills (TX); LCMS 49; CFO, Broadway Bancshares, Inc. **D.** CEF 12 & Chm. 6. **C.** Bd. of Elders & Deaconesses 10; Bldg. Com. 3; Usher; Bible Class Ldr. **O.** Mem., Adv. Bd., Salvation Army 3; Mem., Luth. HS Assn. 3.

We share this world with evermore people needing the assurance of salvation through Jesus Christ but for whom this message is displaced by daily living and competing spiritual philosophies. There is a growing view that Christians are agents of control and condemnation rather than grace, truth, and love. We must expand our efforts to equip congregations and members to make positive connections with people across the street and around the globe, to demonstrate sincere interest in their wellbeing and then to help them find true faith, hope, and joy in Christ. My LCMS vision: Let's Connect with More Saints!



Thomas M. Buuck,* Meridian, ID; Friendship Celebration Lutheran (NOW); Chief Credit Officer & Managing Partner, Idaho Mutual Trust. **S.** LCEF 3; Chm., Investment Com., Conc. Wisconsin Found. **C.** VP-Finance 4; Stewp. Chm. 2. **O.** Investment Com., Idaho State Public Employee Pension Fund 8; Bd. Mem., Boise Philharmonic 2.

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Susan J. Elsholz, Birmingham, MI; *Ascension of Christ, Beverly Hills (EN)*; *Retired Exec., Chrysler Corporation*. **D.** BOD 3; *LWML Treas.* **C.** *Dir. of Stewp., Finance & Properties* 1; *Treas.* **O.** *Detroit Luth. Singles* 2.



J. Phillip Morrow, Fairfax, VA; *Prince of Peace, Springfield (SE)*; *LCMS 41*; *Business Owner, Management & Sales*. **S.** *Secy., CMGS* 5; *Attended Conv. and Pres. Summit Conf.* **D.** BOD 20 & *Chm.*; *CEF* 10; *Chm., Dist. Office Bldg. Project*; *Dept. Finance & Support Serv.* 12. **C.** VP 1 term & *Pres.* 4 terms; *Chm., Bd. of Servant Ldrs.* 4 terms; *Pres., Treas., Love in Action Endowment Fund* 23.

For over 100 years the Church Extension Fund concept has been a gift to our church. Providing funds and services in innovative ways blesses the LCMS and its workers. The LCEF has always met the challenges of history. The year 2010 and beyond represents great challenges and great opportunities. If elected, it would be with great humility and honor that I would “support the church in fulfilling its mission of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ by being a Christ-centered servant partner of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, ensuring that funds and services are available now and in the future.”



David E. Wuenschel,* St. Louis, MO; *King of Kings, Chesterfield (MO)*; *LCMS 70+*; *Real Estate Market Consultant & Broker*. **S.** *LCEF BOD* 3; *Assisted LCEF with Real Estate Matters previously*. **D.** *Miss./CEF* 9. **C.** *Pres.*; *Treas.*; *several bds.* **O.** *Condo Assn.*; *BOD, Area Hospital*; *Urban League of St. Louis*; *Local City Plan. Com.*; *MO Licensed Real Estate Appraiser*.

I will continue to support the vision of the LCMS and work toward making LCEF the lender of choice for all entities, the preferred partner of congregations, schools, and agencies seeking to advance their mission and ministry through strategic facility and financial planning. I will strive to make LCEF the preferred investment alternative for low-risk, market-based investments for all LCMS members, individuals, and entities in support of the work of the LCMS. I will support the growth of an LCEF ministry that exemplifies and encourages spiritually responsible stewardship, meeting the highest possible standards for commitment, integrity, service, and efficiency.

BOARD OF REGENTS

Qualifications: Board of Regents of the colleges, universities, and seminaries are responsible for the educational programs of the institution. They assure themselves that the work of the institution is carried on effectively and managed in a businesslike manner within an annually established budget. They are also responsible for the general welfare of faculty, staff, and students. Board members should be acquainted with current trends in education and should have a strong commitment to Christian education at all levels, with special interest in the objectives of preparing church workers. It is desirable to have had experience on a governing board of an elementary or secondary school, or on the board of regents or faculty of a college or university. Experience in finance, personnel, general corporate administration, corporate planning, or facility management is always helpful. The time requirements for meetings vary with the situation.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY AT ANN ARBOR, MI

1 ordained minister, 1 commissioned minister, 2 laypersons to be elected

ORDAINED MINISTERS



Norman A. Koy, Sterling Heights, MI; *Trinity, Utica (MI)*; *LCMS 57*; *Pastor*. **S.** *Com. Life Builder, Nat'l. Youth Gathering* 15; *CPH Theol. Reviewer* 10. **D.** *Coord., Youth Gathering* 1; *Cir. Couns.*; *LWML Conv. Couns.*; *Conv. Nom. Com.* 1; *LWML Conv. Couns.*; *Regional Pastors Conf. Steering Com.* *Chm.* 2. **C.** *LWML Couns.* **O.** *Fire Dept. Chap.* 3; *Int'l. Critical Incident*

Stress Debriefer 8; *Sheriff's Dept. Chap.* 10; *Napoleon Area Found.* 6; *Napoleon Com. Theater* 10.

Throughout the history of the Synod, we have made strong investments in education. We continue to move forward by preparing the best ministry professionals. The strength of our program is that we do not compromise Scripture or the Confessions, but follow the example of Dr. Martin Luther, who recognized the need to be on the cutting edge of making the good news of salvation relevant to the people of his time. I am honored to share in this vision and commitment of holding our traditions and truth of Scripture, while bringing Christ to a dying world.



Martin K. Moehring, Decatur, IN; St. Peter (IN); LCMS 53; Ordained Pastor. C. Pastor 28. O. "Friends of Wyneken" Restoration Group 5; Fort Wayne Bach Collegium BOD 4; Lions Club 2.

We are, without hesitation or shame, to hold to the confessional stance in doctrine and practice of Reformation Lutheranism, as did

the forefathers of our Synod. This unashamed confession was accompanied by the condemnation of all false teaching and heterodox confession. This confession will be necessary for the rest of our lives in the face of popular American Evangelicalism, "New Age" philosophy, and Islam. In particular, this confession continually needs to be emphasized within the Concordia University System, as church workers are trained and a proper, biblical sense of Christian vocation is taught in all programs of study.



John M. Rutz, Perrysburg, OH; Shepherd of the Valley (OH); LCMS 49; Parish Pastor. S. Instructor, Timothy Luth. Sem., Papua New Guinea. D. Cir. Couns. 7; Pres. TF on Theol. Unity 3. C. Pastor 19. O. LWML Zone Pastoral Couns. 2; Police Chap. 2.

As a product of one of our colleges, and before that a student of

teachers prepared at our colleges, I treasure the role of our university system in preparing servants for the church. At the same time our Lutheran understanding of vocation emphasizes the importance of well-educated laymen able to bring their Christian values to bear in business, medicine, and public service. If elected I would hope to encourage and support both of these emphases within the constraints of the resources available so that we excel in training men and women to serve our Lord by serving others.



Wayne H. Wentzel, Grand Blanc, MI; Faith (MI); LCMS 66; Pastor. D. Regional VP 12; Cir. Couns. 2; Bd. of Ed. 6. C. Pastor 33; Tchr./Prin. 4; Tchr./Music Dir. 4. O. Habitat for Humanity; Grand Blanc Clergy Assn.

My father and two sisters attended and my wife and I are graduates of Concordia, Seward. Two

of our children graduated from a Concordia—Mequon and Ann Arbor. My son attended St. Louis. I graduated from Fort Wayne, with a graduate degree from St. Louis. Our Synod's educational system is very dear to my heart. My vision for our Synod is to make financial support for its schools a high priority, that well-trained and qualified workers are readily

available to take the Gospel to "the uttermost part of the earth," a vision that necessarily also includes continued worldwide mission efforts.

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Robert C. Foerster,* Orchard Park, NY; St. John's (EA); Executive, Eastern Dist. S. CUAABOR 2; Consultant, Strengthening Schools & Congregations 11. D. Miss. & Min. Facilitator 11. C. Elder 5; Preschool Bd. 2. O. Asheville First Leadership Group 2; Univ. of N. Carolina Early Childhood Leadership Fellow 2; Vice-Chm., N. Carolina State NAEYC 3.



Robert D. Reisenbichler, Loveland, OH; St. Mark's, Milford (OH); LCMS 34; Lutheran Principal. D. Chm., Teachers Conf. 3; Vice-Chm., Teachers Conf. 2; NLSA Com. 6; LPDC Regional Com. 2; Principals Conf. Plan. Com. 1. C. Principal; FFPN Mem.; VBS; Evang. Com.

Lutheran congregations are losing a generation of children. Research

shows that a huge disconnect is taking place between children and their church. Family ministries can and will make a difference. Let's make everyone Christ-focused.



Wesley J. Wrucke, Evansville, IN; Trinity (IN); Principal/Teacher. D. Principals Conf. Plan. Com. 2; Coun. for Congregational Resources 3; NLSA Team Captain & Team Mem. 9; Regional Educational Service Study Team 1. C. Church Coun.; Worship Asst.; Bd. of Ed.; Bible Study; Helper, Fair/Festival Booth.

LAYPERSONS



Christian A. Preus, Plymouth, MN; Glory of Christ (MNS); LCMS 50; Attorney. S. BOD 12; Conc. Univ., St. Paul 3; Conv. Deleg. 4. D. Nom. Com. 1; Conv. Deleg. 2. C. Pres.; Elder 4; Church Coun. 10+. O. Chm., Charter Com. 12; City Coun. 2; Plan. Com. 2.

Above all, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod must remain faithful to the Holy Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions. We

can do so while also aggressively tackling today's financial pressures, technological advances, and other challenges. Our hostile and even anti-Christian society should not hinder our primary objectives to conserve and promote the unity of the true faith, and help, promote, and protect our congregations and pastors. And we must face struggles within the LCMS openly, directly, and as disciples of Christ. We can do so with the Holy Spirit, who will use us to bring the saving message of Jesus Christ to all people.



Leslie K. Sramek, Mascoutah, IL; *Christ Our Savior, Freeburg (SI); LCMS 36; Finance Manager. S. BOR, Portland 6; Alternate Conv. Deleg. 1; Fl. Com. 5 Mem. 1; Conv. Deleg. 1. D. BOD 1; Fin. Com. Secy. 1; Alternate Conv. Deleg. 1; Conv. Deleg. 1; Cir. Forum Secy./Treas. 3; Cir. Forum Deleg. 1. C. Dir. of Ed. 4; Constitution Com. 1; Church Council. 11; Budget Com. 3;*

6th Grade Confirmation Tchr. 10; School Bd. Mem. & Chm. 4; Family Min. Study Team 2; Employee Handbook Com. 5; Nom. Com. 3; Staffing Com. 1; Staff/Volunteer, Appreciation Com. 2; Miss./Vision Com. 4; Scholarship Com. 2; Stewp. Bd. 4; Treas. 4.

Lutheran education has been a high priority for our Synod since its beginning. I give thanks that God has blessed us with the Concordia University System for the training of professional church workers and lay leaders. With this blessing comes great responsibility. In a culture with great temptation to "water down" doctrine, we must continue to teach God's Word in its truth and purity and the Lutheran Confessions as a true and genuine exposition of this Word. Grounded in these areas, students will, by God's grace, boldly proclaim the Good News to a hurting world in their various God-given vocations.



Thomas L. Staack, Waterloo, IA; *Immanuel (IE); Attorney at Law. D. Discipline Com. C. Chm.; Elder; Chm., School Bd.; SS; Bible Class; Choir; Praise Team. O. Pres., Iowa Chapter, American Bd. of Trial Advocates; Vice-Pres. & Exec. Com., Iowa Assn. for Justice; Bd. Mem., American Assn. for Justice; Fellow, Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers; Chm. & Mem., Recreation*

& Arts Com.; Chm. & Bd. Mem., Black Hawk-Grundy Mental Health Bd.; Mem., Various TF for School Dist.; Numerous city bds. & com.

During this critical time in our Synod's history, I'm concerned about our future. There is evidence membership in our Synod is shrinking and efforts to increase membership are diminishing. I'm also concerned about the viability of Lutheran primary and secondary education. Outstanding teachers continue to be educated at synodical schools, but will they have

a place to teach? If we believe what our Synod preaches and teaches, shouldn't we be centered on church growth? Any issue discouraging that growth should be resolved now. Our financial resources, facilities, and dedicated servants should be used wisely. With God's guidance, we cannot fail.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY AT AUSTIN, TX ■

1 ordained minister, 1 commissioned minister, 2 laypersons to be elected

ORDAINED MINISTERS



Richard S. Cody, Monett, MO; *St. John's (MO); LCMS 40; Pastor. S. Conv. Deleg. 1; Vicarage Supervisor, Conc., St. Louis 1. D. BOD 3; Miss. Bd. 6, Chm. 3 & Secy. 3; TF for N. Korean Miss. Project 3; Coord. Council. 3; Chm., Communications & Technology Com. 3; LWML Zone Couns. 4; Pres., SWMO Cir. 8; Campus Pastor 2. C. Pastor 14; Vacancy*

Pastor 3. O. Habitat for Humanity BOD 3; Lions Club 5.

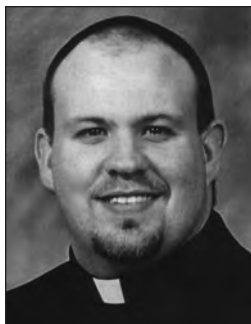
We are living in exciting times. Living in a postmodern culture presents a greater challenge of reaching out with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ, especially important in higher education, where the truth of God's Word is often questioned. Having attended three LCMS learning institutions, I understand firsthand the blessings and values that Christian education can provide to young people. Having graduated from CUA, I have a continued love for my alma mater and want to do all I can to see her continue her task of educating people to carry out the Great Commission in their various vocations.



Michael P. Dorn,* Houston, TX; *Trinity (TX); LCMS 47; Senior Pastor. S. Conc., Austin BOR 3; Secy., BOED, Luth. Church Canada 2. D. Salary Review Com., LCC 9; Cir. Couns., LCC 6. C. Pastor 19.*

Our universities have made great strides in providing excellent education and preparation of church workers. Most importantly, through

them God brings non-Christians to us, an opportunity to help them learn and grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. Concordia Texas's new campus has opened additional doors. A current member and secretary of its Board of Regents, I hear firsthand about amazing things that God is doing. I believe that He has given me gifts to assist Concordia in its mission, including visionary leadership, analytical thinking, and project management. May God bless us all as we serve Him!



Jamison J. Hardy, McMurray, PA; Peace (EN); LCMS 36; Parish Pastor. S. Short-Term Missionary, Africa/Venezuela 7. D. VP Mem. of BOD 1; Cir. Couns. 7; Regional Miss. Action Counc. 5; Min. Coach 1. C. Lay Positions. O. BOD, Conc. Luth. Miss. 8; State Senate of PA Non-Profit Caucus 6; Rotary; Lions Club.

I have believed and was taught to be open to what God asks (1 Sam. 3:10), “Speak for Thy servant is listening,” as I pray everyone in our Synod is when God calls (Isaiah 6:8), “Here am I. Send me!” With the gifts and talents God has given me, I believe that I can help to continue the spiritual development and high quality academic excellence for which Concordia Austin is known. I believe my six years as a member and officer of its board and as an executive committee member of a \$100 million RSO has prepared me to serve.

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS



Paul M. Brandt, Scottsdale, AZ; Shepherd of the Desert (PSW); LCMS 53; School Consultant, PSW Dist. S. BOR, Irvine 9. D. Miss. Bd. 6. C. Bible Class Tchr. 29; Trumpeter 31; Vice-Chm., Ed. Found. BOD 4. O. Chm., Luth. Ed. Assn. BOD 6.

While remaining dedicated to raising up the next generation of professional and lay leaders of the church, Concordia University has the wonderful opportunity to boldly share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all students through biblically sound teaching, worship, and fellowship. Fiscally sound entrepreneurship will help the school improve and change to meet needs and expand enrollment while holding on to the best of the present and past.

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David A. Sommermeyer,* Houston, TX; St. Mark (TX); LCMS 66; Retired, Luth. High School Administrator. S. Presenter, School Min. Funding Academy 3; Genesis Consultant 7; SSAC Consultant 2; NLSA 15. D. BOD 3; NLSA 10; Presenter, Conf. & Regional Educator Event 20. C. Steering Com., Transition to PBG 4. O. ALSS Past Pres. & Consultant.

Dave is currently a 30-year member of St. Mark Lutheran, Houston, Texas, with 40+ years of Lutheran school administrative experience. Long Island’s LuHi and Houston’s LEAH were beneficiaries of Dave’s service. In retirement, Dave continues to provide practical and visionary insights

into “prescriptions” for re-engineering the financial future of Lutheran schools. Dave continues to serve the Association of Lutheran Secondary Schools, National Lutheran Schools Accreditation, LCMS School Ministry Cabinet, Concordia University Texas—Board of Regents, GENESIS (consultant), SSAC (consultant), National Lutheran Schools Funding Academy (presenter), and as a consultant to numerous Lutheran schools and school leaders across the nation.

LAYPERSONS



Paul Feucht,* Woodlands, TX; Salem, Tomball (TX); LCMS 49; President/CEO. S. BOR, Austin 3. C. Plan. Com.; Worship Team. O. Chm. of the Bd., Life Promotions, Appleton, WI.

Concordia University—Austin has just begun to explore the possibilities of what might be the future for a Concordia University system. As a current-term BOR member, I have been fortunate to witness the superlative leadership that has made this vision come to life. I would be honored to continue to participate in developing and deploying that vision.



James C. Holste, College Station, TX; Bethel, Bryan (TX); LCMS 65; University Professor & Administrator. S. Secy., BHE/CUS BOD 9; Conv. Deleg & Higher Ed. Fl. Com. 1. D. Conv. Deleg. C. 1980s–90s: Chm., Bd. of Elders; Chm., Chm., Stewp. Bd.

As a graduate of an LCMS school who has spent my career in public higher education, I would like to assist with the continued growth and development of Concordia University Texas. My education at Concordia Seward has had a positive impact throughout my career, and I believe that our LCMS universities must prepare people for service both as church workers and in other occupations by offering a quality education that incorporates our Christian values. I will use my experience to help Concordia University Texas to provide such an education.

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Kristi A. Matus,* San Antonio, TX; Concordia (TX); LCMS 42; Executive VP & Chief Financial Officer. S. BOR, Austin 1.

As EVP and CFO for USAA, direct USAA’s financial management activities to include treasury, corporate controller, strategic cost management and investments; provide governance in risk

management, underwriting/pricing and business development. Joined USAA in 2002; have served as President of USAA's Life Insurance Company and USAA's Life and Investment Services. Prior EVP and COO for Thrivent Financial Bank. Hold Series 7 and 24 securities licenses, member of the American Academy of Actuaries, a fellow in both Society of Actuaries and Life Management Institute.



Estenfanos Taamrat, Missouri, TX; Pilgrim, Houston (TX); LCMS 10; Science Teacher. S. Chm., Eritrean Ev. Luth. Miss. Soc. North America 4. C. Choir Ldr. 3; Secy. 3.

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churches and declining youth participation in the Lutheran services call on Lutheran educational institutions and Lutheran churches alike to explore uncharted territory for involving youth. Our Concordia universities and Lutheran churches alike must focus on identifying and promoting new evangelistic mission initiatives that empower, energize, and prepare students for missionary service opportunities, including reviving existing Lutheran churches in Africa and providing them with the tools to evangelize their own people.

CONCORDIA COLLEGE AT BRONXVILLE, NY

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William A. Harmon, Williamsburg, VA; King of Glory (SE); LCMS 35; Pastor. S. Conv. Deleg. 1. D. Cir. Couns. 5; BOD, Middle HS 5; BOD, Luth. Social Serv. of NY 2; Adv. Bd., Long-Range Plan., Conc. College, Bronxville 1. C. Pastor 10; Assoc. Pastor 1. O. BOD, Williamsburg Area Faith in Action 2; BOD, Com. Counc. on Substance Abuse & Violence Prevention 3.

The schools of our church body provide a wonderful forum to witness the Gospel truth to those who attend and are associated with the schools. At the same time, they provide biblical instruction so that all vocations are prepared to serve as the light of the world for the sake of Jesus and His love. Our universities and seminaries are a staging ground of faith and life formation so that those who are graduated further the call of Christ within our church body and beyond.



Arthur W. Scherer,* Baltimore, MD; Holy Nativity, Arbutus (SE); LCMS 70; Pastor. S. Bronxville BOR; Ablaze Ambassador 3; COP 6; BHE 3; Pres., TF Recruitment & Retention 3. D. SE Dist. Pres. 6; VP 4; Staff 6; Cir. Couns. 6; LWML Couns. 6. C. Pastor 28. O. Augsburg Luth. Home, Baltimore 19; Regional Consultant, LCEF 6; Author & Developer, "Consecrated Stewards" 4.

The greatest challenge facing our church body is the call to be faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ as we live out our lives in a pluralistic, postmodern society. Concordia, Bronxville's mission as a college of the LCMS is "to engage and nurture a diverse student body in a Christ-centered, value-oriented liberal arts education for lives of service to church and community." To be a member of the Board of Regents is to be a trustee of those Lutheran values, an enabler of that mission, and a bearer of fiduciary responsibility for good stewardship of God-given resources.

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS



Ben T. Herbrich, Queens Village, NY; St. John, Flushing (AT); LCMS 68; Head of Martin Luther High School/Luth. HS Assn. of NYC, Inc. S. Commissioner, AT, Nat'l. Luth. School Accreditation 9; Bronxville BOR 6; Adv. Deleg. 4. D. Conv. Fl. Com.; Pres. 6 & Bd. Mem., Luth. Schools Assn. Metro NY 9. C. Counc. 3; Chm., Stewp. 3; Pres. 4; Choir 42; Rep., Luth. School Bd. 20; Bd. Mem.: Thrivent 2, Luth. Brotherhood 6; Assn. of Luth. Devel. Exec. 20; Kiwanis Club 30.

I believe that the Synod must change and stay the same. Given the diversity of cultures, the increasing communications options, and the growth in mission opportunities, our Synod must seek new ways to reach the world with the Gospel of hope. And, the Church must stay the same—by reaching the Body of Christ with the body of Christ, accepting all people the way they are without compromising who we are. I envision our church teaching God's Word to children of all ages, thus continuing the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther, the greatest advocate for learning and literacy.



Jonathan C. Laabs, Roselle, IL; Trinity (NI); LCMS 55; Exec. Dir., Luth. Education Assn. S. CUS—CUEnet Management Counc. 16; CMGS, Commissioned Min. Com. 5; Bd. for Com. Serv. 9. **D. BOD** 4; Technology Com. 11; Accreditation Com. 5. **C. Adult Min. Com.** 11; Bd. of Ed. 3. **C. Nat'l. Distinguished Prin. Selection Com.**, NAESP & US Dept. of Ed. 12; Western Assn. of Nonpublic Schools BOD 2.

God has richly blessed the spreading of His Word through mission and ministry in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The challenge of all God's people is to respond to His call with one voice and united in action. My vision for the LCMS includes bold movement forward through adequate funding, preparation, and support of workers, and creative new approaches to ministry around the world. Tomorrow's LCMS will be shaped by today's leaders. Walking together, we will confidently and joyfully proclaim Jesus' love for us as One People: Forgiven.

LAYPERSONS



Chester M. Edelmann Jr., Bronxville, NY; St. Mark, Yonkers (AT); LCMS Lifelong; Professor of Pediatrics, Albert Einstein College of Medicine. **C. Elder**; Pres.; VP; Deacon; Secy.; Chm., School Bd.

As a lifelong Missouri Synod Lutheran, I am most concerned that we encourage our young people to pursue church-service careers; they

are the lifeblood of our church and critical to the vitality of our Concordia University System and our seminaries. As someone who has worked as an academic physician for more than 50 years, my knowledge and experience should be valuable in furthering the goals of Concordia College—New York, particularly with regard to the health-related programs.



Heidi J. Fields, Atlanta, GA; Grace (FG); Librarian; Currently Stay-at-Home Mom & Independent Piano Teacher. **S. Miss. Serv. Volunteer**, Russia 2. **D. Participant**, PALS (Post-Sem. Applied Learning & Support) 2. **C. Pastor's Wife** 8; Dir. of Christian Ed./SS Tchr. 8; Fellowship Com. 8. **O. Music Tchrs. Nat'l. Assn.** 2; Children's Librarian 6.

As a product of Lutheran education from kindergarten through college, I understand that the goal of our Concordia University

System is to shape the future leaders of our church and society. It must prepare its graduates to engage an increasing pluralistic culture with the incomparably good news of Jesus Christ—and to do so in a faithful, intelligent, winsome, and genuinely caring manner. I would approach the opportunity to serve on the Board of Regents, Bronxville, with humility characterized by prayer and the willingness to listen and learn, making a conscientious effort to provide fiscal accountability and strategic guidance.



James T. Jahnke, Bronxville, NY; Village Lutheran (AT); LCMS 23; Investment—Private Equity. **C. Bd. of Trustees** 4; Stewp. Bd. 3; Treas. & Mem., Bldg. Com. 6.

As a father of college-aged children and a financial professional, I am particularly concerned with the cost of higher education, especially for young people who want

to pursue church-service vocations. We need to emphasize and strengthen existing programs like "For the Sake of the Church" in order to build endowments that our young people can utilize in their pursuit of service to our Lord. Also, as good stewards, we need to be vigilant in containing the rising costs of higher education. A pipeline of qualified and motivated church-service workers and lay leaders is critical to the long run health of our Church.



Robert Weber, Muskego, WI; Peace, New Berlin (EN); LCMS 50+; College Professor, Marquette Univ. **C. Pres.**; Worship Com.; Elder; Choir; Usher. **O. Lions Club**, Pres., VP, Treas.; Melvin Jones Award.

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Gospel's call to meet the needs of others. Empty pews in Lutheran churches and declining youth participation in the Lutheran services call on Lutheran educational institutions and Lutheran churches alike to explore uncharted territory for involving youth. Our Concordia universities and Lutheran churches alike must focus on identifying and promoting new evangelistic mission initiatives that empower, energize, and prepare students for missionary service opportunities, including reviving existing Lutheran churches in Africa and providing them with the tools to evangelize their own people.

CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY— FORT WAYNE, IN

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Ronald M. Garwood, Casper, WY; Mt. Hope (WY); LCMS 40; Assoc. Parish Pastor (semi-retired). S. COP 12; Conv. Fl. Com. Chm.; Plan. Counc.; Various TF. D. WY Dist. Pres. 12; 1st VP 6; Chm., Miss. Com. 2; Cir. Evang. Chm.; Cir. Couns.; Various TF. C. Youth Ldr.; Elder; Catechism Tchr. 10. O. Various management, Husky Oil Co.

I support maintaining two seminaries in our Synod, and I believe that excellent seminaries are extremely important to the church. Preaching and teaching the Word of God and ministering to God's people in their needs with a faithful Word and Sacrament ministry are critical to each congregation and to the entire Synod. To that end, well-educated, trained, and faithful pastors are critical.



Daniel N. Harmelink, Huntington Beach, CA; Redeemer (PSW); LCMS 43; Senior Pastor. S. Conv. Fl. Com., Missions 1. D. Cir. Couns. 3; Miss. & Min. Coun. 3; Pastors' Conv. Plan. Com. 2; Chm., TF, Proposals for Future of St. Mark, Anaheim, CA 2. C. Senior Pastor 4; Assoc. Pastor 10. O. Chm., Bd. of Trustees, Luth. Bible Institute 1; VP, Institute for

World Religions 15; Pres., Int'l. Assn. of Reformation Coins & Medals 9.

The LCMS is called by Christ to be faithful to His Word and reach out to the lost with the specific God-given treasures entrusted to us. As a second-career graduate of both LCMS seminaries, I believe that called church workers must receive the highest quality training in the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions and be given opportunities to integrate the classroom with the congregation, while cultivating an ever-deepening appreciation for Christ's treasures gifted to the Synod—treasures we should not ignore but celebrate as we daily rediscover how the Word informs, directs, and convicts the Church to joyfully witness under the cross.



John H. Kieschnick,* League City, TX; Trinity, Houston (TX); LCMS 68; Retired, Working Part-Time, Capital Funding Services. S. BOR, Fort Wayne; LCEF 10; Pastor Coach & Stewp. Consultant, LCEF. D. Bd. of Parish Serv. 10; Stewp. Giving Com.; Dir., 125th Anniversary Thankoffering; Developed ECV Prog.; Author/Editor, "Stewards in His Service and "His Love—Our Response," etc.; Led Every Mem. Stewp. Involvement Com.; Cir. Couns.; Church Grant TF. O. Author; Samaritan Counseling Center, Houston; PLI BOD 8.

It has been my privilege to serve on the Fort Wayne Board of Regents for the past six years. I would be honored to serve again and support the Synod's mission and ministry by helping CTS fulfill its mission, which is "to form servants of Jesus Christ who teach the faithful, reach the lost, and care for all." After all, the Great Commission is the primary reason the Synod and the seminary exists.

LAYPERSONS



Miriam E. Hoelter,* Portland, OR; Trinity (NOW); LCMS 63; Retired School Counselor. S. BOR, Fort Wayne 6; Conv. Deleg. 1; LWML Conv., Host Com. 2 & Music Chm. D. Chm., Sem. Interview Com. 26. C. Chm., Nom. Com. Church Coun. 1; Chm., Parish Ed. 9; Co-Chm., Fellowship Bd. 4; Choir Dir. & Mem. 7; SS Tchr.; Altar Guild; Christian Growth Chm., LWML 16.

O. Membership Chm., Pres., Oregon School Counseling Assn. 5; Bd. Chm., Wildwood Group Homes 10; Mem. & Presenter, Women's Leadership Workshop 2.

Our seminaries are integral to the spiritual health and well-being of the LCMS. Leadership in Gospel proclamation and loving service is vital in our dramatically changed and changing world. I understand the responsibility of serving on a seminary Board of Regents. Board trainings and strategic planning have focused on how best to support our seminaries in forming church workers who are grounded in Scripture and intentional about "loving the people." I hope to continue with fellow board members in encouraging Concordia Theological Seminary to move forward positively and with renewed energy and fresh insights for mission and ministry.



Leo S. Mackay Jr., Alexandria, VA; *Immanuel (SE)*; LCMS 13; VP, Corporate Business Development, Lockheed Martin Corp. **S. Chm.**, Bd. of Luth. Church's Housing Support Corp. **O. Chm.**, Bd. of Visitors, Graduate School of Public Affairs, Univ. of Maryland; Bd. Mem., Center for a New American Security, Washington DC; Chm., Secy. of Health & Human

Services Adv. Com. on Minority Health 2; Bd. Mem., Cook's Children's Hospital 3; Chm., Fort Worth Region's US Savings Bond Campaign; Bd. Mem., US Naval Academy Alumni Assn.; Exec. Com. Mem., Bd. of Stimson Center, Washington DC.

I believe the Synod should continue as the bedrock of confessional Lutheranism in North America. To this end, she should concentrate on fellowship within the teaching of the Word, administration of the Sacraments, and orthodox doctrine. Additionally, the Synod should be active in Christian education—at all levels—as well as the propagation of ministries of many within its midst and to its neighbors around the world. To these ends, no institutions are more fundamental than the seminaries of the Synod. The lifeblood of the denomination are her faithful pastors; the arms and legs, its laity; and Christ, of course, the Head.



Christian L. Rieddle, Ada, MI; *Our Savior, Grand Rapids (MI)*; LCMS 52; Manager, Pension Fund Fixed Income Portfolio. **C. Treas.** 7; Stewp. Chm. & Counc. Mem. 2. **O. West Michigan CFA Soc., Pres.** 1; Bd. Mem. & Program Chm. 3; Indianapolis CFA Soc., Secy. 1 & Bd. Mem. 3.

The founders of what would become the Concordia Theological Seminary believed that it was necessary to provide for the spiritual needs of settlers on the American frontier. It is vital for each generation to remain committed to the continued success of this seminary so that spiritual needs are ministered to now and in the future. The most important reason for our seminaries to exist is to train pastors to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Initiatives must be sustainable within the context of resources available. Evaluation of financial decisions and stewardship practices will be central to the board's role.



Bethel Sine, Fort Wayne, IN; *St. Augustine (IN)*; LCMS 5; Medical Doctor. **C. Women & Youth Min.** **O. Empowering Youth; Engaging in Soc. Serv.; Caring for Needy People/Immigrants & Others.**

In a time when biblical truth is being twisted, a sound and Christ-centered theological training is imperative. As the Scripture reminds us to be "prepared and give an account," it is my prayer that the seminary will graduate pastors who not only have the knowledge of the Bible but also have a humble heart to be servants of the Gospel. Being an immigrant from Ethiopia, the Lord has enabled me to finish medical school in Michigan and serve Him in various capacities. I hope these experiences will help me as a member of Board of Regents for the seminary, if I were to be selected.



David P. Stephens, Bowen, IL; *Holy Cross, Golden (CI)*; LCMS 31; Farmer. **D. Rural Min. Com.** 2; Conv. Deleg. 5; Conv. Elections Fl. Com. 1. **C. Elder** 12; SS Tchr. 30; Treas. 3; Chm. 2; Vice-Chm. 2. **O. BOD, Com. for Christ Assistance Center** 6; BOD, Golden Good Shepherd Nursing Home 10; Houston Township Trustee 5; Camp Point Com. Dist. School Bd. 5.

I have always been willing to serve, to the best of my God-given abilities, God and His Church in whatever opportunities that are opened before me. Helping to maintain such a vital institution to our Synod and to the Church would be a great responsibility and challenge, one in which I would continually seek the Lord's guidance and strength through prayer and His Word.



Bradd Stucky, Fon du Lac, WI; *Trinity, Sheboygan (SW)*; LCMS 43; Professor. **D. Student Aid & Recruitment Com.** 6. **C. Church Coun.** 1; Elder 4. **O. BOD, Luth. Home & Health Serv.** 7.

Listen, listen, God is calling through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy. Jesus gave His mandate: Share the good news that He came to save us and set us free. Let none be forgotten throughout the world. In the triune name of God go and baptize. Help us to be faithful, standing steadfast, walking in Your precepts, led by Your Word. Listen, listen, God is calling through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy (LSB 833).

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY AT IRVINE, CA

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Michael A. Morehouse, Tuscon, AZ; Catalina Lutheran (EN); LCMS 23; Senior Parish Pastor. S. Conv. Deleg. 1; Operation Barnabas Couns. 2; Chap., US Army 7. **D.** Luth. Servanthood School Instructor 10; Conf. Planner 1; Campus Christian Center Bd. Mem. 4. **C.** Pastor 12. **O.** Veterans of Foreign Wars 5; Disabled American Veterans Mem.

5; Rotary 3; Fraternal Insurance Couns., Luth. Brotherhood Dist. Rep. 14.

As the LCMS remains committed to the Reformation principles of faith alone, grace alone, and Scripture alone, God will guide her through the challenges, trials, struggles, and opportunities that will come on account of her/our faithfulness to His Word. It will be critical for the confessing Church in this post-postmodern era to clearly speak God's truths to those who do not hold to the reality of absolute truth. Lutheran college campuses in our era need to be held firm to the bold confession and biblical witness that began at colleges and universities such as Luther's Wittenburg.



J. L. Precup,* San Diego, CA; University Lutheran, LaJolla (PSW); LCMS 63; Minister of Religion. S. BOR, Irvine 3. **C.** US Navy Chap. 25; Pastor 10. **O.** Various Humanitarian Serv. with the Military 25.

Getting to know faculty, students, staff, and regents at Concordia, Irvine, has been a real joy over the

past three years. We faced serious problems but achieved remarkable progress in academic excellence under the cross of Christ. It is my desire to continue serving as a regent as we now search for a new president. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue this vital task and contribute to Concordia's missional goal of proclaiming the life-giving message of Christ to all people, while engendering a lively pattern of living as God's own people within the entire student, faculty, and staff community.



Elroi Reimnitz, Newbury Park, CA; Redeemer, Thousand Oaks (PSW); LCMS 61; Pastor. S. Campus Min. Couns., Calif. Luth. Univ. 24; Conv. Deleg. 3; Asst. Prof., Luth. Univ. of Brazil 2. **D.** Treas., Cir. 2, PSW Dist. 19; Mem., Luth. Family Soc. Serv. 2. **C.** Pastor 24; Senior Pastor 8; School Supt. 8. **O.** Pres., Soccer Officials Assn. 4; Adjunct Prof., Trinity Theol. Sem., Newburgh, IN

27; Pres. & BOD, Casas De La Senda Homeowners Assn., Newbury Park 24.

"One People—Forgiven." This should be the vision for the future of our Synod, not only forgiving one another as Christ has forgiven us but also sharing this forgiveness with those who are still lost without the grace and knowledge of Jesus as their Lord and Savior. This should also be the vision of the staff and faculty at Concordia University Irvine—preparing students to be "commissioned by Christ" in the Lutheran tradition, so that they will be equipped to share Christ's love and forgiveness wherever the Lord sends them after their graduation (Matt. 28:19–20).

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S. T. Williams, Los Angeles, CA; St. Paul (PSW); LCMS 47; Ordained Clergy. S. World Miss. Partner/Large Church 3; Black Min. Bd., Church Planting Com. 15; Pres., Black Clergy Caucus 2; North American Miss. Facilitator 3; Admin. Liaison, Sem. Devel., Evan. Luth. Church of Haiti; Haiti Luth. Miss. Coord. Com. 12. **D.** Black Min. Com. 9. **O.** Chap., US Navy Reserves 21; Juvenile Court

Officer 2; Residential Child Care Specialist 2; Com. Health Endowment Bd. 2; Habitat for Humanity Bd. 8; Pres., Nat'l. Alumni Counc. 5.

A lifelong LCMS member, the mission and ministry of the Church have been my greatest concern, joy, and passion. I have been blessed to serve at various ministry levels in the church, God using my gifts and talents to maintain focus on the Great Commission. I will serve with great humility and thanksgiving, should I be given an opportunity to serve my Lord and Church once again. The world continues to change. As a church body, we need to change also while keeping the message of Jesus constant and the doctrines of the Church pure and relevant for our times.

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS



Donald W. Berlinski, Aurora, CO; Mount Olive (RM); LCMS 75; Retired Luth. High School Teacher/Administrator. *S. Conv. Deleg. 1. D. Congr.-Dist. Liaison 3. C. Choir/Cantor 14; Bd. Mem., Early Childhood Ed. Center 11; Bd. of Elders 7. O. Rep., Luth. Assn. of Missionaries & Pilots Inc.—Canada 5.*

In this critical time of increasing secularism and distorted, diabolical spiritual direction, Christian universities are desperately needed. I, as an outgrowth of the LCMS educational system (elementary, secondary, undergraduate, and graduate schools), and as a Lutheran high school teacher, coach, and administrator over a period of 39 years, believe we must remain focused on the mission: "Lives Transformed through Christ, In Time ... for Eternity!" In our present economic situation, difficult choices need to be made. The challenge is to address change without changing who we are ... universities that have opportunity to yield redeemed servants of Christ (Ephesians 6:6).



Wendell L. Robson, Chandler, AZ; Gethsemane, Tempe (PSW); LCMS 56; Lutheran School Administrator. *D. K-12 School Cabinet 4; Chm., Elections Com. 3; BOD 6. O. Exec. Com., American Private Ed. Counc. 4; BOD, Valley Luth. HS 3; Commissioner, Northwest Assn. of Schools & Colleges 6.*

The purpose of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is to reach lost souls with the saving truth of Jesus Christ while at the same time nurturing the faith of the saved. Our Concordia universities have traditionally focused on training men and women for ministry in the church and the world. I believe the Concordia University System should continue to focus on training servants for the church, while also serving as faith-based academic institutions of excellence where the Christian faith is shared with all who study there.



Heather H. Wyneken-Manning, Orange, CA; LCMS Lifelong; Searchlight Ministries Lutheran (PSW); Director of Christian Education. *S. Experiential Team Mem., Nat'l. Youth Gathering 3; Asst. Registrar, Nat'l. Youth Gathering 2. D. PR Exec., DCEs Etc., Leadership Team 2; Fl. Com. on Theology 1. C. BOD 9; DCE 9. O. PTA Reflections Chm./Liaison,*

Special Ed. 2; Regional Head Start Exec. BOD 3; California Head Start BOD 3.

I am a lifelong Lutheran with a heritage of pastors, missionaries, and teachers. I have served as a director of Christian education out of Christ College/Concordia University for 15 years. My passion is ministry to children, youth, and young adults. I believe that the Concordia System plays a huge part in the cultivation of up-and-coming church workers, and I am thrilled to be considered to be part of the Board of Regents for Concordia University, Irvine. Concordia has always held a special place in my heart, and I will do my best to serve them well.

LAYPERSONS



Elmer Gooding, Tempe, AZ; Gethsemane (PSW); LCMS 63; Retired University Administrator & Prof. of Economics. *S. Ch., BUE 6; Secy.-Treas., BHE 3 & Mem., Exec. Com. 6. D. Irvine BOR 9 & Chm. 7. C. Pres., VP, Chm., Fin. Com.; Chm., Bd. of Elders; Audit Com.; Usher; Salary Study Com.; Chm., Call Com.; Numerous other com. O. Tempe Governors 11 & Pres.*

1, Vice-Pres. 2; Pres., ASU Retirees Assn. 6; Bd. Mem., ASU Emeritus College 2.

My entire adult life has been dedicated to higher education as a professor and university administrator. My service as a Board of Regents member and on the Board for Higher Education and Board for University Education attest to my strong belief that a quality education for Lutheran lay leaders and professional church workers is critical to the future of our Synod. Along with academic quality, sound financial management will be essential if our colleges/universities in the Concordia University System are to carry out the Great Commission. If it is God's will that I am elected, I will be delighted to serve.

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Peter Lee, Newbury Park, CA; Peace, Camarillo (PSW); Health Care Financial. *C. Elder; Finance; Choir. O. Conc. Univ., Irvine, Vice-Chm., Audit Com. & Chm.*



Sandra Ostapowich, Loveland, CO; Mount Olive, Loveland (RM); LCMS 37; Christian Education & Youth Director. *S. Presenter, TF on Unity 1; CPH, Participant, Youth/Ed. Workshop 1. C. Christian Ed. & Youth Dir. 6. O. Higher Things, Conf. Coord. 3 & BOD 9.*

Our Synod has navigated through many tumultuous periods in her history, and I am heartened that we continue to openly struggle with the differences that remain, rather than ignoring them or wasting time arguing about who is blame for them. We have been freed in Christ Jesus to communicate honestly and work together even when we don't agree about everything. I sincerely believe that education—in Scripture, in our Confessions, in our historic traditions, and in new trends and challenges that arise as we walk with one another—is essential for the LCMS to firmly stand in future generations.



Glen Piper, Valparaiso, IN; Heritage Lutheran (IN); LCMS 42; Assistant Director of I.T., Purdue North Central. *S. Conv. Deleg. 2. D. Conv. Deleg. 2. C. Chm., BOD 1; Bd. of Elders 8; Bd. of Stewp. 1. O. Strategic Plan Functional Group (Communications), Purdue North Central 2.*

If elected, I would be humbly honored to serve the Synod in any nominated capacity, as God has abundantly blessed me through my educational, professional, and congregational experiences. As we are called to be bold and faithful stewards, we have been given a precious gift and a daunting task. Fortunately, our God has given us His Word and Sacraments. He has given us what we need to boldly proclaim, along with the apostle Paul, "For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified" (1 Cor. 2:2). To God alone be the glory!

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WISCONSIN AT MEQUON, WI

1 ordained minister, 1 commissioned minister, 2 laypersons to be elected

ORDAINED MINISTERS



Stephen R. Bartelt, Omaha, NE; Zion (NEB); LCMS 64; Clergy Emeritus. *D. Miss.; Chm., Worship Com.; Chm., Hymnal Introduction Com. Technology Com. 2; Chm. Omaha Joint Min. TF 3; C. Pastor 13; Asst. Pastor/Dir. of Music 2; Theol. Internship 1; Fin. Plan. Workshop 1. O. Army Reserve/Nat'l. Guard; Campus Min., Kansas State Univ.; BOD, Campus*

Min. 1; Treas. & Bd. Mem., Luth. Urban Miss. Initiative 4; Safety Com., City of New Berlin, WI 9 & Chm. 3; Civil Service Com. 7 & Secy. 2; Chm. 4; Pres., Luth. Brotherhood Branch 4; Guest Lecturer, Luth. Sem., Almaty, Kazakhstan 1; Omaha Symphonic Chorus 3; Southwest Iowa Men's Chorus 3.

As a pastor and CUW graduate, I affirm CUW's mission to prepare church workers. As the father of a CUW physical therapy graduate, I affirm CUW's mission to prepare lay leaders in God-pleasing vocations. As a retired CFO for one of our Synod's premier high school associations, I affirm a vision that couples fiscal responsibility with a "can do" attitude. CUW must continue to advance itself as one of the best private universities in the region, while continuing to serve its LCMS base. I will bring balance, energy, enthusiasm, and a desire to move forward to the Board of Regents.



Wayne M. Braun,* Flower Mound, TX; Lamb of God (TX); LCMS 51; Senior Pastor. *S. BOR, Conc. Wisconsin 3. D. Cir. Couns. 9; BOD 1; Stewp. Com. 3. C. Pastor 22. O. BOD, Luth. Bible Translators 9; Optimist Club 7.*

I desire to continue to be a part of the mission of Concordia University Wisconsin because I believe that if our Synod is to be truly "Ablaze" with the Gospel, then our Concordia universities are an essential part of that mission. At Concordia Wisconsin, as at our other schools, students are shaped in "mind, body, and spirit" for service to Christ and to the world. Not only are pastors, DCEs, and teachers trained for service in the church, but doctors, physical therapists, and nurses are also trained to serve in their vocations as living witnesses to the Gospel.



Nathan M. Meador, Plymouth, WI; St. John (SW); LCMS 27; Senior Pastor. *S. Youth Min. TF 3; Conc. Sem. Alumni Counc. 4 & Rep. 13. D. Bd. for Congr. Support 3; Chm., Stewp. TF 3; Cir. Couns. 1; Chm., Volunteer Teachers Conf. 4. C. Senior Pastor 7; Sole Pastor 7. O. Firefighter/Chap., Fire Dept. 5; Treas., Staunton Clergy Assn. 4; Chm., Staunton Ed. Found. Bd. of Trustees 3; Pres., Sheldon Area Com. Club 2.*

The LCMS has a long-standing tradition of the highest quality educational ministries. Beginning in the Lutheran preschools and grade schools, carrying into our high schools and colleges, and culminating in our seminaries, what started in the 19th century has adapted for the early 21st century. The challenges of this time require a willingness to look to new opportunities without forgetting what makes this mission of the Gospel great. As a CUW graduate and pastor for 14 years, I am committed to do all I can to be a part of this ongoing tradition, which has served the Gospel well.

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS



David S. Burgess, Franklin, WI; *Our Father's*, Greenfield (SW); LCMS 29; Assistant Principal, Martin Luther High School. **C.** Bd. of Elders; Bd. of Christian Ed.

It is vital to the mission of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod that we preserve its institutions of higher learning while moving forward to meet the challenges of the

future. We must continue to offer an education of superior quality, making available the best resources to prepare men and women to faithfully and effectively serve in their vocations, whether they be full-time church workers or laypeople. It would be an honor to serve on a board that supports the mission of Concordia University Wisconsin.



Lynnette A. Fredericksen, Suring, WI; *St. John* (NW); LCMS 28; Deaconess, Principal, Teacher. **C.** Treas.; Secy.; Church Secy.; Chm., Stewp. Com.; Altar Guild; Chm., Evang. Com. **O.** Higher Things, Inc., Bd. Treas.; Conc. Deaconess Conf. Mem.

The focus to all schools in the Concordia University System

should be to teach students Christ crucified as related to all subject matter. This is for the sake of their own salvation and that they may take this message out to the fallen world through church-work and secular-world vocations.



Dwayne Jobst,* Menomonee, WI; *Brookfield Lutheran*, Brookfield (SW); LCMS 56; Assistant Principal, Milwaukee Lutheran. **S.** CUW BOR 3; *Blue Ribbon/Funding the Mission* 2; Assn. of Luth. Schools 10. **D.** Teacher Conf. Com. 1; Church Worker Conf. Com. 1. **C.** Worship Ldr.; Choir; Bible Study Ldr. **O.** Jaycees.

People today are being impacted by false messages of hope that take them farther away from the cross. Our mission is to connect more people to a life in Jesus. If reelected to the Board of Regents for Concordia University Wisconsin, I would strive to work with the regents to make sure that Concordia does not lose sight of its spiritual roots as it prepares future workers for the vineyard. It is my prayer that our church will work together so that Jesus Christ is glorified.

LAYPERSONS



Frederick M. Anderson,* Sussex, WI; *Zion*, Menomonee Falls (SW); LCMS 44; President/CEO, Wenthe-Davidson Engineering Co. **S.** Luth. HS Assn. of Greater Milwaukee. **C.** Bd. of Elders 4; Pres. 9; Evang. Chm. 3. **O.** Luther Manor Found. Bd. 5.

It is important for the future growth of our Synod and the fulfillment of

our mission and the Great Commission to provide advanced Christian-based education at the collegiate level, providing Christian leaders capable of performing superior work in the secular world while also witnessing to Christ crucified. Our world's problems are no different from any time in our past—they just occur at a faster rate. Our own problems, to provide for expanding needs with a shrinking funding source, will continue to challenge us as we identify future programs and directions while also keeping our overall mission in focus.



Mary Dittmar, Sheboygan, WI; *Trinity* (SW); LCMS 23; Registered Nurse. **C.** Chm., Youth Bd. 2; Women's Bible Study Ldr. 1; Evang. Bd. Assimilation 10. **O.** Various political activities; Very active at Sheboygan Area Luth. HS.

As a nominee for the Board of Regents at Concordia University Wisconsin, I believe Martin Luther

had it right when he said, "Above all things, the principal and most general subject of study, both in the higher and the lower schools, should be the Holy Scriptures." I believe that it is critical for our children to continue their lifetime study in the Holy Scriptures, which includes the solid foundation of Lutheran education, to know the love of Christ for them, and to make that love known to others through their vocations, whatever that may be—father, mother, pastor, or president of the United States.



Robert M. Knox, Geneva, IL; *St. Paul*, Brookfield (NI); LCMS 50; President, Epsilon Lambda Electronics Corp. **S.** CPH 12 & Chm. 6; BOR, River Forest 3. **C.** Chm., Voters Assembly 8; Chm., Evang. Bd. 6; Bd. of Deacons 5. **O.** School Parents League 20; Inst. of Electrical & Electronic Engineers, Mem. & Writer 53; Published Technical Articles.

The Synod exists to support its member congregations. From a rich history of such support, LCMS is now poised to strengthen the bonds with congregations in their witness and

proclamation of the Gospel. As a convert to Lutheranism as a young adult, I am motivated to strengthen the educational institutions of the LCMS and reach out to those for whom Christ died but have not heard the Gospel message. Incumbent upon newly elected leaders is the obligation to join with colleagues, in loyalty to the LCMS Constitution commitment to Scriptures and Confessions, as the Gospel is applied in activities of each board.



Craig W. C. Schmidt,* Berlin, WI; St. John (SW); Chairman & CEO, Philemon Group LLC. **S.** BOR, Conc. Univ. Wisconsin. **C.** Bd. of Elders; Treas.; Vice-Chm.; **O.** BOD: Partners Health System, Com. Health Alliance, Wild Rose Com. Memorial Hospital, WI Health & Hospital Assn., Meadow View Manor Nursing Home, Family Health Care Clinic, Institutional

Management, Boys & Girls Club; Entrepreneurship Adv. Bd.; Rural Health Devel. Counc.; American College of Healthcare Exec.; Rotary Club; Kiwanis Club; Mem., Pres. Com. Counc. Roundtable, Conc. Univ.; Guest Lecturer, Univ. of WI Business College & Ripon College; Finalist, Ernst & Young WI Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY AT PORTLAND, OR

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ORDAINED MINISTERS



Stewart D. Crown, Palo Alto, CA; Trinity (CNH); LCMS 44; Minister of Religion. **S.** Vicarage Supervisor 11; Conv. Deleg., Elections Fl. Com. 1. **D.** LWML Zone Couns. 5; Bd. of Campus Min. 4; Miss. Action Counc. 2. **C.** Pastor 18. **O.** Photographer for School Dramas 1; Tour Coord., Associates of Stanford Univ. Libraries 1; Library Asst./Coord. of Volunteers 2.

The unbelieving world's responses to today's religious, intellectual, moral, and social issues attempt to suppress the truth. Equipped with the Concordia University System, the LCMS has a unique opportunity to respond: to prepare servants that, in their many God-given vocations, speak faithfully and work wisely for the bold proclamation of the whole counsel of God. In the CUS institutions, we offer the dynamic, hopeful, and comprehensive worldview found only in Christ Jesus, crucified, risen, and reigning. This rich Christian tradition—addressing intellect, body, and spirit—that we inherited we seek to nurture, enhance, and pledge to the next generation.



Steven A. Eaton,* Sequim, WA; Faith (NOW); LCMS 51; Senior Pastor. **S.** BOR, Portland 3; Luth. Church Canada Deleg. 2. **D.** LCC: Miss. Dept. 5; Youth Dept. 3. **C.** Pastor 24. **O.** Navy Reserve Chap. 13; LWML Zone Couns. 5; Pastoral Adv., Lake Isle Luth. Camp. Assn. 7.

I pray that together we would seek to understand and follow the Lord's vision for mission and ministry that He holds out to us in His Word—moving forward in unity and sharing the Gospel of our loving Lord Jesus to a lost and hurting world.



Orlando E. Trier, Portland, OR; Christ, Vancouver, WA (NOW); LCMS 64; Clergy. **C.** Pastor 31. **O.** Federal Way School Bd. 7.

Lutheran higher education has a great opportunity to make a significant contribution to our society and communities. We assist students to become the people God would have them to be in all their various callings, from being professional church workers, to nurses, to educators, to business people—the list is endless. As a university we need to be involved in our surrounding communities, making a witness to the love of God in our hearts. “As the Father has sent Me, so I send you” [John 21:19] (our universities) into the world to show God's care and love.

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS



Keith E. Brosz, Anchorage, AK; Anchorage Lutheran (NOW); LCMS 60; Administrator, Luth. School Assn. of Anchorage. **S.** BOR, Portland 4. **D.** Chm., Administrators Conf. 6; Chm., Teachers Conf. 8; Chm., Principals Conf. 6; Various Conv. Com. **C.** Bd. of Elders 12. **O.** Pres., Independent School Assn. 2; Pres., Federation of Independent Schools 2.

This is a very challenging and exciting time for the Synod as we boldly attempt to respond to God's command to proclaim the Good News to those around us. In this world of techno gadgets and instant communication, we have the opportunity to explore new ways of communicating and building relationships with people both inside and outside of the church and to recapture our fervor to reach others. My prayer is that we be mindful to use all of the resources God has given to us, human and gadget.



Robert E. Christian, Seattle, WA; *Hope (NOW)*; LCMS 82; Retired Lutheran School Educator. **S.** Bd. for Communication Serv. 2; Missionary, Hong Kong Int'l. School 11; BOR, Portland 12. **D.** BOD 11; Ed. Com. 11; Communications Com. 11. **C.** Part-Time Staff 16; Pres.; Catechesis; Adult Bible Study; Stephen Ministry; Head of School, Bronx NY 17. **O.** Exec. Bd., Washington Federation of Independent Schools 11; Founding Headmaster, Hong Kong Int'l. School 11; Founding Exec. Dir., Seattle Luth. HS 17.

We live in a world of change which presents challenge and opportunity to our church. We must face change in a Christ-centered, Bible-centered manner. Our Concordia universities have worked to retain their Lutheran-Christian identity while facing changes in society, in the students they serve, and in ever broadening-purposes. But, it is critical that these schools increase efforts in training more individuals for full-time/professional ministry in our congregations and schools, as well as for being Christian lay leaders in church and community.

LAYPERSONS



Lois E. Banke, Ashland, OR; *Grace (NOW)*; LCMS 30; Registered Nurse—Education. **D.** BOD 18; Human Care Com. 3. **C.** Bd. of Elders 8; Worship Com. 4; Parish Nurse 4; Stephens Minister 2. **O.** BOD, Northwest Parish Nurse Ministries 4; Adv. Bd., Oregon Health Sciences Univ. School of Nursing 17; BOD, Area Health Ed. Center 6.

Because I firmly believe that the Concordia universities provide the LCMS the opportunity and responsibility to provide sound baccalaureate and graduate education, I have allowed my name to be listed as a nominee for the Board of Regents, Portland. In my experience as a nurse and educator of nurses, I have learned that spirituality and a growing belief in Christ Jesus have a positive influence on the quality of the care that is given. A Christ-centered life gives support for a Christ-centered professional who is able to carry out Christ-given responsibilities. Concordia universities can provide these professionals.



Roy Kravitz, Beaverton, OR; *Prince of Peace, Portland (NOW)*; LCMS 8; VP of Engineering; Adjunct Faculty, Portland State Univ. **C.** Forest Hills Luth. School 7; Chm., Teacher Call Com.; Computer Support for Auction; School Bd. 2; SS Tchr.; POP Bell Choir; Volleyball & Softball Team Organizer; Vision Revealing Team; Preschool Dir. Call Com.; School Expansion Team. **O.** Adjunct Faculty 10; Youth & HS Soccer Referee 8.

As an ardent supporter of Lutheran education, I believe the growth of the Synod will be sustained by attracting and retaining our youth. The principles of the LCMS are Gospel based and are true and unchanging. Synod leadership should nurture those principles by continuing to adapt to the expectations of those who will follow us. If elected regent, I will leverage my time, energy, and 20+ years of leadership and management expertise in the high-tech industry toward providing our students with a quality Lutheran education based on spiritual growth, community engagement, and lifelong service.



Kathy Schulz,* Augusta, MO; *Chapel of the Cross, St. Peters (EN)*; LCMS 52; Managing Editor. **S.** BOR, Conc. Chicago 9; BOR, Portland 3. **C.** SS Supt. **O.** Homeowner's Assn., Rules Com. 3.

The Lutheran faith is passed on primarily through teaching. It is vital that we continue to train teachers who can pass on that faith in school and Sunday school classrooms. Our universities play a significant role in the passing on of the faith. Serving as a regent is one way I can contribute.

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Andrew T. White, Boise, ID; *Concordia, Pullman WA (NOW)*; LCMS 33; President, A. T. White Company. **S.** BOR, Portland 2; Conc. Univ. Found. BOD 3. **D.** Conv. Deleg. 1. **C.** Student Fellowship 3; NOW Dist. Rep. 1. **O.** Rotary Int'l. 2; Businessman, Nat'l. Bark Sales 7; Research, Luth. Church in Europe; Intermediate German Language.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO AT RIVER FOREST, IL

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ORDAINED MINISTERS

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Matthew D. Bean, *Richmond, VA; Redeemer (SE); Pastor. D. Cir. Couns. 1; Chm., Professional Church Workers' Conf. Plan. Com. 4. C. Pastor 10.*

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Kent A. Tibben,* *Danville, IL; Trinity (CI); LCMS 48; Pastor. S. BOR, Conc. Univ. Chicago 3; Workshop Ldr., Intro to LSB 1; Instructor, Luth. Musician Enrichment 2. D. BOD 3. C. Pastor 18.*

It has been a privilege and a joy to serve on the BOR of CUC with other gifted and dedicated church

workers and laymen. I would welcome the opportunity to continue to serve this fine Lutheran institution of higher learning.



William C. Weedon, *Worden, IL; St. Paul's, Hamel (SI); LCMS 23; Pastor. S. Author, Luth. Witness, CPH; Fl. Com. 3 1; PALS Facilitator 6. D. Cir. Couns.; Worship Com.*

I believe that a vigorous Lutheran identity is crucial to our universities fulfilling their purposes in shaping Christian life and service for the

challenges of the 21st century. If elected, I'd work to ensure that Concordia University's rich heritage in that regard continues and would seek to see it strengthened.

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS

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Mark P. Muehl, *Fort Wayne, IN; St. Paul (IN); LCMS 26; Director, Northeast Indiana Lutheran Schools. D. Chm., Math Curriculum Study 1; Chm., Music Curriculum Study 1. C. Prin. 8; Tchr./Prin./DCE 12; Tchr. 5. O. Allen County Non-Public School Exec. Bd. 5; Indiana Non-Public School Assn. 1.*

The LCMS is strong. What else

could it be as long as we hold fast to the inerrant Word of God and shower God's people with the blessings of the Sacraments? God has provided all we need for the spread of His Kingdom. We hold the responsibility of enthusiastically sharing this precious message with the various means available. Our schools—preschools, elementaries, high schools, universities, and seminaries—are avenues by which we train those who will equip the church with an understanding of Christ and His redemptive work. These institutions need our support and prayers as they assist in this all important task.



Mark Thaelke, *St. Peters, MO; Zion, St. Charles (MO); LCMS 44; Director, Worship & Music. C. Team Ldr., Music Concert Series 6; Overseer of all worship ministries 4.*

As a pastor's kid, a Lutheran grade school and college graduate, and a Lutheran teacher and music director, I've seen the benefit of

Lutheran education at all levels. The true Gospel message proclaimed in our schools has a profound effect on countless lives and ultimately, the world. I believe that today's cultural challenges create a necessity for leadership at our Concordias that upholds the historic faith in an ever-changing world.

LAYPERSONS



Kirk Farney,* *Hinsdale, IL; St. John's, LaGrange (NI); Retired Banker; Graduate Student. S. CTCR 3; BOR, Conc. Chicago 6; Ablaze Steering Com. 4; Blue Ribbon TF for Funding the Miss. 2. D. Conv. Deleg. 1. C. Chm., Parish Ed. 3; Chm., Stewp. 3; Pres. 4. O. Wheat Ridge Bd. 7; Wheaton College Alumni Bd. 3.*



Deborah Grime, *Fort Wayne, IN; St. Paul's (IN); LCMS 50; OB/GYN Physician. S. Consultant, CTCR "Scriptural Relationship of Man & Woman" 2; Bd. for Human Care/LWR 6; Pres. Com., Sanctity of Life 5. D. Place of Refuge 2. C. Co-Supt., SS 1; SS Tchr. 10; Pres., PTL 1. O. Volunteer Tchr., Junior Achievement.*

Theological integrity, financial responsibility, and academic excellence should be the cornerstones of our Concordia universities. Looking through River Forest's historical lens, Concordia University Chicago must aggressively move forward, training church workers for the Synod and Christian leaders for our communities. In an age of mediocrity, we encourage disciplined scholarship. In this recession, we focus

on Christian stewardship in decision making. In a culture called to self, we proclaim a counter-culture call to Christ.



Clifford L. Meints, Indianola, IA; Mt. Calvary (IW); LCMS Lifetime; G. W. Carver Prof. of Chemistry, Simpson College. **S. BOR**, Fort Wayne 12; **CTCR** 2; **Conv. Deleg.** 2. **D. Rep.**, Theol. Conf.; **Com. on Social Welfare**. **C. Chm.**, Elder; **Secy.**; **Bd. of Worship**; **Bd. of Ed.**; **SS Tchr.**; **Bible Class Tchr.**; **VBS Tchr.** **O. Boy Scout Troop Com.**; **Charity Canvasser**.

As a professor and administrator at the college and university level for over 50 years and currently completing a term on the board of regents of an LCMS seminary, I believe I have good familiarity with all sides of the academic relationship and useful experience and outlook for helping to direct progress at an LCMS university. The CUS system has been an important feeder source to the seminaries in the past years and could be—should be—once again with some simple changes in focus and offerings. Such refocusing need not be detrimental to the balance of each university's overall program.



Mark O. Stern, Wheaton, IL; St. Paul, Brookfield (NI); LCMS 14; **Attorney**. **S. BOD Floor Nom.** 1. **D. Attorney** 2; **CEF Special Loan Com.** 2. **C. Vice-Chm.** 4; **Deacon** 4; **Constitution Com.** 1; **Secy.** 3; **Bldg. Com.** 2. **O. Bd. Mem.**, Chicago Lawyers Chapter, Federalist Soc. 5; **Bd. Men.**, Educate 200 Found. 4; **Candidate, School Bd.** 2.

Having served in a number of different capacities at the district and congregational level, I believe my experience and my background as an attorney for businesses would be an asset to the Board of Regents. I would work with the board to advocate long-term financial stability for the university, while preserving it as an integral part of our Synod and a valuable resource to educate the next generation of Lutherans. There are plenty of private universities; there are few with a distinctively Lutheran and confessional identity. Developing and promoting that identity should be the university's primary mission.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY—ST. LOUIS, MO

1 ordained minister, 2 laypersons to be elected

ORDAINED MINISTERS



Ralph Blumenberg,* Seymour, IN; Immanuel (IN); LCMS 59; **Senior Pastor**. **S. BOR**, St. Louis 3; **Presenter, Model Theol. Conf.**, **Facilitator** 2; **LCMS-ELCA Dialog Team**. **D. Secy.** 1; **VP** 9; **1st VP** 3; **Sem. Interview Com.** 7. **C. Pastor** 3; **Assoc. Pastor** 4; **Senior Pastor** 21. **O. Ethics Com.**, Memorial Hospital 21; **Rotary Club**; **Leadership Groups**, Trinity Luth. HS.

Concordia Seminary was one of God's instruments in forming and shaping me to serve as a pastor. I have been honored to serve on its board in a triennium that has brought great challenges and opportunities. If re-elected, I am committed to doing all within my ability to provide leadership and support so that, with God's blessings, the seminary will fulfill to the best of its capacity the mission to prepare pastors after God's heart and provide trustworthy theological leadership for the church.



Michael A. L. Eckelkamp, Denver, CO; St. John's (RM); LCMS 19; **Ordained Minister**. **D. LCEF** 3; **Lay Min. Training Prog. Ldr.** 7; **Chm.**, Healthier Ministries TF 4; **Learning Com. Ldr.** 2; **Pastor** 19. **O. Red Cross**; **Pastoral Leadership Inst.** 4; **Pastoral Leadership**.

What a blessing our seminaries are to the church! We are responding to the call to raise up pastors who have God's seeking heart for the lost. What a joy to be able to equip pastors to lead congregations in receiving and sharing the Good News of God's passionate love with our lost and dying world. I believe that God is preparing great things for us to do (Eph. 2:19)! It is imperative that we raise up church leaders to equip God's people to worship and serve God with their time, talents, resources, and influence.



Harold L. Senkbeil, Waukesha, WI; Blessed Savior, New Berlin (SW); LCMS 64; **Emeritus Pastor**; **Exec. Dir.**, Spiritual Care, Doxology—Luth. Center for Spiritual Care & Counsel. **S. Assoc. Prof.**, Conc. Theol. Sem. 6; **CTCR** 4; **Catechism TF** 4. **1st VP** 3; **2nd VP** 3. **C. Pastor** 31.

The LCMS has come to the kingdom for such a time as this. Increasing godlessness

relentlessly erodes our culture, while theological confusion undermines the historic faith in America's churches. With its doctrinal heritage and Gospel zeal, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is poised to turn these challenges into opportunities. Preparing men for the pastoral ministry in our time therefore deserves our best efforts and most rigorous attention. This generation needs men well equipped with sound teaching and pastoral hearts to shepherd Christ's lambs and sheep and to gather in the lost so they too can hear His life-giving voice.

LAYPERSONS



Albert N. Allen, Houston, TX; *Memorial (TX)*; LCMS 35; *Real Estate Appraiser*. **C. Elder**; *Pres.*; *School Bd.* **O. Pres.**, *Int'l. Right of Way Assn.*; *Chm.*, *Int'l. Valuation Com.*; *Pres.*, *Soc. of Real Estate Appraisers*; *Texas Real Estate Appraiser Certification Com.*; *BOD*, *Houston Chapter, Appraisal Inst.*; *Professional of the Year Finalist*; *Y. T. Lum Award*; *Trustee*,

Center for Advanced Property Economics.

I would like to work toward enhancing the financial status of the seminary.



Hubert L. Dellilinger Jr., Memphis, TN; *Christ the King (MDS)*; LCMS 76; *Physician*. **S. Conv. Deleg. 1**; *Sponsor Annual Lecture, St. Louis Sem.* 12; *Theol. Sem. Symposium*, 12. **D. Conv. Deleg.**; *Interim Pres.*; *Conv. Deleg.*; *Pres.*, *Walther League*; *Officer*, various inter-church groups. **C. Elder**; *Chm.*, *Bd. of Elders*; *Choir*; *Bldg. Com.*; *Bible Class Tchr.*; *Pres.*; *Youth Sponsor*;

Usher. **O. Alumni Bd.**, *Univ. of Memphis*; *Columnist*; *Chap.*; *Republican Party*.

The strength of LCMS is its confessional, biblical theology summarized by the three *solae*. The weakness of LCMS is its inability to spread this simple message of God's unfathomable and undeserved grace to a world caught up in the importance of self or at least the synergism of Reformed and Roman Catholic teachings. I believe we must find more ways to evangelize as Christ charged us, but at the same time we dare not compromise His Gospel message. Too often in LCMS, one has been asked to choose between the two. I wish to help awaken a unified "Sleeping Giant."



John D. Eckrich, St. Louis, MO; *Concordia, Kirkwood (MO)*; LCMS 62; *Physician/CEO, Grace Place Luth. Retreats*. **S. CMSG**, *Wellness Action Com.* 3. **C. Retreat Leadership**; *Worship Com.* 10. **O. Bd. of Governors**, *Missouri Athletic Club* 3; *BOD*, *Int'l. Parish Nurses Assn.* 2; *BOD*, *Luth. Senior Serv./Luth. Found. of St. Louis* 6.

Christ's call to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and neighbor as self, must find expression in the communal life of our seminaries. Here, it is critical to "inoculate," in a physician's words, our undershepherds toward healthy lifestyles, caring relationships, fiscal stability, lifelong spiritual formation, and excellent theological education. Seminary should invite personal responsibility for wholeness and wellness in pastors and their families in a grace-filled, Word-saturated environment. So too, the seminary assumes corporate responsibility for its physical, relational, fiscal, and spiritual health ... a family of mutual care and abundant living in service to Christ.



Paul Hegland, Kenosha, WI; *Lamb of God, Pleasant Prairie (SW)*; LCMS 18; *Higher Education Administration*. **S. BHE** 6; *Conv. Deleg.* 2. **C. Chm.** 15; *Kantor* 18; *Bd. of Elders* 18 & *Chm.* 4. **O. Bd.**, *Kenosha Area Conv. & Visitors Bureau* 4; *City of Kenosha Plan. Com.* 5.

Boards of regents have specific responsibilities for governance, including the direct supervision of just one person: the seminary president. All administrative authority belongs to him, vested by and accountable to the BOR, up to the Board for Pastoral Education, and, ultimately, to the church. It is a balanced system of appropriate governance, one that allows a strong BOR to concentrate on both appropriate, immediate oversight and also strategic direction, while exercising stewardship on behalf of the church.



Louis L. Pabor, Magnolia, TX; *Trinity, Klein (TX)*; *Investments*. **S. Conv. Deleg.** 1; *Fl. Com.* 1. **D. Conv. Deleg.** 1. **C. Chm.** 4; *Chm.*, *Church Coun.* 3; *Chm.*, *Bd. of Elders* 4. **O. Woltman Found.** 3.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY AT ST. PAUL, MN ■

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ORDAINED MINISTERS



Joel A. Dietrich, Clinton, IL; *Christ/Zion, Clinton/Chestnut (CI); LCMS 31; Ordained Minister. D. LWML Zone Chap. 2. C. Sole Pastor 5. O. BOD, Habitat for Humanity 2; VP, Thrivent/AAL Conc. Theol. Sem. Branch 2; Helped create a Winterim class at CUW 1.*

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is blessed with the pure Gospel. What a wonderful mission we have been given by God to share that Gospel. Our Concordia universities, like our church body, are made up of a great diversity of people preparing for different vocations. Yet we are all part of one body in Christ (1 Cor. 12:27). What a wonderful opportunity we have to prepare students and members in all vocations to share God's Word...Word that creates comfort and hope. Word that creates saving faith. Word that the world so desperately needs. May God keep us faithful to His Word.



Christopher R. Dodge,* Bloomington, MN; *St. Michael's (MNS); LCMS 56; Pastor. S. BOR, St. Paul 3. D. Pre-Sem. Interview Com. 4; Evang. Bd. C. Pastor 30.*

In an increasingly secularized society, it is essential that God's people be well equipped to articulate and demonstrate the Gospel of Christ. Our colleges and universities

have the responsibility to both train future church workers and equip faithful disciples for service to the church, home, and community. My wife and I are products of the Concordia University System; our children are also Concordia graduates. I am a thankful supporter of our Synod's higher education system in general, and Concordia University, St. Paul, in particular.



Karl A. Weber, Ottertail, MN; *St. John's (MNN); LCMS 21; Pastor. S. Conv. Deleg. 4; Model Theol. Conf. 1; D. Cir. Couns. 1; Capital Campaign 3; Cir. Secy.; Conv. Fl. Com. 1; BOD 1; Chm., Nom. Com. 1; CCM 7. C. Pastor 19. O. Wrote Study Notes, TLSB 1; Tchr., Sr. Theol. Class, LSA 1; Tchr., NT Survey, LSA 2.*

Having sent all five of our children to LCMS parochial schools, my wife and I are very pleased with this treasure in the Synod. At the high school level, I was pleased at the Lutheran School Association (LSA) in Decatur, IL, to have taught sophomores a "NT Survey Course" and seniors a class in "Comparative Theology." Part and parcel of the Gospel is the privilege of teaching people the humanities and theology so that they are equipped to serve their neighbor in their respective vocations.

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS



Paul G. Crisler,* St. Louis, MO; *Christ Memorial (MO); LCMS 72; Retired, Luth. High School Principal. S. BOR, St. Paul 6; ALSS Consultant, Luth. HS 5; Accreditation Team Ldr., NLSA 9. D. Various Educational Bds./Com.; Youth Events & Bds. C. Various Educational Bds./Com. O. Team Ldr., School Accreditations, Nat'l. N. Central Accreditation, State of Missouri.*

With Christian education a founding pillar of our heritage, our CUS fosters continued dialog about our faith walk and daily life in the 21st century. Its continued excellence and viability in preparing people for service to church and world is a direct response to our Lord's directives. CSP is a very special place with a passion for sharing the Good News within a diverse urban community, a passion that students take into the 21st century. A Lutheran educator and administrator for over 40 years, I wish to continue as a regent to be part of the exciting ministry at CSP.



Angela Hublick, Elizabethtown, KY; *Gloria Dei (IN); LCMS 29; Social Services/Communicare Inc. S. Attended Conv. 1. D. Attended Conv. 1. C. Deaconess Intern 2; Youth Ldr. 2. O. Parish Min. Consultant 2; Communicare, Mental Retardation Serv. 2.*

God has blessed each of us with unique talents and gifts to be used in service to others through various vocations. Thanks be to God for the Lutheran education provided by the universities in the Concordia system. This quality education allows students to learn about who they are within the context of the Gospel and equips them with the training necessary for service both as professional church workers and lay leaders. The important combination of teaching in the confessional Lutheran faith and a community of worship and Christian fellowship provide nurture and support in preparation for service throughout the world.

LAYPERSONS



Kenneth Behm,* Kandiyohi, MN; Redeemer, Willmar (MNN); LCMS 69; Banker. S. BOR, St. Paul 3; Pres. Coun., Conc. Univ. 7; Co-Chm., Fund-Raising Campaign, Conc. Univ. D. Stewp. Adv. Com.; Fund Devel. & Adv. C. Chm.; Vice-Chm.; Treas. 6; Chm., Stewp. Bd.; Elder; Bd. of Ed.; Co-Chm., Fund Raising. O. Bd. Mem.: Com. Found. 6; Hospital 10; Chamber of

Commerce 3; Bethesda Nursing Home 6.

My vision for our Synod is that we expand our efforts in mission work, outreach, and Christian education. My focus for Concordia is to provide quality graduates for full-time church work. Also, to help promote the newly created College of Business and Organizational Leadership to provide Christian leaders for tomorrow's business community.



Carol M. Fehrmann, Brooklyn Park, MN; Glory of Christ, Plymouth (MNS); LCMS 59; Special Education Teacher. D. Sign Language Interpreter for Conv. C. Sign Language Interpreter, Church Serv.; Bible Classes; Counseling; SS Tchr. 20; VBS 20; Substitute Tchr., Luth. Schools 10. O. Sign Language Interpreter for Deaf.

Having attended Trinity Lutheran School, Clover, ID, for eight years and later graduating from Concordia (College) University, Seward, NE, with a degree in education, I thoroughly understand, appreciate, and value Lutheran schools and education. Throughout the whole world, Lutheran schools and Lutheran teachers are among the best. It is my hope and desire to serve my Synod and work to maintain a sound scriptural and confessional institution that teaches the Gospel of forgiveness, comforting the believer and converting the lost.



Gregg Hein,* Billings, MT; Mount Olive (MT); LCMS 49; Sales. S. BOR, St. Paul 3; Conv. Deleg. 2. D. Alternate Conv. Deleg. 1; Conv. Deleg. 1. C. VP 5; Pres. 4.

With the Lord helping me, I would continue to work closely with the president, his staff, and the other regents to preserve and improve Concordia University

St. Paul, in harmony with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, to be an institution in service to the congregations of the LCMS. While maintaining the historic responsibility of recruiting and supporting professional church workers, this work includes preparing students in every

program at every level to carry out in their communities their various vocations under, and leading holy lives according to, the Word of God.

CONCORDIA COLLEGE AT SELMA, AL

1 ordained minister, 1 commissioned minister, 2 laypersons to be elected

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David A. Mommens, Columbia City, IN; St. John's (IN); Pastor. S. Conv. Deleg. 3. D. Regional VP 8; Stewardship Coun. 6; Evang. Coun. 6; LWML Pastoral Couns. 6. C. Pastor 26. O. BOD: Haiti Luth. Miss. Soc., Haiti Theol. Ed., Haiti Luth. Miss. Coord. Com.



Curtis H. Peters, New Albany, IN; Concordia, Louisville KY (IN); LCMS 67; Retired Pastor & Philosophy Professor. S. Conv. Deleg. 1; Prof., Conc. Sr. College 6. D. Worship Com. 1; Cir. Couns. 3; Conv. Com. 3. C. Pastor 14; Asst. Pastor 19. O. Chm., Friends of the New Albany Fire Museum 1; Treas., Floyd County Historical Society 1; Prof., Indiana Univ. SE 30.

It is a privilege to be nominated for a position on Selma's Board of Regents. I have the highest regard for this school and would look forward to helping Selma meet its challenges and serve Christ in unique and wonderful ways. Now a retired parish pastor, professor of philosophy, and university administrator, I would be excited about using my experiences and talent. Long committed to the ideals of the Civil Rights Movement, I have taught courses on the subject and have taken college students on related tours. My commitments are grounded in faithfulness to Scripture and to the Lutheran Confessions.



Dien A. Taylor,* The Bronx, NY; Redeemer (AT); LCMS 35; Pastor. S. BOR, Selma 3; Doctrinal Reviewer; Adjunct Prof., Bronxville. D. Worship TF; Conv. Deleg. & Fl. Com.; Cir. Couns.; Pastoral Vacancy Overseer. C. Pastor; Choir Dir.; Organist; Cantor; Bible Study/SS/VBS Tchr. & Ldr. O. Mem., Wakefield Taxpayers Assn.; Participant, 47th Precinct Com. Coun. Event.

By God's extravagant grace, the LCMS can be engaged in a confessional revival as we embrace the transformative, dynamic beauty of our evangelical and reforming movement in which we boldly share Christ crucified, risen, ascended, and returning. Receiving God's comforting gifts in the Means of Grace, we are forgiven and strengthened in our baptismal and Eucharistic identity to share with everyone the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Spirit-given words of truth and Spirit-driven works of mercy, all the while prayerfully, faithfully, lovingly, joyfully, and incessantly proclaiming God's universal justice, hope, and peace with the rest of Christ's one Holy Church.

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS



Lawrence E. Sohn, Milwaukee, WI; Mt. Calvary (SW); LCMS 72; Semi-Retired Professor & Administrator, CUW. S. Rep. CUS, Conf. on Congregational Serv. 4; BHE Visitation Team to Conc. Seward 1; Parish Serv. Fl. Com. 2; Conv. Nom. Com. 2. **D.** Luth. Elementary School Assn. Steering Com. 1; Chm., Conv. Fl. Com. on Education 1; Ed. Supt.'s Cabinet 3. **C.** Pres. 9;

VP 3; Bible Class Tchr. & Plan. **O.** Common Ground, Com. Organizing 5; Adv. & Human Rel. Com., Marquette Univ. School of Ed. 12; BOD, Luth. Living Serv. 2.

As we walk together in Synod, I firmly believe that Synod's institutions of higher education have marvelous opportunities to proclaim the Gospel. For some students, this may be their initial chance to hear the message of Jesus' love and forgiveness and to see it lived. For others, there is a marvelous opportunity to be affirmed in their faith and to be able to share it in the campus community. I would be pleased to work with other regents and with administrators and faculty to facilitate this proclamation in a well-run institution.

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Jane P. Wilke, Woodbury, MN; Concordia, Kirkwood (MO); LCMS 56; Administrator of Communications, Lutheran Senior Services. **S.** BRTFSSG 4. **D.** Early Childhood Consultant 10. **C.** Bible Study Ldr. 3; Choir 9; Church Coun. 6. **O.** KFUA-AM Weekly Segment 8; Curriculum & Devotional Author 20; Luth. Ed. Assn. 5.

As I look to the future of our LCMS, I see Christ at the center. I see Him touching the lonely and sick, bending to wash the feet of His disciples, and stretching out His arms on the cross so that we might be saved by His sacrifice. It is my prayer to also see us as His hands and feet, spreading the message of His love, grace, mercy, and forgiveness in real and tangible ways to those who need it most. I pray that we will not simply speak the mission, but that we will live the mission.

LAYPERSONS

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Greg D. Durgin, Atlanta, GA; Grace (FG); Professor, Electrical & Computer Engineering, Georgia Tech. **D.** Triennial Conf. Lay Rep. 1; Cir. Lay Rep. 1. **C.** Head Elder 2; Treas. 4. **O.** Bd. Mem., In-Town Com. Assistance 2; Charity Christmas Tree Sale 5; Founder, Georgia Tech Christian Fraternity House 7.

In uncertain economic times, there can be a tendency within church bodies to minister primarily to the faithful while curtailing outreach ministries. Synod has the opportunity to challenge the faithful to step up rather than step back—to adopt a missionary's zeal, "If it will be it is up to me," not leaving God's work up to the Synod, the pastor, or someone else. It is up to each of us to become Christ's personal emissary on earth and in doing so to make a Christian difference each day in every way we can.



James A. Sandfort, Ballwin, MO; St. John, Ellisville (MO); LCMS 66; Retired, Volunteer, Consultant. **S.** Volunteer Consultant, World Missions 2. **C.** Volunteer Consultant, Education 2; Usher 5; Pastoral Care/Communion Asst. **O.** BOD, SSM Health Care, St. Louis 4; Pres. & BOD, Nurses for Newborns 17; Pres. & BOD, YMCA 17; Founder, Dir., Mem., Historical

Found. 17; Pres., Chamber of Commerce 17; Boy Scouts 1; Wiegand Found. 2.



Maria E. Saunders, Miami, FL; St. Paul (FG); LCMS 25; School Principal/Adjunct Professor. **S.** Urban Luth. Administrators. **D.** Bd. Mem., Conc. House of Studies. **C.** Principal of School. **O.** Chm., Bldg. Com.; SACS & NLSA Accreditation; Presenter, Various Workshops & Conf.; Writer; Consultant, Ed. Facilities; Mem.: Southern Assn. Colleges & Schools,

NLSA, Assn. of Christian School Int'l., Urban Luth. School Admin., Dade Assn. of Christian Schools, ASCD, LEA; Fund-Raising; Adv. Com., Trinity Int'l. Univ. 2; Church Relations Com., Habitat for Humanity 3; Conc. House of Studies 5; Christian Couns. Min. 3; Various Recognitions.

The cultural landscape of our nation has changed and so must the leadership of the LCMS. The Rev. Billy Graham once said that the Lutheran Church is a sleeping giant. If the sleeping giant is to wake up, LCMS leadership at the national level must be more inclusive of Hispanics and African Americans.

By bringing the diverse views of these minorities to the decision-making arena, we may be able to see different points of views, different solutions, and possibly different outcomes. It is through diverse inclusion of the leadership that we will be able to love and serve each other better.



Ellen R. Ziehr-Lange, Anaheim Hills, CA; Immanuel, Orange (PSW); LCMS 48; Counselor, Lutheran High School of Orange County. **C.** Chm., Bd. of Ed.; SS Dir. & Tchr.; Counc. Mem. as Bd. Chm. 2. **O.** Staff Couns., Luth. Family Serv.; Mem., NACAC, Nat'l. Organization for College Advising.

I believe the mission of our Synod is continually strengthened by the training of its members and potential new members. The Concordia University System serves the LCMS by providing quality education as well as being a valuable ministerial outreach into local communities. As an educational system, the Concordia system historically has provided well-educated and doctrinally prepared future leaders (both ministers and laypersons) for our churches and schools. In an ever-changing society, I believe this is key to the future strength of the LCMS and vital in meeting its mission both regionally and nationally.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY AT SEWARD, NE ■

1 ordained minister, 1 commissioned minister, 2 laypersons (2 from Seward County) to be elected

ORDAINED MINISTERS



Timothy J. Gierke, Fremont, NE; Good Shepherd (NEB); LCMS 60; Ordained Pastor. **S.** Conv. Deleg. 2. **D.** Taught Lay Min. Classes on Worship, Conc., Seward 2; Nebraska Assn. of Congr., Conc. College, Adv. Com. 1; Adv. Com., Luth. Family Serv. Partners in Caring 2; Conv. Fl. Com. Chm. 1; Wrote Stewp. & Conv. Worship Serv. **C.** Senior Pastor 31; Pastor

2. **O.** Care Corps Homeless Shelter; Low Income Min.; Com. Marriage Policy Bd.; Optimists Club; County Humane Soc.; Com. Choirs.

Our Concordia University System is one of the most powerful and far-reaching tools that the Lord of the Church has given the LCMS to take the Good News of Life in Jesus to a world desperately in need of hearing and believing in Him, through professional church workers and those trained for other careers in our schools. The Synod must strive to encourage and equip our schools to attract students and faculty who will seek excellence in academic and Christ-centered standards, sending men and women out into the world seeking to bring others to know Jesus.



Keith H. Grimm, Omaha, NE; Beautiful Savior, LaVista (NEB); LCMS 44; Senior Pastor/Director of Ministries. **S.** Pastoral Adv., LLL/LHM 2; Conv. Deleg. 1. **D.** LCEF Voting Deleg., LCEF Conv. 1; Bible Study Ldr., Dist. Conv. **C.** Vicarage Supervisor 5; Plant New Luth. Hispanic Congr. 3; Foreign Miss. Trips 8. **O.** BOD, Conc. Luth. Schools of Omaha 2; LaVista Chamber of Commerce 3.

When the president of Concordia University Nebraska asked me to consider nomination for the Board of Regents, I was honored. I know how vital each of the schools in the Concordia University System is, having served as a parish pastor for 19 years. In addition to providing excellence in academic and career development, they also equip the next generation of Christian leaders. If elected, I will be committed to assisting Concordia University's staff and students through prayer, theological support, leadership, financial wisdom, and mission zeal. I also am proud that Concordia University Nebraska annually graduates the most professional church workers.



Scott A. Schmieding, St. Charles, MO; Immanuel (MO); LCMS 44; Senior Pastor. **S.** Alternate Conv. Deleg. 1. **D.** Cir. Pastoral Couns. 1; BOD 6. **C.** Vicarage Supervisor; Senior Pastor 11; Assoc. Pastor 6. **O.** Louisiana Human Rights Com. 2; White House Recognition, Hurricane Katrina Response.

I rejoice that God has gifted our Synod with the most beautiful, Bible-based, Christ-centered doctrine on earth. We need to devote our energy to sharing the Good News of Christ. One of the greatest strengths of the LCMS is our emphasis on Christian education. I am a passionate promoter and supporter of Lutheran education—especially our parochial schools and Concordia University System. In our schools, lives are shaped with the truth of Christ for various vocations. This is why I would be honored to serve on the Board of Regents of Concordia University in Nebraska.

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS



Robert L. Cooksey, Kirkwood, MO; Concordia (MO); LCMS 48; Exec. Dir., Christ Community Luth. School Assn. **S.** NLSA Commissioner 2; SLED Mentor Principal; CMGS Peer Coaching Initiative 4. **D.** Educators' Conf. Plan. Com. 2. **C.** Worship Team Ldr. 8; Bible Study Tchr. 1. **O.** Youth Coach, YMCA 8; North St. Louis Outreach 8.

I am grateful for the formation provided by Concordia—Nebraska in my development as a person and professional. I am also confident of the role that this university must and will play in providing leadership in the Church as it proclaims the Risen Christ to a post-modern world. Aware of the complexities of providing education in a complex age, I understand the urgency of working cooperatively with all agencies of the Synod to maximize personnel and financial resources. I welcome the challenge of working with the administration to provide the very best Christian university necessary and possible.

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Kyle L. Karsten, Decatur, IL; *St. Paul's (CI); Executive Director, LSA. D. Pres., Admin. Conf. 1.*

Greg A. Pinick, Orange, CA; *St. Paul's (PSW); LCMS 51; Executive Director. S. Pres., Assoc. of Luth. Secondary Schools 2; Pres.-Elect, ALSS 2; A-Team, ALSS Adv. Team Mem. 1. D. Gospel Presenter, Ed. Exec. Conf. 1; New Teachers Workshop Ldr., Testing Com.; Teachers Conf. Plan. Com. C. Guest Presenter 2; Men's Retreat Presenter 1. O. Trinity League Pres. 2.*

Since graduating from Concordia University Nebraska back in 1980, God has allowed me to be a part of a great community in Lutheran education. My passion for ministry was formed in the four years I attended Concordia. The relationships I formed with professors and fellow classmates still guide me today. As a regent, I would have the responsibility to uphold a mission that equips men and women for lives of learning, service, and leadership in the church and world. I support the university's vision and would use my gifts and experiences in helping the administration and faculty reach this destination.

LAYPERSONS (Seward County)



Shirley Liesener, Seward, NE; *St. John (NEB); LCMS 74; Retired, Development/Fund-raising. S. Com., "Seek First His Kingdom" Stewp. Materials. C. Stewp. Bd. 25; Secy. 4; Publisher, Monthly Newsletter 2. C. Accountant, American Cancer Soc. Relay for Life 3.*

My personal life mission statement is to communicate the joys and blessings of firstfruits giving in a way that conveys the rich spiritual blessings that come from giving, transforming lives and giving glory to God. Too often giving is viewed as a negative. My prayer for our Synod is to find a way to turn this around. Imagine what would happen if our members started giving for the pure joy of it. Not because our coffers would then be full (thought they would), but because firstfruits giving changes our lives.



Timothy L. Moll,* Seward, NE; *Rock Lutheran (NEB); LCMS 42; Attorney. S. BOR, Seward 3. D. Constitution & Handbook Com. 3. C. Pres. 12; Bd. of Ed. 2. O. Adjunct Prof., UNL College of Law 12; Fellow, Nebraska State Bar Found. 3; BOD, Great Plains Federal Tax Inst. 7; BOD, Memorial Health Care Systems Found. 9.*

I am excited by the opportunity to continue serving on the Board of Regents for Concordia University Nebraska. God has used Concordia as both a place of fellowship to bind people to Him and to each other and as a place of sending to spread His people and the Gospel throughout the world. My goal as a regent would be to help Concordia maintain academic excellence while expanding to reach new groups of students with a Christ-centered education.



Karen O'Dell, Seward, NE; *St. John (NEB); LCMS 65; Self-Employed Business Owner. C. LWML 40; LWML Visiting Chm. 3; LWML Treas. 2. O. Chm., Memorial Health Care System Found. 6; BOD, Chamber of Commerce 6; BOD, Memorial Health Care System 3.*

As a member of the Board of Regents, Concordia University Nebraska, I will apply my experience as a lifelong member of LCMS, my knowledge as a self-employed business owner, and my contribution to community organizations. Calling upon my past history, I will participate in this governing body to prepare for the challenges of the future—the diversity of population and the challenges

of the environment. As I am striving for these and other objectives, I will recognize, as a servant of Christ, that the Board of Regents must remain faithful to the mission of providing an excellent Christian education.



Jill Wild, Seward, NE; *The Rock Lutheran (NEB); LCMS 20; Office Manager. C. Café Setup 1; Christ Care Equipper 5; Women's Retreat Com. 5. O. Seward Chamber BOD & Pres.; Junior Women; Young Professionals; Youth & Com. Club; Seward Chamber Ambassador Co-Chm.; Seward Area Devel. Corp.*

Matthew 28:19–20 is key for our continuing effort to equip students with leadership skills needed to serve church and world. There is an important connection between the church and its colleges and universities. The Missouri Synod needs to continue looking forward into the future. The *Ablaze!* movement is a great example of this; its results to date are a wonderful testimony to the Holy Spirit's action in hearts and lives. The colleges and universities of our church must continue to prepare students for full-time service in the church if we are to fulfill the goal of planting 2,000 new congregations.