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Preface

This report provides the results of the two nomination processes conducted in preparation for the 2019 LCMS convention: (a) the numerical, congregational ballot process for selection of President and First and Regional Vice-President candidates; and (b) the work of the Committee for Convention Nominations to provide candidates for Secretary and all convention-elected board and commission positions in the Synod, based on nominations submitted before the bylaw deadline, nine months prior to the convention, by agencies and officers, congregational and individual members of the Synod, as well as by lay members of Synod's congregations. These processes have culminated in the presented slates of candidates presented in this addendum to the 2019 *Convention Workbook*.

The report contains nominations for various regional positions in the Synod. On Nov. 17, 2016, as required, the Board of Directors and Council of Presidents, having received a report from the Office of the Secretary on the circuit, congregation, and congregational membership make-up of the regions, designated the five geographic regions of the Synod (Bylaw 3.12.1) as remaining unchanged from the previous triennium. Regional membership of congregations (including those in non-geographic districts) and individuals is determined by geographical location (residence, in the case of individuals) relative to the determined boundaries. Canadian congregations and their members are considered a part of the East-Southeast Region. A map of the regions of the Synod, indicating constituent geographical districts, may be obtained at lcms.org/convention/districts-map.

As a result of 2016 Res. 11-05, regional members of the Board of Directors and of the Boards for National Mission (BNM) and International Mission (BIM) are no longer nominated by the numerical ballot process still used for the regional vice-presidents of the Synod; instead, nominations for such offices, allowed to be submitted from any region of the Synod, are handled with other board and commission nominations by the Committee for Convention Nominations. Regional board members must reside within the designated region (Bylaw 3.12.1 [b]).

As a result of 2013 Res. 7-14, to provide opportunity for the BNM and BIM to have staggered terms, in 2016, some members were elected for three-year terms: in the Great Plains and East-Southeast regions, BNM laypersons and BIM ordained/commissioned ministers; and in the West-Southwest, Central, and Great Lakes regions, BNM ministers and BIM laypersons. As stipulated in 2013 Res. 7-14, these one-half terms shall not count as a full term for the purposes of term limitation.

Nominations received and processed by the Office of the Secretary of the Synod are identified with an asterisk (*) throughout this publication. Nominations not identified by an asterisk have been processed by the Committee for Convention Nominations. Only those nominations processed by the Committee for Convention Nominations are considered “within the pool” for purposes of floor nomination (see Bylaw 3.12.3.7 [c]).

A. Report of Nominations by Ballot*

1. PRESIDENT OF THE SYNOD*

Bylaws 3.12.2–3.12.2.1 provide the procedure for receiving nominations and determining the slate of three candidates for the office of President. In early October 2018, each voting congregation of the Synod received its official President/First Vice-President nominating ballot, providing opportunity for the congregation to nominate one or two ordained ministers of the Synod for President. The deadline for submitting nominations was Feb. 20, 2019. The ballots were received and tabulated by the audit firm Brown Smith Wallace of St. Louis. A report of the results of the balloting process and biographical and other information for each of the three candidates on the slate for the office of President is printed beginning on page 9 of this publication.

The election of the President will take place four weeks prior to the 2019 LCMS convention. The candidates for this election will be the three nominees who received the most nominating votes and consented to serve if elected. The voters for this election will be those registered by the congregations and parishes of the Synod, one pastoral and one lay voter per each, as directed by the 2016 convention (Res. 11-03A). District convention attendance is no longer required of presidential voters; registration by the congregations and parishes is necessary (on or before the deadline of Mar. 24, 2019). Election results will be made public by the Office of the Secretary at least two weeks before the Synod convention.

2. FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE SYNOD*

Bylaws 3.12.2–3.12.2.1 describe the procedure for receiving nominations and determining the required list of 20 nominees for the office of First Vice-President. In early October 2018, each voting congregation received its official President/First Vice-President nominating ballot, providing opportunity to nominate one or two ordained ministers of the Synod for First Vice-President. The deadline for submitting nominations was Feb. 20, 2019. The ballots were received and tabulated by the audit firm Brown Smith Wallace of St. Louis.

Because the presidential election will have taken place prior to the 2019 convention, the election of the First Vice-President will be the first election to take place at the convention. The slate of candidates will be the five nominees selected by the President-elect from the list of 20 nominees who received the most nominating votes and consented to serve if elected, with this list of five candidates to be made public prior to the opening of the convention. There will be no opportunity for nominations from the floor. A report of the results of the balloting process and biographical information for the 20 possible candidates for the office of First Vice-President is printed beginning on page 11 of this publication.

3. REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS*

In early October 2018, each voting congregation of the Synod received its official nominating ballot, providing opportunity to nominate one or two ordained ministers from its region for the office of Regional Vice-President. The deadline for the return of these ballots was Feb. 20, 2019. The ballots were received and tabulated by the Office of the Secretary of the Synod. As in the case of the slates of candidates for the offices of President and First Vice-President, the slates of candidates for regional vice-president positions (the five ordained ministers from each region who received the most nominating votes and who consented to serve if elected) cannot be altered by nominations from the floor at the convention. A report containing the results of the balloting process and biographical and other information for the five candidates for each regional vice-president position is printed beginning on page 22 of this publication.

B. Report of Committee for Convention Nominations

The Committee for Convention Nominations herewith submits its report to the 2019 convention, expressing its appreciation to all who placed names in nomination and to all nominees who have allowed their names to be considered for selection as candidates.

The committee has processed all nominations submitted for all positions other than President, First Vice-President, and regional vice-presidents. The Office of the Secretary handled the preliminary work for the committee by soliciting names and collecting biographical and evaluative information for use by the committee as it carried out its responsibility to provide slates of candidates. A total of 347 individuals were nominated for at least one position, including 56 incumbents. This provided the pool from which the committee made its selections. Of the 347 nominated, 265 agreed to their nomination to at least one position. The committee placed 147 individuals on the ballots for the 70 positions up for election, in each instance providing at least the two required candidates for each position to be filled.

The committee met Jan. 10–12 in St. Louis, with the meeting called by the Secretary of the Synod. Members of the “Bylaw 3.2.5 Committee,” elected by and from the membership of the committee, subsequently conducted remaining business via internet communications, as neces-

sitated by candidates’ declinations, to elevate alternates to candidacy and, in two cases, identify alternates that could be “borrowed” from other slates. This was as authorized by 2016 Res. 11-14 and was performed only as required to provide two candidates per position to be elected (Bylaw 3.12.3.6). A detailed report of the slate of candidates identified for each elective position and accompanying biographical and other information regarding each candidate is printed beginning on page 37 of this publication.

1. INDEX OF ALL NAMES FOUND IN THIS PUBLICATION

A list of all names of nominees that appear in this publication is provided beginning on page 91, followed by one or more page numbers to facilitate locating them.

2. NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR OF THE CONVENTION

In the case of positions other than President, First Vice-President, and regional board positions, slates of candidates developed by the Committee for Convention Nominations may be altered by nominations from the floor of the convention. Such nominations must be brought before the convention for approval before being added to a slate of candidates. Such nominations also must not preclude (because of bylaw limitations for the position to be filled) the election of a nominee already on a slate of candidates without disclosure of such potential effect to the convention (Bylaw 3.12.3.7).

Ordinarily, floor nominations may be made only from the list of names previously submitted via the regular (not ballot) nominations process to the Committee for Convention Nominations prior to the Oct. 20, 2018, deadline (Bylaw 3.12.3.7 [b]). A complete list of these names is provided on page 85 of this publication. If nominees have not already provided required biographical information and indicated their consent to serve if elected, these documents must accompany nominations from the floor of the convention. If a floor nomination is for a Concordia University System board position, such nominees must have provided the information requested on page 2 of the Floor Nomination Form so that their qualifications for such board service could be reviewed as required by Bylaws 3.6.6.3 or 3.10.5.2. Nominees who have already satisfied this review requirement are identified by a ✓ following their names. (The Secretary and Chief Administrative Officer of the Synod and the President of Concordia University System reached a common determination this triennium of which nominees are qualified *both* for the CUS Board of Directors and for a CUS college or university board of regents.) Other nominees from the floor will be submitted to this review requirement and will need to be found qualified before their names will be placed on Concordia University System board slates for election.

By a simple majority vote, the convention may broaden eligibility for nominations from the floor beyond the pool of names previously submitted to the Committee for Convention Nominations. Required biographical (Bylaw

3.12.3.6 [c]) and consent-to-serve documentation for such nominees will need to be provided at the time that approval of the nomination is granted by the convention. As in the above paragraph, if a floor nomination is for a Concordia University System board position, such nominees must have provided the information requested on page 2 of the Floor Nomination Form so that their qualifications for such board service may be reviewed as required by Bylaws 3.6.6.3 and 3.10.6.2 (8).

C. Abbreviations

(Past and Present Service to the Church)

The following are abbreviations used in the paragraphs next to candidates' pictures throughout this publication describing their past and present service in their congregations=C, the Synod=S, districts=D, and others=O (community, etc.). The number following "LCMS" in the paragraph indicates number of years the candidate has been a member (baptized or confirmed) of an LCMS congregation; other numbers following listed positions refer to years of service in those positions. Where appropriate, a plus sign (+) immediately following a last name designates that the candidate is an incumbent to the position.

Example:

Jane Smith is a candidate for a position on the Board for National Mission.

Jane Smith+, Milwaukee, WI; Our Savior, Elton, WI (SWD); LCMS 30; Atty.; **S:** BNM 6; Conv. Deleg. 2; **D:** SWD Bd. for Miss. 3; **C:** Treas. 7; **O:** WZ3X Partners BOD 12.

Jane Smith lives in Milwaukee, WI, and is a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Elton, which is in the South Wisconsin District. She has been a member of an LCMS congregation for 30 years. She currently works as an attorney. She is an incumbent to a position on the Board for National Mission, serving as such for 6 years, and has served twice as a Synod convention delegate. She has served for 3 years on the South Wisconsin District board for mission and in her congregation as treasurer for 7 years. She has also served in her community on the Board of Directors of WZ3X Partners for 12 years.

Key to Abbreviations

C = in the Congregation

S = in the Synod

D = in the District

O = in other positions

+ Incumbent | number following "LCMS" indicates number of years as a member of an LCMS congregation | numbers following listed positions refer to years of service

Admin.—administration, administrative, administrator
 Adv.—advisor, advisory
 Assn.—association
 Asst.—assistant
 Assoc.—associate
 Atty.—attorney
 BBMS—Board for Black Ministry Services
 BCS—Board for Communication Services
 Bd./Bds.—board/boards
 BDCS—Board for District and Congregational Services
 BFCS—Board for Congregational Services
 BES—Board for Evangelism Services
 BFMS—Board for Mission Services
 BHCM—Board for Human Care Ministries
 BHE—Board for Higher Education
 BIM—Board for International Mission
 Bldg.—building
 BNM—Board for National Mission
 BOD—Board of Directors
 BOG—Board of Governors
 BOR—Board of Regents
 BOT—Board of Trustees
 BRTFSSG—Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance
 BYS—Board for Youth Services
 CAO—chief administrative officer
 CCM—Commission on Constitutional Matters
 CCN—Committee for Convention Nominations
 CCNY—Concordia College—New York
 CEF—Church Extension Fund
 CEO—chief executive officer
 CFO—chief financial officer
 Chapl.—chaplain
 CHI—Concordia Historical Institute
 Chm.—chairman
 CHP—Concordia Health Plans
 Cir.—circuit
 CIS—Concordia International School
 CMO—chief mission officer
 COH—Commission on Handbook
 Com.—commission, committee, community
 Conc.—Concordia
 Conf.—conference
 Cong.—congregation
 Cons.—consultant
 Const.—constitution
 Conv.—convention
 Convoc.—convocation
 COO—chief operating officer
 Coord.—coordinator
 COP—Council of Presidents
 COS—Commission on Structure
 Coun.—council
 Couns.—counsel, counselor
 CPE—Continuing Professional Education
 CPH—Concordia Publishing House
 CPS—Concordia Plan Services
 CSP—Concordia University, St. Paul
 CTCR—Commission on Theology and Church Relations
 Ctr.—center
 CTSFW—Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne
 CTX—Concordia University Texas
 CSL—Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
 CUAA—Concordia University, Ann Arbor
 CUC—Concordia University Chicago
 CUI—Concordia University, Irvine
 CUNE—Concordia University Nebraska
 CUP—Concordia University—Portland

CUS—Concordia University System
 CUW—Concordia University Wisconsin
 CV—circuit visitor
 DCE—director of Christian education
 Dcs.—deaconess
 Deleg.—delegate
 Dept.—department
 Devel.—developer, development
 Dir.—director
 Dist.—district
 Div.—division
 DR—doctrinal review
 Ed.—education; editor
 Em.—emeritus
 Evang.—evangelism
 Exec.—executive
 Fac.—facilitator
 Fin.—finance, financial
 Fl. Com.—floor committee
 Fnd.—foundation
 GCC—Great Commission Convocation
 Grp.—group
 HS—high school
 ILLL—International Lutheran Laymen's League
 Info.—information
 Inst.—institute, institution
 Int'l.—international
 LBT—Lutheran Bible Translators
 LCC—Lutheran Church—Canada
 Ldr.—leader / Ldrshp.—Leadership
 LFCS—Lutheran Family and Children Services
 LFL—Lutherans For Life
 LHM—Lutheran Hour Ministries
 LIRS—Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service
 LMI—Lutheran Malaria Initiative
 LSF—Lutheran Student Fellowship
 Luth.—Lutheran
 LWML—Lutheran Women's Missionary League
 LWR—Lutheran World Relief
 LYF—Lutheran Youth Fellowship
 Mem.—member
 Mgr.—manager
 Min.—minister, ministry, ministerial
 Miss.—missions, missionary
 Nat'l.—national
 NLSA—National Lutheran Schools Association
 Nom.—nomination
 NT—New Testament
 OIM—Office of International Mission
 ONM—Office of National Mission
 Org.—organization, organizing
 OT—Old Testament
 PALS—Post-seminary Applied Learning and Support
 Plng.—planning
 PLI—Pastoral Leadership Institute
 PR—public relations
 Pres.—president
 Prin.—principal
 Prof.—professor
 Prog.—program
 Proj.—project
 Pub.—public
 Rep.—representative
 Ret.—retired
 Rev.—revision
 Secy.—secretary
 Sem.—seminary
 Serv.—services
 SMP—Specific Ministry Pastor

Soc.—social, society
 Spkr.—speaker
 SS—Sunday School
 Stewp.—stewardship
 Supt.—superintendent
 Tchr.—teacher
 Tech.—technology
 TF—task force
 Theol.—theology
 Treas.—treasurer
 Univ.—university
 VP—vice-president
 VBS—vacation Bible school
 Vol.—volunteer
 WBP—Worker Benefit Plans

Districts of the Synod

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

I. Report on Nominations/Candidates for President of the Synod*

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (3-year term)

Duties: The President, as the chief ecclesiastical officer of the Synod, supervises the doctrine taught and practiced in the Synod (Bylaw 3.3.1.1) and has ecclesiastical supervision of all officers and agencies of the Synod, its districts, and their presidents (Bylaw 3.3.1.1.1). As chief ecumenical officer, he represents the Synod in contacts with partner churches and other church bodies (Bylaw 3.3.1.1.2). He exercises administrative oversight to see that officers, executives, and agencies act in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, and resolutions of the Synod (Bylaw 3.3.1.2) and performs other ecclesiastical and administrative responsibilities and duties related to the conventions, districts, district presidents, commissions, boards, agencies, entities, offices, and officers of the Synod as specified in Bylaw 3.3.1.3.

Nomination Process: A total of 3,418 nominating votes were cast by 2,114 congregations of the Synod (compared to 2,101 votes in 2016; 1,479 in 2013; 2,007 in 2010; 2,075 in 2007; 2,581 in 2004; 3,001 in 2001; and 3,343 in 1998). As required by Bylaw 3.12.2 (d), here following are the names and tallies of all ordained ministers who received nominating votes:

Matthew C. Harrison.....	1,181
David P. E. Maier	947
Timothy M. Klinkenberg	638
Lawrence R. Rast Jr.....	462
Clint K. Poppe	62
Dale A. Meyer.....	27
Herbert C. Mueller Jr.....	15
Scott R. Murray	15
John C. Wille.....	6

4 votes:

David E. Meier; Daniel Preus; Scott C. Sailer

3 votes:

Derek G. Lecakes; Michael W. Newman; John C. Wohlrabe Jr.

2 votes:

Carl C. Fickenscher II; Donald J. Fondow; Peter K. Lange; Robert D. Newton; Nabil S. Nour; Steven D. Schave

1 vote:

David L. Adams; Allen D. Anderson; Donald E. Anthony; Wally M. Arp; Ralph Blumenberg; William M. Carney; John R. Denning; Christopher S. Esget; Patrick T. Ferry; Terry R. Forke; Brian L. Friedrich; Daniel L. Gard; Eloy S. Gonzalez; George R. Hansell Jr.; John E. Hill; Clark H. Jahnke; Dean C. Kavouras; Theodore Krey; Robert R. Lessing; Paul A. Linnemann; Daniel P. May; David P. Meyer; Dean W. Nadasdy; Glenn A. Nielsen; John A. Nunes; Roger C. Paavola; Thomas K. Ries; Brian S. Saunders; Gregory P. Seltz; Dien A. Taylor; Steven D. Turner; Donald H. Winterrowd

As required by Bylaw 3.12.2.1 (a), the nominees who received the highest number of votes were notified to obtain their approval in writing for the inclusion of their names on the ballot. Because there were no declinations and because the Bylaws of the Synod provide no opportunity for adding names to this slate, the ballot for the election of the President of the Synod (four weeks prior to the 2019 convention) will contain the names of the following top three candidates in alphabetical order:

Matthew C. Harrison
Timothy M. Klinkenberg
David P. E. Maier

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—ORDAINED

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (3-year term)



NameMatthew C. Harrison
Address..... 580 Spragues Mill Court
Ballwin, MO 63011
Birth DateMarch 14, 1962
BirthplaceSioux City, IA
Wife's Maiden Name.....Kathy Schimm
Number of Children.....2

College.....Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa (1984)

Seminary..... Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (1989)

Other Degrees STM, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne; LLD, Concordia University, Ann Arbor; DD, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne; Graduate Studies, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Member of Synod Congregations.....57

Rostered Member of Synod 28

Year of Ordination1991

Pastorates

Congregation	Years
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St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Westgate, IA	1991–1995
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Zion Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN.....	1995–2001
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Village Lutheran Church, Ladue, MO	2010–present
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Other Full-Time Positions

Position	Employer	Years
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Missionary to Native Canadians Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots.....		1983–1984
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Graduate Assistant Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN		1990–1991
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Executive Director of LCMS World Relief and Human Care The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.....		2001–2010
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President The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.....		2010–present
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Other Synod Offices

Position	Years
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LCMS Board for Mission Services	1993–1995
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Synod Nominations Committee	1994–1995
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Founding Board Chair, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty	2015–present
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Other District Offices

Position	Years
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District Task Force on Rural Ministry	1993–1995
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Other Significant Service or Experience

Type of Service	Years
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Co-Founder, St. Peter's/Zion Project for Neighborhood Renewal.....	1995–2001
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Project Renew (Neighborworks Housing Board).....	1995–2001
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Fort Wayne Urban League Building Committee.....	1999
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Catholic/Lutheran Dialogue; LCMS President's Church Relations Cabinet	1996–2001; 2001–2010
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Lutheran Services in America Board; Lutheran World Relief Board	2001–2010
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Author/Translator/Editor of numerous publications, most recently

Letters to Lutheran Pastors, Vols. 1–3; Church and Office; A Little Book on Joy; At Home in the House of My Fathers; Christ Have Mercy; Meditations on Divine Mercy; Chemnitz Church Order; Letters from a Pastor's Heart; Joy: Fully Lutheran 2001–present

Managed the Synod's national responses to Haiti, Asian Tsunami, Katrina, etc. 2001–2010

Personal Statement

The LCMS is a gift. Its biblical confession is spot on. God's inerrant Word is our anchor in a confused and Christless culture. The Gospel forgiveness in the blood of Jesus is everything (1 John 1:7). "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief" (1 Tim. 1:15). Jesus came to "seek and save the lost" (Luke 19:10). Our most important work is local. Outreach, retention, and worker well-being are primary. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances! ... He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it" (1 Thess. 5:17–18, 24).



Name Timothy M. Klinkenberg
Address 154 South Shaffer Street
 Orange, CA 92866
Birth Date March 17, 1964
Birthplace Springfield, IL
Wife's Maiden Name Pasche
Number of Children 2

College Concordia College, St. Paul, MN (1987)

Seminary Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1991)

Other Degrees Graduate Study, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA (2014–2017)

Member of Synod Congregations 55

Rostered Member of Synod 28

Year of Ordination 1991

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
Faith Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls, WI (Associate)	1991–1993
St. John's Lutheran Church, Orange, CA (Associate)	1993–1999
St. John's Lutheran Church, Orange, CA (Senior Admin.) ...	1999–present

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Board of Directors, Pacific-Southwest District	2006–2009
Second Vice-President, Pacific-Southwest District	2012–2015
First Vice-President, Pacific-Southwest District	2015–2018

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Pastoral Advisor, Lutheran Hour Ministries	2011–2015
Speaker and MC, Lutheran Education Assoc. Convocation	2013
School and Community Coaching Experience: Soccer, Football, Basketball	1999–2010

Personal Statement

In light of my 28 years of serving as a pastor, my perspective of this office is from the front line of mission—pastor of a local congregation—which the national church body should serve. My guiding principles are these: operate in the light and with transparency, build teams, work together, build others up according to their needs, and reach people with Jesus in every interaction. The Synod President should build more bridges to empower congregational ministry. The Synod President should draw from the Gospel to

inspire and lead from a great love for people. Wherever we go, we go together.

Also nominated for First Vice-President



Name David P. E. Maier
Address 6200 Meyer Avenue
 Brighton, MI 48116
Birth Date May 8, 1956
Birthplace Levittown, PA
Wife's Maiden Name Pat Kemmerling
Number of Children 4

College Concordia University, Ann Arbor (1978)

Seminary Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (1982)

Other Degrees LittD, St. Peter Confessional Lutheran Church of South Africa; LLD, Concordia University, Ann Arbor; DD, Concordia University, Mequon, WI

Member of Synod Congregations 62

Rostered Member of Synod 37

Year of Ordination 1982

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Marlette, MI	1982–1984
St. Peter Lutheran Church, Arlington Heights, IL	1984–1989
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Lansing, MI	1989–2009

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
District President	Michigan District	2009–present

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
4-04A Task Force: To Study Higher Education Efficiency ...	2009–present
Concordia College Alabama Task Force	2015–2016
Vice-Chairman, Council of Presidents	2015–2018
Chairman, Council of Presidents	2018–present

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Board of Family Life	1990–1991
Circuit Visitor (Circuit Visitor Chairman for 3 years)	1991–2000
Vice-President	2000–2009

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Camp Dean, Camp Arcadia, MI	Several years
Wellspring Lutheran Services Board	2009–2018
Board of Regents, Concordia University Wisconsin	2012–present

Personal Statement

I'm humbled by the opportunity of serving our Lord and His children as President of the LCMS. My prayer for our church is that our unity be strengthened through the bonds of love forged in our shared confession, our diligent study of the Word, and our conviction that the Gospel is the power for salvation. God has richly blessed us with faithful congregations, vibrant parochial schools, an amazing university system, and world-renowned seminaries in which faith is formed and God's people are equipped to be lights on a hill and salt on the earth. The best is yet to come.

II. Report on Nominations/ Candidates for First Vice-President of the Synod*

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (3-year term)

Duties: The First Vice-President, an elected advisor and assistant to the President, assists the President in discharging his responsibilities and represents him. He assumes the presidency if the office is vacated and performs the President's duties in a time of temporary incapacity. He also chairs colloquy committees for pastoral and commissioned ministry and performs other duties as assigned.

Nomination Process: A total of 3,192 nominating votes were cast by congregations of the Synod (compared to 2,001 in 2016; 1,565 in 2013; 1,891 in 2010; 1,957 in 2007; 2,401 in 2004; 2,933 in 2001; and 3,190 in 1998). As required by Bylaw 3.12.2 (d), here following are the names and tallies of all ordained ministers who received nominating votes:

John C. Wille	457
Peter K. Lange	436
Scott C. Sailer	342
Herbert C. Mueller Jr.	290
John R. Denninger	273
Jacob A. O. Preus III	272
Paul A. Linnemann	234
Derek G. Lecakes	197
David P. E. Maier	81
Lawrence R. Rast Jr.	81
Timothy M. Klinkenberg	76
Scott R. Murray	73
Clint K. Poppe	43
Matthew C. Harrison	31
Daniel Preus	24
Christopher S. Esget	23
John C. Wohlrabe Jr.	23
Nabil S. Nour	22
Dale A. Meyer	19
Daniel L. Gard	9
David A. Floyd	7
Jamison J. Hardy	7
Scott K. Seidler	6
Benjamin T. Ball	5
Terry R. Forke	5
Dien A. Taylor	5

4 votes:

James A. Baneck; Robert L. Hagan; Kenneth M. Hennings; John E. Hill; Brian S. Saunders; Richard L. Snow

3 votes:

Arie D. Bertsch; Ralph Blumenberg; Robert R. Lessing; Robert D. Newton; John T. Pless; Rolf D. Preus

2 votes:

Carl C. Fickenscher II; Donald J. Fondow; Todd A. Jones; Brent W. Kuhlman; Mark A. Miller; Dean W. Nadasdy; Michael W. Newman; John A. Nunes; Roger C. Paavola; Timothy D. Runtsch; Timothy Schar; Daniel W. Schepmann; Gregory P. Seltz; Gregory S. Walton; James Wiggins Jr.

1 vote:

Thomas R. Ahlersmeyer; Shawn W. Andersen; Allen D. Anderson; Tyler C. Arnold; Wally M. Arp; Andrew H. Bartelt; Victor J.

Belton; Mark D. Brandt; Jon M. Braunersreuther; Allan R. Buss; Christopher T. Cahill; Paul J. Cain Jr.; William M. Carney; Heath R. Curtis; Bart Day; Jon T. Diefenthaler; David M. Dunlop; Ben C. Eder; Alfonso O. Espinosa; Ronald M. Garwood; Jeffrey A. Gibbs; Dan P. Gilbert; Mark D. Goble; Philip W. Hale; Byrene K. Haney; Bruce M. Hartung; Robert E. Hartwell; Barrie E. Henke; Charles M. Henrickson; Ralph W. Hobratschk; C. William Hoesman; John F. Johnson; Arthur A. Just Jr.; Robert E. Kasper; Dean C. Kavouras; Gerald B. Kieschnick; Jeffrey J. Kloha; Carroll C. Kohl; James A. Krikava; Eric T. Lange; Dwayne M. Lueck; Walther P. Marcis; William R. Marler; Daniel P. May; Charles L. McClean; David E. Meier; Robert A. Mrosko; Mark A. Nebel; Donald Neuendorf; Charles J. Neugebauer; Glenn A. Nielsen; Barry L. Pfanstiel; Scott T. Porath; Carl A. Prostka; Randolph H. Raasch; Jeffrey E. Ries; Michael W. Saylor; Scott A. Schaller; Ken R. Schurb; Richard J. Serina Jr.; Laokouxang Seying; Jeffrey E. Skopak; Russell L. Sommerfeld; Mark G. Steiner; Andrew E. Steinmann; Thomas K. Stoebig; Larry A. Stoterau; Don R. Stuckwisch Jr.; Christopher S. Suggitt; John L. Telloni; Steven D. Turner; Geoffrey A. Wagner; William C. Weinrich; Kristopher R. Whitby; John M. Wilke; Mark S. Willig; Donald H. Winterrowd; William F. Wrede; Philip E. Zielinski

As required by Bylaw 3.12.2.1 (a), the nominees who received the highest number of votes were notified to obtain their approval for inclusion of their names on the list of 20 nominees from which the President-elect will select five candidates to form the slate for the election of the First Vice-President (see Bylaw 3.12.2.6; two of the five candidates must rank among the top five nominees). The Bylaws of the Synod provide no opportunity for adding names to this slate. These are the names of the 20 nominees who received the highest numbers of votes and have consented to serve if elected, in alphabetical order:

Benjamin T. Ball
John R. Denninger
Christopher S. Esget
David A. Floyd
Daniel L. Gard
Jamison J. Hardy
Timothy M. Klinkenberg
Peter K. Lange
Derek G. Lecakes
Paul A. Linneman
Scott R. Murray
Nabil S. Nour
Clint K. Poppe
Jacob A. O. Preus III
Lawrence R. Rast Jr.
Scott C. Sailer
Scott K. Seidler
Dien A. Taylor
John C. Wille
John C. Wohlrabe Jr.

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—ORDAINED

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (3-year term)



Name Benjamin T. Ball
Address..... 6969 W. Frontage Road
 Worden, IL 62097
Birth Date March 30, 1972
Birthplace Madison Heights, MI
Wife's Maiden Name..... Serena Marie
 Prongua
Number of Children..... 4

College..... Concordia University, River Forest (1995)
Seminary Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1999)
Member of Synod Congregations..... 47
Rostered Member of Synod 20
Year of Ordination 1999

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Dedham, MA	1999–2004
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Brookfield, IL	2004–2012
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hamel, IL	2012–present

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Convention Delegate	2007, 2016, 2019
Participant, LCMS Model Theological Conference	2010
Doctrinal Reviewer	2013–present
Assistant Chaplain, LCMS Convention	2013
Planning Committee Member and Presenter, LCMS Institute on Liturgy, Preaching and Church Music	2014, 2017
Member, Convention Floor Committees: Seminary Education, Structure and Administration	2016, 2019
Chairman, Committee for Convention Nominations	2019–present

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Member, Convention Floor Committees	2000, 2015
Member, New England District Worship Commission	2001–2004
Circuit Counselor, Northern Illinois District	2006–2009
Member, Northern Illinois District East Region Pastoral Conference Committee	2006–2010
Secretary, Northern Illinois District Nominations Committee	2009
Circuit Visitor, Southern Illinois District	2015–2018
Chairman, Southern Illinois District Commission on Convention Nominations and Elections	2017–2018
Vice-Chairman, Southern Illinois District Pastoral Conference	2017–present
Second Vice-President, Southern Illinois District	2018–present

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Pastor-in-Residence, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	2002
Supervisor of Deaconess Field Workers, Concordia University, River Forest	2005–2012
Participant, DOXOLOGY: The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel	2009–2010
Supervisor of Field Workers, Concordia Seminary	2015–present

Book Reviewer, *Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly* 2016
 Editor, *Gottesdienst—The Journal of Lutheran Liturgy* 2016–present
 Member, Board of Directors, Metro-East Lutheran High School, Edwardsville, IL 2017–present

Personal Statement

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. They will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd" (John 10:10, 16). We listen to Jesus, receive His life, and live for Him that the world might listen and have life. C. F. W. Walther wrote that a Synod's "primary duty is to be faithful to the Confessions in word and deed." As members of the one flock, we know it is our duty to faithfully live in word and deed. I would be honored to serve as First Vice-President, assisting our Synod to hear the voice of Jesus and be faithful to Him.

Also nominated for Vice-President, Central Region



Name John R. Denninger
Address..... 7209 Trappers Place
 Springfield, VA 22153
Birth Date July 21, 1954
Birthplace Hannibal, MO
Wife's Maiden Name.... Constance Graft
Number of Children..... 3

College..... Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne (1976)
Seminary Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1980)
Other Degrees DMin, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA
Member of Synod Congregations..... 64
Rostered Member of Synod 39
Year of Ordination 1980

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, NE	1980–1984
Campus Lutheran Chapel–Full-Time Campus Ministry, Kearney, NE	1984–1988
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Springfield, VA (Associate)	1988–1996
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Springfield, VA (Senior)	1996–2012

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
LCMS Intentional Interim Ministry Board of Directors	2012–2018
Center for US Missions, Administrative Cabinet	2015–present
Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Board of Regents	2016–2019
Specialized Pastoral Ministry Recruitment Committee	2016–present

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Secretary, Southeastern District	2000–2006
First Vice-President, Southeastern District	2006–2012
President, Southeastern District	2012–present

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Pastoral Advisor, Mid-Atlantic Lutherans For Life	2001–2006
Chairman, Fairfax County Steering Committee for Emergency Preparedness and Response	2001–2012

Member, Board of Directors, Luther Institute,
Washington, DC.....2004–2006

Congregation Engagement Committee, Lutheran
Immigration and Refugee Service.....2015–2017

Personal Statement

I do not seek this office but am willing to serve according to the Lord's call. Our nation is the third-largest mission field in the world. Our LCMS Constitution states: "The Synod under Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions shall strengthen congregations and their members in giving bold witness by word and deed to the love and work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and extend that Gospel witness into all the world." It is time for our Synod to focus on the mission our Lord gave us (Acts 1:8).



Name Christopher S. Esget

Address 1801 Russell Road
Alexandria, VA 22301

Birth Date October 19, 1970

Birthplace Edina, MN

Wife's Maiden Name Adams

Number of Children 1

College Berklee College of Music, Boston (1993)

Seminary Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (1997)

Other Degrees STM in Systematic Theology, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (2005)

Member of Synod Congregations 43

Rostered Member of Synod 21

Year of Ordination 1998

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
Bethel Lutheran Church, DuQuoin, IL	1998–2001
Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Alexandria, VA ...	2001–present

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Sanctity of Human Life Commission	2009–2017
LCMS Sixth Vice-President, East–Southeast Region.....	2015–present
Board of Regents, Concordia College—New York	2017–present

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Southeastern District Delegate to LCMS Theological Convocation; District Convocation Committee.....	2002–2003
District Life Coordinator	2014–present

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Vicarage Supervisor and Pastoral Fieldwork Supervisor.....	2009–2012, 2014–2015
Instructor, Liturgical Theology and Church Music, EECMY (Ethiopia)	2015
LCMS Washington, DC, Life Conferences and March for Life chaplain	2002–present

Personal Statement

The LCMS is richly blessed. Our churches abound with faithful people devoted to God's Word and eager to share the Gospel. We also face enormous challenges in a culture increasingly hostile to biblical Christianity. Our path forward together is in helping our

congregations nurture disciples of Jesus and strengthen families. The local church is hospital for sinners and lighthouse to a world shrouded in darkness. The role of the First Vice-President is to oversee the colloquy program and assist the President. In this position I would strive to keep our Synod's focus on Jesus as Redeemer of the world.

Also nominated for Vice-President, East-Southeast Region



Name David A. Floyd

Address 1063 West L Street
Benicia, CA 94510

Birth Date December 22, 1956

Birthplace Sacramento, CA

Wife's Maiden Name Laura Jessen

Number of Children 2

College Concordia University, Irvine (1991)

Seminary Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (1997)

Other Degrees DMin Studies, Canterbury Christ Church University; DMin Studies, Concordia University, St. Paul; DMin Program, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

Member of Synod Congregations 35

Rostered Member of Synod 21

Year of Ordination 1998

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Carson City, NV, and River of Life Lutheran Mission, Dayton, NV.....	1998–2000
Zion Lutheran Church, San Luis Obispo, CA	2000–2002
St. Mark Lutheran Church, Ferndale, CA.....	2002–2013
Benicia Lutheran Church, Benicia, CA	2013–present

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Project Manager	Reden Enterprises, Escondido, CA	1983–1985
Vice-President, Commercial Contracts	Ceiling Craftsman, San Diego, CA.....	1985–1987
Resident Counselor–Director of Security	Concordia University, Irvine	1987–1991

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
California-Nevada-Hawaii District Church Planter and River of Life Mission	1998–2000
California-Nevada-Hawaii District LWML Counselor.....	1999–2004

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Church Planting Institute Certification, Concordia University Irvine.....	1998
Sierra Lutheran High School Planning Board, Carson City, NV.....	1999–2000
California-Nevada-Hawaii District LWML Convention Speaker/Presenter on Church Planting and Spiritual Gifts.....	2000, 2008
All Sports Strength Trainer, Morro Bay High School and Ferndale High School.....	2001–2003; 2004–2012
St. Luke's Retirement Community (now Sutter) Board of Directors, Fortuna, CA	2005–2011

President, Habitat for Humanity, Humboldt County,
Eureka, CA.....2006-2014

Personal Statement

Supporting the President and his vision for the Synod, and the welfare of our local congregations, is a crucial role for the First Vice-President. As a confessional, evangelical Lutheran pastor, I believe our future is dependent upon our ability to navigate the waters of a postmodern culture. My prayer and vision for the LCMS is that we stand together as confessional Lutherans upon the Word of God, as it empowers us to be the church God means for us to be: a Gospel-proclaiming ... servant-sending ... congregational-equipping ... lost-finding church, becoming, as Paul said, "all things to a people so that by all possible means [we] might save some."



Name Daniel L. Gard
Address 6807 Nighthawk Drive
Fort Wayne, IN 46835
Birth Date January 29, 1954
Birthplace Bossier City, LA
Wife's Maiden Name Annette K.
Scheumann
Number of Children 3

College Carthage College, Kenosha, WI (1975)
Seminary Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (1984)
Other Degrees MA, University of Notre Dame (1988);
PhD, University of Notre Dame (1992)
Member of Synod Congregations 41
Rostered Member of Synod 35
Year of Ordination 1984

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
St. Paul Lutheran Church (Woodland), Mishawaka, IN.....	1984-1989

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Professor	Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne	1989-2014
President	Concordia University Chicago	2014-2019

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Commission on Ministerial Growth and Support.....	1998-2004

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Chaplain, US Navy (Reserve)	1988-2016

Personal Statement

I am surprised and honored to find my name on this list among so many outstanding pastors. I have never sought, nor do I now seek, any office but have always served where the Lord has called me through His people. I urge the delegates to elect a man who will work alongside the President and support the congregations and missions where the faithful are taught, the lost sought, and care is given to all. That is where the work of God happens. The harvest is ready and He is sending out laborers. That is all that matters.



Name Jamison J. Hardy
Address 531 Cortland Drive
Finleyville, PA 15332
Birth Date October 1, 1973
Birthplace Bay City, MI
Wife's Maiden Name Wendy Klemm
Number of Children 3

College Concordia University Wisconsin (1996)
Seminary Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (2000)
Other Degrees MPA (Public Administration), Walden University;
DBA (Business Administration), Walden University
Member of Synod Congregations 43
Rostered Member of Synod 19
Year of Ordination 2000

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Mt. Lebanon, PA	2000-2008
Peace Lutheran Church, McMurray, PA (merger of Hope and Our Savior)	2008-present

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Vice-Chair Convention Committee #11 (Structure)	2016
12-03 Task Force of Future Pastoral Education	2016-2018
Board of Overseers, Concordia University, Ann Arbor	2016-present

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Circuit Visitor	2009-2015
Vice-President of District Board of Directors.....	2009-2015
Bishop/President of the English District.....	2015-present

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Board of Directors, Concordia Lutheran Ministries.....	2003-2015
Pennsylvania State Senate Nonprofit Caucus.....	2009-2012
Board of Directors, Lutheran Federal Credit Union.....	2018-present

Personal Statement

I have personally believed, as well as taught, that we should always be prepared and open to what God might ask of us. This is clearly seen in 1 Samuel 3:10: "Speak, for Thy servant is listening." I daily ask our Lord to call on me, and I daily listen for His command to go and present the Gospel to all people. To love thy neighbor as thyself. This has been one of the great pleasures in my life in the English District. I am prepared to employ that same philosophy in service to the Synod President as he carries out his office and duties.



Name Timothy M. Klinkenberg
Address 154 South Shaffer Street
 Orange, CA 92866
Birth Date March 17, 1964
Birthplace Springfield, IL
Wife's Maiden Name Pasche
Number of Children 2

College Concordia College, St. Paul, MN (1987)
Seminary Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1991)
Other Degrees Graduate Study, Fuller Theological Seminary,
 Pasadena, CA (2014–2017)
Member of Synod Congregations 55
Rostered Member of Synod 28
Year of Ordination 1991

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
Faith Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls, WI (Associate)	1991–1993
St. John's Lutheran Church, Orange, CA (Associate)	1993–1999
St. John's Lutheran Church, Orange, CA (Senior Admin.) ...	1999–present

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Board of Directors, Pacific-Southwest District	2006–2009
Second Vice-President, Pacific-Southwest District	2012–2015
First Vice-President, Pacific-Southwest District	2015–2018

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Pastoral Advisor, Lutheran Hour Ministries	2011–2015
Speaker and MC, Lutheran Education Assoc. Convocation	2013
School and Community Coaching Experience: Soccer, Football, Basketball	1999–2010

Personal Statement

In light of my 28 years of serving as a pastor, my perspective of this office is from the front line of mission—pastor of a local congregation—which the national church body should serve. My guiding principles are these: operate in the light and with transparency, build teams, work together, build others up according to their needs, and reach people with Jesus in every interaction. The First Vice-President is a second-chair leader who finds joy in encouragement and support of the Synod President and the entire ministry of the LCMS. Each elected position is important to the mission of helping people see Jesus.

Also nominated for Synod President



Name Peter K. Lange
Address 221 SW Greenwood Avenue
 Topeka, KS 66606
Birth Date May 16, 1962
Birthplace Houston, TX
Wife's Maiden Name Marcia Boening
Number of Children 4

College Concordia University, River Forest (1984)
Seminary Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (1988)
Other Degrees STM, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne
 (1998)
Member of Synod Congregations 57
Rostered Member of Synod 29
Year of Ordination 1990

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Concordia, MO (Associate)	1990–1999
St. John's Lutheran Church, Topeka, KS (Senior)	1999–2015

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
District President	LCMS Kansas District	2015–present

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Delegate to Synod Conventions	1998, 2007, 2013, 2016, 2019
Synod Task Force for National Youth Gatherings	2005
Floor Committee 7 (Structure and Ecclesial Matters)	2013
Synod Think Tank to Expand the <i>Koinonia</i> Project	2015
Chairman, Floor Committee 15 (Reformation)	2018
13-01A Task Force on Priesthood and Office	2018–present
Secretary of the Council of Presidents	2018–present
Chairman, Floor Committee 2 (International Witness)	2019

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Missouri District Church Worker Recruitment Committee	1992–1999
Missouri District Board for Parish Education	1992–1999
Kansas District Board of Caring Ministry	2012–2015
First Vice-President, Kansas District	2012–2015

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Teaching Assistant for Biblical Languages, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne	1988–1990
Vicarage Supervisor	2002–2007
Short-Term Mission Trips to England, Czech Republic, Germany, and South Africa	2005–2018

Personal Statement

It's a joy to serve the church as President of the Kansas District, just as it would be a joy and an honor to serve our Synod as First Vice-President. Devoted foremost to supporting the faithful ministry of our Lord's Word and Sacraments, I would work in my capacity as First Vice-President to build strong relationships with colleagues and everyone I serve while assisting the President in fulfilling the constitutional and convention mandates of our Synod. In short, I would try to do my small part to help the Body of Christ build itself up in love (Eph. 4).



Name Derek G. Lecakes
Address 40-30 219th Street
Bayside, NY 11361
Birth Date July 25, 1972
Birthplace Albany, NY
Wife's Maiden Name Mason
Number of Children 3

College Concordia College, St. Paul (1995)
Seminary Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (2003)
Member of Synod Congregations 43
Rostered Member of Synod 24
Year of Ordination 2003/1995

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Niskayuna, NY	2003-2015

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Associate Director DCE		
SonRise Lutheran Outdoor Ministry		1995-1999

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Board of Regents, Concordia College—New York	2015-present

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Secretary, Atlantic District	2005-2008
Third Vice-President, Atlantic District	2008-2015
President, Atlantic District	2015-present

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Chair, Lutherans Capital Area Relief Efforts	2005-2015
Police Chaplain, Town of Niskayuna, NY	2012-2015
Member, City Council of Churches New York	2015-present

Personal Statement

I love the words of Ephesians 6:19b that I may “boldly proclaim the mystery of the Gospel.” As baptized believers in Jesus Christ, we have an opportunity to share the mystery of the Gospel with the world around us. We proclaim this mystery every moment of our lives in every interaction. This is a message for all people, everywhere. It comes to us through Word and Sacrament. The mystery of Christ’s love and sacrifice on the cross comes through each altar, pulpit, and font and sends us out to share Christ’s love as we live our lives as Christians.



Name Paul A. Linnemann
Address 15685 SW 116th Avenue,
PMB 123 King City, OR 97224
Birth Date August 23, 1958
Birthplace Elgin, IL
Wife's Maiden Name Lail
Number of Children 3

College Concordia College, Portland (1980)
Seminary Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1994)
Other Degrees MA, Counseling Psychology, Lewis & Clark College,
Portland (1987); MA, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1994); LLD,
Concordia University, Portland (2016)

Member of Synod Congregations 60
Rostered Member of Synod 39
Year of Ordination 1995

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Tigard, OR	1995-2009

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Lutheran Schoolteacher		
Concordia Lutheran School, Seattle		1981-1985
Director of Student Development, Assistant Professor of Psychology		
Concordia College, Portland		1987-1992
District President		
Northwest District		2009-present

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Circuit Counselor	2003-2005
Secretary, Northwest District	2005-2009

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Part-Time Director, Christian Education, Trinity Lutheran Church, Oregon City, OR	1985-1987
Staff Counselor, Lutheran Children & Family Services, St. Louis	1992-1994

Personal Statement

The role of the Synod is to assist congregations in the mission of sharing the love of God in Jesus Christ with the people among whom He has placed them. This means providing local leaders with training and resources to be the best leaders in their context that they can be. As we find ourselves in a changing culture, where the institution of the church is less valued in the community, our challenge is to reflect Jesus in a clearer and sharper way than ever before. This begins in our relationships with each other and moves into our connections with the world.



Name Scott R. Murray
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Houston, TX 77057
Birth DateMay 24, 1958
BirthplaceKitchener, Ontario, Canada
Wife's Maiden Name.....Maryann Sovis
Number of Children.....2

College..... Concordia College, Ann Arbor (1980)
Seminary Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (1983)
Other Degrees MA, Loyola University, New Orleans;
PhD, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Member of Synod Congregations..... 60
Rostered Member of Synod 35
Year of Ordination1983

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Coburg, Ontario	1983–1985
Salem Lutheran Church, Gretna, LA	1985–1996
Memorial Lutheran Church and School, Houston, TX.....	1996–present

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Vice-Chair, Commission on Theology and Church Relations.....	1997–2001
Board of Regents, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne.....	2010–present
Vice-President of Synod	2010–present

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Editorial Assistant, LOGIA Journal.....	1992–present
Board of Directors, Lutheran Education Association of Houston	2001–2007
Chairman, Luther Academy Board of Directors	2007–2015

Personal Statement

Our Lord Jesus builds His church with the Gospel and Sacraments. God is the one who creates, builds, and sanctifies His Holy Church. We serve Jesus by preaching the Word and administering these gifts to His bride (Ephesians 5). In that work I have been privileged to serve three congregations as a full-time parish pastor (1 Peter 5:2). It is an honor to work for the Synod as a vice-president representing the President domestically and internationally. I would be honored to serve with him as the First Vice-President. I would serve as God gives me strength, applying insights from parish ministry.

Also nominated for Vice-President, West-Southwest Region



Name Nabil S. Nour
Address..... 516 E. 58th Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57108
Birth Date October 29, 1955
BirthplaceNazareth, Israel
Wife's Maiden Name.....Jean Miedema
Number of Children.....3

College..... Huron College, Huron, SD (1979)
Seminary Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1994)
Other DegreesIn the process of writing my dissertation for my
Doctor of Ministry degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Member of Synod Congregations..... 39
Rostered Member of Synod 22
Year of Ordination1994

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Armour, SD.....	1994–2015
Trinity Lutheran Church, Hartford, SD.....	2015–present

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
House Painter Self-Employed.....		1972–1982
House Painter Moses Painting (foreman for my brother)		1982–1989

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Conflict Resolution Officer	2008–present
Great Plains Region Vice-President (LCMS 5th VP).....	2013–2016
Great Plains Region Vice-President (LCMS 3rd VP)	2016–2019

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Circuit Visitor	1998–2006
Second Vice-President, South Dakota District	2006–2012
First Vice-President, South Dakota District.....	2012–2013

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Frequent preacher at many events.....	1994–present
Guest teacher/lecturer at districts/congregations.....	1994–present
Ministry of taking tours to the Holy Land	1994–present

Personal Statement

As a servant of the Most High God, I consider it a privilege, honor, and blessing to be nominated for this position. I am humbled that fellow saints of our church body see me as a servant of Christ who can further the Gospel. If I am elected to this position, I would serve closely with the President to make sure the Word of God would be our blueprint and compass for all that we do and fulfill His service in this lost and broken world. My prayers would be that I would work closely with all people, respect the Bylaws and Constitution of the Synod, and be a light in this dark world. My vision would be to further the reach of God's Word and Sacraments to every corner in the world.

Also nominated for Vice-President, Great Plains Region



Name Clint K. Poppe
Address.....705 Glenarbor Circle
Lincoln, NE 68512
Birth Date August 7, 1958
Birthplace West Point, NE
Wife's Maiden Name..... Pagels
Number of Children.....3

College.....University of South Dakota; Concordia, Mequon; Concordia, Seward; Dana College, Blair, NE; Northeast Community College, Norfolk, NE

Seminary Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1998)

Member of Synod Congregations..... 60

Rostered Member of Synod 31

Year of Ordination1998

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
St. Paul Lutheran Church, West Point, NE (Lay Minister).....	1986–1994
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lincoln, NE	1997–present

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Route Sales		
Gillette Dairy.....		1978–1980
District Representative		
Aid Association for Lutherans		1982–1986

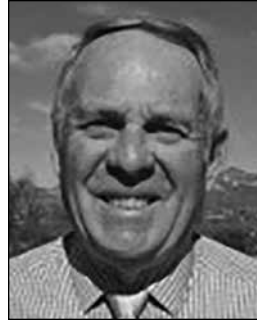
Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
“Tell the Good News about Jesus,” Nebraska District Coordinator	1998–2001
District Nominations Committee	2000–2003
First Vice-President, Nebraska District.....	2003–2009

Personal Statement

It is a great honor to be nominated for service in the church. I seek no office or title; the church already has too many professional politicians. I take Jesus at His Word. We need no gimmicks to grow and sustain the Church, only God's Word in its truth and purity. Christ crucified and risen for poor, miserable sinners like you and me is the life-giving and life-changing Gospel. Christ is really present in Word and Sacrament to nurture and extend His kingdom. Faithful walking together under God's Word and the Lutheran Confessions will unite us for daily battle against the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh. God promises that the Word of the Lord will endure forever. No denomination has that promise, including the LCMS. As we cling to the Word Incarnate, Jesus; the written Word, the Bible; and the visible Word, the Sacraments, that promise is ours.

Also nominated for Vice-President, Great Plains Region



NameJacob A. O. Preus
Address.....1632 S. Barkley Road
Apache Junction, AZ 85119
Birth DateMarch 20, 1953
Birthplace Luverne, MN
Wife's Maiden Name.....Bender
Number of Children.....3

College.....University of Missouri (1974)

Seminary Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1980)

Other Degrees STM (Systematic Theology), Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1985); ThD (Systematic Theology), Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1986)

Member of Synod Congregations..... 61

Rostered Member of Synod 39

Year of Ordination1980

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA	1980–1983
Holy Sacraments Lutheran Church, St. Louis.....	1983–1986

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Professor/Dean		
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis		1986–1998
President		
Concordia University, Irvine.....		1998–2011
Executive Vice-President		
Bethesda Lutheran Communities, Watertown, WI		2011–2016

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Commission on Ministry to the Armed Forces.....	1990–1995
Commission on Theology and Church Relations	1990–1996
Doctrinal Reviewer.....	1990–present

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Chaplain, US Navy Reserves, with active duty for the First Gulf War in Saudi Arabia	1986–1998

Personal Statement

More than ever the world needs the hope-filled, unifying message of God's love for us on account of Jesus Christ. This is what we have always stood for. We faithfully bear witness to the truth through words and actions, first to ourselves and then to the world. If elected, I will carry out my duties in a spirit of hope and unity. I will lead with the love of Christ.



Name Lawrence R. Rast Jr.
Address 1 Coverdale Drive
Fort Wayne, IN 46825
Birth Date September 13, 1962
Birthplace Chicago, IL
Wife's Maiden Name Amy C.
Engelbrecht
Number of Children 3

College Concordia College, River Forest (1986)
Seminary Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne
Other Degrees PhD, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (1986);
DD, Concordia University Chicago (2017)
Member of Synod Congregations 56
Rostered Member of Synod 27
Year of Ordination 1992

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
Ascension Lutheran Church, Madison, TN.....	1992–1996

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Professor	Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne	1996–present
Academic Dean	Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne	2006–2011
President	Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne	2011–present

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Board of Governors, Concordia Historical Institute.....	1995–2009
Commission on Doctrinal Review	1998–2001
Commission on Theology and Church Relations (Chair, 2010–present).....	2006–present

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Archivist, Mid-South District	1992–1996

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Adjunct Professor, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	1995–1996
Theological Educator at International Seminaries—Kenya, South Africa, Siberia, etc.....	2000–present
Strategic Planning Consultant, International Lutheran Council	2014–present

Personal Statement

Our faithful God continues to touch hearts and change lives through the service of the pastors and people of the LCMS. Having spent over a quarter century as a pastor, professor, and president in forming servants who teach the faithful, reach the lost, and care for all, I am deeply thankful for the rich and varied blessings that God gives to His Church, especially the amazingly gifted people He raises up for His service. While we face significant challenges, the opportunities for the proclamation of the Gospel invite us to action. Our call as God's people to proclaim the Good News of salvation that Jesus Christ has won for all must shape all we do as a Synod.



Name Scott C. Sailer
Address 2105 S. Lincoln Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57105
Birth Date March 24, 1959
Birthplace Renton, WA
Wife's Maiden Name Sarah M. Meyer
Number of Children 3

College Concordia College, St. Paul (1981)
Seminary Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1985)
Member of Synod Congregations 59
Rostered Member of Synod 34
Year of Ordination 1985

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
St. John Lutheran Church, Howard, SD.....	1985–1989
Bethesda Lutheran Church, Hot Springs, SD	1989–1994
Faith Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD.....	1999–2015

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Admissions Officer/Director	Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.....	1994–1998
President, South Dakota District.....		2015–present

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Circuit Counselor	1987–1989, 2000–2005
Secretary, South Dakota District	2006–2012
Second Vice-President; First Vice-President of the South Dakota District	2012–2013; 2013–2015

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Dean of South Dakota District Youth Camp	1999–2013
Alumni Council, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.....	2004–2010
Chairman, Feasibility and Planning Committee, Lutheran High School of Sioux Falls	2005–2008

Personal Statement

It would be an honor to serve as the First Vice-President in support of the President and the precious saints of the LCMS. My vision for the Synod is that we continue to provide a solidly Lutheran Christian witness, but that we take care in forging relationships with our neighbors, so that they are more willing to hear the treasured Gospel. Additionally, I would encourage congregations, church workers, and laypeople to love and trust one another, as we work together for the sake of the Gospel, recognizing that our covenant as “synod” does not preclude using creative, impactful ministries.



Name Scott K. Seidler
Address..... 1710 Connemara Drive
 Manchester, MO 63021
Birth Date November 18, 1970
Birthplace Morris, IL
Wife's Maiden Name..... Hanow
Number of Children.....3

College..... Truman State University, Kirksville, MO (1992)
Seminary Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1996)
Other Degrees ... DMin, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL (2006)
Member of Synod Congregations..... 27
Rostered Member of Synod 23
Year of Ordination1996

Pastorates
Congregation Years
 Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor, MI..... 1996–2000
 Immanuel Lutheran Church, East Dundee, IL..... 2000–2006
 Concordia Lutheran Church, Kirkwood, MO..... 2006–present

Other District Offices
Position Years
 Secretary, Northern Illinois District Mission and Ministry Board 2003–2006
 Secretary, Missouri District Mission Board 2009–2012

Other Significant Service or Experience
Type of Service Years
 Adjunct Instructor, Concordia College, Ann Arbor 1997–2000
 Adjunct Instructor, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis... 2010, 2013–present
 Board Member, Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis; Member of its Investment Committee..... 2010–2018
 Member, Lutheran Senior Services Board; Chairman, Chaplaincy Care Committee..... 2015–2018

Personal Statement

I would ask the Synod and its President to endorse the election of candidates like myself who represent the “other side” of the Synod, which has been and is severely under-represented/ignored in our Synod’s governing conversation. Our voice regarding cultural engagement, mission, leadership, and the revitalization of a precipitously dying denomination is indispensable—along with every other voice that represents our Synod family.

Also nominated for Vice-President, Central Region



Name Dien A. Taylor
Address..... 4360 Rev. Theodore Wittrock
 Crossing (Boyd Avenue)
 The Bronx, NY 10466
Birth Date March 20, 1974
Birthplace Queens, New York City, NY

College..... Concordia College—New York (1995)
Seminary Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Other Degrees PhD, Fordham University, The Bronx, NY (2005)
Member of Synod Congregations..... 45
Rostered Member of Synod 19
Year of Ordination2000

Pastorates
Congregation Years
 Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (Associate) 2000–2001
 Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church (Sole) 2001–present

Other Synod Offices
Position Years
 Board of Regents, Concordia College Alabama 2007–2012
 Res. 4-04A Task Force..... 2011–2012
 Res. 8-07 Task Force..... 2012–2013

Other District Offices
Position Years
 Circuit Counselor 2000–2007
 Assistant to the President, Atlantic District..... 2007–2015
 First Vice-President, Atlantic District 2015–present

Other Significant Service or Experience
Type of Service Years
 Adjunct Professor, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; and Concordia College—New York 2001–present
 LWML Keynote Speaker, Homilist, and Song Leader..... 2003–present
 LCMS Reconciler 2013–present

Personal Statement

In my gratefulness to the crucified and risen Christ’s extravagant forgiveness and eternal life given to us in the Means of Grace, my priorities if elected would be encouraging, nurturing, and promoting vitalized Lutheran congregations where those Means are offered and prioritizing church-worker formation to strengthen the integrity of our confessional witness so that all people may believe, teach, and confess joyfully that Jesus Christ is Lord (Phil. 2:11). The LCMS is poised to share the Gospel with all people with gentleness and respect (1 Pet. 3:15), maintaining the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3).



Name John C. Wille
Address 1621 Highland View Drive
 West Bend, WI 53095
Birth Date November 10, 1952
Birthplace Watertown, WI
Wife's Maiden Name Lynette
 Solchenberger
Number of Children 3

College Northwestern College, Watertown, WI (1975)
Seminary Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (1979)
Other Degrees DD, Concordia University Wisconsin
Member of Synod Congregations 36
Rostered Member of Synod 36
Year of Ordination 1979

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Ashland, OH	1979–1983
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Pana, IL	1983–1990
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Church Planter)	1990–2006

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Church Planter		
South Wisconsin District		1990–1992
President, South Wisconsin District		2006–present

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Council of Presidents	2006–present
Board of Regents, Concordia University Wisconsin	2006–present
Board of Regents (COP Representative), Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	2015–present

Other District Offices

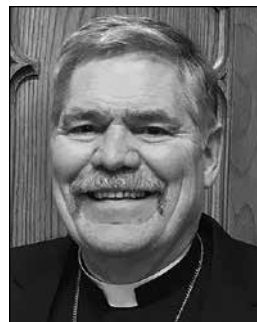
<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Circuit Visitor (Central Illinois District and South Wisconsin District)	1987–1990, 1997–2003
Second Vice-President, South Wisconsin District	2003–2006

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
LCMS Reconciler, Critical Incident Stress Management Team (South Wisconsin District), Contract Chaplain at Tomah Veterans Hospital	

Personal Statement

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod finds itself in a challenging nexus at this point in church history. We are blessed in many ways, yet our culture is taking a sharp turn away from Christianity—into a realm we have never experienced previously. However, around the world Lutheranism is growing, largely because of our clear confession of what it means to be a Lutheran Christian. This is our time to be distinctly Lutheran, our time to clearly confess our Christ-centered faith, our time to embrace our communities as we stand strongly on the Word of God and our Lutheran Confessions.



Name John C. Wohlrabe Jr.
Address 3832 S. Lake Drive
 St. Francis, WI 53235
Birth Date September 2, 1953
Birthplace Mankato, MN
Wife's Maiden Name Julie Ann Schulz
Number of Children 3

College Concordia College, Ann Arbor (1978)
Seminary Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1981)
Other Degrees STM, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1978); ThD,
 Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Member of Synod Congregations 61
Rostered Member of Synod 37
Year of Ordination 1982

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Fort Lupton, CO	1982–1984
Concordia Lutheran Church, Geneseo, IL	2009–2012
Chaplain, US Navy	1987–2009

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Enlisted Sailor		
US Navy		1973–1976
Assistant Director/Archivist		
Concordia Historical Institute		1986–1987
Chaplain		
US Navy		1987–2009

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Third Vice-President of the LCMS	2007–2010
Second Vice-President (Great Lakes Region) of the LCMS ...	2010–2016
Fourth Vice-President (Great Lakes Region) of the LCMS	2016–2019

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Guest Instructor, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	1984–1986
Adjunct Professor, Concordia University Wisconsin	2013–present
Board of Governors, Concordia Historical Institute	2007–present
President, Board of Governors, Concordia Historical Institute	2015–present
Editor, <i>Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly</i>	2012–present

Personal Statement

It has been an honor and privilege to serve our Lord and His Church as a member of the LCMS Praesidium since 2007, and, if it is God's will, I will gladly continue to serve. By God's grace, we are called to faith in Christ our Savior. In gratitude for God's love in Christ, we seek to be faithful to His Word, which includes upholding the truthful teaching of Scripture and reaching out to a fallen world with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. I fully support our Synod in upholding doctrinal integrity and mission outreach.

Also nominated for Vice-President, Great Lakes Region

III. Report on Nominations/ Candidates for Regional Vice- President*

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (Central Region), 1 minister of religion—ordained (East-Southeast Region), 1 minister of religion—ordained (Great Lakes Region), 1 minister of religion—ordained (Great Plains Region), 1 minister of religion—ordained (West-Southwest Region) (3-year term)

Duties: The five regional vice-presidents fulfill duties as assigned on a part-time basis and stand, as ordered by the convention, in line of succession to the First Vice-Presidency and Presidency of the Synod.

Nomination Process: The following are reports of the nominating votes cast by the congregations of the five regions of the Synod to determine the candidates for the office of regional vice-president. A total of 2,806 valid nominating votes were cast for vice-presidential positions other than First Vice-President (compared to 1,481 in 2016; 1,511 in 2013; 1,561 in 2010; 1,679 in 2007; and 2,114 in 2004). The results of the nominating ballots for each region, followed by the five ordained ministers receiving the most votes and consenting to serve if elected, are as follows:

a. Nominations and Candidates for Central Region Regional Vice-President*

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (Central Region) (3-year term)

Benjamin T. Ball	160
Daniel P. May	85
Scott K. Seidler	81
Daniel Preus	51
Tyler C. Arnold	17
Peter K. Lange	11
David R. Nehrenz	6

5 votes:

Jeffrey A. Gibbs; Robert L. (Lee) Hagan; Charles M. Henrickson; Roger C. Paavola; Ken R. Schurb; Kent A. Tibben

4 votes:

Ralph Blomenberg; Peter J. Brock; Kevin S. Golden; Timothy J. Scharr; Don R. Stuckwisch Jr.

3 votes:

Gerhard H. Bode Jr.; Herbert C. (Herb) Mueller Jr.; Michael P. Walther

2 votes:

Randy K. Asbury; Daniel J. Bishop; Kory B. Boster; Jeffrey P. Cloeter; Carl C. Fickenscher II; Bruce E. Keseman; Robert R. Lessing; Mark A. Miller; Mark A. Nebel; Larry A. Peters; David H. Petersen; Robert M. Portier; Christen E. Prumm; Lawrence R. Rast Jr.; Peter J. Scaer; Scott A. Snow; William C. Weinrich; Joshua J. Willadsen

1 vote:

Thomas R. Ahlersmeyer; Larry E. Bell; Philip E. Bloch; Luther C. Brunette; Peter C. Cage; Heath R. Curtis; Paul E. Deterding; Thomas J. Egger; Gifford A. Grobien; Bruce M. Hartung; Barrie E. Henke; Barry C. Hildebrandt; Wilfred L. Karsten; Martin E. Keller; William R. Marler; Naomichi Masaki; Dale A. Meyer; Justin A. Panzer; Jeffrey H. Pulse; Lane B. Reuter; Derek A. Roberts; Geoffrey L. Robinson; Michael P. Schuermann; Myles R. Schultz; David S. Smith; Mark P. Surburg; Christian C. Tiews; Kent A. Umbarger; Todd A. Wilken; Alan J. Wollenburg; Andrew T. Yeager

The following five ordained ministers, listed in alphabetical order, have consented to serve if elected:

Tyler C. Arnold
Benjamin T. Ball
Daniel P. May
David R. Nehrenz
Scott K. Seidler

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—ORDAINED

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (Central Region) (3-year term)



Name Tyler C. Arnold
Address 6666 N.W. 72nd Street
Platte Woods, MO 64151
Birth Date August 23, 1973
Birthplace Alton, IL
Wife's Maiden Name Andrea M. Thur
Number of Children 2

College Concordia University, River Forest (1995)

Seminary Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1999)

Other Degrees DMin Candidate, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (degree to be conferred August 1, 2019)

Member of Synod Congregations 45

Rostered Member of Synod 20

Year of Ordination 1999

Pastorates

Congregation	Years
Christ Lutheran Church (Assistant), Platte Woods (Kansas City), MO	1999–2004
Trinity Lutheran Church, Millstadt, IL	2004–2006
Christ Lutheran Church (Senior), Platte Woods (Kansas City), MO	2006–present

Other District Offices

Position	Years
Board for Congregational Support, Southern Illinois District	2005–2006
Circuit Visitor, Missouri District	2009–2018
Chairman, Structure and Administration Committee, Missouri District	2015
Member, Structure and Administration Task Force, Missouri District	2016–2018

Other Significant Service or Experience

Type of Service	Years
Board Member, Unity Lutheran School, East St. Louis, IL	2006
Executive Council, Martin Luther Academy	2002–2004; 2006–2009
LWML Zone Counselor	2004–2006

Personal Statement

The Lord continues to bless His Church through the clear proclamation of the Gospel and the faithful administration of the Sacraments. These marks are the very foundation of what The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is all about. The support of congregations and their members predicated upon God's Word in the midst of a disoriented world must remain central to the Synod's mission. Therefore, my approach is to be a pastor, to listen to God's

people, and to speak God's truth in love. My goal is to find unity in the Gospel of Jesus and to adhere faithfully to the Word of God when called upon to carry out my appointed duties. Christ's Church remains a beacon of light in a chaotic world. This light needs to shine in every corner of our beloved Synod.



Name Benjamin T. Ball
Address 6969 W. Frontage Road
 Worden, IL 62097
Birth Date March 30, 1972
Birthplace Madison Heights, MI
Wife's Maiden Name Serena Marie
 Prongua
Number of Children 4

College Concordia University, River Forest (1995)
Seminary Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1999)
Member of Synod Congregations 47
Rostered Member of Synod 20
Year of Ordination 1999

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Dedham, MA	1999-2004
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Brookfield, IL	2004-2012
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hamel, IL	2012-present

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Convention Delegate	2007, 2016, 2019
Participant, LCMS Model Theological Conference	2010
Doctrinal Reviewer	2013-present
Assistant Chaplain, LCMS Convention	2013
Planning Committee Member and Presenter, LCMS Institute on Liturgy, Preaching and Church Music	2014, 2017
Member, Convention Floor Committees: Seminary Education, Structure and Administration	2016, 2019
Chairman, Committee for Convention Nominations	2019-present

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Member, Convention Floor Committees	2000, 2015
Member, New England District Worship Commission	2001-2004
Circuit Counselor, Northern Illinois District	2006-2009
Member, Northern Illinois District East Region Pastoral Conference Committee	2006-2010
Secretary, Northern Illinois District Nominations Committee	2009
Circuit Visitor, Southern Illinois District	2015-2018
Chairman, Southern Illinois District Commission on Convention Nominations and Elections	2017-2018
Vice-Chairman, Southern Illinois District Pastoral Conference	2017-present
Second Vice-President, Southern Illinois District	2018-present

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Pastor-in-Residence, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	2002
Supervisor of Deaconess Field Workers, Concordia University, River Forest	2005-2012

Participant, DOXOLOGY: The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel 2009-2010
Supervisor of Field Workers, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis 2015-present
Book Reviewer, Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly 2016
Editor, Gottesdienst-The Journal of Lutheran Liturgy 2016-present
Member, Board of Directors, Metro-East Lutheran High School, Edwardsville, IL 2017-present

Personal Statement

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. They will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd" (John 10:10, 16). We listen to Jesus, receive His life, and live for Him that the world might listen and have life. C. F. W. Walther wrote that a Synod's "primary duty is to be faithful to the Confessions in word and deed." As members of the one flock, we know it is our duty to faithfully live in word and deed. I would be honored to serve as a vice-president, assisting our Synod to hear the voice of Jesus and be faithful to Him.

Also nominated for First Vice-President



Name Daniel P. May
Address 6335 Dirwood Court
 Fort Wayne, IN 46804
Birth Date January 7, 1943
Birthplace South Bend, IN
Wife's Maiden Name Warneke
Number of Children 4

College Concordia College, Milwaukee/Concordia University, River Forest (1966)

Seminary Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (1970)

Other Degrees DMin, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (2006)

Member of Synod Congregations 75

Rostered Member of Synod 44

Year of Ordination 1970

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
First Lutheran Church, Natchez, MS	1970-1974
St. Peter Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN	1974-1976
St. James Lutheran Church, Lafayette, IN	1976-2003

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Supply Teacher	Northwest Lutheran School, Milwaukee	1965-1966

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Board of Youth Ministry	1972-1974
Circuit Visitor	1981-1993

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Vice-President, Indiana District	1993-2003
President, Indiana District	2003-2018

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Chair, Indiana Theological Conference	2000

Board of Directors, Bethesda Lutheran Homes Inc.1994–2004
Chair, Synod Convention Floor Committees2007, 2010

Personal Statement

It has been my privilege to serve as the Indiana District President for the past 15 years. I have enjoyed and learned much about the national and international mission of the LCMS. Traveling abroad and domestically provided the opportunity for me to see firsthand the global blessing the LCMS is in spreading the Gospel. The cultural and societal changes we have experienced in the western world demonstrate the urgent need to cherish and teach the confessional message we hold in our hearts! We boldly and vigorously engage in mission. This is the heart and purpose of our Synod. Finally, our Lutheran schools are critical tools in our faithful sharing of Law and Gospel!



Name David Robert Nehrenz
Address 902 Carey Drive
Norman, OK 73069
Birth Date April 18, 1955
Birthplace Lakewood, OH
Wife's Maiden Name .. Katherine Knippa
Number of Children 4

College Concordia College, River Forest (1977)
Seminary Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (1982)
Member of Synod Congregations 64
Rostered Member of Synod 37
Year of Ordination 1982

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Pagosa Springs, CO.....	1982–1988
Trinity Lutheran Church, Norman, OK	1988–present

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Voting Delegate at Synod Conventions	1990, 2000
Delegate, LCMS National Worship and Stewardship Conventions	Various years
Worked with Laborers for Christ Building Programs.....	1983–1984, 2000–2001

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Mission Church-Planter Pastor, Rocky Mountain District	1982–1988
Circuit Counselor, Oklahoma District	1990–1996
Board of Directors, Oklahoma District	1990–1996; 2009–present
Second Vice-President, Oklahoma District	2009–2015
First Vice-President, Oklahoma District	2015–present
Chairman, Oklahoma District Convention.....	2009, 2012, 2015, 2018

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Trinity Lutheran Church—"One Family in Our Church, School, Campus Ministry"	1988–present
Pastoral full-time work in a parish	1982–present
School work at Trinity Lutheran School	1988–present
Campus work (Oklahoma District Campus Ministry) at the University of Oklahoma; since 1990, I have supervised	

30 consecutive vicars who assist in the LCMS U Campus
Ministry..... 1988–present
Supporter of Birth Choice and The Eden Clinic, Norman..... Long-term

Personal Statement

We are called to vigorously make disciples of all nations for our Lord Jesus Christ. The focus of my ministry for 37 years has been to faithfully preach the Gospel and administer the Sacraments, according to Holy Scripture. We utilize our hymnals, our catechism, and the Book of Concord. I desire to serve as a Synod vice-president so that we can assist our congregations and pastors. The Divine Service of the saints should be biblical, confessional, catechetical, sacramental, and liturgical. The main purpose of the Synod and its districts and circuits is to serve the local congregations in this work.



Name Scott K. Seidler
Address 1710 Connemara Drive
Manchester, MO 63021
Birth Date November 18, 1970
Birthplace Morris, IL
Wife's Maiden Name Hanow
Number of Children 3

College Truman State University, Kirksville, MO (1992)
Seminary Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1996)
Other Degrees ... DMin, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL
(2006)
Member of Synod Congregations 27
Rostered Member of Synod 23
Year of Ordination 1996

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor, MI.....	1996–2000
Immanuel Lutheran Church, East Dundee, IL.....	2000–2006
Concordia Lutheran Church, Kirkwood, MO	2006–present

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Secretary, Northern Illinois District Mission and Ministry Board	2003–2006
Secretary, Missouri District Mission Board	2009–2012

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Adjunct Instructor, Concordia College, Ann Arbor	1997–2000
Adjunct Instructor, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis...2010, 2013–present	
Board Member, Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis; Member of its Investment Committee.....	2010–2018
Member, Lutheran Senior Services Board; Chairman, Chaplaincy Care Committee.....	2015–2018

Personal Statement

I would ask the Synod and its President to endorse the election of candidates like myself who represent the "other side" of the Synod, which has been and is severely under-represented/ignored in our Synod's governing conversation. Our voice regarding cultural engagement, mission, leadership, and the revitalization of a precipitously dying denomination is indispensable—along with every other voice that represents our Synod family.

Also nominated for First Vice-President

b. Nominations and Candidates for East-Southeast Region Regional Vice-President*

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (East-Southeast Region) (3-year term)

Christopher S. Esget	128
Jon T. Diefenthaler	110
James Wiggins Jr.....	82
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Jeffrey E. Skopak	68
Robert E. Hartwell	30
Paul G. Alms.....	6
Dien A. Taylor	5
Victor J. Belton	4

3 votes:

John (Jack) C. Davidson; Douglas H. Spittel; Gregory S. Walton

2 votes:

Donald E. Anthony; Wally M. Arp; John R. Denninger; Ben C. Eder; Peter F. Gregory; Kevin W. Martin; Brian D. Roberts; Deric A. Taylor; Waldemar R. Vinovskis; Steven Washington; Chris C. Wicher

1 vote:

David H. Benke; John G. Brunner; Paul S. Burtzloff; James E. Butler; Robert T. Carter Jr.; Kenneth R. Castor; Samuel Cosby; Kenneth L. Craig; James A. Douthwaite; Martin K. Erhardt; John T. Foelber Sr.; Matthew R. Gonzalez; Timothy S. Green; George R. Hansell Jr.; Jamison J. Hardy; Walter J. Harper; Scott D. Johnson; Joshua P. Leigeber; Anthony B. Mandile III; Ulmer Marshall; Gerhard C. Michael Jr.; Scott R. Murray; Bruce A. Nathan; Thomas L. Olson; Michael A. Phillips; John L. Pingel; Carl A. Prostka; Johnson E. Rethinasamy; Roberto E. Rojas Jr.; Eric R. Ruble; Gary D. Rueter; Timothy E. Sandeno; Paul L. Scheyder; Richard J. Serina Jr.; Tod A. Shouse; William A. Sielk; Marcus P. Sims; Jeffrey B. Stephens; James Wiggins Sr.; Kevin A. Wilson; Vernon P. Woods; Timothy R. Yeadon

The following five ordained ministers, listed in alphabetical order, have consented to serve if elected:

Jon T. Diefenthaler
Christopher S. Esget
Kurtis D. Schultz
Jeffrey E. Skopak
James Wiggins Jr.

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—ORDAINED

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (East-Southeast Region) (3-year term)



Name Jon T. Diefenthaler
Address 7311 Shady Glen Drive
Columbia, MD 21046
Birth Date February 21, 1943
Birthplace Milwaukee, WI
Wife's Maiden Name (Widower)
Number of Children 4

College Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne (1965)

Seminary Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1969)

Other Degrees MA, Washington University, St. Louis; PhD, University of Iowa

Member of Synod Congregations 62

Rostered Member of Synod 48

Year of Ordination 1971

Pastorates

Congregation	Years
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wellman, IA.....	1971–1972
Bethany–Trinity, Waynesboro, VA.....	1975–1997
Our Savior Lutheran Church (Senior), Laurel, MD	1997–2003

Other Full-Time Positions

Position	Employer	Years
Assistant Professor	Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, IL	1971–1975
President, Southeastern District		2003–2012

Other Synod Offices

Position	Years
Board of University Education	2005–2009
Commission on Theology and Church Relations	2009–2012
Board of Regents, Concordia College—New York	2013–2016

Other District Offices

Position	Years
Board of Directors, Southeastern District	1993–1997, 2000–2012
First Vice-President, Southeastern District	1994–1997, 2000–2003
Third Vice-President, Southeastern District	2003–2004

Other Significant Service or Experience

Type of Service	Years
Adjunct Professor, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	2013–present
Church-Relations Advisor, Lutheran World Relief	2013–present
Board of Directors, Wheat Ridge Ministries (We Raise Foundation).....	2014–present

Personal Statement

I believe I am well prepared to serve in this position. As a parish pastor (27 years) and a district president (nine years) within the East-Southeast Region, I am very familiar with its geography and culture, and I have considerable experience supervising congregations and church workers. I also have been a member of the Council of Presidents (nine years, three as vice-chair). Having served on the CTCR and as a faculty member at both of our seminaries, I am well grounded in the doctrines and practices of the LCMS. My strong commitment throughout all my years of service has been, and still is, to do as much as I possibly can to further the

mission God has given to our Synod in North America and in the rest of today's world.



NameChristopher S. Esget
Address.....1801 Russell Road
Alexandria, VA 22301
Birth Date October 19, 1970
Birthplace Edina, MN
Wife's Maiden Name.....Adams
Number of Children.....1

CollegeBerklee College of Music, Boston (1993)
Seminary Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (1997)
Other Degrees STM in Systematic Theology, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (2005)
Member of Synod Congregations..... 43
Rostered Member of Synod 21
Year of Ordination1998

Pastorates
Congregation Years
Bethel Lutheran Church, DuQuoin, IL1998–2001
Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Alexandria, VA ... 2001–present

Other Synod Offices
Position Years
Sanctity of Human Life Commission2009–2017
LCMS Sixth Vice-President, East-Southeast Region..... 2015–present
Board of Regents, Concordia College—New York 2017–present

Other District Offices
Position Years
Southeastern District Delegate to LCMS Theological Convocation; District Convocation Committee.....2002–2003
District Life Coordinator 2014–present

Other Significant Service or Experience
Type of Service Years
Vicarage Supervisor and Pastoral Fieldwork Supervisor.....2009–2012, 2014–2015
Instructor, Liturgical Theology and Church Music, EECMY (Ethiopia)2015
LCMS Washington, DC, Life Conferences and March for Life chaplain 2002–present

Personal Statement

The LCMS is richly blessed. Our churches abound with faithful people devoted to God's Word and eager to share the Gospel. We also face enormous challenges in a culture increasingly hostile to biblical Christianity. Our path forward together is in helping our congregations nurture disciples of Jesus and strengthen families. The local church is hospital for sinners and lighthouse to a world shrouded in darkness. This has been my priority for 18 years as a pastor inside the Washington, DC Beltway. But our message remains unchanging wherever the Lord plants us: Jesus Christ for the life of the world.

Also nominated for First Vice-President



Name Kurtis D. Schultz
Address.....4743 Cotswold Lane
Birmingham, AL 35242
Birth Date November 2, 1953
Birthplace Elmhurst, IL
Wife's Maiden Name.. Becky L. Schmidt

College Concordia University, River Forest (1975)
Seminary Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (1979)
Member of Synod Congregations..... 65
Rostered Member of Synod 40
Year of Ordination1979

Pastorates
Congregation Years
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Ozark, AL.....1979–1985
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Enterprise, AL.....1979–1994
First Lutheran Church, Birmingham, AL.....1995–2003

Other Synod Offices
Position Years
President, Southern District2003–2018
Board of Regents Elector, Concordia College Alabama2003–2018
Council of Presidents Pastoral Placement Committee.....2003–2018
Board of Regents Elector, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne.....2004–2011

Other District Offices
Position Years
Member, Board of Directors, Southern District1989–1997

Other Significant Service or Experience
Type of Service Years
Member and Chair, Board of Directors, House of Ruth Domestic Violence Shelter.....1985–1994
Member and Chair, Board of Directors, Mary Margaret Hospice Volunteer1980–1994
Member, Board of Directors, Hinges Inc. 2000–present
Consultant, Healthy Congregations..... 2000–present

Personal Statement

God has gifted us with a diverse and varied family, living the faith in unique cultures, congregations, and ministries. Our unity is only the Savior we share. Affirming this allows the people of God from every tribe to walk together, respecting one another's context of ministry, trusting them to faithfully live out their vocations—praying for, encouraging, and supporting their brothers and sisters in Christ—in the challenges they face. When church leaders honor the service of all, the church follows Jesus on His mission to seek and save the lost. I will serve Jesus on His mission.



Name Jeffrey E. Skopak
Address..... 2251 Sand Dune Court
 Atlantic Beach, FL 32233
Birth Date May 15, 1966
Birthplace New Brunswick, NJ
Wife's Maiden Name..... Amy Jean Parr
Number of Children..... 2

College..... Concordia College—New York (1988)
Seminary..... Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1992)
Other Degrees DMin, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (2010)
Member of Synod Congregations..... 52
Rostered Member of Synod 27
Year of Ordination 1992

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY	1992–1996
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Manchester, NJ	1996–2005
St. James Lutheran Church, St. James, NY	2005–2008
Fountain of Life Lutheran Church, Tucson, AZ	2008–2014
Grace Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, FL	2014–present

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Circuit Visitor	1994–1996; 2001–2005; 2010–2014

Personal Statement

The challenge of ministry before the LCMS is a recapturing of the mission and ministry zeal we once possessed. We cannot accept decline; nor can we grow if our churches and leaders have no plan. Demographic studies are *not* plans ... they are tools to help us create and focus our ministry plan. Standing on the Word and Confessions, we need to (re-)focus on two arms of ministry: (1) evangelism in our cultural context, and (2) the care of our community needs. How will we share Jesus? How will we serve people? That is the challenge before us!



Name James Wiggins Jr.
Address..... 9705 Sappington Avenue
 Jacksonville, FL 32208
Birth Date July 2, 1960
Birthplace Selma, AL
Wife's Maiden Name.... Loretta Reddick
Number of Children..... 5

College..... Concordia University Nebraska (1981)
Seminary..... Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (1986)
Member of Synod Congregations..... 58
Rostered Member of Synod 34
Year of Ordination 1986

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Kannapolis, NC	1986–1990
Outer Drive Faith Lutheran Church, Detroit, MI	1990–1998
Peace Lutheran Church, Washington, DC	1998–2011
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, FL	2011–present

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Teacher	St. Peter Lutheran School	1981–1982

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Member, Board of Black Ministry Services	1996–2005
Chairman, Board of Black Ministry Services	2001–2003

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Circuit Counselor, Michigan District	1995–1997
First Vice-President, Southeastern District	2007–2009
Consecrated Steward Guest Leader, Florida-Georgia District	2017–present

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Adjunct Professor, Concordia College, Ann Arbor	1997–1998
Board Chair and Regent, Concordia College Alabama	2002–2005
President, LCMS Black Clergy Caucus	2004–2008

Personal Statement

I hope and pray that The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will, in this secular age, maintain with vigor its Gospel and grace-centered mission and ministry in Jesus through Word and Sacrament ministry. As a (paternal and maternal) fourth-generation Lutheran, I also desire that the LCMS will continue to grapple with its decline and seek ways to strengthen our missional focus to reach the rich diversity of souls in this nation and around the world caught in the grip of “self-sufficient humanism.” Though this is a challenging and critical time for the Body of Christ, I remain confident in Jesus’ words to Peter: “And on this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18b). I therefore look to the future with great hope and confidence, thankful to be a part of God’s army as one of His foot soldiers as He continues to build His Church.

c. Nominations and Candidates for Great Lakes Region Regional Vice-President*

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (Great Lakes Region) (3-year term)

John C. Wohlrabe Jr.	204
Randolph H. Raasch	99
Byrene K. (Keith) Haney	90
David P. E. Maier	13
Matthew W. Rueger	11
Peter C. Bender	6

4 votes:

Micah D. Greiner; John C. Wille

3 votes:

Patrick T. Ferry; David C. Fleming; Donald O. Neuendorf; Timothy W. (Tim) Roser; Brian S. Saunders

2 votes:

Craig L. Bickel; Mark P. Braden; Mark D. Brandt; Allan R. Buss; David A. Davis; Joel A. C. Dietrich; Daniel L. Gard; Nathan M. Meador; David P. Ramirez; Kurt S. Taylor; David W. Totsky

1 vote:

Steven J. Anderson; Timothy R. Bayer; John M. Berg; Mark C. Bestul; Mark W. Birkholz; Scott A. Bruzek; David A. Dodge; John M. Duerr; Larry Frazier; Roger B. Gallup; Jacob A. Gilbert; C. W. Hoesman; William J. Hooper; Donald T. Hougard; Steven A. Hulke; Robert E. Kasper; Daniel A. Kempin; William R. Kilps; Timothy J. Mech; William M. (Max) Mons; Dean W. Nadasdy; Lance A. O'Donnell; Bryan R. Osladil; Caleb J. Schauer; Carl W. Seeger; Daniel T. Torkelson; William G. Utech; Thomas W. Vanderbilt; William R. Wangelin; Kristopher R. Whitby

The following five ordained ministers, listed in alphabetical order, have consented to serve if elected:

Peter C. Bender
Byrene K. (Keith) Haney
Randolph H. Raasch
Matthew W. Rueger
John C. Wohlrabe Jr.

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—ORDAINED

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (Great Lakes Region) (3-year term)



Name Peter C. Bender
Address 4200 Elmwood Road
Colgate, WI 53017
Birth Date April 5, 1961
Birthplace Elmhurst, IL
Wife's Maiden Name Elizabeth Finke
Number of Children 4

College Concordia, River Forest (1983)
Seminary Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (1987)
Member of Synod Congregations 56
Rostered Member of Synod 31
Year of Ordination 1987

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
St. Paul and Trinity Lutheran Churches, Boone and Dayton, IA	1987–1991
Peace Lutheran Church, Sussex, WI	1991–present

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Board for National Mission	2016–present

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Chairman, Worship Committee, Iowa District West	1987–1991
Constitution Committee, South Wisconsin District	1992–1994

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Lutheran Service Book Agenda Committee, Commission on Worship	1998–2006
Adjunct Faculty (Catechesis for Deaconess Program), Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne	2012–2018
Office of International Mission Visiting Instructor in Catechesis in Ghana, Kenya, and Nigeria	2017–present

Personal Statement

Being a pastor is what I do best and what I love most. The catechism has shaped every aspect of my ministry. It is so simple, yet so profound. There is no question or challenge we might face in the church for which the catechism, with Luther's rich biblical explanations, does not provide the answers. Everything in the catechism orbits around Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I am humbled to be a pastor to others—teaching over the radio and lecturing overseas. Yet I have always rejoiced to return home to the flock to which our Lord has called me.



NameByrene K. (Keith) Haney
Address..... 107 Drew Court NE
 Poplar Grove, IL 61065
Birth DateJanuary 24, 1965
BirthplaceBaton Rouge, LA
Wife's Maiden Name.....Bickel
Number of Children.....6

College..... Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA (1987)
Seminary..... Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Member of Synod Congregations..... 48
Rostered Member of Synod 26
Year of Ordination1993

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
Berea Lutheran Church, Detroit	1993-1996
Missionary At-Large Serving in the L.U.T.H.E.R. Plan, St. Louis	1996-1999
Gospel Lutheran Church, Milwaukee	1999-2007

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Mission Facilitator Northern Illinois District		2007-present

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Urban Liaison to Michigan District Youth Board	1994-1996
Chairman, Board of Evangelism, South Wisconsin District ...	2005-2007
Circuit Counselor (South Wisconsin District)	2005-2007

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
President of N.A.M.E. (North American Mission Endeavor)...	2013-2015
Board of Directors, SM Inc. (International Student Ministries)	2013-present
Speaker, National Youth Gathering; Published Author, Concordia Publishing House.....	2019

Personal Statement

The church is facing many challenges today in a post-Christian society. We cannot meet those demands by turning into a compromising church. What the world needs are strong confessional churches founded on the truth of God's Word. We need a Synod ready to stand on the strength of the Rock, Jesus Christ, and point people to the only source of light in a dark world, Jesus. Yet love must also characterize the church. We must be loving in all we do. It must be the atmosphere we breathe, the context in which we work, and the way we interact with one another. If called by our Lord through His people to serve, I will wrestle with this balance daily.



NameRandolph H. Raasch
Address..... W71 N706 Harrison Avenue
 Cedarburg, WI 53012
Birth DateMay 16, 1956
BirthplaceMilwaukee, WI
Wife's Maiden Name.....Streit
Number of Children.....2

College..... Concordia University, Ann Arbor (1978)
Seminary..... Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1982)
Member of Synod Congregations..... 62
Rostered Member of Synod 37
Year of Ordination1982

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
Pinnacle Lutheran Church, Henrietta, NY.....	1982-1989
First Immanuel Lutheran Church, Cedarburg, WI	1989-present

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Circuit Visitor	1998-2001

Other District Offices

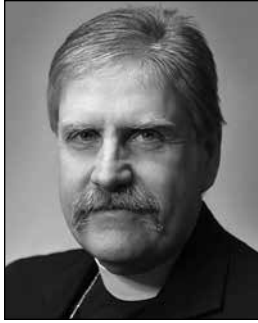
<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
First Vice-President, South Wisconsin District	2001-2007
Chair, Board of Directors, South Wisconsin District.....	2001-2007

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Adjunct Professor, Concordia University Wisconsin	1990-2016
Chaplain, Cedarburg (WI) Police Department	2001-present
Vice-President, Lutheran Home Foundation, Milwaukee	2001-2010

Personal Statement

I give thanks to God that the LCMS has remained faithful to the Word and Confessions. Our theology is exactly what this 21st-century culture needs. I believe that our Synod needs to concentrate on the spiritual, emotional, and physical health of our pastors and church workers. We need to impact the urban areas of our nation, where we have seen significant decreases in our membership. It is apparent that our greatest tool is our LCMS educational system, which is reaching hearts and homes. We need to continue to multiply our schools, using them as a means to plant new churches.



Name Matthew W. Rueger
Address..... P.O. Box 545
Hubbard, IA 50122
Birth Date January 15, 1964
Birthplace Ripon, WI
Wife's Maiden Name..... Dana Vick
Number of Children..... 7

College..... Concordia University, Mequon (1985)
Seminary Concordia Theological Seminary (1990)
Other Degrees PhD, University of Durham, England (2004)
Member of Synod Congregations..... 50
Rostered Member of Synod 29
Year of Ordination 1990

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
Trinity Lutheran Church, Millersburg, IA	1990–1994
Calvary Lutheran Church, Deep River, IA	1990–1994
St. John Lutheran Church, Hubbard, IA	1994–present

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Doctrinal Review	1999–2003, 2016–present

Other District Offices

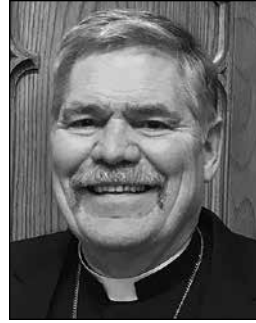
<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Secretary, Iowa District East	1997–2000
First Vice-President, Iowa District East.....	2002–2015
Second Vice-President, Iowa District East	2000–2002, 2015–present

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Vicarage Supervisor	2012–2016
Author of <i>Sexual Morality in a Christless World</i>	2016
Chairman, Board of Directors, Iowa East District.....	2012–present

Personal Statement

In an era of growing religious and moral confusion, our gracious Lord has given the LCMS tremendous opportunities to confess His Word of truth. Both in local communities and overseas, the souls of the lost need our clear confession of Christ as Savior and of His Word as relevant and reliable. Churches around the world look to the LCMS for doctrinal leadership and guidance. My desire as a regional vice-president would be to help our Synod, wherever possible, to bring Jesus to those in need and assist people in understanding and applying His saving Word to their lives.



Name John C. Wohlrabe Jr.
Address..... 3832 S. Lake Drive
St. Francis, WI 53235
Birth Date September 2, 1953
Birthplace Mankato, MN
Wife's Maiden Name..... Julie Ann Schulz
Number of Children..... 3

College..... Concordia College, Ann Arbor (1978)
Seminary Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1981)
Other Degrees STM, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1978); ThD, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Member of Synod Congregations..... 61
Rostered Member of Synod 37
Year of Ordination 1982

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Fort Lupton, CO	1982–1984
Concordia Lutheran Church, Geneseo, IL	2009–2012
Chaplain, US Navy	1987–2009

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Enlisted Sailor	US Navy	1973–1976
Assistant Director/Archivist	Concordia Historical Institute	1986–1987
Chaplain	US Navy	1987–2009

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Third Vice-President of the LCMS	2007–2010
Second Vice-President (Great Lakes Region) of the LCMS ...	2010–2016
Fourth Vice-President (Great Lakes Region) of the LCMS.....	2016–2019

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Guest Instructor, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis	1984–1986
Adjunct Professor, Concordia University Wisconsin	2013–present
Board of Governors, Concordia Historical Institute.....	2007–present
President, Board of Governors, Concordia Historical Institute	2015–present
Editor, <i>Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly</i>	2012–present

Personal Statement

It has been an honor and privilege to serve our Lord and His Church as a member of the LCMS Praesidium since 2007, and, if it is God's will, I will gladly continue to serve. By God's grace, we are called to faith in Christ our Savior. In gratitude for God's love in Christ, we seek to be faithful to His Word, which includes upholding the truthful teaching of Scripture and reaching out to a fallen world with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. I fully support our Synod in upholding doctrinal integrity and mission outreach.

Also nominated for First Vice-President

d. Nominations and Candidates for Great Plains Region Regional Vice-President*

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (Great Plains Region) (3-year term)

Nabil S. Nour.....	272
Dean W. Nadasdy.....	60
William G. Utech.....	51
Clint K. Poppe.....	20
Paul J Cain Jr.....	9

4 votes:

Gene D. Bauman; Arie D. Bertsch; Donald J. (Don) Fondow;
Joshua D. Reimche

3 votes:

Terry R. Forke; Brent W. Kuhlman

2 votes:

Brady L. Finnern; Ronald M. Garwood; David P. Kuhfal; Steven D.
Turner

1 vote:

Jordon M. Andreasen; Robert E. Behling; Anthony T. Bertram;
Brad E. Birtell; Daniel G. Bremer; James H. DeLoach; Chadric A.
Dietrich; Eugene V. Gierke; Zelwyn C. Heide; John E. Hill; Bradley
W. Ketcham; Michael L. Kumm; Richard H. Neugebauer; Craig K.
Niemeier; Max A. Phillips; Scott T. Porath; Thomas S. Schlund;
Richard L. Snow; Russell L. Sommerfeld; Mark S. Tewes; Karl A.
Weber; Donald H. Winterrowd; John C. Wohlrabe Jr.; Mark P.
Zehnder

The following five ordained ministers, listed in alphabetical order, have consented to serve if elected:

Paul J Cain Jr.
Dean W. Nadasdy
Nabil S. Nour
Clint K. Poppe
William G. Utech

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—ORDAINED

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (Great Plains Region) (3-year term)



Name Paul J Cain Jr.
Address..... 910 Idaho Avenue
Sheridan, WY 82801
Birth Date November 7, 1973
Birthplace Burwell, NE
Wife's Maiden Name... Ann Nordhausen

College..... University of Nebraska, Lincoln (1996)

Seminary..... Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (2000)

Member of Synod Congregations..... 45

Rostered Member of Synod 18

Year of Ordination 2000

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Green River, WY.....	2000–2005
Trinity Lutheran Church, Morrill, NE	2005–2009
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sheridan, WY	2009–present

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Headmaster	M. Luther Grammar School/Immanuel Academy	2009–present

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Pastoral Delegate, Synod Conventions.....	2004, 2007, 2010, 2013
Presenter introducing <i>Lutheran Service Book</i> to each circuit of the Wyoming District	2006
Doctrinal Reviewer	2011–present
Circuit Visitor (Wyoming District)	2012–2015

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Wyoming District “Tell the Good News about Jesus” Convocation Committee.....	2001–2005; 2018–2019
LWML Rawlins Zone Pastoral Advisor	2003–2004
Evangelism Chairman, Wyoming District.....	2003–2004
Worship Chairman, Wyoming District	2004–2015
Education Executive/NLSA Commissioner, Wyoming District	2015–present
Secretary and Member, Board of Directors, Wyoming District	2018–present

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Announcer/DJ, KNLV Radio, Ord, NE.....	1990–1992
Summer Staff, NE State 4-H Camp	1992, 1993
Summer Intern for US Congressman in Washington, DC	1995
Contributor to Lutheran Hymnal Project.....	1999–2004
Inter-District Resource Committee on Mormonism.....	2001–2005
Speaker on Mormonism, Law and Gospel, Latin, Liturgy, Worship, Dialectic and Rhetoric, Great Books, and Classical Education	2002–present

Editor of Liturgy, Hymnody, and Pulpit Quarterly Book
Review 2004–present

Board Member and Secretary, Consortium for Classical
Lutheran Education 2010–present

Contributor to *Concordia Pulpit Resources* 2010–present

Author of *5 Things You Can Do to Make Your Congregation
a Caring Church* (CPH) 2013

Occasional Guest on KFUO Radio 2013–present

Liturgist, Institute on Liturgy, Preaching and Church Music 2014

Jail Ministry 2016–present

Personal Statement

The world needs what the Church believes, teaches, and confesses: Jesus Christ crucified and risen for the forgiveness of sins. Faithful doctrine and practice support robust mission and compassionate human care, joyfully confessing Christ in both word and deed. I love serving within my circuit, district, and Synod while remaining grounded in the parish, called by the Lord to serve His people at pulpit, font, and altar with His Word and Sacraments. The confession of the LCMS assists God's people at home, church, and school to remain steadfast against the influence and assaults of the devil and a hostile culture.



Name Dean Nadasdy

Address 9255 Pinehurst Road
Woodbury, MN 55125

Birth Date December 30, 1947

Birthplace Chicago, IL

Wife's Maiden Name Begick

Number of Children 3

College Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne (1969)

Seminary Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1973)

Other Degrees MA (Political Science), University of Missouri—
St. Louis (1973); DLitt, Concordia University Nebraska (1996) and
Concordia University, St. Paul (2018)

Member of Synod Congregations 71

Rostered Member of Synod 45

Year of Ordination 1973

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
Grace Lutheran Church, Eugene, OR (Associate & Senior).....	1973–1981
Cross View Lutheran Church (Sole & Senior).....	1981–1997
Woodbury Lutheran Church (Senior).....	2000–2012

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Professor	Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.....	1997–2000
District President (Minnesota South District).....		2012–2018

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Third Vice-President, LCMS.....	2004–2007
Fourth Vice-President, LCMS.....	2007–2010

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Board of Directors, Minnesota South District.....	1985–1991
First Vice-President, Minnesota South District.....	1991–1997

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Chair, LCMS Youth Gathering Mass Events/Worship Committee.....	1983–1992
Writer: Curriculum, Bible Studies, Drama, Creative Worship, Creative Preaching.....	1985–present
Speaker/Presenter, Pastors & Educators Conferences.....	1991–present

Personal Statement

Two great strengths stand out in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod: our strong and active confidence in the Scriptures as God's inspired Word, and our consistent commitment to fulfilling the Great Commission of Jesus Christ. These strengths poise us well to have a significant impact in extending the kingdom of God in our time. Needed are leaders who embody both of these strengths without politicizing them and without polarizing the Synod. The way forward for the LCMS will be to build on these two strengths in a growing spirit of mutual trust, respect, and love.



Name Nabil S. Nour

Address 516 E. 58th Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57108

Birth Date October 29, 1955

Birthplace Nazareth, Israel

Wife's Maiden Name Jean Miedema

Number of Children 3

College Huron College, Huron, SD (1979)

Seminary Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1994)

Other Degrees In the process of writing my dissertation for my
Doctor of Ministry degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Member of Synod Congregations 39

Rostered Member of Synod 22

Year of Ordination 1994

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Armour, SD.....	1994–2015
Trinity Lutheran Church, Hartford, SD.....	2015–present

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
House Painter	Self-Employed.....	1972–1982
House Painter	Moses Painting (foreman for my brother)	1982–1989

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Conflict Resolution Officer.....	2008–present
Great Plains Region Vice-President (LCMS 5th VP).....	2013–2016
Great Plains Region Vice-President (LCMS 3rd VP)	2016–2019

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Circuit Visitor	1998–2006
Second Vice-President, South Dakota District	2006–2012
First Vice-President, South Dakota District.....	2012–2013

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
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Frequent preacher at many events..... 1994–present
 Guest teacher/lecturer at districts/congregations..... 1994–present
 Ministry of taking tours to the Holy Land..... 1994–present

Personal Statement

I have been privileged to serve in this capacity for the past six years. I give thanks to the Lord, who has placed me in this position to be an assistant to the President in any way that he deems necessary. If elected, I will continue to honor the Lord of the Church, Jesus Christ, and serve the Great Plains Region in the best possible way I know how—with love, devotion, and dedication for the Word of God and our Confession. My vision would be to continue to build on what has been established—building up the saints by encouraging, exhorting, and empowering them to be men and women with a heart for the lost and making Jesus known to all.

Also nominated for First Vice-President



Name Clint K. Poppe
Address 705 Glenarbor Circle
 Lincoln, NE 68512
Birth Date August 7, 1958
Birthplace West Point, NE
Wife's Maiden Name Pagels
Number of Children 3

College University of South Dakota; Concordia, Mequon; Concordia, Seward; Dana College, Blair, NE; Northeast Community College, Norfolk, NE

Seminary Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1998)

Member of Synod Congregations 60

Rostered Member of Synod 31

Year of Ordination 1998

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
St. Paul Lutheran Church, West Point, NE (Lay Minister).....	1986–1994
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lincoln, NE	1997–present

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Route Sales		
Gillette Dairy.....		1978–1980
District Representative		
Aid Association for Lutherans		1982–1986

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
“Tell the Good News about Jesus,” Nebraska District Coordinator	1998–2001
District Nominations Committee	2000–2003
First Vice-President, Nebraska District.....	2003–2009

Personal Statement

It is a great honor to be nominated for service in the church. I seek no office or title; the church already has too many professional politicians. I take Jesus at His Word. We need no gimmicks to grow and sustain the Church, only God's Word in its truth and purity. Christ crucified and risen for poor, miserable sinners like you and me is the life-giving and life-changing Gospel. Christ is really present in Word and Sacrament to nurture and extend His kingdom. Faithful walking together under God's Word and the Lutheran Confessions will unite us for daily battle against the devil,

the world, and our sinful flesh. God promises that the Word of the Lord will endure forever. No denomination has that promise, including the LCMS. As we cling to the Word Incarnate, Jesus; the written Word, the Bible; and the visible Word, the Sacraments, that promise is ours.

Also nominated for First Vice-President



Name William G. Utech
Address 3678 120th Court W.
 Faribault, MN 55021
Birth Date January 24, 1959
Birthplace Merrill, WI
Wife's Maiden Name Lori Luckwaldt
Number of Children 2

College Concordia University, St. Paul (1981)

Seminary Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1985)

Other Degrees STM, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1988); DMin, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (2006)

Member of Synod Congregations 60

Rostered Member of Synod 32

Year of Ordination 1987

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
Holy Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Bloomington, MN	1987–1996
Vacancy Pastor, Christ in the City Lutheran Church of St. Louis	2005–2008

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Associate Professor		
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.....		1996–2013
Mission Executive		
Minnesota South District		2013–2019

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Member, Commission on Worship.....	2007–2010

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Member, Board of Trustees, Lutheran Haven Retirement Center, Oviedo, FL (SELC District)	1989–2013
Secretary, Board of Trustees, Lutheran Haven Retirement Center, Oviedo, FL (SELC District)	2003–2013

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Member, Board of Directors, Grace Place Wellness Ministries, St. Louis.....	2007–2013
Member, Executive Committee, North American Mission Endeavor (NAME)	2017–2019

Personal Statement

The mission statement of the LCMS district I serve as Mission Executive is this: “Cultivating Leaders Intentionally Engaged in the Mission of God.” It is an undertaking I am fully committed to and a task that I firmly believe should be pursued throughout our Synod at every level. The United States is the third-largest mission field in the world. As a vice-president of the Synod, I would encourage and work with our pastors, lay leaders, and congregations to more effectively engage their mission fields with the truth of the Gospel and the love of Christ.

e. Nominations and Candidates for West-Southwest Region Regional Vice-President*

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (West-Southwest Region) (3-year term)

Larry A. Stoterau	134
Robert D. Newton	129
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Timothy D. Runtsch	109
Kenneth M. (Ken) Hennings	89
Daniel W. (Dan) Schepmann	80
Alfonso O. Espinosa	12
Timothy M. Klinkenberg	9
Robert A. Dargatz	4

3 votes:

Vincent R. Harman; Paul A. Linnemann

2 votes:

Eric T. Lange

1 vote:

Allen D. Anderson; David L. Bahn; Jason J. Bredeson; William M. Carney; Richard S. Cody; Jonathan M. Dinger; Michael A. L. Eckelkamp; David A. Fischer; Robert L. Goodwin; Karl P. Heimer; Christopher J. Hull; David S. Jung; Mark A. Kliever; Anthony D. Masinelli; Jared K. Melius; Michael W. Newman; Timothy J. Pauls; Todd A. Peperkorn; Jacob (Jack) A. O. Preus III; Elroi Reimnitz; Jeffery (Jeff) T. Schrank; Dale G. Skurla; William H. Tucker; Stephen A. Wagner; C. Bryan Wolfmueller

The following five ordained ministers, listed in alphabetical order, have consented to serve if elected:

Kenneth M. (Ken) Hennings
 Scott R. Murray
 Robert D. Newton
 Timothy D. Runtsch
 Larry A. Stoterau

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—ORDAINED

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (West-Southwest Region) (3-year term)



Name Kenneth Hennings
Address 320 Eagle Ridge
 Burnet, TX 78611
Birth Date June 22, 1947
Birthplace Fort Lauderdale, FL
Wife's Maiden Name Val Uetzmann
Number of Children 4

College St. John's Junior College and Fort Wayne Senior College (1967, 1969)

Seminary Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1973)

Member of Synod Congregations 71

Rostered Member of Synod 45

Year of Ordination 1973

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
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Trinity Lutheran Church, Uvalde, TX, and St. Paul Lutheran Church, La Pryor, TX.....	1973–1978
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St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fort Worth, TX.....	1978–1991
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Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
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Executive Director of Missions, Texas District	1991–2006
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District President, Texas District	2006–2018
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Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
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Chairman of LCMS Council of Presidents.....	2015–2018
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Personal Statement

Jesus Christ has redeemed me and has blessed me with 45 years of active service in our church. I love the message of the Gospel and desire our church to make its proclamation our number-one priority. Our nation and the world need to hear of Jesus' love and the new life He gives for living in a chaotic world. The Gospel redeems, enlivens, and gives lasting hope. If elected, I will uphold the Synod's Constitution and Bylaws by giving advice and support to the President, Council of Presidents, boards, and commissions in accomplishing the Synod's mission and goals.



Name Scott R. Murray
Address 2525 Nantucket Drive, Unit 10
 Houston, TX 77057
Birth Date May 24, 1958
Birthplace Kitchener, Ontario, Canada
Wife's Maiden Name Maryann Sovis
Number of Children 2

College Concordia College, Ann Arbor (1980)

Seminary Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (1983)

Other Degrees MA, Loyola University, New Orleans; PhD, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Member of Synod Congregations	60
Rostered Member of Synod	35
Year of Ordination	1983

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Coburg, Ontario	1983–1985
Salem Lutheran Church, Gretna, LA	1985–1996
Memorial Lutheran Church and School, Houston, TX	1996–present

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Vice-Chair, Commission on Theology & Church Relations	1997–2001
Board of Regents, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne	2010–present
Vice-President of Synod	2010–present

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Editorial Assistant, LOGIA Journal	1992–present
Board of Directors, Lutheran Education Association of Houston	2001–2007
Chairman, Luther Academy Board of Directors	2007–2015

Personal Statement

Our Lord Jesus builds His church with the Gospel and Sacraments. God is the one who creates, builds, and sanctifies His Holy Church. We serve Jesus by preaching the Word and administering these gifts to His bride (Ephesians 5). In that work I have been privileged to serve three congregations as a full-time parish pastor (1 Peter 5:2). It is an honor to work for the Synod as a vice-president representing the President domestically and internationally. I would be honored to continue serving with him as a regional vice-president. I would serve as God gives me strength, applying insights from parish ministry.

Also nominated for First Vice-President



Name Robert D. Newton
Address 4448 Windsor Park Drive
San Jose, CA 95136
Birth Date January 26, 1951
Birthplace Fort Worth, TX
Wife's Maiden Name Priscilla Allado
Number of Children 4

College	Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne (1973)
Seminary	Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (1977)
Other Degrees	ThM Studies, School of World Mission, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA (1983–1985); PhD, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL (1987–1993, degree awarded in 1993)
Member of Synod Congregations	62
Rostered Member of Synod	41
Year of Ordination	1977

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
Evangelistic Missionary, Philippines (Pastor, Church Planter, Theological Educator)	1977–1983
First Immanuel Lutheran Church (Senior), San Jose, CA	1998–2003

Other Full-Time Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years</u>
Associate Professor	Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne	1985–1998

Other Synod Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Member, Standing Committee for Pastoral Education, Board for Higher Education	1992–1996
Member, DELTO (Distance Education Leading to Ordination) Oversight Committee	2003–2010
Board of Regents, Concordia University, Irvine	2003–2018

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
District President, California-Nevada-Hawaii District	2003–2018

Other Significant Service or Experience

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Years</u>
Adjunct Professor, Concordia University Wisconsin—Adult Completion Program, Fort Wayne, IN	1993–1996
Visiting Professor, Timothy Lutheran Seminary, Papua New Guinea (under the LCMS Board for Mission Services and Gutnius Lutheran Church)	1996–1997
Adjunct Professor, Oswald Hoffmann School of Christian Outreach, Concordia University, St. Paul	2003–2010

Personal Statement

Our United States has become a vast mission field comprising peoples of diverse cultures, languages, and faith traditions along with myriads of young people (our children and grandchildren) who have wandered away from their church homes. Our Lord sees their brokenness and desires to raise up faithful laborers for these fields white unto harvest. As an evangelistic missionary, seminary professor, parish pastor, and district president, I was committed to serving our Lord and His Church by equipping His people—men and women—to stand firm in the true faith, making their hearts' desire the seeking and saving of the lost. I would be honored to continue in that commitment by serving our Synod as a regional vice-president, encouraging her congregations and leaders to serve our Lord, His Church, and the world with compassion, humility, courageous faith, and great joy.



Name Timothy D. Runtsch
Address 7755 Greenstone Trail
Fort Collins, CO 80525
Birth Date July 15, 1963
Birthplace Austin, MN
Wife's Maiden Name Ann Dannehl
Number of Children 2

College	Concordia College, St. Paul (1986)
Seminary	Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1990)
Member of Synod Congregations	55
Rostered Member of Synod	29
Year of Ordination	1990

Pastorates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years</u>
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fort Collins, CO	1990–present

Other District Offices

<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
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Campus Ministry Committee, Rocky Mountain District 1994–2000
Evangelism Committee, Rocky Mountain District..... 1996–1998

Other Significant Service or Experience

Type of Service	Years
Planning Team, LCMS Youth Gathering.....	1992–2001
Board Member and Chairman, Lutheran Family Services of Colorado	1998–2007
Member and Secretary, Board of Directors, Lutheran World Relief	2014–present

Personal Statement

In our ever-changing world, it is important that we stay grounded upon the Word of God and the Lutheran Confessions, while at the same time remaining faithful to Christ’s calling to be His witnesses in the world and make disciples in His name. Armed with the Good News of salvation in Christ alone, our beloved Synod has the wonderful opportunity to support, encourage, and equip her congregations to vigorously make known the grace of God. It would be a joy to serve the people of the LCMS as, together, we are united under the cross of Jesus Christ. The best days of the LCMS are yet to come!

Type of Service	Years
Chandler, AZ, Rotary Club	1983–2000
Chairman, Mission 21st Task Force.....	2002–2005
Vice-Chairman, President’s Blue-Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance	2005–2010

Personal Statement

The congregations of the Synod are the front line for reaching people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As a district president these past 18 years, I have been honored to support and resource the congregations of the Pacific-Southwest District. As a regional vice-president, I would look forward to supporting the five districts of our region. These are exciting and challenging times for the church as we bring the healing power of Christ to hurting people. Our pastors and people need to be uplifted and strengthened through their own hurts so they can bring that healing message to others.



Name Larry Stoterau
Address..... 2230 E. Vista Canyon
Orange, CA 92867
Birth Date September 13, 1947
Birthplace Luverne, MN
Wife’s Maiden Name..... Wuertz
Number of Children.....2

College.....Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne (1969)
Seminary..... Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1973)
Other Degrees DMin, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA (2001)
Member of Synod Congregations..... 71
Rostered Member of Synod 45
Year of Ordination1973

Pastorates

Congregation	Years
Emmaus Lutheran Church, Alhambra, CA	1973–1983
Epiphany Lutheran Church, Chandler, AZ.....	1983–2000

Other Full-Time Positions

Position	Employer	Years
District President	Pacific-Southwest District	2000–2018

Other Synod Offices

Position	Years
Chairman, LCMS Council of Presidents.....	2009–2015
Council of Presidents Representative to the Concordia University System Board of Directors.....	2015–2018

Other District Offices

Position	Years
Pacific-Southwest District Social Ministry.....	1975–1980
Board of Directors, Pacific-Southwest District.....	1988–2000
First Vice-President, Pacific-Southwest District.....	1997–2000

Other Significant Service or Experience

IV. Report on Candidates for Secretary of the Synod

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (3-year term)

Duties: A full-time position, the Secretary is an officer of the Synod and serves as secretary of the LCMS Board of Directors and the Commission on Constitutional Matters (CCM); he supervises the maintenance of rosters, administers the dispute resolution and expulsion processes, edits *The Lutheran Annual*, and has extensive convention responsibilities (2016 *Handbook*, pp. 16, 37–52, 64–95, 100–104, 111–12, 135–36, 138–39, 169–76).

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 CCM 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.

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—ORDAINED

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (3-year term)



Jon M. Braunersreuther, Tomball, TX; Salem (TX); LCMS 55; Miss. and Min. Fac. **S:** Sr. Asst. to LCMS Pres. 9, LCMS Pres. Church Relations Cabinet 9, LCMS Liaison to Thrivent Fin. 6, Mtg. Fac. LCMS Pres. Ldrshp. Grp. 9, Mtg. Fac. Corp. Synod Execs. 9, LCMS Pres. Asst. COP Mtgs. 9, LCMS Blue Ribbon TF on Eccl. Supervision and Dispute Res. 3, LCMS Pres. Staff Liaison to LCMS Conv. Fl. Com. 3, LCMS BRTFSSG 3, Dist. Staff Adv. Rep. LCMS Conv. 2.

D: Asst. Secy. RM 2, Developing Ldrs. for Min. Fac. TX 8, Fl. Com. Mem. TX 1, Cir. Couns. 1, Developing Ldrs. for Min. TX Coord. 5, Miss. and Min. Fac. Area A TX 5, Mem. Church Planters Ldrshp. Fellowship 8, BOD (ex officio) LINC Min. 8, Steering Com. TX Prof. Church Worker Conf. 3, TX Pres. Staff Liaison to Dist. Conv. Fl. Com. 2. **C:** Pastor 7. **O:** BOD House of Neighborly Serv. 3, Rotary Club 3, BOD Luth. Com. Fnd. 9.

Jesus Christ and His Word are the guide for the life and mission of the Church. Accordingly, "The Synod and its component parts are designed to assist congregations and their members in conserving and promoting the unity of the faith and in carrying out their mission and ministry" (Bylaw 1.3.3). As Secretary of the Synod, I would draw upon my experience of 14 years of service at the district level and nine years of service to the national Synod to fulfill the duties of this office in conformity with God's Word and in alignment with the Synod's design.



John Wollenburg Sias+, St. Louis, MO; Good Shepherd, Arnold (MO); LCMS 41; Secretary of the Synod. **S:** Secy. of the Synod (entails service on BOD and COH and to COP) 3, Com. on Const. Matters 6, Vice-Chm. Com. for Conv. Noms. 3, Conv. Deleg. **D:** 2nd VP MT 2, CV 2, Secy. Admin. and Special Fl. Com. 1, Secy. Pastors Conf. 6. **C:** Pastor 7. **O:** Author for *The Lutheran Witness*, for Synod, and of *5 Things You Can Do to Witness Christ* (CPH),

KFUO Guest, Writer for *CPR* 9, Founding Dir. Tech. Adv. and Ed. Luth. Legacy Publishing, Ctr. for Reliable and High-Performance Computing Univ. of IL 9.

It's been a profound honor and humbling charge to serve the Synod's congregations as their Secretary, in an office devoted to good order and clear communication, and to holding before the Synod, its officers, and agencies the common commitments and aims adopted under our univocal, unequivocal, and joyful confession of God's Word and the Lutheran Confessions. Modernization and improvement of services are important and underway; greater and more rewarding is the endeavor, with and for the whole Synod, "to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace," in which we will reap if we do not give up.

V. Report on Candidates for the LCMS Board of Directors

Elect 1 minister of religion—commissioned (at-large), 1 layperson (Central Region), 1 layperson (West-Southwest Region), 1 layperson (at-large) (6-year term)

Duties: Meetings of two or more days at least four times a year. The board serves as the legal representative of the Synod, is custodian of the Synod's properties, and is responsible for the management and supervision of all business affairs of the Synod (2016 *Handbook*, pp. 16–17, 112–15).

Qualifications: The Board of Directors is responsible for the legal, property, and financial affairs of the Synod, as outlined in Bylaws 3.3.4.2–3.3.4.9. 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 by laypersons who are active in the parish with a record of service in the Synod is valuable as well. Must be available for quarterly meetings of two to four days each.

Restrictions: With the exception of the President and the Secretary of the Synod, no more than one voting member from any category (lay, ordained, commissioned) and no more than two voting members total may be elected from any one district (Bylaw 3.3.4.1). Regional board members must reside within the designated region (Bylaw 3.12.1 [b]).

a. At-Large Commissioned Candidates for the Board of Directors

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—COMMISSIONED

Elect 1 minister of religion—commissioned (6-year term)



Steven (Steve) Jeffrey Buuck, Las Vegas, NV; Faith Community (PSW); LCMS 56; CEO Faith Luth. MS and HS. **D:** BOR CUI 7, BOD PSW 3. **C:** Licensed Deacon 8.

My life's mission is to depopulate hell. Service on this board will provide ample opportunities to utilize time-tested and innovative ways to help accomplish our mission, and I would be humbled to be a part of that ongoing process. The LCMS is in the perfect position to bring the saving

news of Jesus through our churches, schools, and recognized service organizations. In a culture increasingly hostile to Christianity, we must be relentless in our pursuit of the Great Commission while never wavering from the truth found in God's Word.



Susan Kay Hewitt, St. Paul, MN; The Alley (MNS); LCMS 33; Exec. Dir. UpWorks. **S:** UpWorks (RSO of LCMS), LINC—Twin Cities (RSO), Collab. with ONM in Kenya and Ethiopia, LCMS Housing Corp. **D:** Urban Miss. Coord. MO 4, Worked in Partnership with MNS and Christian Min. in Urban Twin Cities. **C:** Miss. Dir. St. John Ellisville (MO) 6, Ldrshp. Team Planting WHEREhouse in St. Paul (MNS), Multiple Cong. Roles. **O:** Fac. Church/School

Partnerships through UpWorks.

God has blessed each individual with unique gifts and talents to use for His kingdom work and for the blessing of others. My daily goal is to trust and serve God wherever and however He directs me.

b. Central Region Lay Candidates for the Board of Directors

LAYPERSONS

Elect 1 layperson (Central Region) (6-year term)



Charles (Chuck) H. Anderson, Loudon, TN; Christ Our Savior (MDS); LCMS 70; Ret. **S:** Conv. Deleg (Adv. and Lay). **D:** FG Youth Com., FG Admin. Conf., FG BOD, Conv. Deleg. **C:** Pres., Elder, and Com. Work (Stewp., Youth, Christian Ed., School Ed., Long-Range Plng.) **O:** Luth. School Tchr., Prin.; Indep. Bus. Owner; Fin. Rep. with Thrivent; Com. Athletic Prog.; Community Ethics Com.

My Baptism, when my faith was planted, has been nurtured through Christian education. I graduated from Concordia High School in Milwaukee and Concordia River Forest and have served as a Lutheran teacher, principal, youth director, congregational leader, district leader, business owner, and Thrivent representative. A well-rounded education, along with professional and life experiences, provide my qualifications. I have no agenda or preconceived idea of a role on the Board. I am motivated by the Gospel at a time when it often seems the church is losing the battle against the world. With gratitude for the Synod, commitment to its mission, and humble appreciation for the nomination, I agree to serve.



Andrew Norman Grams, Franklin, TN; Redeemer, Nashville (MDS); LCMS 44; Atty.—Special Couns. **D:** MDS Const. Com. 12, Mem. Miss. Action Coun. Nashville North-South Cir. 12, Vice-Chm. 4. **C:** Renovation Com. Chm. 2, VP 2, Secy 2, Elder 3, Adult Bible Study Ldr. 5, Dir. of Ed. 2, Youth Worker 1. **O:** Pro Bono Legal Services, Mem. Luth. Legal League 3, Mem. TN Bar Assoc. 10, Lecturer TN Bar CLE Prog., Lecturer Nat'l. Bus. Inst. CLE Prog., Bd.

Mem. Eagles Nest Academy 2.

In all times and places, we are to be ready to give an answer for the hope that is in us. The LCMS stands on the truth of the Word of God, truth that is proclaimed in our churches and is needed in the public discourse. I have been humbled and privileged to serve in various capacities as a board member and elder over the years in my local congregation, in circuit missions, and on the constitution committee of our district. I would be honored to serve on the LCMS Board of Directors to further the work of the Synod.

c. West-Southwest Region Lay Candidates for the Board of Directors

LAYPERSONS

Elect 1 layperson (West-Southwest Region) (6-year term)



James Delano Runzheimer, Arlington, TX; Grace (TX); LCMS 73; Atty. and CPA. **S:** Conv. Deleg. (2013, 2019). **D:** Deleg. TX Dist. Conv. (2012, 2018). **C:** BOD 5, SS Tchr. 36, HS Youth Couns. (several years in 1980s), Vol. TX Arlington Luth. Student Ctr., Chm. Music Com., Legal Couns. 30. **O:** Lecturer in Bus. Law Univ. of TX—Arlington, Instructor Prof. Ed. Classes, Employed by Coopers & Lybrand 2, US Army (Capt.) 4, Assoc. with US Small Bus.

Admin. as Lecturer and Cons. 35, Arlington Great Southwest Rotary 35, Mem. North Central TX Interlink 25.

Commentators say we are in a post-Christian world. Some say the LCMS is in decline. Should we be discouraged? No! Luke summarizes the history of the Early Church in Acts three times with the compelling statement: "The word of the Lord grew." Hebrews 4:12 says that God's Word is living, active, and transforms people. Christ has blessed us with the heritage of sound doctrine, superlative educational institutions, and laypeople, pastors, and teachers with talent and experience serving our congregations. We have a heritage of music and worship that glorifies Christ. Like Samuel, I say, "Here I am."



Jesse Lewis Yow, Livermore, CA; Our Savior (CNH); LCMS 41; Ret. Dept. Head Lawrence Livermore Nat'l Lab. **S:** Fl. Com. (2007, 2010), CTCR 9, Chm. of CTCR Com. III, Contributing Author for Study Notes in *The Lutheran Study Bible*, Spkr. at LHM Regional Outreach Conf., Author of *Standing Firm: A Christian Response to Hostility and Persecution* (CPH). **D:** Cong. Rep. Cir. Forums, Lay Deleg. (CNH) to Synod Conv. (2007, 2010), Alt. Deleg. (2013, 2016). **C:**

Elders Chm., Cong. Chm., BOD, VP Chm. Pastoral Call Com., Chm. Prin. Call Com., Bible Class Tchr. **O:** BOD Luth. Care for the Aging, BOD Friends of Shanta Bhawan (Medical Miss. in Kathmandu).

Our Synod faces challenges, but God gives opportunities. Society changes rapidly and resources seem limited, yet God brings the mission field to our doorstep. Regardless, we all need the unchanging truth of God's Word, both Law and Gospel. LCMS congregations, schools, church plants, and missions are on the front lines for these challenges and opportunities; the Board of Directors serves as stewards supporting these ministries. It has been an honor to serve on the CTCR and write for the church. If elected, I will be honored to employ my God-given experience, gifts, and skills on the Board of Directors.

d. At-Large Lay Candidates for the Board of Directors

LAYPERSONS

Elect 1 layperson (6-year term)



Christian A. Preus, Plymouth, MN; Glory of Christ (MNS); LCMS 58; Atty.—Shareholder. **S:** LCMS BOD 2013–Present and 1995–2007, BOR CSP (Chm. and Secy.), BOR CUAA, Conv. Deleg. 5 Times. **D:** Conv. Deleg. (Twice), Dist. Nom. Com. (Twice). **C:** Pres./Chm. 5, Elders 4, Church Coun. 10-Plus, Trustees, Youth Bd., Fnd. Com., Const. Com. **O:** Law Clerk to Chief Justice of ND Supreme Court, City of Plymouth Charter Com. 15-Plus (4 as Chm.), City of Plymouth City Coun. (Deputy Mayor), City of Plymouth Plng. Com.

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, societal developments and other challenges. And we must face these issues openly, directly, and as disciples of Christ. Our hostile 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. We can do so with the help of the Holy Spirit, who will use us to bring the saving message of Jesus Christ to all people.



Linda Stoterau, Orange, CA; St. John's (PSW); LCMS 71; Ret. Ed./Admin. **S:** BNM 6 (3 as Secy), Secy. Com. on Worship 3. **D:** Dist. Rep. for Synod Nom. Com., Dist. Conv. Worship Com. 3. **C:** Substitute Organist 18, Coord. of Worship and Music/Organist/Choir Dir. 32. **O:** Secy. Vista Royale Homeowners Assoc. 3, BOD (Vice-Chm.) LIRS 4, Induction Adv. Bd. Orange Unified School Dist. 5.

It has been my joy and privilege to serve the LCMS in several capacities and at various levels. In each situation, I have brought both my love for and faith in our Savior, Jesus Christ, as well as my lifelong service to the LCMS with enthusiasm, compassion, and positivity. I seek solutions and decisions that are God pleasing yet pragmatic; I prefer consensus to ballots; I strive for honesty and forthrightness in working together with others. I am honored to be nominated for this position and will serve humbly with the gifts God has given me.

VI. Report on Candidates for the Board for National Mission

Elect 1 ordained or commissioned minister (Central Region), 1 ordained or commissioned minister (Great Lakes Region), 1 ordained or commissioned minister (West-Southwest Region), 1 layperson (East-Southeast Region), 1 layperson (Great Plains Region) (6-year term)

Duties: Two-day meetings three times a year in St. Louis. The board is charged with developing and determining policies for the coordination of and in support of district ministries which support congregations and schools, assisting in identification of specific goals for the Office of National Mission (ONM) and exercising oversight of the ONM's implementation of the board's policies. In its work, the board embraces and applies the mission and ministry emphases adopted by the Synod national convention. It serves as the calling agency for institutional and agency chaplains and other non-foreign specialized ministers after consultation with the appropriate district president (2016 *Handbook*, pp. 23, 131–133).

Qualifications: Nominees for election to the Board for National Mission should possess familiarity with and express strong leadership and support for LCMS mission and ministry activities, particularly in contexts within the United States. Experience and expertise in one or more of the following areas is especially desirable: ministry and theology; extended church work on or interaction with one or more domestic mission fields or focused ministry areas; prior service on national or district boards of the Synod; policy writing; administration of complex organizations; business, law, finance, human resources; donor relations; witness and outreach; human care; education; stewardship. Board members are expected to work collaboratively under individual and committee assignments, actively speak and listen to one another in board and staff interactions, faithfully review and evaluate board-related working materials offered by other board members and Synod staff, provide constructive comments, honor confidentiality, and maintain a spirit of mutual encouragement.

Restrictions: Regional board members must reside within the designated region (Bylaw 3.12.1 [b]).

a. Central Region Ordained/Commissioned Candidates for the Board for National Mission

ORDAINED OR COMMISSIONED MINISTERS

Elect 1 ordained or commissioned minister (Central Region) (6-year term)



Robert Albert Leiste, Lawrence, KS; Redeemer (KS); LCMS 63; Pastor. **D:** Cir. Youth Adv., Cir. Couns. (2 terms), LWML Adv., SD LFL East Adv. 3. **C:** Pastoral Support to Haskelight Outreach. **O:** Factory Worker, Printer and Farmer.

I am interested in serving on this board because of an expanded view of the mission of the church. Working with a local Native American ministry, I see the need for outreach to growing ethnic populations. A second reason deals with the Narcotics Anonymous groups meeting at my congregation. They, too, need to hear the message of Jesus, and we as a Synod need to help provide leadership on how we are able to do that. In this way, the mission of the church may be nurtured and encouraged.



Martha Jane Milas+, Champaign, IL; University (CI); LCMS 67; Ret. Luth. Tchr. **S:** BNM 9, Conv. Fl. Com. (2007, 2013, 2016). **D:** Worship Com., Nom. Com. (2006, 2012, 2018), Luth. Music Enrichment. **C:** Choir Dir. 40-Plus. **O:** Singing with Com. Grps. 40-Plus.

The Office of National Mission (ONM) works to support programs and resources available to districts, congregations, schools, and other Lutheran organizations. It has been my pleasure to be a part of the ONM for the past nine years. I am humbled by the tremendous work of our ONM. The men and women who serve our church in this way are truly a blessing. May our Lord continue to bless and keep all who serve.

b. Great Lakes Region Ordained/ Commissioned Candidates for the Board for National Mission

ORDAINED OR COMMISSIONED MINISTERS

Elect 1 ordained or commissioned minister (Great Lakes Region) (6-year term)



Peter C. Bender+, Colgate, WI; Peace, Sussex (SW); LCMS 57; Pastor. **S:** Com. on Worship *LSB Agenda* Com. 8, BNM 3, OIM Sem. Lecturer in Catechesis in Nigeria, Ghana, and Kenya 2. **D:** Chm. Worship Com IW 3, Const. Com. SW 2. **C:** St. Paul and Trinity Luth., Boone and Dayton (IW), Peace, Sussex (SW) 18. **O:** CTSFW Adjunct Faculty 7, CUW Adjunct Faculty 1, Dir. of Conc. Catechetical Academy 15, Regular Guest on *Issues, Etc.*

At the heart of the church's mission is the work of preaching repentance and the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name (Luke 24). Reaching the lost, making disciples, and equipping the faithful to live out their faith in Christ within their vocation happens in no other way than through the rigorous teaching of God's Word that centers in Jesus, who gave His life for the salvation of the world. I remain deeply concerned that our church workers receive faithful pastoral care. We cannot give the renewing strength of the Gospel to others unless we first receive it for ourselves.



James Michael Hill, Mount Clemens, MI; Christ Our Savior, Livonia (MI); LCMS 56; Assoc. Pastor. **C:** Elder Bethany Luth. (NI) 2, Men's Min. Ldr. Trinity, Clinton Township (MI) 7, Chm. Bd. of Stewp., Chm. Bd. of Trustees, Mem. of Exec. Bd. **O:** Ret. Army Officer 20, Prog. Mgr. General Dynamics 13.

Fueled by my experiences in inner-city Detroit ministry, I am convinced that this brokenness can only be healed by application of Reformation theology. As our congregations have closed or moved out, what is left behind is generations of people who need no convincing of their brokenness. Nor do they need be told they cannot fix themselves. That truth is the basis for their despair. What they need to hear is Law and Gospel and what Christ has already done on the cross. It's time for us to take Christ's message of redemption back into our modern-day "Samaria."



Glenn Fluegge, Lake Forest, CA; Abiding Savior (PSW); LCMS 35; Assoc. Professor of Theol./Dir. of Cross-Cultural Min. Ctr. **S:** LCMS Int'l. Miss. 14 (11 as Dir. of French-Speaking Luth. Sem. in Togo and 3 as Lecturer at Luth. Theol. Sem. in Pretoria, South Africa), Dir. of Cross-Cultural Min. Ctr. at CUI 7, BOD Luth. Hispanic Miss. Inst. in El Paso, NM. **D:** BOD Crean Luth. HS, BOD of The Ctr. for US Miss. **C:** Bible Study Ldr. **O:** Tchr. of Miss. Theol. and Miss. (Nat'l. and Int'l.), Mentor to Vicars, Ldr. of Team of Students to Africa (2018) for a Course in Miss. Training/Prep.

I believe that God has called us to this place (the US) for this moment (2019), and we have reason to rejoice because of it! This mission on our part is futile unless it is firmly grounded in God's redemptive mission centered on the cross of Christ to save the nations. That is the unchanging and unshakeable reason for our confidence, especially in light of a US context that has changed significantly. Our communities are unprecedentedly multicultural and increasingly unchurched. This is no reason for withdrawal; rather, it is a God-given opportunity and privilege as His people to engage with our surrounding communities in new and different ways to proclaim that unchanging message of forgiveness for Christ's sake.

c. West-Southwest Region Ordained/Commissioned Candidates for the Board for National Mission

ORDAINED OR COMMISSIONED MINISTERS

Elect 1 ordained or commissioned minister (West-Southwest Region) (6-year term)



Alfonso O. Espinosa+, Lake Forest, CA; St. Paul's, Irvine (PSW); LCMS 34; Sr. Pastor and Adjunct Prof. of Theol. CUI. **S:** Adv. Conv. Deleg. (1992), Conv. Deleg. (1995, 2004), BNM 2 (Elected Vice-Chm. in 2016). **D:** Adjunct Prof. of Theol. CUI 16 total, Ldr. and Presenter for Catechism Convoc. 7, Supervising Pastor for So. Calif. Campus Min. Initiative 6. **C:** St. Paul's Irvine 8, St. John's Covina (PSW) 5, St. Paul's Laguna Beach (PSW) 6, Living Word The Woodlands (TX) 8. **O:** Author/Writer for CPH since 2003.

I've been invigorated by serving the Board for National Mission for five years after being appointed and then elected. I currently serve as vice-chair and have taken the lead in advocating the priority of Marriage, Life, and Family. I led the formation of the seventh mission priority: "Strengthen and support the Lutheran family in living out God's design," approved at the 2016 convention. I authored the draft for a proposed overture for this convention on these same vital areas. My book released last summer by CPH, *Faith That Sees through the Culture*, demonstrates my deep concern on how Christians live in culture.

d. East-Southeast Region Lay Candidates for the Board for National Mission

LAYPERSONS

Elect 1 layperson (East-Southeast Region) (6-year term)



Janis McDaniels, Greensboro, NC; Ebenezer (SE); LCMS 45; Ret. **S:** BOD Luth. Deaf. Miss. Soc. 5, TF on Domestic Violence and Child Abuse 2, Nat'l. Advocacy Grp. for Miss. 5, BBMS 6, BOR CCA 5, LWML Carolinas Dist. Pres. 4, LWML VP of Gospel Outreach 4, LWML Heart to Heart Sisters Com. Chm. 2, Nat'l. Youth Gath. Com. Life Builder. **D:** SE BOD 3, Area Miss. Team 5, Coalition of Luth. in Black Min. 26, SE Youth Min. TF 2, AT BOD 5 Total. **C:** Bd. of Evan. 3, Bd. of Soc. Concern 5, Bd. Chm. Campus Min. **O:** Habitat for Humanity Lunch Min. 5, Greensboro Urban Min. Food Delivery.

The mission field in the United States is wide open. The Board for National Mission (BNM), through its policies, assists the LCMS in reaping the harvest of this field. Domestic mission opportunities are out there—neighborhoods, ethnic and immigrant communities, the blind and the deaf, etc. Having been involved with various mission-oriented programs, I have seen His Spirit bringing new groups to Him, strengthening the LCMS. I would like to work with the BNM to help continue these efforts.



Paul Techau, Catonsville, MD; Our Saviour, Baltimore (SE); LCMS 55; System Architect Northrop Grumman. **D:** Deleg. SE Conv. (2003, 2006, 2009), Elections Com. SE Conv. (2003). **C:** Pres. Our Saviour 2, Property Dir. 2, Elder 12 (7 as Chm.), Pres. 3, Trustee 5, Chm. Const. Com 2, Chm. Organ Com. 3 (Some of These Positions Served at Immanuel, Alexandria). **O:** Mem. Philadelphia Luth. Min. BOD 3, Columbia Pro Cantare 3, Johns Hopkins Choral Soc. 2, Northern VA Chorale 3.

A great challenge facing the church today is that of ministry in areas where, for lack of better terminology, there is a large “demographic decline.” This particularly includes rural and urban congregations, where there is increasingly a declining ability for congregations to afford pastors. Since moving to the Baltimore area and becoming members of a church in the city several years ago, my wife and I have been able to observe these issues firsthand. The challenge for the Synod is to find a way to enable the faithful to continue to receive the Means of Grace in these difficult circumstances.



Trent D. Demarest, Cheyenne, WY; Trinity (WY); LCMS 30; School Headmaster. **S:** Conv. Deleg.—Unable to Attend but Voted Remotely for Pres. (2013). **D:** Deleg. to SE Conv. (2012). **C:** Eight Years Teaching Experience in LCMS Schools in SE and WY.

I look forward to the opportunity to help facilitate the mission of the LCMS with ingenuity, faithfulness, and patience. By “ingenuity,” I wish to denote a fresh approach to the task of mission, keeping in mind that what is “fresh” is not always that which is new, *per se*, but that which is perennial. Faithfulness to the pure doctrine of the Lutheran Confessions and to the “law of love” is necessary in all things. Finally, patience must characterize any approach to mission: Christ’s ministers sow the seed, others water it, and God alone gives the increase, often in ways we do not expect.

e. Great Plains Region Lay Candidates for the Board for National Mission

LAYPERSONS

Elect 1 layperson (Great Plains Region) (6-year term)



Carla M. Claussen+, New Brighton, MN; Glory of Christ, Plymouth (MNS); LCMS 63; Office/Admin. Service Supervisor. **S:** BDCS 6, Nat’l. Youth Gath. Plng. Com./Bd. Rep. 12, BNM 9. **D:** MNS Noms. Com. 2. **C:** Church Musician 50-Plus, Admin. Secy. ULC Mpls. (Campus Min.) 11, Rostered Tchr. 2, LMWL Deleg. to MNN and Int’l. LWML Conv. 7, Substitute Tchr. 2, VBS and Release-Time Tchr. **O:** Work with Univ. Students, Faculty, and

Admin. with Emphasis on Advising, Student Degree Progress, Scholarship Processes, Etc.

Serving on the Board for National Mission since 2010; developing, determining, and monitoring policies for the Office of National Mission as it coordinates and makes resources available to districts, their congregations, and Lutheran schools; engaging in human care and mercy work; and reaching out with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ has been an honor and blessing. The LCMS’s faithfulness to Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions is foundational to these efforts in a society increasingly hostile to the truth of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. I would be humbled to continue serving in this manner.

VII. Report on Candidates for the Board for International Mission

Elect 1 ordained or commissioned minister (East-Southeast Region), 1 ordained or commissioned minister (Great Plains Region), 1 layperson (Central Region), 1 layperson (Great Lakes Region), 1 layperson (West-Southwest Region) (6-year term)

Duties: Two-day meetings three times a year in St. Louis. The board is charged with developing and determining policies in support of mission and ministry in foreign countries and assists in identifying specific goals for the Office of International Mission. In its work, the board embraces and applies the mission and ministry emphases adopted by the Synod national convention. It serves as the only sending agency through which workers and funds are sent to the foreign mission areas of the Synod, including the calling, appointing, assigning, withdrawing, and releasing of missionaries and other workers for ministries in foreign areas (2016 *Handbook*, pp. 133–35).

Qualifications: Nominees for election to the Board for International Mission should possess familiarity with and express strong leadership and support for LCMS mission and ministry activities, particularly in contexts outside the United States. Experience and expertise in one or more of the following areas is especially desirable: ministry and theology; extended church work on or interaction with one or more foreign mission fields; mercy work and human care; international relations; business, law, or finance; prior service on national or district boards of the Synod; policy writing; administration of complex organizations; education; stewardship and donor relations; human resources. Board members are expected to work collaboratively under individual and committee assignments, actively speak and listen to one another in board and staff interactions, faithfully review and evaluate board-related working materials offered by other board members and Synod staff, provide constructive comments, honor confidentiality, and maintain a spirit of mutual encouragement.

Restrictions: Regional board members must reside within the designated region (Bylaw 3.12.1 [b]).

a. East-Southeast Region Ordained/ Commissioned Candidates for the Board for International Mission

ORDAINED OR COMMISSIONED MINISTERS

Elect 1 ordained or commissioned minister (East-Southeast Region) (6-year term)



Dana Allen Brones, Jacksonville, FL; Bethlehem, Jacksonville Beach (FG); LCMS 65; Sr. Pastor. **S:** Vicarage in Guatemala 2, Career Miss. in Venezuela 9, Miss. Coord. Couns. 5, Int'l. Luth. Conf. in South Korea (1987) and China (1990). **D:** FG Judge of Elections, FG Dist. Bd. for Parish Ed. 2, FG CV 9, FG Chap. at Pres. Convoc., FG Com. for Nom. 2. **C:** Founded Fuente de Vida Luth. Church in Venezuela, Asst. Pastor EA 6, Current Sr. Pastorate 9,

Vicarage Supervisor 9. **O:** Dir. of Pastoral Care (Hospital) 6, CPE 4 Units, Pres. Hospital Credit Union 3, Pres. American Heart Assoc. Local Chap. 4, Hon. Police Dept. Chapl. 15.

I am honored to have been nominated to the Board for International Mission. Having traveled in 37 countries by the time I was 19, I developed a desire to seek and save the lost to the ends of the earth. The Lord called me to serve as an LCMS missionary in Guatemala during my vicarage (1980–82) and as a called career missionary to Venezuela (1983–92). By God's grace, the first young man I baptized and confirmed in Venezuela went on to become a pastor and, eventually, the president of the Lutheran Church of Venezuela. Since returning to the US, I have traveled to India (preaching 12 times in 10 days) and led eight mission trips to Guatemala. In February, I will be in South Africa with members of the congregation I am called to serve. The apostle Paul's ultimate goal was to preach Christ throughout the world (Rom. 15:20). His day-to-day plans would differ, but his strategy remained the same. I am committed to this mission. I am also committed to the common confession and mission of the LCMS and commit to work in support of our congregations so that the Gospel will be preached to the ends of the earth.



Jon Thomas Diefenthaler, Columbia, MD; Our Savior, Laurel (SE); LCMS 62; Ret. Pastor and Dist. Pres. **S:** BOR CCNY 3, Bd. of Univ. Ed. 4, CTCR 3, COP 9 (Vice-Chm. 3). **D:** Dist. Pres. 9, Dist. 1st VP 6. **C:** Sr. Pastor 6, Pastor 22. **O:** Church-Relations Adv., LWR 6, Adjunct Prof. CSL 6.

I have been committed to furthering God's mission in our world throughout the course of my ministry as a pastor, district president, and seminary professor. I have made mission trips to India, Tanzania, China, Peru, and the West Bank of Palestine, and in the process I have witnessed the work of missionaries and their families. As district president, I led a successful mission-funding campaign of which the Synod's International Mission department was a beneficiary. I am familiar with members of the current executive team and look forward to working with them on the board. I also believe that God has presented our Synod with a unique opportunity to share our wealth of theological expertise with partner churches around the world.



Roberto E. Rojas Jr., Gotha, FL; Zion, Winter Garden (FG); LCMS 31; Pastor. **S:** East-Southeast Region Pastoral Deleg. 3, BIM 3. **D:** Pastoral Deleg. (2016). **C:** Pastor at Zion, 5. **O:** Graduate Asst. for Pastoral Min. and Miss. (CTSFW).

I have served on the Board for International Mission since 2016 and desire to faithfully serve another term. As a multicultural (American, Chilean, Puerto Rican) and multilingual (English, Spanish, Portuguese) pastor, I desire that all people would hear the truth of God's Word, and that it would be preached faithfully to all nations without compromise. I have studied abroad in the Lutheran seminaries in Cambridge, England, and São Leopoldo, Brazil, and have learned that true unity in God's Church is found where the Word is rightly preached and the sacraments rightly administered.

b. Great Plains Region Ordained/ Commissioned Candidates for the Board for International Mission

ORDAINED OR COMMISSIONED MINISTERS

**Elect 1 ordained or commissioned minister (Great Plains Region)
(6-year term)**



John Lambert Mehl, Seward, NE; St. John (NEB); LCMS 59; Exec. Dir. of Miss. of Christ Network. **S:** LCMS Miss. and Regional Dir. 20. **C:** Parish Pastor 8. **O:** Founding Mem. and Pres. of the Lincoln County (NE) Hospice.

The LCMS, as a part of God's Church, exists to bear witness to the world that there is salvation only in Jesus Christ. We lack nothing needed to accomplish this work, because our

Lord promises He works through Word and Sacrament. The world needs what we have to offer in Jesus. This is not a time for fear or to hunker down and build defenses. Our God is almighty, and He sends us out to proclaim Christ, trusting in the Spirit to strengthen and expand His kingdom.



Bernhard M. Seter+, Grafton, ND; Zion English (ND); LCMS 65; Pastor. **S:** Chm. LCMS World Relief and Human Care, Chm. BIM. **D:** ND BOD, CV, ND LWML Couns., Div. of Evang. and Miss., LCEF Promotions Dir., LCMS Reconciler. **O:** Bd. of Advisors for a Hospice Org., BOD Unity Hospital, BOD Chm. for Luth. Soc. Serv. of ND Governor's TF Child Find Com.

As an incumbent, I believe the challenges of this board are the understanding of a common confession and mission working on behalf of and in support of congregations as they carry out their ministries, and the perspective of some that we want to take over congregations' ministries and homogenize and control things. This is a frustration when the Board's explanation of how we operate through "communication, coordination, consultation and collaboration" is called into question. Those are some of the challenges; the opportunity is to help the Gospel to "speed on and conquer."

c. Central Region Lay Candidates for the Board for International Mission

LAYPERSONS

Elect 1 layperson (Central Region) (6-year term)



Kristine S. Bruss+, Topeka, KS; St. John's Ev. (KS); LCMS 15; Communication Specialist. **S:** BIM 3. **D:** KS Communication Specialist (Webmaster, KS *The Lutheran Witness* Ed., Special Projects for Miss. and Stewd.) 2, LWML Presentation on Prayer, Church Worker Conf. Presentation on Rhetoric and Preaching. **C:** Digital Communication Team 5, Capital Campaign Communication Team Ldr. 4. **O:** Asst. Prof./Basic Course Dir. Univ. of KS 4,

Faculty Develop. Dir. Bethany Luth. Coll. 2, Faculty Mem. Bethany Luth. Coll. 9. Com. Experience in Strategic Plng., Assessment, Faculty Devel., Learner Outcomes.

"Pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored" (2 Thess. 3:1). As I think about the apostle Paul in the mission field, I think of our LCMS international personnel as they strive to spread the Word of God and maintain a faithful confession throughout Africa, Asia, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. The obstacles in their path are often daunting, and the Word isn't always honored as it should be. Yet, by the grace of God, good things are happening! I would be happy to continue serving in support of this work.



Cindy Rodewald, Concordia, MO; St. Paul (MO); LCMS 30; Dir. of Miss. Partner Care for Miss. of Christ Network. **S:** LCMS Miss. 6, Led Int'l. Youth Grp. to the Youth Gath. (2013) and Presented and Helped Organize the Int'l. Youth Grp. Trip in 2010. **D:** Spkr. at LWML MO Conv. **C:** Funeral Com., Bible Class Attendee. **O:** LBT Miss. 18, Dir. of Miss. Care, Vol. with Orphan Grain Train, Vol. at St. Paul Luth. HS.

I would be honored to serve in God's mission through the Board for International Mission. It is God who moves and works in our hearts. We respond as His people and participate in His mission. I feel my experience in international mission would help to support LCMS congregations to participate in mission that is Christ-focused and culturally sensitive. I value collaborating with others, asking hard questions, and being challenged myself. Working cross-culturally is not easy; yet, when our focus is reaching the lost through relationships and not only programs, then we witness in a manner that God uses to grow His kingdom.

d. Great Lakes Region Lay Candidates for the Board for International Mission

LAYPERSONS

Elect 1 layperson (Great Lakes Region) (6-year term)



Michael Ryan Hopkins, Aurora, IL; St. John, Wheaton (NI); LCMS 35; Police Officer. **C:** Governing Bd. 5, Elder 2.

The prophet Ezekiel wrote, "I will show my greatness and my holiness and make myself known in the eyes of many nations. Then they will know that I am the Lord" (38:23). I believe sharing Christ with the world is an important duty of the Church and essential to her evangelistic task. I look forward to facing the challenges of a secular, postmodern world—often hostile to Truth—through prayerful administration of those guidelines affecting the mission of the Synod, particularly in the development of policies related to ministry to our Armed Forces and the administration of our international schools.



K. Allan Voss+, Sheboygan, WI; Trinity (SW); LCMS 60; Lawyer. **S:** BDCS 9 (Vice-Chm. 3, Secy. 3), LCMS Fnd. Bd. of Trustees 5. **C:** Cong. Pres. (Multiple Terms), Elders Chm., Bd. of Christian Day School Chm. **O:** Dir. and Com. Chm. Bethesda Luth. Fnd. 5, Dir. and Secy. Bethesda Luth. Homes and Serv. 22, Dir. and Secy. of The Deland Fnd., Luth. HS Assoc. of the Greater Sheboygan Area (Bd. Mem. 6, Secy. 3).

The mission of the church is to proclaim the Gospel to the world and to make known the great works of God for the salvation of people everywhere. Our Synod has always considered international missions a top priority. I am honored to have served on the Board for International Mission (BIM) for the past five years and to have been a part of the calling and sending of many dedicated and faithful missionaries, chaplains, and international educators. It is humbling to be a part of that process, and I take the responsibility very seriously. This is an exciting time to be a confessional Lutheran, as Lutherans around the work are looking to the LCMS for fellowship and support. I would consider it a great privilege to continue serving our church through the work of the BIM.

e. West-Southwest Region Lay Candidates for the Board for International Mission

LAYPERSONS

Elect 1 layperson (West-Southwest Region) (6-year term)



Terence Lung+, Sunnyvale, CA; Our Savior, Cupertino (CNH); LCMS 24; Mechanical Engineer Northrop Grumman. **S:** BIM 3, Apple of His Eye Vol. **D:** CNH Nom. Com. 6. **C:** Chm. Bd. of Outreach and Fellowship 3 (Bd. Secy. 6). **O:** Wheels for the World Translator and Mechanic for Disability Serv. in Vietnam and China (various years), Work with Nanjing Amity Fnd. and Three-Self Church in China 6, Distinguished Toastmaster, Sponsor and Advisor

for Bilingual Mandarin-English Club, French Language Study at Univ. of Grenoble, Mandarin Language Study at Univ. of Tamkand, Taiwan.

My faith has roots that reach back to the 1930s and '40s LCMS missionary work in the Republic of China, and I treasure the fruits of solid teaching. I've been living, studying, visiting, and working in overseas locations, in both civilian and military contexts, in different places throughout my entire career as a mechanical engineer. I've been privileged to meet, visit, know, and support missionaries, chaplains, ILC partner church pastors, and Concordia International School workers. Their challenges have never been greater. If given the opportunity, I want to continue to serve them, their families, and their efforts as a member of the Board for International Mission.



David Andrew Yow, San Diego, CA; Grace (PSW); LCMS 40; PR. Professional. **C:** Champion Work of Int'l. Miss. through LCMS and Luth. Heritage Fnd., *Good News Magazine*, Etc. **O:** Provided Prof. Communication Assistance to Miss. in the Field, Provided Training for New LCMS Miss.

"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" (Rom. 10:15). Let's take care of the feet

of those people who bring the Gospel and bear mercy to the world. Sending missionaries is what we do. Supporting those who deliver the Good News in places around the globe should always be our priority. Our ensuring the support they need demonstrates the very definition of Synod: walking together. To those who accept the call to serve, let us give everything we can to help them succeed in the field and, by doing so, truly show the love of Christ.

VIII. Report on Candidates for the Commission on Theology and Church Relations

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (parish pastor), 1 layperson (6-year term)

Duties: Three-day meetings four times a year in St. Louis. The commission assists the President in his constitutional responsibilities, provides guidance to the Synod in matters of theology and church relations, and serves as a clearinghouse for materials relating to membership in societies, lodges, cults, or any organizations of an unchristian or anti-Christian character (2016 *Handbook*, pp. 140–44).

Qualifications: The Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) “exists to assist congregations in achieving the objectives of Article III 1 and 6 of the Constitution of the Synod and to assist the President of the Synod in matters of church relationships” (Bylaw 3.9.5). Article III 1 speaks of conserving and promoting “the unity of the true faith (Eph. 4:3–6; 1 Cor. 1:10)” and Article III 6 speaks of “providing a variety of resources and opportunities” to congregations “for recognizing, promoting, expressing, conserving, and defending their confessional unity in the true faith.” Nominees for election to the CTCR 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 have a Christ-centered concern for the pure teaching of the Gospel, the right administration of the sacraments, and God-pleasing relationships with all members of the Body of Christ. They also must be available for quarterly meetings of three days each.

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—ORDAINED (PARISH PASTORS)

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (parish pastor) (6-year term)



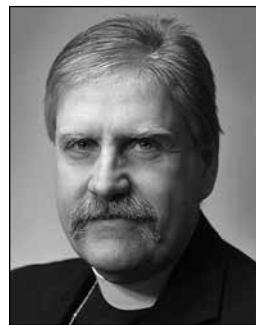
Jonathan A. Blanke, Lexington Park, MD; Trinity (SE); LCMS 30; Pastor. **S:** LCMS Miss. to Japan 25 (Instructor and Assoc. Prof. at Japan Luth. College and Japan Luth. Theol. Sem.; Oversaw Formation and Spiritual Care of Short-Term LCMS Miss. in the Field), Pastoral Deleg. (2016). **D:** SE CV 5. **C:** Pastor and Miss. to Okinawa Luth. Church 6. Pastor of Trinity Luth. Church (SE) 6. **O:** Adjunct Prof. in NT at Washington Theol. Sem. 2.

I have had the privilege of serving in a variety of settings with my focus on the Word of God as the authoritative source for life and ministry. Approaching the Scriptures as a scholar and teacher, with an earned doctorate from one of our seminaries, I draw on the Scriptures as a message of life to be proclaimed and shared. If chosen to serve, I would bring skills learned over the years and my love of God’s Word to work with others on the Commission in furthering the church’s mission and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Robert A. Dargatz, Orange, CA; Immanuel (PSW); LCMS 54; Sole Pastor. **S:** CTCR 10 Total, Com. on DR 2, Chm. R.I.M. Dialogue 2. **D:** CUI BOR 6, CV 2, Dist. Miss. Bd. 3. **C:** Evang. Bd. Chm. 3. **O:** Luth. HS of Orange County BOD 6, Pacific Luth. HS BOD 11.

If the Lord speaking through the convention delegates grants me the honor and privilege of reelection to the CTCR, I will have the opportunity to provide some continuity in the commission’s ongoing work, especially since many of those currently constituting the CTCR are completing their eligibility to serve. By God’s grace in Christ, I’ve been permitted to contribute to projects enthusiastically received by the church (e.g., the new edition of Luther’s Small Catechism). I’ll serve diligently and faithfully, using skills the Lord allowed me to develop first as a Concordia University, Irvine theology professor and later, for many years now, as a parish pastor.



Matthew W. Rueger, Hubbard, IA; St. John (IE); LCMS 50; Pastor. **S:** DR 7 Total, Vicarage Supervisor 5 Total, Fl. Com. Mem. (2013). **D:** 1st VP IE 13, 2nd VP IE 6, Chm. BOD IE 7, Chm. IE Office Com. 10, Reconciler 6, Secy. IE 3. **C:** Pastor since 1990. **O:** Vol. Ambulance Driver 5, Author of *Sexual Morality in a Christless World* (CPH, 2016).

The apostle John said, “Your word is truth” (John 17:17). As a member of the CTCR, I would understand my role as nothing more than applying the Word of Truth to the theological questions that come before the commission. The CTCR should not serve any political group or be influenced by personalities, but rather focus on the Word of God and its application. My life and calling as an active parish pastor revolve around applying God’s Word to the real-life situations of average people. Theology is never theory; it always impacts the souls of real individuals and congregations.

LAYPERSONS

Elect 1 layperson (6-year term)



Erich Heidenreich, Marshall, MI; Agnus Dei (EN); LCMS 54; Dentist. **D:** Involved in Planting and Maintaining an EN Miss. Cong. in Homer, MI, and Marshall, MI. **C:** Since 1991, Various Served as Pres., VP Elder, Chm. of Elders, Treas., and Chm. of Pastoral Call Com.; Organized Youth Retreats; Developed Church Websites. **O:** Founder of K–12 Classical Charter School (Marshall Academy) and Served as Bd. Pres. 8; Managed \$4.2 Million Budget, Hiring, Devel., Facility Design, Etc.; Adjunct Scholar Mackinac Ctr. for Pub. Policy.

I believe the Bible is the Word of God. God wrote the Bible through His prophets and apostles to teach us that we are saved by grace through faith in Christ. I have also been thankful to study our Lutheran Confessions, which teach the Bible so clearly. I cherish

the unity God gives us with His Word. It would be an honor and a pleasure to participate with others in the Commission's faithful work of providing guidance and leadership in the areas of theology and church relations.



Andrea R. Pitkus+, Buffalo Grove, IL; Church of the Apostles, Melrose Park (NI); LCMS 45; Proj. Mgr. Intelligent Med. Objects. **S:** Mem. CTCR 8, CTCR Com. 3, Vice-Chm. 4, TF 3-04 2, LCMS Conv. Fl. Com. (2013 and 2016), Higher Things Conf. 4, Conc. Miss. Inst. Presentation and Int'l. Dinner, ISM Nat'l. Dir. Retreat. **D:** Cir. Deleg. to Three LCMS Conv., Dist. Youth Deleg. **C:** Altar Guild 8, Univ. of MN LSF 7, Int'l. Student Min. Dir., Duke Luth. Campus Min. Bd. **O:** Lake County Med. Reserve Corps 11, Univ. of MN Med. Res. Corps 3, Dakota County Med. Res. Corps 2.

What we believe, teach, confess, and practice as LCMS Lutherans regarding Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions is foundational in living in today's world serving our neighbor. Fed by Word and Sacrament in our congregations and partner churches worldwide, we share Christ's love and mercy in our daily vocations. God willing, I'd be humbled to continue serving the CTCR and the LCMS from lay, medical, and technological perspectives, contributing to resources used within the church and world.



Glenn Weingarh, Villa Park, CA; St. John's, Orange (PSW); LCMS Lifelong; Owner/CEO Wingarth Grp. Exec. Search. **S:** Exec. Searches for CSL and LBT. **D:** Exec. Searches for CUI and Orange Luth. HS. **C:** Elder, School Bd., Catechism Instructor. **O:** Nat'l. Academic and Business Consulting Reputation.

I have a keen interest in theology as my avocation, plus a Master of Arts degree in Theological Studies.

I read theology for enjoyment. I've read through the entire Bible more than 25 times and love our Lutheran doctrines and Confessions. This Commission serves a vital role in guiding our Synod as we minister inside a culture that grows more secular every year. Providing pastors and congregations with theological guidance that is true to God's Word and our Confessions to help them reach the lost with the scriptural Gospel is why I would like to serve in this important position.

IX. Report on Candidates for the Concordia Historical Institute Board of Governors

Elect 2 ministers of religion—ordained, 1 commissioned minister or layperson (6-year term)

Duties: One-day meetings four times a year. The board serves as the Department of Archives and History of the Synod, collects and preserves articles of historical value, promotes interest in the history of Lutheranism, stimulates historical research, and promotes retention of historical documents throughout the Synod (2016 *Handbook*, pp. 120–22).

Qualifications: The Board of Governors of the Concordia Historical Institute sets policies and oversees the operations of the Institute, a separately incorporated organization that serves as the Department of Archives and History of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. It is responsible for developing long- and short-range plans, operating budgets and policies to enable the Institute to gather, preserve, and make available for use historical resources on the history of Lutheranism in America, especially of the LCMS. Board members should have an appreciation for and an interest in history. Experience and/or training in archives and library work and historical research is especially desirable. Also helpful are skills and interest in developing sources of financial support for the Institute and representing the Institute to the church. Must be available for quarterly meetings of one day each.

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—ORDAINED

Elect 2 ministers of religion—ordained (6-year term)



Rodney Alan Benkendorf, Uniontown, MO; Immanuel, Perryville (MO); LCMS 49; Devel. Assoc. Luth. Heritage Fnd. **D:** Plus One Coach 2, CV 3, LWML Zone Couns. 4. **C:** Part-Time Asst. Pastor (MO) 3, Sole Pastor (MO) 10. **O:** Instructor SMP Preaching 2.

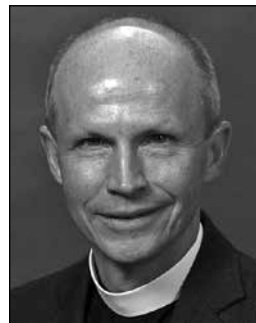
Having had the opportunity to reside and serve as pastor in Perry County, MO, I have come to appreciate more fully the importance of retaining

the past. Preserving the past is a wonderful tool to inform and direct the future. The challenge is to make others aware of this. Awareness of our Lutheran history as a tool is a priority. Then comes the task of encouraging and empowering others to make use of this tool. These are real and important priorities toward the goal of using our Lutheran heritage to move us forward.



David Wayne Palomaki, David City, NE; Redeemer and Immanuel (NEB); LCMS 57; Pastor. **S:** CUNE Adjunct Instructor in Theol. 12, CHI Archival and Research Asst. 4. **D:** NEB Archivist 37, CV 20 Total. **C:** Pastor at Redeemer and Immanuel (NEB) 32. **O:** ND Inst. for Regional Studies Archival Asst. 2.

From the Church's viewpoint, history is not solely a record of the deeds of prominent and influential people; it is the context in which the Lord carries out His mission. The Lord has endowed each congregation with a unique story filled with His grace and favor, and He weaves that story into a larger narrative that is our common life together as a Synod. As a parish pastor and district archivist, I strive to show how we can enhance our shared journey by preserving, recounting, and commending the story of the Lord's work among and through His people.



Robert Vernon Roethemeyer, Fort Wayne, IN; Redeemer (IN); LCMS 54; VP of Strategic Plng. and Miss. Execution (CTSFW). **S:** Assoc. Prof. of Pastoral Min. and Miss. (CTSFW) 13, Dir. of Library and Info. Serv. (CTSFW) 22. **C:** Archdeacon 20, Chm. Redeemer Luth. Church Endowment 19, Pastoral Asst. (MO) 5. **O:** American Theol. Library Assoc. Annual Conf. Com. 2, Midwest Collaborative for Library Serv. BOD 5 (2 as Chm.), Academic Libraries of IN BOD 5, Chicago Area Theol. Library Assoc. Pres. 3, Private Academic Library Network of IN BOD 22 (3 as Pres.).

The mission of a theological seminary library and the mission of a denominational archives are on parallel tracks. Both exist to serve research, teaching, and learning in the church by collecting, organizing, and making accessible the voices of the past and the present while planning for the voices of the future. Service on the board of Concordia Historical Institute is an opportunity to apply in new ways my training and experience as a theological librarian.



David Patrick Rowold, Cheshire, CT; Cheshire (NE); LCMS 19; Pastor. **S:** Cir. Couns./CV (NJ) 6. **D:** Mem. NJ Cong. Growth Coun. 6, NJ BOD 2. **C:** Pastor St. John's, Bloomfield, NJ 15; Pastor at Cheshire 2. **O:** CHI Filer in Library Stacks 4 Total.

CHI has an important role in our Synod, serving as both the archives that house our church's records and as the place where our history and heritage are brought to life. I'm blessed to have worked there as a seminary student and done PhD research there as a parish pastor. I served as New Jersey District archivist for a time, and now I support CHI as an active member and encourage others to support it also. As technology advances and society changes, CHI faces new challenges, but it also has new opportunities for serving the Lord, our Synod, and our congregations.

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS OR LAYPERSONS

Elect 1 commissioned minister or layperson (6-year term)



Kathleen (Kathy) Graumann,
Montgomery, TX; Salem, Tomball
(TX); LCMS 70; Ret. Ed. **S:** BOG CHI
7. **D:** Zone Pres. LWML 5. **C:**
Founder and Dir. of Salem Archives
and Historical Research 17, Author
of Two Books on Cong. History. **O:**
Lifelong Educator, Mem. Tomball
Centennial Com.

As a lifelong Lutheran pastor's
daughter and a pastor's wife, I carry
within my heart a responsibility to

encourage the faithful proclamation of the Word of God and the
story of God's powerful involvement in the affairs of humankind
from one generation to another as an enduring witness of Christ's
love to those who follow. I am the author of two award-winning
books from Concordia Historical Institute (CHI) on the history of
168-year-old Salem Lutheran Church of Rosehill in Tomball, TX,
and the founder and former director of the Salem Archives and
Historical Research Center. As a former member of the CHI board,
I realize the importance of preserving our church's history and have
personally experienced the joy of digging into our LCMS past and
making a contribution to its preservation. I delight in the opportu-
nity to once again serve on the board of CHI and contribute to pre-
serving, enhancing, and promoting the history of our church so that
future generations can appreciate the sacrifices made to preserve our
Christ-centered Synod into the future.

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David G. Millar+, St. Louis, MO;
Village, Ladue (MO); LCMS 74;
Lawyer and Firm Partner. **S:** BOG CHI
2. **C:** Cong. Pres. 6, Elders 12, Bd.
of Ed. 9, Bd. of Property 3, Call
Com. **O:** Lawyer for 51 Years, Vol.
Service as Ski Patroller 24.

I hope to continue serving in the
position of lay member of the CHI
Board of Governors. My interest in
CHI and its mission stems partly from
my education (BA History, Stanford)

and family background (my forebears were members of the Saxon
Emigration in 1838 who founded the Missouri Synod), but more
particularly because I believe that the preservation and dissem-
ination of historical information about the LCMS is especially
important now, when shifting cultural norms seek to displace the
confessional principles of our Synod.

X. Report on Candidates for the Concordia Publishing House Board of Directors

Elect 4 laypersons (6-year term)

Duties: One to two-day meetings, four times a year in St. Louis. The board conducts the business affairs of Concordia Publishing House (2016 *Handbook*, pp. 122–23).

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 are approximately \$35 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, human resources, or marketing would be helpful. Must exhibit openness to purchasing and using CPH materials and a commitment and willingness to influence others to use CPH materials. Must be available for quarterly meetings of up to two days each.

LAYPERSONS

Elect 4 laypersons (6-year term)



Heidi K. Abegg, Alexandria, VA; Immanuel (SE); LCMS 46; Atty. **S:** CPH BOD 11, COH 2. **C:** Mem. Bd. of Trustees, At-Large Mem. Church Coun., Advisor/Mem. Const. Com., SS Tchr. **O:** Author of "Worker Centers: Charities or Labor Organizations Masquerading as Charities?"; Co-Author of "The Developing Constitutional Standards for 'Coordinated Expenditures'" and *Lobbying and Political Expenditures*.

Having grown up with CPH books and curricula, I was privileged to have served previously on the CPH Board. In the years since I last served, challenges to the mission of CPH continue, including those facing the publishing industry in general and growing threats to religious liberty. If I am honored to be elected, I will use my past Board experience and my 20-plus years of representing nonprofit organizations to assist CPH in fulfilling its mission to publish products and services that faithfully proclaim the Gospel, while addressing the challenges of our day.



Kimberly Cornett, Wisner, NE; St. Paul (NEB); LCMS 25; Church Secy., Office Mgr. Cornett Veterans Hospital. **S:** Attended 2016 LCMS Conv. **D:** Attended Dist. Conv. since 2006, Bd. of Nom. (NEB). **C:** SS Tchr. 15, Midweek School Tchr. 10, Weekly Women's Bible Class, Chm. Decorating Com. 13, Bd. of Stewp. 3, Church Deleg. to Cir. Forums and NEB Conv., Bd. of Luth. HS Northeast, Co-Chm. and Chm. Bd. of Ed. 15, Pastoral Call Com. **O:** Church

Janitor 9, Shareholder of Thunder by the River Tractor Pull, Vol. at Wisner Care Ctr.

As a wife, mother, church secretary, Sunday School teacher, and most important, child of God, I look forward to serving on the CPH Board of Directors. I continue to serve on the Nebraska District Nominations Committee, beginning in 2015. I also have been a district and Synod convention delegate. I serve on my circuit's Lay Bible Institute committee and helped organize a massive Reformation 500 circuit-wide service and other events. I use CPH products and materials daily, such as in leading women's Bible study, Sunday School, and midweek classes.



Stephanie Ann Egger+, Galva, IA; St. John's (IW); LCMS 32; Wife and Mother. **S:** CPH BOD 6, Chm. of CPH BOD Editorial Com. 3. **C:** SS Tchr. 29, Ladies Aid/LWML 29, Altar Guild 18, VBS Music Ldr. 15, Church Choir 29. **O:** Substitute Tchr. 14, School Bd. 6, Hallmark Corp. Marketing Rep. 4, Com. Theater, American Red Cross.

Concordia Publishing House 2019: giving thanks for 150 years of providing Christ-centered materials for God's dear children. In our world of advancing technology and communication, CPH persists in finding innovative ways to better reach Christians with the living Word of our Savior, Jesus. As a pastor's wife, mother of six (five Concordia University graduates), Lutheran and public-school substitute teacher, and Sunday School teacher, I have found CPH products to be a great blessing. I look forward to the opportunity to continue serving CPH in our ever-changing society in need of Christ and His care.



Thomas R. Halvorson, Sidney, MT; Trinity (MT); LCMS 5; Lawyer and Farmer. **S:** Conv. Deleg. (2016). **D:** Deleg. to Dist. Conv. (2015 and 2018). **C:** BOD 4, DCE 4, SS Tchr. 2, Webmaster 5, Facebook Admin. 3. **O:** Deputy County Atty. 19, Voted Best Atty. in Northeastern Montana by Readers of the *Sidney Herald* 7, Bros. of John the Steadfast Author 5, Ed. of *lutherancatechism.com* 4, Religion Columnist in the *Sidney Herald*, Com. Ed. Fnd. Incorporator and Founding Dir. 3, Kiwanis Club Pres. and Div. Lt. Governor 2.

The vision of CPH is to be the premier publisher of choice for products that are faithful to Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. This vision is right and real, which draws me to be part of it. CPH's significant investments in service to congregations and pas-

tors have realized its vision in those areas. In recent years, CPH has made strides in the area of outreach. Two areas for added focus are helps for heads of households and helps for young Christians from confirmation through college or entry into the workforce. These young years are strategic in Christ's kingdom.



Angela Maria Hill+, Casper, WY; Mount Hope (WY); LCMS 44; Headmaster Mount Hope Luth. School. **C:** SS and VBS Tchr. **O:** Preschool Tchr. 5, Homeschool HS Tchr. 9, 3rd–5th Grade Tchr. 2, Headmaster at Mount Hope since 2015.

For 150 years, Concordia Publishing House has had the honor of serving the Missouri Synod, supporting pastors and laity by producing and preserving

texts that house the precious doctrine of our faith. It would be a privilege for me to assist our Synod's publishing house as it works to help families, congregations, and schools teach, defend, and confess this faith.



Sara Kathleen Mulso, North St. Paul, MN; Emanuel, Inver Grove Heights; (MNS); LCMS 45; Dir. of Preschool and Extended Learning, Woodbury Luth. **S:** Assisted in Revising/Writing CPH's *One in Christ—Infant Toddler* curriculum (including Various Board Books) and Christian Character Connection. **D:** Emergent Ldrshp. Cohort (2018), Co-Chm. of the MN Early Childhood Educators Conf. **C:** Bd. of Ed. Chm., Parenting Bible Study Classes, SS

Tchr., PowerPoint Tech, Church Choir. **O:** Early Childhood Dir., Master Trainer through the MN Develop/Achieve System, Teaching Experience in CUSP Continuing Studies Dept.

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve on the Board of Concordia Publishing House. I have had the privilege of doing some writing and editing for CPH; however, this is an opportunity for me to further support the endeavors of CPH. I am particularly passionate about how we are meeting the needs of families and those in early childhood and elementary education. As an early-childhood director, parent, and pastor's wife, I feel that I bring a variety of insights to this position.



Joseph L. Olson+, Whitefish Bay, WI; Our Savior (SW); LCMS 20; Atty. **S:** Vice-Chm. CPH BOD. **D:** SW Dist. Conv. Fl. Com. on Parish Ed. (2015). **C:** Elder 14, Youth Grp. Coord. 7, VP 3. **O:** Partner in Law Firm, VP and Gen. Couns. Michael Best Strategies (Gov't. Relations Firm), Commissioner and Vice-Chm. Wis. Judicial Com., Mem. Wis. Parents Assoc.

I currently serve as the Vice-Chair of the board. CPH's mission is to provide doctrinally sound and engaging materials to our pastors, congregations, seminaries, Lutheran universities, day schools, homeschools, and missionaries. This work is necessary for the lifelong catechesis of current LCMS

members and facilitates our efforts to bring the Word to those who desperately need to hear it. I am a lawyer by trade, and my training has proved useful as CPH operates in the business world and as we navigate a world and legal system that is increasingly hostile to our faith. I would be honored to continue to serve.



Kent Michael Warneke, Norfolk, NE; Grace (NEB); LCMS since Confirmation; Ed. and VP *Norfolk Daily News*. **S:** Deleg. and Fl. Com. Mem. at LCMS Conv. (2007 and 2010), Advisory Deleg. (2016), *The Lutheran Witness* Author on Intentional Interim Min. **D:** NEB BOD 12 (3 as Chm., 3 as Vice-Chm., 2 as Governance Com. Chm.), Mem. of Dist. Special Min. Com. 3, Communications Vol. at Dist. Conv. 30. **C:** Church Coun. 12 (6 as Secy. and 4

as Chm.), Youth Bd., Child Care Bd., Choir, PR Coord. 20, Capital Campaign Chm. **O:** Mem. of Steering Com. Merging Two Hospitals, Bd. Mem. of Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce, Bd. Mem. and Chm. of Neb. Press Assoc., Founded the Great American Comedy Festival Honoring Legacy of Johnny Carson.

I consider Concordia Publishing House to be both a tremendous blessing and ministry tool. The work it does and materials it publishes not only educate and encourage LCMS congregations and their staffs, as well as individual members, but also should be regarded as an outreach to those who have not yet become Christians. My interest and enthusiasm toward serving in this role is based on my media and marketing background and volunteer work with nonprofits. I would relish the opportunity to play a helpful role in building upon the excellent work already being done at CPH.

XI. Report on Candidates for The Lutheran Church Extension Fund—Missouri Synod Board of Directors

Elect 1 ordained or commissioned minister, 2 laypersons (3-year term)

Duties: Two-day meetings four times a year. The board oversees the use of the Fund's assets to provide financial resources and services for ministry, witness, and outreach to the LCMS and to offer demographic, planning, and architectural services. All directors must have an understanding of the church extension program and/or demonstrate an expertise in fields or areas closely related to church extension activities, such as knowledge of real estate, management, and financial planning (2016 *Handbook*, pp. 123–24).

Qualifications: Board members should have a broad range of experience in one or more of the following: financial services, investments, loans and real estate, legal, banking, administration, and marketing. Prior experience on other LCMS boards is also desirable. LCEF Board Members are expected to do the following: (1) Attend meetings regularly, not missing two consecutive meetings. The Board meets on a quarterly basis, and these meetings are held throughout the United States. Committee meetings are held via video conference prior to the start of the regular meeting. Board meetings are usually a day and a half in length with the exception of the first meeting of the calendar year whereby an incremental planning day is required. Board members attend the Annual Meeting typically held each November the weekend prior to Thanksgiving at different locations throughout the United States. (2) Submit to FBI criminal background checks (required for mortgage lender licenses in certain states). Certain states require that board members of licensed lenders do not have any conviction as a result of a criminal matter involving dishonesty or breach of trust or fraud.

ORDAINED OR COMMISSIONED MINISTERS

Elect 1 ordained or commissioned minister (3-year term)



Jason Michael Braaten, Tuscola, IL; Immanuel (CI); LCMS 40; Sole Pastor. **S:** LCMS Contract Writer (Stewp.) 6, CTSFW Admissions Office 2, Advancement Office 3. **D:** CI Conf. Com. 3. **C:** DCE St. John, Wheaton, IL. 2. **O:** Logic Instructor Wittenberg Academy. 6, Tuscola Library Bd. 7, Tuscola Com. Fnd. 4, Tuscola Rotary Club 9.

I have a deep love for Christ, His Word, and His Church that seeks the truth and desires to share it. I have an abiding respect for our heritage and rich tradition in doctrine and practice. While not every challenge we face is fully addressed by these things, they inform how we meet and answer our challenges. As a former fundraiser for Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN, I understand how gift planning works and know the importance of giving for the work of the church. As we face challenges in membership, we can meet this challenge with gift planning for our future.



Daniel Schepmann, Houston, TX; Gloria Dei (TX); LCMS 50; Sr. Pastor. **S:** Speaking Opportunities with Nat'l. LCMS Organizations. **D:** FG CV, Conflict Resolution Training, Dist. Revitalization TF, Trained Coach for Cong. Revitalization. **C:** Assoc. Pastor (MDS) 7, Sr. Pastor (FG) 9, Sr. Pastor (TX) 6, Stephen Leader, PLI 4. **O:** Trained Birkman Cons., Ambassadors of Reconciliation Training.

The mission and ministry of the LCEF continue to be a blessing and ministry partner to the local congregation, professional church workers, and individual investors. In my 23 years of pastoral ministry, I have experienced the ministry partnership of LCEF playing a vital role in the development and support of new mission starts, congregational revitalization, and school ministry to encourage outreach, new disciples, and the growth of God's kingdom. I see my role on the LCEF board as an opportunity to provide insights and leadership, "ensuring that funds and services are available now and in the future."

LAYPERSONS

Elect 2 laypersons (3-year term)



Carthron Parnell Coyner, Midlothian, VA; Trinity, Henrico (SE); LCMS 76; Pres. and Owner Benefits Admin., Inc. **S:** Conv. Deleg. (1977). **D:** Various Positions on Dist. BOD 28 (including 3 as Vice-Chm. and 9 as Treas.). **C:** Pres. 8 Total, Church Coun. 4-Plus, Stewp. Chm., Treas. 4 Total in Two Parishes. **O:** Pres. and Owner of Current Business since 2003, Sales, Benefits Admin., Inc. 7, Sr. VP and Managing Dir. and CFO Craigle, Inc., Investment Banking, Corporate Plng. and Research, Project Engineer, Mem. of BOD and Treas. Coun. For America's First Freedom (Religion).

The financial services industry, of which the LCEF is a part, continues to change. This presents both threats and opportunities. My commercial-banking, corporate-planning experience should prove helpful as the LCEF navigates this challenging environment. Providing a reasonable return on investors' funds, while maintaining a necessary level of profitability, are just two of those challenges. Until now, I have devoted most of my available time to leadership roles in my LCMS congregation and to the board of directors of my district. Now, I look forward to the opportunity to be of service to the LCEF at the national level.



Susan J. Elsholz+, Birmingham, MI; Ascension of Christ, Beverly Hills (EN); LCMS 50-Plus; Dir. of Procurement for Chrysler (Ret.). **S:** LCEF BOD. **D:** EN BOD. **C:** Fin. Secy., Treas., Stewp. Dir. **O:** Treas. and Mem. Detroit Luth. Singers.

Serving on the Board of Directors of the LCEF is a good way for me to use my financial background and corporate experience to further the work of the LCMS. As part of the Executive

Committee of the board, I was part of the search committee that resulted in the selection of Bart Day as our new LCEF president. I am currently vice-chair of the board and would be honored to serve another term. The challenges our church faces today are many, but they are nothing we can't handle with the Lord at our side. I am an optimistic, energetic, enthusiastic, and prayerful Lutheran.



Jonathan Howard Kramer, Nixa, MO; Hope, Republic (MO); LCMS 64; Financial Management—Accountant, Dir., Controller, VP Fin. (Ret.). **D:** Bd. Mem. SO CEF 4. **C:** Served Continually as Chm., Elder, Stewp. Chm. or Treas. at Holy Cross, Tuscaloosa, AL, and Treas. at Immanuel, Joplin, MO. **O:** DCH Health System 4, System Dir. of Budgeting and Fin. Analysis 18, Hospital Controller and Asst. Admin.—Fin. St. John's Reg. Med. Ctr. Joplin 13, Dir. of Fin.,

Controller and VP Fin. Children's Hospital, St. Louis 5, Accountant (Accounts Payable and Budgeting).

I would be excited to have the opportunity to use my financial background to serve on the LCEF Board of Directors, as I did for four years on the LCEF board of the Southern District. I see the role of LCEF as supporting the Synod's mission and ministry. It is vital for LCEF to continue to be a benefit to churches and other organizations while providing a benefit to its investors. I'm interested in helping LCEF find more ways to assist our schools and universities as they seek to provide a Christian education to their students.



Ruben Martinez, Santa Ana, CA; St. John's, Orange (PSW); LCMS 22; Real Estate Broker and Principal, Fiduciary Real Estate Services. **C:** Elder 12, Call Com. and Strategic Plng. Com. **O:** Principal in Company That Offers Real Estate Services to Fiduciaries (Atty. Wife Is a Partner).

I was raised in the church from birth. There are two fundamental commitments one must make (beyond Baptism and Communion) if one expects to thrive as a Christian. First, be faithful in church attendance, and second, give faithfully of your money. As my generation ages and faithful givers begin to decline, the church will have to deal with an existential reality: that it will have to become exceptional in its financial affairs. There will be less money, more need, and greater responsibilities for aging structures. Understanding the importance of stewardship will become the difference between congregations merely surviving and thriving.



Gordon David Tresch, Kenmore, NY; First Trinity, Tonawanda (EA); LCMS 39; Atty. and Firm Partner. **S:** COH 6, CCM 6, LCMS Conv. Adv. Deleg. and Fl. Com. Mem. (2004). **D:** BOD 18 Over Three Terms, Nom. Com. 3, Const. Com. 6, Conv. Mgr. (3 Times), Com. on Publications 3, Com. on Budget and Internal Control 6, Conv. Parliamentarian (Various Years). **C:** Coun. Pres., VP Secy., Elder, Bd. of Ed., Bd. of Stewp., Co-Chm. Capital Campaign, Adult Bible Tchr. **O:**

Martin Luther Christian School Bd. of Trustees (Chm. and Mem.) 8, Village of Kenmore Atty. 10, Tonawanda Deputy Atty. 8, Acting Village Justice 4.

With more than 40 years of experience in a variety of positions from the local to national level, I have developed an understanding of the mission of the Synod and its agencies. I have served on the Commission on Handbook, CCM, Eastern District Board of Directors, Martin Luther School Board of Trustees (Buffalo, NY), and various district and congregational leadership positions. Familiarity with the Church Extension Fund comes from my service as congregational stewardship chair, capital campaign co-chair, and district BOD member. I also would bring to the board over 40 years of experience as a municipal and civil trial attorney.



Jason L. Wangen, St. Charles, MN; Our Savior's, Eyota (MNS); LCMS 20; VP/Business Banking, Merchants Bank. **D:** MNS LCEF Fin. Com. **C:** Elder, Chm. of Fin. Com. **O:** VP Bus. Banking 12, Chm.-Elect BOD Zumbro Valley Health Ctr., BOD 504 Corp. (SBA Lending), Fin. Com. PossAbilities.

First and foremost, I would bring an all-encompassing love for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and a strong desire to serve God. I believe the skills and experience that He has provided me to serve in this role include extensive board experience with high-performing organizations; a strong working knowledge of financial institution performance and operation; experience with budgeting and forecasting for financial institutions; and 15 years of loan structuring, lending policy, and risk-management experience. If my experience can benefit the LCEF and further its mission, I would be honored to serve.



David P. Worthington+, Fayetteville, GA; St. Paul, Peachtree City (FG); LCMS 54; Dir. of Commercial Excellence, Vulcan Materials. Co. **S:** LCEF BOD 4, LCEF Exec. Bd. 2, BOD (also Treas.) Garuna Fnd. 5. **D:** Deleg. FG Conv. (2012). **C:** Treas. 10, BOD 2. **O:** Sales and Marketing with Vulcan Materials (Various Positions) 31, Georgia Construction Aggregates Assoc. BOD.

Over the past 18 years, I have gained a unique perspective in balancing ministry finances while doing God's work. I have helped prepare congregational strategic plans, worked extensively with LCEF on church loans, and promoted LCEF in our congregations. My work experience includes market analysis, strategic planning, market development, and development of sales and marketing systems for our business. With three and a half years of LCEF Board service, I have a passion for the ministry of LCEF and look for ways to promote the benefits to ministries and individuals. I prayerfully look forward to many more years of service with LCEF.

XII. Report on Candidates for The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod Foundation Board of Trustees

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained, 1 layperson (3-year term)

Duties: Two-day meetings four times a year. The board oversees a synodwide program of deferred giving for the advancement, promotion, endowment, and maintenance of the Synod and its agencies (2016 *Handbook*, pp. 125–26).

Qualifications: The Board of Trustees is responsible for the business, financial, property, personnel, and legal affairs of the LCMS Foundation. Board members should be experienced in financial, investment, or marketing matters. The Foundation's goal is to link more and more Christians with giving opportunities as an expression of biblical stewardship; therefore, members of the board must be committed to managing life and all of life's resources to fulfill God's purposes by being linked with and supportive of the mission and ministry of the LCMS and organizations associated with it. As a synodwide corporate entity of the Synod, the Foundation provides current and deferred giving instruments for individual use and investment management services for legacies, bequests, endowments, annuity gifts, and other trust funds available under law. In addition to serving individual stewards, the Foundation serves the Synod, its agencies, congregations, auxiliaries, recognized service organizations, and others under bylaws and policies.

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Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (3-year term)



Ralph Blumenberg, Seymour, IN; Immanuel (IN); LCMS 63; Sr. Pastor. **S:** CSL BOR 10 (6 as Chm.), Nat'l. Campaign Coun. for CSL's Generations Campaign, Vicarage Supervisor 23, Presenter LCMS Model Theol. Conf, Dist. Fac. Theol. Conf., Mem. LCMS-ELCA Dialogue Team, Secy. Standing Com. for Pastoral Min. 13, Chm. DELTO Pol. Bd., Mem. Lay Worker Study Com. **D:** Secy. IN (2006), VP So. Reg. IN 9, 1st VP 3, Fl. Com. Chm. 2018 IN Conv. **C:**

Pastor, Assoc. Pastor, and Sr. Pastor for Total of 37 Years. **O:** Ethics Com. Schneck Med. Ctr. 29, Bd. of Mgrs. Greater Seymour Trust Fund 19.

If elected, I would strive to help the LCMS Foundation faithfully, effectively, and efficiently assist individual Christians, churches, and other entities to fulfill their God-given mission. My experience as a pastor for 38 years and service on a board of regents and other committees of the Synod prepares me to see a variety of needs and opportunities for the training of workers and the proclamation of Christ. The Foundation can be a powerful tool through which we work together to be good stewards of God's gifts to advance the mission of the church to make known salvation in Jesus.



Paul Edward Cloeter, Sauk Rapids, MN; Trinity (MNN); LCMS 66; Pastor. **S:** Pastoral Deleg. LCMS Conv. (1983, 1989, 2007), Cir. Couns./Visitor 7. **D:** MNN Dist. Ed. Com. 3, NW Bd. of Fin. 3, MNN VP 15. **C:** DCE 5, Pastor 35.

At a time when our congregations and other ministry entities are experiencing declining revenue from traditional sources, the work of the LCMS Foundation is becoming more critical to our future success in carrying out Christ's mission. More can be done to challenge and assist congregations and their individual members to be better stewards in the area of endowments and estate planning. Providing promotional tools that educate and inspire, along with the technical expertise of trained counselors, will continue to be important as the Foundation carries out its own stewardship of resources entrusted to its care.

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Elect 1 layperson (3-year term)



Gregory J. Miller+, St. Louis, MO; Immanuel, Olivette (MO); LCMS 54; Estate Plng. Strategist, Wells Fargo Advisors. **S:** Bd. of Trustees LCMS Fnd. 6, CCN (2016), CTCR Fl. Com. and Deleg. at 2010 Conv., RSO TF 3. **D:** CTCR Fl. Com. and Deleg. MO Conv. (2012, 2015), MO Const. Com. 6. **C:** Endowment Fund Com. 13, Bd. of Elders 6 (2 as Chm.), Pres. 4, Bd. of Ed. 8 (3 as Chm.), Bd. of Stewards 1.

I have had the privilege of serving on the Board of Trustees of the Foundation for the past six years. I have developed a great appreciation for the Foundation's investment and gift-planning work, helping individuals and ministry organizations of the LCMS to be good stewards of God's gifts. I would be honored to continue to serve on the board, assisting in whatever way I can in this work to use God's blessings for His kingdom.



Glenn E. Van Velson, North Platte, NE; Beautiful Savior (NEB); LCMS 60; Atty., Van Velson Law Office. **S:** Deleg. at LCMS Conv. (1986, 2004, 2007, 2010), Fl. Com. (2007). **D:** NEB BOD 12 (9 as Chm.), Deleg. to Several Dist. Conv., Dist. Nom. Com. 6. **C:** Elder, SS Tchr, HS Grp. Ldr., Choir and Handbell Dir., Adult Bible Study Tchr. **O:** United Way Bd., NET Fnd. Bd., BOD North Platte Opportunity Ctr., a Local Hospital Fnd., and Nebraska Humanities.

I am blessed to be able to serve on various foundation boards in my church, community, and state, and would also like to share that experience and knowledge with the LCMS. Previous LCMS service includes my being a member of a national convention floor committee, a voting delegate at several national conventions, a member of the Nebraska District Board of Directors (nine years as chairman), and many years as an elder of my congregation. Due diligence in the proper investment and use of Foundation funds benefits the whole Synod, and my professional training and experience as an attorney allow me to serve God and the church as part of my vocation.

XIII. Report on Candidates for the Concordia University System Board of Directors

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (6-year term)

Duties: Two-day meetings at least three times a year. The board promotes, improves, supervises, and directs education for the preparation of ministers of religion—commissioned and others, promoting cooperation between the Synod's colleges and universities.

Qualifications: The Concordia University System Board of Directors is responsible for establishing educational and administrative standards, policies, and procedures for the coordination of the Synod's nine colleges and universities. Board members shall demonstrate familiarity and support of the institutions, support the doctrinal positions of the Synod, and possess two or more of the following qualifications: theological acumen; an advanced degree; experience in higher education administration; and administration of complex organizations, finance, law, investments, technology, human resources, facilities management, or fund development. 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 three meetings per year of two days each.

Restrictions: No more than two (Bylaw 3.6.6.3 change in 2016) voting members elected by the Synod can be from the same district and no executive, faculty member, or staff member from a Lutheran institution of higher education may serve on the board as a voting member. The Chief Administrative Officer of the Synod (or a designee) and the Secretary of the Synod (or a designee) shall review and verify that nominees are qualified to serve as stated in Bylaw 3.6.6.3 (2016 *Handbook*, pp. 126–29).

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Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (6-year term)



Raymond L. Hartwig, Sioux Falls, SD; Christ (SD); LCMS 73; Ret. Clergy. **S:** Secretary of Synod 18, Chm. Dispute Resolution TF (2016), Chm. SMP TF 2, Chm. Sanctity of Life TF 6, Chm. TF on Fin. 3, CPH BOD 15 Total, CHI BOG 18, Pastoral Ed. Com. 10. **D:** CV 2, Pres. 10, 1st VP 3, Cir. Couns. 3, Chm. Stewp. TF 9. **C:** Pastor 17 (Involving Dual/Multipoint Parishes and a New Church Start). **O:** Vol. Miss. ELCIR Sem. in St. Petersburg, Russia (1995), Participant/Essayist LCMS-ELCA Dialogues (1999–2000), Pres. Lafayette Court North Homeowners Assoc., St. Louis 16.

As our society becomes less and less friendly toward Christianity, the training provided by our Synod's higher education institutions becomes increasingly essential. As our congregations and Synod face challenges to confessional Lutheran doctrine and life by a hostile culture, well-trained laity and church workers are needed to provide constant and consistent witness to the truth of Holy Scripture. And as our Synod's schools strive to exist and flourish, a strong university system that fosters unity and cooperation will be essential for continued success. If elected, I will be honored to serve on the CUS board as it supports our schools.



Kurtis D. Schultz, Birmingham, AL; The Luth. Church of Vestavia Hills, Vestavia (SO); LCMS 64; SO Dist. Pres. Em. **S:** SO Dist. Pres. 15, CCA BOR 15, CTSFW BOR, COP Placement Com. 15 (11 as Chm.). **D:** BOD Prof. Church Workers Conf., Treas. Military Contact Chapl., LIRS Area Rep., Lay Deacon Instructor, Healthy Cong. Consultation. **O:** BOD Hinges Inc., Chm. BOD House of Ruth Domestic Violence Shelter, Chm. BOD and Vol. Mary Margaret

Hospice, Exec. Officer Christian Min. Fellowship.

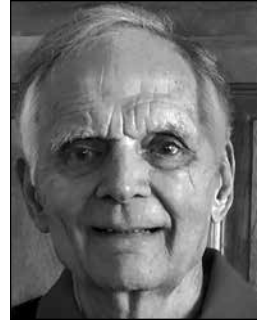
Our colleges and universities are rich and vital resources for our witness in the world. They have faithfully prepared men and women for Christ-centered vocational service. Their mission is challenged by the growing complexities of the world of higher education and recent confusion of their relationship with the Synod. As a graduate, I have a deep love for our Concordias. My experience as a BOR member and elector gives me insight into these challenges. God has gifted His people, led solely by His Word, to boldly and faithfully proclaim Him in every setting.



Larry Allen Stoterau, Orange, CA; St. John's, Orange (PSW); LCMS 71; Ret. Pres. of PSW Dist. **S:** Chm. Mission 21st Century TF, BRTFSSG, Chm. COP 6. **D:** Pres. PSW Dist. 18. **C:** Parish Pastor 27. **O:** Rotary Int'l., Chamber of Commerce, Chandler, AZ 17.

One of the strengths of the LCMS is our educational system from pre-schools through our university system.

As a district president, I was a member of the Board of Regents at Concordia University, Irvine, and saw students' lives changed when they encountered the Gospel through faculty and students. Men and women are being trained to live out their vocation as bold witnesses for Christ. Our Concordias are a treasure to be celebrated, and I see the CUS Board as a place to support and encourage our university boards of regents and provide opportunity for our Concordias to coordinate their efforts.



Orville C. Walz, Bennington, NE; Zion, Omaha (NEB); LCMS 79; Ret. Pres. CUNE. **S:** CUNE Faculty Mem. 12, CUNE Pres. 23, CTCR Mem. 9, LCC VP 3. **D:** NEB VP 6, Alberta/British Columbia Dist. BOD VP 3. **C:** Luth. Elem. School Tchr./Prin., Organist, Choir Dir. 8, Voters Assembly Secy. in the 1970s. **O:** Mem. Seward Rotary Club 14, Mem. Seward Pub. Library Fund-Raising Com. for New Com. Library.

Society's changing rules and regulations make it difficult to be a Christian institution of higher learning. At the same time, this is an opportunity for the LCMS to share the Gospel on our campuses. I was privileged to spend more than 40 years in Lutheran education, serving in schools offering kindergarten through master's degree programs, including 23 years as president of two Concordia colleges. I have also served seven years as a member of the Concordia University System Board of Directors. I am willing to continue serving if my experiences will strengthen the Synod's mission, offering a Lutheran, Christian education for men and women to serve in the church and world.

XIV. Report on Candidates for Seminary Boards of Regents

Elect 2 ministers of religion—ordained, 1 minister of religion—commissioned, 1 layperson (6-year term)

Duties: Two-day meetings four times a year. The board's duties include the defining and fulfilling of the mission of the seminary, operating and managing it as an agent of the Synod, serving as its governing body, establishing and reviewing policies, promoting public relations, approving budgets, and in every way promoting the well-being of the seminary (2016 *Handbook*, pp. 146–49).

Qualifications: A seminary board of regents is responsible for the spiritual, academic, and financial health of the institution. It makes decisions regarding the resources and strategic vision that are needed to provide Christian pastors (and deaconesses) for the church and the world. It oversees the work of the president and creates appropriate policies to guide administrative activities. Boards 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 business-like 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 institution. Committee work and other commitments may be requested between meetings. Regents may expect to be asked to support the institution financially as part of their personal stewardship commitments.

Restrictions: No more than two elective members of a college, university, or seminary board of regents may be members of the same congregation (Bylaw 3.10.5.2 [1][b]).

a. Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Board of Regents

Elect 2 ministers of religion—ordained, 1 minister of religion—commissioned, 1 layperson (6-year term)

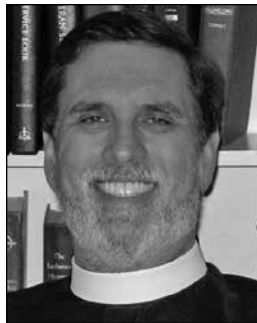
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Elect 2 ministers of religion—ordained (6-year term)



Dean M. Bell+, Hendrum, MN; St. Johns, Ada (MNN); LCMS 47; Ret. Pastor. **S:** Attended Three LCMS Conv., CUW BOR 6, Synod Reconciler 16, LCMS BOD (1995–96), DR 3. **D:** BOD 7, Cir. Couns. 4. **C:** Lay Min. 6 (Ordained in 1996), Served Five Cong. in MNN. **O:** BOD Luth. Heritage Fnd. 8, BOD Confessional Luth. Ed. Fnd. 13.

Students coming to Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne will find themselves at a world-class institution. Not only will they learn sound theology from a faculty we all can be proud of; the students also will find facilities second to none: a new library, renovated chapel, excellent food service, and so on. I would be honored to continue my modest service as a regent. Thank you very much.



William M. Cwirla+, Hacienda Heights, CA; Holy Trinity (PSW); LCMS 60; Pastor. **S:** LCMS Conv. Fl. Com. (2001), Hymnal Com. (2000–2006), Conv. Essayist (2013), CTSFW BOR 6, Presenter Real Life Worship Conf. **D:** CV 3, Dist. Fl. Com. **C:** Sr. Pastor. **O:** Adjunct Prof. (Scripture, Doctrine).

The stewardship of our two seminaries is among the most important tasks of the Synod as it supports the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. For the past six years, I have enjoyed working with gifted educators, theologians, pastors, church leaders, and business and professional people to make CTSFW a leading center of orthodox doctrine and evangelical pastoral practice. Our gracious God has truly blessed us with a gifted faculty, staff, and administration. Should it be the will of this convention, I would be pleased and honored to serve a second term on this exemplary board.



Joseph Michael Fisher, West Bend, WI; Pilgrim (SW); LCMS 33; Sr. Pastor. **S:** CTSFW Theol. Fnd. Bd., Founding Mem. of the Bd. of Conc. Bible Inst. at CUW, Adjunct Prof. at CUW, Pastoral Deleg. (Twice) to LCMS Conv., Pastor Co-Chm. for Altar Guild at LCMS Conv. in Milwaukee. **D:** CV, Chm. Dist. Fl. Com., Vice-Chm. Dist. Fl. Com. Communication Com., Chm. Dist. Pastoral Conf. Com. **C:** Sr. Pastor. **O:** Worked to Pass Law in Wis. to Allow Communion to Be Brought into State Prisons and County Jails.

The faithful training and support of pastors, deaconesses, and other church workers are vitally important to the health of our Synod. It is extremely important that we continue to give more attention to the recruiting of students and the funding of our seminaries. With the growing pastoral shortage, already being felt by many parishes, the need to support our seminaries must continue to be a priority. May we all pray for the Lord of the harvest to send His workers into the harvest (Matthew 9:36–38). If elected, I will serve to the best of my abilities, to the glory of God.



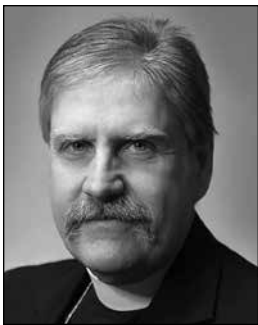
Korey D. Maas, Hillsdale, MI; St. Paul's (MI); LCMS 47; Assoc. Prof. of History at Hillsdale College. **S:** CTR 3, CUS BOD 6. **C:** Asst. Pastor Resurrection Luth. Church (ELCE) in Cambridge, England 2, Regular Guest Preacher/Tchr. 20. **O:** Prof. of Theol. CUI 9 Total, Visiting Prof. Westfield House of Theol. Studies in Cambridge (2009).

As a graduate of the “other” seminary, I am especially honored to be a candidate for the CTS Board of Regents. Greatly appreciating the church's continual need for servants deeply grounded in Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, and who are especially “apt to teach” and to “contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints,” I would happily and humbly serve in support of the seminary's mission to form such servants of Christ and His Church.



Robert Newton, San Jose, CA; First Immanuel (CNH); LCMS 61; Em. Dist. Pres. **S:** Evan. Miss. to the Philippines 6, Prof. of Miss. CTSFW 13. **D:** Dist. Pres. CNH 15. **C:** Sr. Pastor (Multicultural Cong.) 5.

Our seminaries serve as great gifts of our Synod in preparing pastors, missionaries, and deaconesses for faithful ministry in the non-Christian world and Christ's churches. As the salutary effects of the Christian faith wane in America, the need for laborers in the harvest increases all the more. The ministry opportunities and challenges of this missionary era require well-equipped servants of God. I was honored to serve several years on the faculty of Concordia Theological Seminary and in the administration. As a former district president, I remain grateful for the several men and women we received from the seminary to serve in our congregations. I would be deeply honored to serve on the Board of Regents in order to support and encourage the seminary as it continues to form servants of Christ for His church and world.



Matthew W. Rueger, Hubbard, IA; St. John (IE); LCMS 50; Pastor. **S:** DR 7 Total, Vicarage Supervisor 5 Total, Fl. Com. Mem. (2013). **D:** 1st VP IE 13, 2nd VP IE 6, Chm. BOD IE 7, Chm. IE Office Com. 10, Reconciler 6, Secy. IE 3. **C:** Pastor since 1990. **O:** Vol. Ambulance Driver 5, Author of *Sexual Morality in a Christless World* (CPH, 2016).

As a member of the BOR, I would work to ensure that the seminary remains an academically and theologically top-tier institution of offering our Synod the best possible education for future pastors. It is essential that the church have pastors well equipped to bear witness to Christ in this age of growing moral complexities and religious confusion. It is also essential that our seminaries have the necessary tools and staff to train students to make a clear confession. I see service on the BOR as an opportunity to serve the church toward that end.



Jeffrey (Jeff) Eric Skopak, Atlantic Beach, FL; Grace, Jacksonville (FG); LCMS 52; Sr. Pastor. **S:** PALS Fac. 3, YCF Fac. with LCEF 13, Ldr./Coord. of "Friends of the Fort" (Pastors and Congs. Affirming the Com. of CTSFW 2). **D:** CV (AT) 3, CV (SELC) 5, CV (PSW) 3. **C:** Five Parish Pastorates Totalling 27 Years. **O:** BOD Vice-Chm. Open Door Pregnancy Ctr. 7, BOD Vice-Chm. Hands of Hope Pregnancy Ctrs. 5.

The seminaries of our Synod are charged with the responsibility of building a solid foundation for its future clergy on the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, understood through the lenses of history, and carried out in pastoral practice in the congregations of our Synod. Within an appropriate understanding of shared governance, the seminary boards assist, bless, and strengthen the administration and faculty of the seminary communities in accomplishing this critical task for the sake of the church. There is no more humbling service than serving our seminaries because, in so doing, you are serving all the congregations of the Synod.

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—COMMISSIONED

Elect 1 minister of religion—commissioned (6-year term)



Mark William Meehl, Seward, NE; St. John (NEB); LCMS 62; Prof. of Theol., Philosophy, and Biblical Languages CUNE. **S:** CPH DR, CUNE Inst. Rep. for CPH Academic Publications, Provided Help in Preparing Large Number of Students for Service to the Synod as Sem. Students, Sem. Profs., Tchrs., DCEs, and Dcs. **D:** Led Bible Studies in Cong. in NEB and RM. **C:** Elder, Head Elder, Musician, and Bible Study Ldr. **O:** Taught Classes in Hebrew, Aramaic, Syriac, OT, NT, Intertestamental, and Biblical Archaeology at CUNE 27; Led Five Study Tours to Israel and West Bank; Worked 12 Seasons on Digs in Israel, Jordan, and Syria; Awarded Research Fellowship at the Albright Inst. in Jerusalem 2.

CTS in Fort Wayne has faithfully educated many of my pre-seminary and pre-deaconess students for parish ministry and other service in the church. I look forward, if this church body agrees, to serving as a CTS Fort Wayne regent, bringing to bear experiences in churches throughout the US, Nigeria, and Jerusalem; 12 seasons of excavating in Israel, Jordan, and Syria; my appreciation of ancient and traditional forms of worship with attention to the changing needs of the church; and my nearly three decades of teaching undergraduate students at CUNE for the good of CTS Fort Wayne and the church at large.



Sara Kathleen Smith, Loveland, OH; St. Paul, Cincinnati (OH); LCMS 27; Dcs./Dir. of Human Care. **S:** Wrote Guidelines for Fin. Assistance from the Human Care Office for the Synod's *Mission Field: USA—A Resource for Church Planting*, Wrote Christmas Dinner Png. Document. **D:** Participated in Disaster Response in Bethel, OH, after Tornado. **C:** Dir. of Human Care 8, Coord. of The Bridge Min. 2, Chm. Bd. of Christian Ed. 3, Mem. of Bd. that Researched and Opened an LCMS Early Childhood Learning Ctr. 3. **O:** Mem. of Madisonville Cares 4 (2 as Chm.), Dir. of Com. Christmas Dinner 8, Mem. Conc. Dcs. Conf. Logistics Com. 2, Doxology Retreat for Dcs. (2015).

My interest in the CTSFW Board of Regents recognizes the vital importance of our seminaries and what they provide. In this ever-changing world, we must continue with the highest quality training in Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, in formation and training of our pastors and deaconesses, equipping them for the service of proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to the world. It would be an honor to serve on the CTSFW Board of Regents, as the seminary continues in the work of teaching the faithful, reaching the lost, and caring for all.

LAYPERSONS

Elect 1 layperson (6-year term)



David L. Daniels+, Taylorsville, NC; Salem (SE); LCMS 57; Business Owner, Daniels Woodcarving Co., Inc. **S:** Conv. Deleg. (1995), Appointed to CTSFW BOR in 2015 and CTSFW Fin. and Audit Com. in 2016. **D:** Numerous Positions as Youth Ldr. 8, Youth Plng. for LCMS Conv., Several Local Youth Gatherings. **C:** Pres., Elder, Treas. (Multiple Terms of Each), Chm. Bldg. Com. during Plng. and Construction of New Buildings, Youth Ldr., SS Tchr.,

VBS. **O:** County Chm. American Heart Assoc. 10, State BOD AHA 7, Chm. Caring Hearts Pregnancy Ctr. 10, HS Football Official 25.

It has been my honor to serve on the Board of Regents at CTSFW this past term. Over the years, I have seen firsthand and benefited from the seminary's mission put into action—servants in Jesus Christ who teach the faithful, reach the lost, and care for all. I have had both a son and a daughter-in-law graduate from CTSFW. And I have received the gifts of God weekly from my pastors who were also students at CTSFW. Over the past decade, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with seminary leadership on projects such as the library expansion and through participating in the strategic planning process. I pray that my experience as a businessman and my volunteer work for my congregation as elder, congregation president, youth leader, and building committee chair will continue to be of service to the seminary. As our culture becomes increasingly hostile to the Christian faith, it is important that our seminaries are well supported to continue their crucial work.



Glenn Weingarth, Villa Park, CA; St. John's, Orange (PSW); LCMS Lifelong; Owner/CEO Weingarth Grp. Exec. Search. **S:** Exec. Searches for CSL and LBT. **D:** Exec. Searches for CUI and Orange Luth. HS. **C:** Elder, School Bd., Catechism Instructor. **O:** Nat'l. Academic and Business Consulting Reputation.

President Larry Rast and the Board of Regents have strengthened our seminary in Fort Wayne. Our Synod is best served by continuing to operate seminaries both in St. Louis and Fort Wayne. If we were ever to combine them, total combined MDiv enrollment would go down, precisely at a time when we need more pastors. Our Fort Wayne seminary has a notable deaconess program. Fort Wayne provides a seminary education rich in our Confessions and also in liturgical worship, which is prized by many of our congregations.



Noreen Lindberg Linke, Fort Collins, CO; Peace with Christ (RM); LCMS 28; Homemaker. **S:** CTX BOR 9, Co-Chm. of BOR Governance Com. **C:** Organizer and Chm. Memorial Luth. Ladies Retreat Com. 8, Spkr.'s Bureau 2, Personal Asst. for an LCMS Career Miss. 5, Nat'l. Ldrship. Team for Univ. Luth. Chapel (Mpls.) 1, Liturgical Arts Com. 4, Cap. Campaign Com. 1, Choir and Church Musician 44, Substitute Organist 9, Evan. Com. 10, LWML 8, Miss. Team

Mem. (3 Trips), Bldg. Com. 1, Chm. Nom. Com. 1, Parish Plng. Secy. 1, Youth Grp. Ldr. 2, Youth Choir Dir. 2, Small-Grp. and Adult Bible Study Ldr., DCE 2, SS Tchr. 5, VBS Dir./Tchr. **O:** Admin. Asst. for Radiology Grp. 7, Rental Prop. Owner/Mgr. 7, Mem. Concerned Women for America 10, BOD CWA ID Chapter 3, Com. Vol., Trained in Evangelism Explosion, Couns. in Training Christikon Camp Min.

I have long had a deep interest in pastoral education and formation that are faithful to our Lutheran Confessions. I regularly support CTSFW financially and attend its programs (e.g., Symposia). I have observed the seminary's challenges and evolution. I am proud of CTSFW's purposeful strides to make seminary education financially accessible to our students and those of our global partner churches. Having just completed three terms of service on the Concordia University Texas Board of Regents, I feel prepared and now desire to utilize my experience and ideas by serving on the CTSFW Board of Regents to continue its good work.

b. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Board of Regents

Elect 2 ministers of religion—ordained, 1 minister of religion—commissioned, 1 layperson (6-year term)

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—ORDAINED

Elect 2 ministers of religion—ordained (6-year term)



Allen (Al) F. Doering, Kingwood, TX; Christ the King (TX); LCMS 62; Sr. Pastor. **S:** Alive in Christ Capital Campaign (1985), Nom. Com. (2001), CTX BOR 9 (2 as Vice-Chm., 2 as Chm.). **D:** Pres. Com. on Min. Initiatives 10, CV 3, Instructor for Pastors and Spouses Ldrshp. Experiences 13. **C:** Two Pastorates Totaling 36 Years, Co-Ldr. of LCMS Church Planting Partnership for Metro Houston Northeast 3. **O:** On-Site Instructor for Pastors and

Spouses (Luth. Church in Korea, Ev. Luth. Church of Ghana, The Luth. Church in the Philippines, Ev. Luth. Church of Tanzania) 15, Hurricane Harvey Com. Flood Relief 2.

As a Concordia Seminary alumnus, father of a seminary graduate, and supervisor of vicars and pastors, I am thankful for the biblical, confessional foundation our seminaries provide. With nine years as a Concordia University regent (two as chairman), I will strive to help the seminary board govern well. Such governance will comply with LCMS Bylaws as the board works collaboratively with the administration and faculty to lead the institution as it “serves church and world by providing theological education and leadership centered in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the name of the LCMS.”



Michael Edward Hayes, Orange, CA; St. John's (PSW); LCMS 44; Pastor. **D:** PSW: Resolution Com., Pastors Conf. Spkr., Devotional Ldr., Conf. Organizer, Pre-Sem. Interview Com., Doctrine Instructor for Lay Ldrshp. Prog.; CNH: Chm. and Vice-Chm. of DCEs, Conf. Organizer, Orange Luth. HS Exec. Search Com. Mem. **C:** Two Pastorates Totaling 12 Years, Vicar/Worship Ldr. 3, DCE 4. **O:** PhD in Exegetical Theol., Presenter Soc. of Biblical Literature, *Studiorum Novi*

Testamenti Societas, Published Book on NT Greek Grammar in the Biblical Greek Series Published by Dr. D. A. Carson, Hebrew/Greek/Theol. Grad. Asst./Tutor Com., Coord. Coun., Neighborhood Watch Coord., Columbia Memorial Museum and City Coun. Commencement Ldr., Outreach Network, Orange Co. HR.

As a graduate of Concordia Seminary's pastoral training and PhD programs, I strongly believe in the seminary's mission to serve the church and world by providing theological education and leadership centered in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. An increasingly post-Christian culture and mission field need innovative and practical pastoral/theological education that remains true to our Lutheran roots. I believe that my practical experience in pastoral ministry, coupled with my advanced theological education and contributions, qualify me to fill a unique and valuable role on the Board of Regents of Concordia Seminary. I would be grateful to serve in this capacity.



Bruce E. Keseman+, Freeburg, IL; Christ Our Savior (SI); LCMS 55; Pastor. **S:** Conv. Fl. Com. (2016), Conv. Deleg. (Various Years), Host Cong. LCMS Conv. (2013), Worship Forum Presenter (1998), Nat'l. Youth Gathering Steering Com. (1986), BYS 3, LYF Chm. 3. **D:** 1st VP 3, 2nd VP 3, BOD 9, Bd. of Spiritual Care 9, Cir. Couns. 3, Southwestern IL College Campus Min. (Organizer, Tchr., and Pres.) 5, Conv. Fl. Com. (Various Years), Miss. Workers Conf.

Organizer (1990s), LYF Chm. 2. **C:** Miss. Developer 2, Pastor at Christ Our Savior, Freeburg 27, VBS Curriculum Author 27. **O:** CSL Field Ed. Supervisor (1990s to Present), Regional Campus Min. Conf. Com. 3, Dcs. Internship Supervisor 2, Spkr. at Various Conf. (1990s to Present) Higher Things BOD and Conf. Exec. (2000s), Freeburg Project Success (1990s and 2000s), Freeburg Christian Dialogue Coord. (1990s), Staff at St. John's College, Winfield, KS (3).

Concordia Seminary is a treasure of our Synod, as I've learned firsthand. I was immersed in God's truths—especially His truths about our Savior—by a gifted theological faculty, and I've enjoyed mentoring outstanding field-ed. seminarians for 25ish years. The board needs to continue its focus on providing pastors who know and speak the biblical Lutheran faith in a culture that is increasingly hostile to Christians. Other challenges include (1) increasing the number of students, especially men studying to be pastors, and (2) addressing an aging infrastructure in a way that is architecturally pleasing and fiscally responsible.



Todd A. Peperkorn+, Rocklin, CA; Holy Cross (CNH); LCMS 30; Sr. Pastor. **S:** Mem. CSL BOR 4 (3 as Vice-Chm. and now 1 as Chm.), Conv. Deleg. (2004, 2010, 2013), Secy. Fl. Com. (2013), Conv. DR (2010), Steering Com. Commission on Worship Nat'l. Conf. (2002, 2005). **D:** Mem. SW BOD 2, Prog. Coord. Cir. 4 and 19 of CNH 4. **C:** Sr. Pastor Holy Cross (CNH), Pastor (SW) 12, Youth Dir. (IN) 2, Summer Vicar (SE). **O:** Mem. Merrie Olde

Christmas Carolers 4, Author of *God's Gifts of Forgiveness* Sermon Series (CPH, 2011), Author of *I Trust When Dark My Road: A Lutheran View of Depression* (LCMS, 2009), Asst. Ed. of *Treasury of Daily Prayer* (CPH, 2008), 2008 Cranach Inst. Adv. Bd. 6, Founding Ed. of *Higher Things Magazine* 6, Adjunct Faculty CUW 9, Admissions Couns. CTSFW 3.

It has been an honor to serve on Concordia Seminary's Board of Regents as its chairman. My experience as a pastor in the Midwest for 12 years and on the West Coast for the last eight years gives me a holistic perspective on pastoral formation. My background in admissions work and on the 13-03 Synod Task Force also helped to shape Concordia Seminary's current strategic plan. If reelected, I will do everything I can to keep our focus on preparing the next generation of the finest pastors and servant leaders the church has to offer to the world.



Andrew D. Smith, Cookeville, TN; Heavenly Host (MDS); LCMS 27; Pastor. **S:** Conv. Deleg. (2010). **D:** LWML Zone Couns. (2008, 2012, 2013). **C:** Vicarage Supervisor 2, Interim Head of School 2, Strategic Plng. and Devel. 3. **O:** US Navy Chapl. 8, Training Officer Bethesda Naval Hospital 3.

I am honored to be nominated to serve the LCMS and my alma mater, Concordia Seminary, as a regent. As a pastor and vicarage supervisor, I have perhaps some valuable insight to further the work of Concordia Seminary to equip seminarians for the challenges of pastoral ministry in the 21st century, while remaining true to our confessional standards and the calling of our Lord to proclaim the Gospel to a broken and hurting world.

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—COMMISSIONED

Elect 1 minister of religion—commissioned (6-year term)



Erik Peder Ankerberg, Wheaton, IL; Apostles, Melrose Park (NI); LCMS 30; Assoc. VP for Academics CUC. **S:** Mem. "Church and Culture" Subcom. for 2016 LCMS Conv. **O:** Assoc. VP for Academics and Prof. of English CUC 3.

One of the Synod's greatest responsibilities is the preparation of future pastors and church leaders. For decades, we have trusted institutions such as Concordia Seminary to train

these workers to serve others in the face of a changing, complex world. At the same time, our Lord and His Gospel are changeless. We must encourage our seminaries to remain faithful to Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions and simultaneously work diligently to identify and procure the faculty and financial resources that enable our seminaries to recruit and form pastors who are well prepared to carry out Christ's essential work.

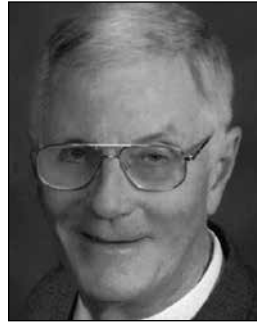


Michael Scott Staub, Houston, TX; Memorial (TX); LCMS 39; Asst. Professor of Music CTX (Dir. of Instrumental Music and Music Ed.). **S:** Deleg. and Fl. Com. Mem. at 2016 LCMS Conv. **D:** Asst. Prof. CTX 2, HS Tchr. at Seven Houston-Area Schools. **C:** Participant in the Musical Prog. at Memorial 16 (Choir, Instrumental Ensembles), Elder 3.

Our family has been blessed by pastors from both seminaries who have faithfully preached the Word of God and administered His sacraments. In a world hurt by sin, our church continues to need faithful shepherds who will cling to the Word of God, care for His people, and reach out to the lost. If chosen to serve, I will work with other regents to support the seminary in its important task of forming pastors who are faithful to God's Word and the Lutheran Confessions, are excellent servants able to minister to the needs of their parishioners, and are a light to the world. I also hope to strengthen the connections between the seminary and our Synod colleges so that we can encourage more men to enter the pastoral ministry and women to be deaconesses.

LAYPERSONS

Elect 1 layperson (6-year term)



Carl Thomas Egger, Muscatine, IA; Our Savior (IE); LCMS 60; Ret. VP Grain Processing Corp. **S:** Chm. CCN and Conv. Deleg. (2013), Chm. Bylaw 3.2.5 Com. (2013–16), CHI BOG 6 (2 as VP), Conv. Deleg. and Fl. Com. (1977), CCN (1980). **D:** BOD 11, Chm. Investment Com. (17 Total) and Audit Com. 11, Camp IoDisECa Liaison, IE Conv. Deleg. Several Times, IE Nom. Com. (2018), Evang. and Miss. Com. **C:** Current Chm. Investment and Long-Range Plng. Com., Chm. 50th Anniv. Com., Chm., Elder, Trustee, SS Supt., Adult Bible Class Ldr., Chm. Bldg. Com. **O:** VP Grain Processing Corp. 26, Youth Sports Coach, Boy Scout Ldr. and Dist. Admin., Univ. of Iowa Adv. Bds., Co-Chm. Mayor's Com. on Low-Income Housing, Capt. US Army Corps of Engineers, Citizen Chemical Engineer Award.

The most important office in the LCMS is parish pastor. The most important functions of the Synod are fostering common confession, based solely upon Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, and the molding and training of faithful pastors who extol the Gospel to all the world. These concepts intersect directly at our LCMS seminaries. I would consider it a great privilege and responsibility to support these concepts at CSL, along with providing adequate facilities, ensuring financial stability, and enabling seminarians to complete their work without incurring burdensome debt. We are blessed to have one son ordained from each seminary and a grandson on vicarage.



Mark O. Stern, Lake Forest, IL; St. Paul, Brookfield (NI); LCMS 22; Atty. **S:** CUC BOR 9 (3 as Chm.), Res. 13-03 TF 2, Fl. Com. (Univ. Ed.) Mem. and Secy. (2016), Conv. Deleg. (2013 and 2016), Rep. to CUS. Coun. of Mem. (2016). **D:** NI VP of CCN (2015 and 2018), Conv. Deleg. (2015 and 2018), Mem. CI CEF Special Loan Com. 2, CI Legal Couns. 2, Pro Bono Work for Several NI Cong. **C:** Cong. Chm. 4, Call Com., Vice-Chm., Secy., Bd. of Fin.

Chm., Bd. of Deacons Chm., Bldg. Com. **O:** Citizen Advocacy Ctr. Participation Award, Spkr. at CI, NI, MI, MNS, and MO Pastors and Lay Conf. on Legal Topics Affecting Cong., Author of an article in *The Lutheran Witness*.

With God's help and blessings, Concordia Seminary serves the Synod by forming and educating pastors. We are actively implementing our strategic plan for the future. The seminary is moving forward, supporting congregations in outreach to a changing world that desperately needs Christ, while we remain financially sound, academically strong, fully Lutheran, and Gospel centered. If chosen, I would welcome the opportunity to continue my service on the board. Having previously served as board chair at Concordia University Chicago, my experience with best practices in higher education, and my vocation dealing with complex legal issues, aids me in fulfilling this responsibility.



Linda Stoterau, Orange, CA; St. John's (PSW); LCMS 71; Ret. Ed./Admin. **S:** BNM 6 (3 as Secy), Secy. Com. on Worship 3. **D:** Dist. Rep. for Synod Nom. Com., Dist. Conv. Worship Com. 3. **C:** Substitute Organist 18, Coord. of Worship and Music/Organist/Choir Dir. 32. **O:** Secy. Vista Royale Homeowners Assoc. 3, BOD (Vice-Chm.) LIRS 4, Induction Adv. Bd. Orange Unified School Dist. 5.

It has been my joy and privilege to serve the LCMS in several capacities and at various levels. In each situation, I have brought both my love for and faith in our Savior, Jesus Christ, as well as my lifelong service to the LCMS with enthusiasm, compassion, and positivity. I seek solutions and decisions that are God pleasing yet pragmatic; I prefer consensus to ballots; I strive for honesty and forthrightness in working together with others. I am honored to be nominated for this position and will serve humbly with the gifts God has given me.



Jesse Lewis Yow, Livermore, CA; Our Savior (CNH); LCMS 41; Ret. Dept. Head Lawrence Livermore Nat'l. Lab. **S:** Fl. Com. (2007, 2010), CTCR 9, Chm. of CTCR Com. III, Contributing Author for Study Notes in *The Lutheran Study Bible*, Spkr. at LHM Regional Outreach Conf., Author of *Standing Firm: A Christian Response to Hostility and Persecution* (CPH, 2015). **D:** Cong. Rep. Cir. Forums, Lay Deleg. (CNH) to Synod Conv. (2007, 2010), Alt.

Deleg. (2013, 2016). **C:** Elders Chm., Cong. Chm., BOD, VP, Chm. Pastoral Call Com., Chm. Prin. Call Com., Bible Class Tchr. **O:** BOD Luth. Care for the Aging, BOD Friends of Shanta Bhawan (Medical Miss. in Kathmandu).

Our Synod faces challenges, but God also gives opportunities. LCMS congregations, schools, church plants, and mission efforts are on the front lines for these challenges and opportunities. God has blessed us with outstanding seminaries to prepare and equip pastors for this work; the boards of regents serve as stewards to help our seminaries fulfill this role for the church. It has been an honor to serve on the CTCR and to write for the church. If elected, it will be an honor to employ my God-given experience, gifts, and skills on the Concordia Seminary Board of Regents.

XV. Report on Candidates for College/University Boards of Regents

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained, 1 minister of religion—commissioned, 2 laypersons (3-year term)

Duties: Meetings four times a year at the respective school. The board's duties include the defining and fulfilling of the mission of the school within the broad assignment of the Synod, operating and managing it as an agent of the Synod, serving as its governing body, establishing and reviewing policies, promoting public relations, approving budgets, and in every way promoting the well-being of the school (2016 *Handbook*, pp. 160–63).

Qualifications: A board of regents of a college or university of the Synod is responsible for the spiritual, academic, and financial health of the institution. It makes decisions regarding the resources and strategic vision that are needed to provide Christian workers and leaders for the church and the world. It oversees the work of the president and creates appropriate policies to guide administrative activities. A board of regents is responsible for the educational program of its institution. Its members must assure themselves that the work of the institution is carried on effectively and managed in a business-like manner within an annually established budget. The board is also responsible for the general welfare of faculty, staff, and students. Its 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 preparation of church workers. Committee work and other commitments may be requested between meetings. Regents may expect to be asked to support the institution financially as part of their personal stewardship commitments.

Persons elected or appointed to a board of regents should be knowledgeable regarding the region in which the institution is located and shall demonstrate familiarity and support for the doctrinal positions of the Synod. They shall possess two or more of the following qualifications: theological acumen, an advanced academic degree, experience in higher education administration, administration of complex organizations, finance, law, investments, technology, human resources, facilities management, or fund development. Demonstrated familiarity and support of the institution is a desired quality in the candidate. When regents are elected at the national convention of the Synod or appointed by the board of regents, qualifications shall be reviewed and verified by the Secretary of Synod (or designee) and the President of the CUS (or designee). When regents are elected at district conventions, qualifications of all nominees, including floor nominees, shall be reviewed and verified by the chair and secretary of the district board of directors or their designees (Bylaw 3.10.6.2 [8]).

Restrictions: No more than two elective members of a college, university, or seminary board of regents may be members of the same congregation (Bylaw 3.10.6.2 [7]).

a. Concordia College—New York (Bronxville, NY) Board of Regents

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained, 1 minister of religion—commissioned, 2 laypersons (3-year term)

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—ORDAINED

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (3-year term)



Jon Thomas Diefenthaler, Columbia, MD; Our Savior, Laurel (SE); LCMS 62; Ret. Pastor and Dist. Pres. **S:** BOR CCNY 3, Bd. of Univ. Ed. 4, CTCR 3, COP 9 (Vice Chm. 3). **D:** Dist. Pres. 9, Dist. 1st VP 6. **C:** Sr. Pastor 6, Pastor 22. **O:** Church-Relations Adv. LWR 6, Adjunct Prof. CSL 6.

I served for five years on the Synod's Board of University Education and for three years as a member of Bronxville's BOR. At present, I am a member of the President's Advisory Council at this same school. Bronxville is our only Concordia in the East, and its student body is significantly multicultural in composition, which presents a God-given outreach opportunity for us as Lutherans. I am committed to supporting Bronxville's faculty and administration as they seek not only to be faithful to the school's distinguished tradition of preparing church workers, but also as they endeavor to discover better ways to instill our biblically and confessionally based faith in all students as they prepare themselves for leadership in the global context of the 21st century.



Jon M. Ellingworth+, Waverly, IA; St. John (IE); LCMS 48; Pastor. **S:** Conv. Deleg. (2013, 2016), Koinonia Project Fac. 3. **D:** CV 5, Pastoral Conf. Com. 6. **C:** Pastor at Christ the King, Pawling, NY 15. **O:** Pawling Resource Ctr. Bd. 15 (Chm. 5); Progress for Pawling Bd. 3; Radio Personality, "Cleric's Corner," Pawling Pub. Radio 4; Mem. Pawling Rotary Club 3.

Having served a parish in New York for 16 years, I am very familiar with Concordia College and its mission and vision. The beginning of my first term coincided with the beginning of President Nunes's administration. I have literally been with him from the beginning and have seen the development and unfolding of his vision for Concordia. Additionally, I have become familiar with the unique challenges and opportunities for the school and have been a part of the development and implementation of plans to meet them. I look forward to continuing this work on the Board of Regents.

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—COMMISSIONED

Elect 1 minister of religion—commissioned (3-year term)



Patricia Hoffman, Las Vegas, NV; Mountain View (PSW); LCMS 66; Prof. Em. CUC. **S:** BFCS 12, Family Min. Adv. 11. **D:** PSW Early Childhood Cabinet Adv. 15, NI Early Childhood Adv. 5, Accreditation 2. **C:** BOD 3, School Min. Action Com. 3, Substitute Tchr. **O:** Spkr. at Nat'l., Int'l., Dist., and Local Events.

In this critical time for our Concordias, leadership must possess passion for Lutheran education. Universities must offer the highest quality curriculum, be fiscally sound, and remain true to their mission statements. Students come to the Concordias for education, and we have the opportunity to also reach them with the Gospel of Jesus. As a former CUS faculty member, I possess the knowledge of how our universities operate. The role of a regent is to assist and support administration, faculty, staff, and students in providing for the mind and soul in order that graduates are prepared for leadership and service throughout the world.



Ross E. Stueber, Yorkville, IL; Cross (NI); LCMS 71; Ret. and Part-Time Cons. **S:** LCMS Assoc. Dir. of Schools 9, Prof. CUW 12, BOR CCNY 3. **D:** Bd. of Miss. (MI) 6, NLSA Accreditation Com. (MI) 8. **C:** Tchr. 8 Total, Tchr./Prin. 11, Prin. Luth. HS 6, Cong. Chm. 8. **O:** Asst. to Pres. for Governance and Png. CUW 11, Lead Cons. and Founder of e3 Leadership LLC 5 (Focus on Governance and Png).

I would be excited to serve the Synod and particularly this college as a member of the Board of Regents. Nearly all of my life has been spent in Lutheran education institutions—from being a student in grade 1, through college, to serving as a teacher and administrator at all levels of Lutheran education, including higher education. My passion is for our Lutheran education institutions and their mission. Our Concordia University System is a special gift to the church. Now more than ever, we need institutions of higher education based on the Scriptures, helping to shape and develop lay and church leaders for service to Christ in the church and in the world. This Concordia resides in one of the most populous parts of our country. The opportunities are almost endless for our Synod in this place. Governance boards like this one have a vital role to play in leading an institution.

LAYPERSONS

Elect 2 laypersons (3-year term)



Mark Gruenwald, Evansville, IN; Our Savior (IN); LCMS 59; Prof. of Mathematics, Univ. of Evansville. **S:** Conv. Deleg. (1992 and upcoming in 2019). **D:** IN Conv. Deleg. (1994, 1997, 2003, 2006, 2009, 2012). **C:** Treas. 3, VP 2, Pres. 3, Elder since 2002 (Head Elder since 2017), Self-Study Coord. and Primary Author (2009). **O:** Prof. of Math. Univ. of Evansville since 1989, Chm. Dept. of Math. 8, Dir. of Actuarial Science since 2006, Fiscal Affairs Com. (Many Times since 1989), Numerous Other Dept. and Univ. Com., Co-Author of Several Undergraduate Textbooks.

I have been involved in higher education for my entire adult life, starting as a student at two of our Concordias (St. Paul and River Forest) and continuing with a career as a university professor and administrator. My experiences in recent years have led me to become acutely aware of the significant role that our Concordias play in preparing strong Christian leaders for lives of service. I am eager to assist in this important mission by serving as a member of the Board of Regents at Concordia in Bronxville.



Scott Michael Sadlo, West Milford, NJ; Christ the King, Ringwood (NJ); LCMS 38; Sr. Sales Rep. Capital Contractors Inc., Dir. of Music at Christ the King. **S:** Admissions Couns. CCNY 6, Asst. Dir. of Admissions CCNY 1. **D:** Organist/Png. Com. Mem. for NJ Reformation 500 Observances, Organist for NJ Conv. Principal Worship Service (2018). **C:** Dir. of Music 26, Call Com. Mem. and Ex Officio Bd. of Elders (2002, 2009, 2014), Chm. Stewp. (2002), Bible Study Ldr. during Vacancies and as Vacation Substitute 17. **O:** Staff Mem. CCNY 7, Dist. Rep. for AAL (1997), Acct. Mgr., Reg. Mgr., and Sr. Sales Rep. at Capital Contractors Inc. 22.

As an alumnus, former staff member, active LCMS church musician, and resident of Concordia Bronxville's service area, I have a vested interest in serving as a member of its Board of Regents. While I was there as a student, Concordia shaped my faith and made me the church musician I am today. As a seven-year staff member, I lived with the challenges of Concordia being a small Lutheran college—challenges that remain today. These challenges represent opportunities: bringing Christ to a diverse and largely un-catechized population, increasing financial strength through endowment, and serving as a resource for and partner to congregations.



Gordon David Tresch, Kenmore, NY; First Trinity, Tonawanda (EA); LCMS 39; Atty. and Firm Partner. **S:** COH 6, CCM 6, LCMS Conv. Adv. Deleg. and Fl. Com. Mem. (2004). **D:** BOD 18 (Over Three Terms), Nom. Com. 3, Const. Com. 6, Conv. Mgr. (3 Times), Com. on Publications 3, Com. on Budget and Internal Control 6, Conv. Parliamentarian (Various Years). **C:** Coun. Pres., VP Secy., Elder, Bd. of Ed., Bd. of Stewp., Co-Chm. Capital Campaign, Adult Bible Tch. **O:**

Martin Luther Christian School Bd. of Trustees (Chm. and Mem.) 8, Village of Kenmore Atty. 10, Tonawanda Deputy Atty. 8, Acting Village Justice 4.

With more than 40 years of experience in a variety of positions from my local congregation to national commissions, I have developed an understanding of the mission of the Synod and its agencies. I have served on the Commission on Handbook, the CCM, the Eastern District Board of Directors, Martin Luther School Board of Trustees (Buffalo, NY), and various district and congregational leadership positions. Familiarity with the Synod's educational entities comes through participation on these numerous boards and commissions. I also bring to the board over 40 years of experience as a municipal and civil trial attorney.



David M. Wolf+, Bellingham, MA; Our Redeemer, Smithfield, RI (NE); LCMS 30; Dentist. **S:** BOR CCNY 3. **C:** Treas. 5. **O:** Dentist since 1993, Exec. Bd. Mem. Metropolitan District Mass. Dental Soc. 23.

I have served on the board of Concordia College—New York for the past three years. I am currently serving as vice-chairman, chair of the Audit Committee, and member of the Resource Management Committee. We

have seen great changes as well as challenges at the college. I am honored to be considered for a second term on the board and look forward to continuing to serve the college, helping continue its mission where mutual respect flourishes, responsibility is developed, and reverence for God is cultivated so that students can pursue lives of passion, purpose, and service.

b. Concordia University Chicago (River Forest, IL) Board of Regents

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained, 1 minister of religion—commissioned, 2 laypersons (3-year term)

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—ORDAINED

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (3-year term)



Thomas (Tom) J. Egger, St. Louis, MO; Hope, St. Louis (MO); LCMS 47; Asst. Professor of Exegetical Theology, CSL. **S:** OT Prof. CSL 14, Exegetical Dept. Secy. CSL 14, Min. Formation Com. 9, Accreditation Com. 2, CTCR 9, Small Catechism Com. 3, CHI Walther Round Table Com. 13, CHI Awards Com. 7. **D:** Dean IW Confirmants Retreat 4, Presenter for Various Dist. Church Workers Grps. and Conf. **C:** Pastor (IW) 5, Elder 2, Frequent Guest Bible Study Tchr. (Various Cong.) 14. **O:** Vice Chm. BOD Providence Classical Christian Academy, Chm. Policy Com., Accreditation Com. 11, BOD Conc. Luth. School (Storm Lake) 4, BOR Central College, Pella, IA, Student Rep. 3, Luth. Sr. Serv. CPE Prof. Cons. Com. 6, Mem. Evang. Theol. Soc. and the Soc. of Biblical Literature.

Concordia University Chicago has a high calling: equipping students to serve family, church, and society while nurturing their souls in God's Word and true learning so that they love all that is good, true, and beautiful. Board and administration collaborate in maintaining Lutheran identity, academic excellence, and fiscal responsibility. My wife, Tori, and I have raised six children and sent four (so far) off to college, two currently at Concordias. I have served on the board of a K–12 classical school for 10 years and, for the last 15, have taught many Concordia University grads as a seminary professor.



Michael Robert Knox, Cedar Falls, IA; Our Redeemer (IE); LCMS 57; Pastor. **S:** LCMS/Dist. Reconciler 9. **D:** BOD IE 4, BOD Camp IoDisECa 7, Nom. Com. 3, Chm. Pastors Conf. Com. 3, Conv. Fl. Com. (2003, 2006, 2012, 2018). **C:** Vicarage Supervisor since 2001, Pastor since 1987. **O:** HS Coach and Sub. Tchr. since 1996, Foreign Exchange Host Parent since 1991, BOD Valley Luth. School since 2017.

The psalmist prays, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding” (Ps. 111:10). I am the beneficiary of the Synod’s commitment to education founded on this biblical truth. Attending an LCMS elementary school, high school, and college, I was blessed by faithful and loving teachers. These men and women delivered to me not only the truths of the Christian faith but also the wisdom to live in the world, confess Christ, and serve my neighbor. If elected, I would joyfully serve on the Board of Regents at Concordia Chicago to help ensure that another generation of students may be as blessed as I was.

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—COMMISSIONED

Elect 1 minister of religion—commissioned (3-year term)



Carol Ruth (Umbach) Johnson, Fords, NJ; Redeemer, Westfield (NJ); LCMS 61; Ret. LCMS Tchr. and Prin. **D:** Active in Many NJ Youth Activities, both Plng. and Attending. **C:** LCMS Elem. Tchr. 28, Prin. 12.

After having spent 46 of the last 62 years involved in various Lutheran schools as a student, parent/volunteer, teacher, and administrator, I firmly believe in the importance of a quality Christian education. In this day and age, it is a great challenge to keep our Lutheran schools open and flourishing. We need trained Lutheran educators to accomplish this. As a member of the CUC Board of Regents, I would say my goal is to do all we can to continue providing a Christian higher education for those whom God has called to serve Him as Lutheran school-teachers.



Ruth Ericka McDonnell, St. Louis, MO; Salem, Affton (MO); LCMS 33; Full-Time PhD Student (Dissertation, CSL). **S:** Fl. Com. (2016), Conv. Deleg. (2010, 2013, 2016). **D:** Chm. Bd. for Ed. Serv. 4 (Nom. for a Second Term), Min. Care Com. 4, “Chaplain” for Prof. Church Workers 2. **C:** Stephen Min. Ldr. 13, Bd. for Evang. 3, Choir from Childhood, Handbell Choir 30, SS Tchr. 3, Bd. for Parish Ed. 3, Bd. for Health and Wellness 5. **O:** Parish Dcs. 3, Miss.

Fac. 3, Asst. Dir. for Grad. Studies CSL 4, Adjunct Faculty 1, Conc. Dcs. Conf. 13, H&R Block (Tax Prep., Instructor, Office Mgr.), Instrumental Music Tchr., Handbell Musicians of America since 1990.

Our Concordia University System has a rich history of providing higher education centered in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Concordia Chicago, located in one of the country’s largest cities, is uniquely positioned to train servant leaders in today’s global community. CUC’s setting provides the opportunity for students to interact with diverse cultures in an urban environment. The university provides her students a variety of programs within a Christian setting, and her graduates provide Christian leadership in a variety of vocations. However, CUC should always keep at the forefront her mission to train workers for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

LAYPERSONS

Elect 2 laypersons (3-year term)



Edward Christian Kopff, Louisville, CO; University, Boulder (RM); LCMS 45; Assoc. Prof., Univ. of CO Boulder. **S:** Conv. Deleg. (2013, 2016), Fl. Com. (2013), *The Lutheran Witness* Author (2015), Featured in *Lutherans Engage the World*. **D:** Conv. Deleg. (2012, 2015, 2018), RM BOD 2. **C:** Elder, Adult Bible Class and NT Greek Tchr. **O:** Assoc. Prof. of Classics, Assoc. Dir. of Arts and Sciences Honors Prog., Founding Dir. of the Ctr. for Western

Civ. at U. of Colo., Boulder 7.

Many public universities are emphasizing pre-professional programs at the expense of the traditional liberal arts. Private universities with a religious heritage can be leaders in preserving and strengthening the liberal arts, theology, and classical Christian education. I hope my experience with both a public university and classical Lutheran education will allow me to support positive trends at Concordia, River Forest.



Stanley (Stan) Carl Lemon, Seymour, IN; St. Peters, Indianapolis (IN); LCMS 32; Principal Software Engineer, Salesforce. **S:** Conv. Deleg. (2004), Higher Things Staff 12, Higher Things Bd. Mem. (2016), *Higher Things Magazine* Writer. **D:** Conv. Deleg. (EN). **C:** Elder, Bd. of Christian Ed. (Two Cong.), SS Tchr. **O:** Luth. HS Bd. Mem. 4, Luth. HS Treas. 1, Creator and Maintainer of *sanctus.org*.

I am a graduate of Concordia University Chicago, where I earned a degree in Theology and Biblical Languages. I have served in several capacities across the Synod, including with Higher Things, as a lay delegate to the Synod and English District conventions, as a board member and treasurer of Trinity Lutheran High School, and currently as financial secretary of St. Peter's in Indianapolis and as treasurer of the Indiana District. I live in Indianapolis with my wife and three children, whom we homeschool. I work as a principal engineer for Salesforce and volunteer as a CASA with Child Advocates.



James Max Riske Jr., Windsor, ON; Grace, Monroe, MI (MI); LCMS 41; Science Tchr., Detroit Collegiate HS. **S:** Reg. Pres. and Nat'l. VP LSF 3. **D:** MI BOD 4. **C:** Chm. Univ. Luth. Chapel 6, Luth. School Prin. 4. **O:** Luth. Grade School Prin. 4, Republican Nom. to Mich. House of Rep. (2000 and 2002), Van Lunen Fellowship for Exec. Ldrshp. in Christian Schools 2.

The closure of Selma and the rebirth of Ann Arbor show us both the perils and the opportunities facing our Concordia University System. Our pre-K through 12 system faces similar pressures. Our regents should be forward-looking in helping our entire school ecosystem not only survive but thrive throughout the challenges that will face it in the coming years.



Alison Christine Witte, Fairborn, OH; Bethlehem (OH); LCMS 35; Assoc. Prof. of Humanities and Communication, Trine Univ. **C:** Chm. Families Serving Families Com. 3, Webmaster 5. **O:** Univ. Prof. since 2013, Chm. Inst. Review Board since 2014.

As a professor, I engage with college students daily, and I see many who struggle to find meaningful direction for their lives. I am interested in this position because, as an alumna, I believe that Concordia Chicago is and can continue to be a place where students—through education that emphasizes academic, spiritual, professional, and social growth—go to learn to value their various vocations, and to be encouraged and equipped to put their learning into action, bringing the Gospel and its life-changing work into the world around them. I am excited to support and extend this work.

c. Concordia University, Irvine, CA, Board of Regents

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained, 1 minister of religion—commissioned, 2 laypersons (3-year term)

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—ORDAINED

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (3-year term)



Scott C. Klemsz+, Salinas, CA; Our Savior (CNH); LCMS 53; Pastor. **S:** CTSFW 10 (Dir. of Adm., PR and Publications), Founder and Dir. of Christ Academy. **C:** Pastor of Our Savior since 2007. **O:** Gannett Newspapers Advertising Sales 3, Dir. of Advertising Swift Newspapers 4.

I've been blessed to serve as a regent at Concordia University, Irvine. During this time, I've been able to assist fellow board members as they guide and ensure the future of this institution. My experience as a corporate officer, seminary administrator, and parish pastor has given me resources and knowledge that have assisted my ability to serve. If re-elected, I look forward to continuing to work with the board, faculty, and staff as we ensure the quality education that Concordia University, Irvine, provides to a community in need of the nourishment of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Matthew Allen Payne, Glendora, CA; Trinity, San Dimas (EN); LCMS 58; Pastor. **D:** CV 2. **O:** Adjunct Prof. CUI 3.

I began my ministry 30 years ago with an interest in campus ministry; my first call allowed me an opportunity to serve in that capacity at Louisiana Tech University. My desire to serve our young adults in college continues to this day. I was also blessed to be able to serve as an adjunct professor at Concordia, Irvine, for several years upon arriving in Southern California and developed a wonderful relationship with this university and its staff. It would be an honor to serve again and work with Concordia, Irvine, in its desire to serve the Lord faithfully in the years to come in preparing our young people in service to their church and community, and in its mission outreach to all who come in contact with the university, its staff, and its students.

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—COMMISSIONED

Elect 1 minister of religion—commissioned (3-year term)



Jeffrey Scott Beavers+, Orange, CA; St. John's (PSW); LCMS 35; Exec. Dir., Crean Luth. HS. **S:** Chm. LCMS Blue Ribbon TF on Luth. Schools 2, Nom. for BNM (2014). **D:** Admin. Cabinet and Consultation TF since 2009, Pres. of Luth. Ed. Conf. 4 Total, VP of Luth. Ed. Conf. 2. **C:** Duty Elder since 2005, Mem. Youth Bd. 4. **O:** Luth. Secondary Admin. 25, Licensed Marriage and Fam. Therapist 26, Probation Officer (L.A. and Orange Counties).

I am Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer at Irvine's Crean Lutheran High School, now beginning its 13th academic year. I am a proud product of Lutheran education as a graduate of Denver Lutheran High School ('85) and Christ College (CUI), Irvine ('89). I have been married to Lisa, née McCann (CUI, '88), for 30 years. We are blessed to have three wonderful children together and are longtime members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Orange. I believe it is a true honor to be nominated as a regents candidate after the experience of completing a prior term. I am passionate about Lutheran education and humbled to serve.



Patricia Hoffman, Las Vegas, NV; Mountain View (PSW); LCMS 66; Prof. Em. CUC. **S:** BFCS 12, Family Min. Adv. 11. **D:** PSW Early Childhood Cabinet Adv. 15, NI Early Childhood Adv. 5, Accreditation 2. **C:** BOD 3, School Min. Action Com. 3, Substitute Tchr. **O:** Spkr. at Nat'l., Int'l., Dist., and Local Events.

In this critical time for our Concordias, leadership must possess passion for Lutheran education. Universities must offer the highest quality curriculum, be fiscally sound, and remain true to their mission statements. Students come to the Concordias for education, and we have the opportunity to also reach them with the Gospel of Jesus. As a former CUS faculty member, I possess the knowledge of how our universities operate. The role of a regent is to assist and support administration, faculty, staff, and students in providing for the mind and soul in order that graduates are prepared for leadership and service throughout the world.

LAYPERSONS

Elect 2 laypersons (3-year term)



Susan Lorraine Christian, Golden, CO; Holy Cross, Highlands Ranch (RM); LCMS 59; Homeschool Tchr. **S:** Campus Min. TF 2, Pres. Com. on Women 9, BFMS 5, Interviewed by Harmony TF. **C:** SS Tchr. since 1998. **O:** Biology Prof. at CUI 9, Tutor (as Needed).

As our culture and world become increasingly anti-Christian, CUI provides a beacon of hope, proclaiming Christ to its students, church, com-

munity, and the world. During nine years as a biology professor at CUI, I developed a keen understanding of what it takes to prepare students for their chosen vocation in a hostile world. CUI's mission states that it is guided by the Great Commission and the Lutheran Confessions. As a regent, I will use my knowledge of higher education and the LCMS to help CUI uphold its mission, while maintaining academic integrity, financial stability, and scriptural faithfulness.



Laura Grace (Davis) Hemminger, Edmonds, WA; Peace, Bremerton (NOW); LCMS 29; Dir. of Y4Life (LFL). **S:** Nat'l Youth Gath. (2016): Organized and Managed the Life Min. Learning Ctr., Breakout Spkr., Collab. on Multiple Projects for LCMS Life Min. **D:** LWML Zone Young Women's Rep. 3, Wrote and Received Miss. Grants on behalf of Y4Life during 2016–18 Triennium. **C:** LWML Soc. Pres. at Univ. Luth. Chapel at Texas A&M 3, Music Ldr.

at Multiple Cong. 7. **O:** LFL Nat'l. BOD (Youth and Devel. Com.) 2, Helped Devel. a Plan for Starting a New Youth Prog. at LFL.

Our Concordia universities give us the opportunity to share Jesus in a uniquely Lutheran context with students from diverse backgrounds, many of whom have never heard the Gospel. I've mentored students from all our universities through my work at Lutherans For Life, and I have seen the positive impact that an education with a strong Lutheran identity that affirms our Lutheran teachings can have on students' faith development and future ministry. I'd be honored to use my experience in young adult ministry and my education in nonprofit management to ensure that Concordia, Irvine, continues to provide an excellent education, both academically and spiritually.



Peter K. S. Lee+, Newbury Park, CA; Peace, Camarillo (PSW); LCMS 62; Ret. **C:** VP of Fin., Elder. **O:** Healthcare Fin. Management at the Exec. Level, Managed over \$500 Million in Assets for More than 24 Hospitals in the Healthcare Fin. Industry for 36-Plus Years.

It's always a humbling experience and an honored feeling to be called upon to serve our God. Humbling is God calling on me, an 8-year-old ref-

ugee kid in 1954 from Hong Kong, to serve His kingdom on earth! Extremely honored. Thirty-six years of working in the healthcare financial industries on the executive levels offers me a capacity to be able to provide services on the Board of Regents for this beautiful campus of the Synod on the Pacific Coast.



Brian Takashi Yamabe, Campbell, CA; Shepherd of the Valley, San Jose (CNH); LCMS 40; Staff Software Engineer, ServiceNow. **C:** Officer and Secy. 9 Total, Elder 7, SS Tchr. 12. **O:** Software Devel. since 1992, Software Cons. since 2010.

I ask that you prayerfully consider giving me the opportunity to serve on the CUI Board of Regents. This is a time of great change in higher education, with the value of a college degree

coming under scrutiny and technology disrupting the traditional understanding of a career. With my experience in the ever-changing technology field, I believe I can help CUI navigate these waters while ensuring that we maintain a bold and confident Lutheran confession.

d. Concordia University Nebraska (Seward, NE) Board of Regents

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained, 1 minister of religion—commissioned, 2 laypersons (3-year term)

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—ORDAINED

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (3-year term)



Brad Evan Birtell+, Madison, NE; St. John's, Columbus (NEB); LCMS 40; Sr. Pastor. **S:** Conv. Deleg., Host Pastor CSL. **D:** Cir. Couns. 2, Presenter at New Workers Conf. 3, Min. Health Com., Pastoral Networking Com., Contrib. to Dist. Newsletter, Rural and Small-Town Min. TF, Co-Chm. Intersect TF since 2016. **O:** Guest Prof. of OT CUNE 2.

Concordia University in Nebraska has been a large part of my life, the life of my family, and the life of the congregation I currently serve. With that said, being a regent would afford me a wonderful opportunity to give back to a place that I dearly love. As a member of the Board of Regents, I would hope that, together with the rest of the board, we might enable Concordia University in Nebraska to continue its mission of raising up servant leaders for the church and the world.



James Howard DeLoach, Kearney, NE; Zion (NEB); LCMS 53; Sr. Pastor. **S:** Conv. Deleg. and Mem. of Fl. Com. (2001), Participant at CTCR Conf. on Unionism (2002). **D:** Youth Gath. Com. (1996 and 1999), Co-Presenter Luth. Hymnal Proj. (2000), Co-Planner Conf. on Unionism (2002), Region A VP 3. **C:** Pastor of Three Parishes 17 Total, Sr. Pastor of Current Parish since 2008. **O:** Asst. Dir. of Student Life CUNE 2, Dir. of Student Life CUNE

3, Guest Instructor in Theol. CUNE 3, Coach of Children's Soccer and Basketball.

Concordia University Nebraska is a treasure to our Synod. As an alumnus of CUNE—should I be elected—I will seek to support all the faculty, coaches, support staff, and students. I wish to enhance CUNE's excellent academics as they intersect with God's Word and our Lutheran Confessions. I will strive to maintain CUNE's Christ-centered and supportive community, where men and women can be equipped for their Christian calling in the church and world. Finally, I will seek to keep CUNE an affordable option for our current and future church-work students.



Heath A. Trampe, York, NE; Faith (NEB); LCMS 36; Sr. Pastor. **S:** Plenary Spkr. Nat'l. Rural and Small-Town Min. Conf., Content Expert for the ReVitalty Workshop "Members of One Body," GEO Miss. in Riga, Latvia. **D:** Pastoral Adv. to NEB ILL, Part of First Ldrshp. Learning Com. through Seifert Consulting, Presented on Team Min. in Early Childhood Ed. at Dist. Admin. Conf. **C:** Sr. Pastor 4, Tchr. Religion and Confirmation Classes,

Competed in 50-Mile Ultramarathon to Promote and Help Fund Faith's Youth Miss. Trip, Assoc. Pastor (OK) 4. **O:** CUNE Young Alumnus of the Year, Co-Founded Luth. Songbird Proj. (High-Qual. Vocals for LSB Hymns Shared via Soc. Media), York Co. Min. Alliance (VP in 2017).

As a proud alumnus of CUNE, I want to give back to help the school continue to remain faithful to her Lutheran identity and fiscally viable so that she will continue to equip students to serve in God's Church and world. My decisions to attend seminary, to serve in Latvia as a GEO missionary, to earn a doctorate in mission, and to write a book about vocation were all inspired by my time as a student at CUNE. I want to help future generations of students experience the same life-changing environment that has been so formative in my life.

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—COMMISSIONED

Elect 1 minister of religion—commissioned (3-year term)



Craig A. Ernstmeyer, St. Peters, MO; Zion, St. Charles (MO); LCMS 46; Head of School, Luth. HS of St. Charles County. **S:** Luth. School Cons. Service 2; NLSA Cons., Visiting Team Capt. and Mem. since 2004. **D:** Vice-Chm. MO Bd. of Ed. Serv. 9, Various Fl. Com. (2015, 2018). **C:** Communion Asst. 6, Guest Spkr. on Ed. Trends for Zion's Spkr. Series, Bd. of Stewp. (2010). **O:** Assoc. of Luth. Sec. Schools BOD Mem. 5, Luth. Elem School

Assoc. Adv. Coun. Mem. 2.

As a graduate of CUNE, I am excited about the potential of serving as a member of the Board of Regents! In the ever-changing world in which we live, the timeless truth of the Gospel that the Concordia system provides needs to continue to be the top priority. The Lutheran education landscape is changing, and we need to provide our schools with new teachers to equip our future generations. This happens best through preparation in universities like CUNE. Our schools continue to grow with students who don't know Jesus; we need to be equipped to share Him with others!



Robert Scott Fogo, Las Vegas, NV; Faith Community (PSW); LCMS 47; Principal, Faith Luth. Middle School and HS, Las Vegas. **S:** LYF Officer 2 (1 as Pres.), BYS Mem. 3. **D:** Luth. Ed. Conf. Com. 3 (1 as Pres.), Various Com. for School Min. since 2005. **C:** Elder 6 Total, Tchr. of Numerous Bible Studies, Classes, and Confirmation for Many Years. **O:** Science Tchr., Coach, Admissions Dir., Asst. Prin., and Prin. since 1996, Assoc. of Luth. Sec. Schools 4 (2 as Pres.).

Our Concordia universities are in a special and unique position to prepare people for a life of spreading the Gospel message of salvation from the different vocations God calls them to. Praise God for this special opportunity to equip others to share the most important news on earth. I love the passion and intentionality that Concordia Nebraska has placed on preparing professional church workers for service in the Synod. My entire professional career has been spent imagining and implementing creative ways to do the same thing in Lutheran high schools. My hope and prayer is that my service on the Board of Regents could support and increase this most important work.

LAYPERSONS

Elect 2 laypersons (3-year term)



Matthew W. Bowers, Hamel, IL; St. Paul Luth., Worden (SI); LCMS 22; Management Cons., Sense Corp. **S:** Attended 2010 LCMS Conv. in Houston. **D:** Dist. Conv. Deleg. **C:** Pres. of School Bd., Church Coun., Mem. and Pres. of PTL, Nom. Bd., Auditing Com., Pastoral Call Com. **O:** Experience in Tech. 20-Plus, Experience as CIO 12, Management Cons. 12, VP of Bd. for STLQAA STL Chap. of QAIA, Bd. Mem. IAMCP STL Chap., Bd. Mem. AITP/CompTia STL Chap.

I have been a faithful member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hamel, IL, for the last 22 years. My wife and I have four children, who have been raised and educated in the LCMS parochial educational system from pre-K through 12th grade. I have been a member of our parish's Parochial School Board of Education for four terms over 20 years, serving as the president of that body on several occasions. I am passionate about education, lifelong learning, and the LCMS system for educating our children and preparing them for their future.



Timothy Hu+, Cheyenne, WY; St. Andrews, Laramie (WY); LCMS 53; Pres., Gyan Technologies Corp. **S:** BOR CUNE since 2016. **D:** Conv. Deleg. **C:** Church Coun., Pres./Head Deacon. **O:** Pres./VP/Treas./Secy. Cheyenne Engineers Club.

I pray for good future church workers to be trained according to Scripture and the sound pattern of words set forth in the Book of Concord. This is one of the reasons for the Synod

to exist. Continuing to help guide the Concordias would be an honor.



John L. Hughes, Seward, NE; Holy Savior, Lincoln (NEB); LCMS 35; Pres., Hughes Brothers, Inc. **C:** Interim Pres. (2009), VP 6 Total, Fnd. Pres. since 2015, Confirmation Tchr. (2015–16). **O:** Pres. Hughes Bros. 24, Pres. Seward Library Fnd. 10, Seward Scholarship Com. 14, Seward County Chamber and Develop. Partnership 2, Memorial Hospital Bd. since 2014.

As a potential member of the Board of Regents at Concordia University Nebraska, I have the main goal of making sure that every dollar spent will be used to its maximum efficiency. As a nine-year member of the Finance Committee of that same institution, and a lifelong member of the LCMS, as well as a lifelong resident of Seward, I believe I have the experience and requirements to ensure that this continues to happen. The financial challenges facing private higher-learning institutions are very real, but they are still navigable with the right leadership. At CUNE, that leadership is in place, and effective.



Jill M. Johnson+, Seward, NE; St. John (NEB); LCMS 48; Asst. HS Prin., Seward Pub. Schools. **S:** CUNE BOR 6 (3 as Secy. and 3 as Vice-Chm.), CUNE Governance Com. 3, CUNE Strategic Plng. Com. 4, CUNE Provost Search Com. 1, CUNE Fnd. 3, CUNE Recruitment Com. Vice-Chm. 5. **C:** Cap. Stewp. Campaign Dir., Master Plng. Com., Mundt Fnd. Grant Writer, Nat'l. Youth Gath. Sponsor, School Bd. 8, Godparent Ldr. 4, Guatemala Miss.

Team. **O:** Teammates Prog. Mentor 8, Seward Rotary Club Mem. 2, NASSP Neb. Asst. Prin. of the Year, Neb. Coun. of School Admin. 6, Nat'l. Assoc. of Secondary School Prin., Neb. State Assoc. of Secondary School Prin., NE Ed. Tech. Assoc. 21.

The candidate declined to provide a personal statement.



Timothy L. Moll, Seward, NE; The Rock (NEB); LCMS 50; Atty./Partner. **S:** CUNE BOR (Three Prior Terms). **D:** Const. and Handbook Com. 5 Total Plus 3 as Legal Adv., Conv. Deleg. (2015 and 2018), Fl. Com. (2015). **C:** Pres. since 2008, School Bd. 2, Fnd. Bd. Mem. and Chm. 9. **O:** Atty. at Rembolt Ludtke since 1995, Adjunct Prof. Univ. of Neb. College of Law since 1997, Dir. CUNE Fnd. since 2007, Fellow Neb. State Bar Fnd., American College of Trust and Estate Couns., Nat'l. Assoc. of Bond Lawyers, Seward Youth Golf Fnd. since 2005, Seward Com. Redevelopment Authority.

In my law practice, I see every day the need for leaders who have a foundation in the Gospel and can approach their work and lives with an eternal perspective. Concordia Nebraska trains just this kind of leader and then sends these leaders across the nation and throughout the world. I am excited at the opportunity to be part of the work God is doing through the leadership, faculty, and staff at Concordia Nebraska. I previously served on the Board of Regents for nine years and would be honored to serve again.



Andrew P. Stadler, Columbus, NE; Peace (NEB); LCMS 16; Dentist, Stadler Dental Care. **S:** CUNE BOR 6, Mem. CUNE Fin. Com. 6, Mem. CUNE Fnd. 6. **D:** Conv. Deleg. (2010), Cong. Rep. to Congs. for CUNE since 2015. **C:** Bd. of Elders 6 (3 as Chm.), Mem. Church Coun. 3, Call Com. 2, Youth Grp. Ldr. since 2017. **O:** Owner Stadler Dental Care 19, Pres. North Dist. Neb. Dental Assoc., Legislative Coun. Neb. Dental Assoc. 12, Outstanding Young Dentist Neb. Dental Assoc. (2008).

I have a very special place in my heart for Concordia University Nebraska. I served on the Board of Regents for six years. My children currently attend CUNE preparing to become Lutheran educators. The value of Lutheran higher education provided by Concordia is priceless. The preparation of students for service in church and world, with Jesus at the center, continues to be a vital part of the future of the mission and ministry of our congregations. As a lifelong learner, I would look forward to the opportunity to help the university sustain and grow in all manners pleasing to God.

e. Concordia University, Portland, OR, Board of Regents

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained, 1 minister of religion—commissioned, 2 laypersons (3-year term)

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—ORDAINED

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (3-year term)



Jonathan J. Coyne, Menlo Park, CA; Bethany (CNH); LCMS 55; Pastor. **S:** Mem. BDCS 3, Named to 50 Heroes of Pentecost 2000, LYF Vice-Chm. 2, Youth Deleg. to LCMS Conv. (1979, 1981). **D:** Co-Founder School of Young Ldrs., Mem. BOD 3, Founder Reformation Faith for the Next Generation Offering, Youth Com. Mem. 12 Total (3 as Chm.). **C:** Co-Founder Peninsula Asian Miss. Soc., Fin. Chm. 2. **O:** Co-Founder and VP of Admin. for TransMed7, LLC 10.

While my son was attending Concordia University, Portland, I was provided a clear understanding of the ministry and outreach opportunities at the school. I saw the university provide a strong witness to the community, through various programs of mercy, while promoting a life together with the LCMS and the community in which faculty and students proclaim salvation in Jesus Christ. My fundraising experience, and mission and education focus, would help me give back to Concordia, Portland, through service on the Board of Regents.



Richard T. Nuffer, Williamsburg, MI; Trinity, Traverse City (MI); LCMS 50; Prof. Em. CTSFW. **S:** COH, TF on Dispute Resolution, TF on Alternate Routes to Ord., Com. on Structure, SMP Com., DR, Adv. Conv. Deleg. **D:** Com. on Const. Matters, DP's Bylaw 2.15.4(a) Investigator. **C:** BOD, Elders, Evang. Com., Occasional Celebrant and Preacher, Bible Class Tchr., Lecturer on Wills and Estates, SS Tchr. **O:** Civil Trial Law Practice 15, BOD Luth. Heritage Fnd. 15, Oak Bay Condominium BOD 5, Prof. and Admin. CTSFW 18.

I welcome and support Concordia University, Portland's, three Core Themes as set forth in its *Vision 2024* Statement. The university must be Lutheran in identity and practice, rigorous in academics, and form servant-leaders for rapidly changing cultures throughout the world. The school must seize every opportunity to speak and live out the wonderful Gospel of Jesus Christ before its students, faculty, staff, and others it encounters. This must be done winsomely, given the diversity of race, language, culture, ethnicity, etc. today—but it must be done. May excellence and faithfulness be Concordia University's hallmarks forever!



Timothy John Pauls+, Boise, ID; Good Shepherd (NOW); LCMS 51; Pastor. **D:** Youth Com. 3, CV 3. **C:** Parish Pastor, Pastoral Care of Youth and Local College Students. **O:** Bd. Secy. The Ambrose School (Meridian, ID), Collegium Fellow and Chapl. for Doxology: The Luth. Ctr. for Spiritual Care and Couns.

One need not look long to know that much of college education is influenced more by ideology than objective truth, and a student's experience is poorer for it. Against the backdrop of a culture skeptical of Christianity and in a city as eclectic as Portland, I believe that Concordia University has great opportunities to be a beacon that prepares students well for future vocations and provides them with a scriptural identity in their various callings as those created and redeemed by the Lord.

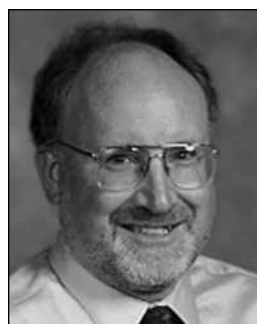
MINISTERS OF RELIGION—COMMISSIONED

Elect 1 minister of religion—commissioned (3-year term)



David Otto Berger, Olivette, MO; Village, Ladue (MO); LCMS 77; Prof. Em. CSL. **S:** DR since 2011, BCS 9, LSB Translations Com. 5, Adv. Conv. Deleg. (1973, 2016), Vol. Work at CHI since 2014. **C:** Bd. of Stewp. 15 Total, Church Choirs (1947–58, 1963–Present), Secy. 6, Bd. of Ed. 4. **O:** Faculty/Dir. of Library Services CSL 21, Faculty/Dir. of Library Services CUW 12, Faculty (English) CUP 15.

Seventeen years benefiting from a Lutheran education, supplemented by 55 years in its delivery—including 15 years at Concordia, Portland—provide a firsthand perspective on the importance of Lutheran education for life. There is no “secular” education. All education is grounded in a religion, even if that religion is called “humanism.” I treasure the opportunity to become involved in guiding a Lutheran institution in a locale known for its unchurched population. What can be more important than providing a Christian foundation for students preparing for a vocation in the church or in the unchurched world around it?



David William Black, Highlands Ranch, CO; Shepherd of the Hills, Centennial (RM); LCMS 54; Tchr., Conc. Luth. HS Assoc. and CUW. **S:** Blue Ribbon Com. on Luth. Schools 3, School Min. Tech. Cabinet 7, Author—Computer File (School Min. Publication) 13, Blogger for CPH 3, Contrib. to *The Pedagogy of Faith* (CPH, 2016). **D:** Numerous Dist. Conv. Com. 16. **C:** Elder 2, Music Participant 29, Children's Messages 12, Site Dir. of Tech. 13. **O:** Minneapolis Luth. HS 2, Calvary Luth. School Indianapolis 11, Shepherd of the Hills Luth. School Centennial 13, Luth. HS Parker CO since 2013, Adjunct Prof. CUW since 2008.

Arguably, universities today are facing a volatility of greater intensity than at any time in history. This is true for church schools

as much as for secular entities. If the Lord opens this opportunity for me to serve, I intend to be guided by His Word as I support this university and our church body in navigating paths forward during these turbulent spiritual and societal times.

LAYPERSONS

Elect 2 laypersons (3-year term)



Michael P. Borg+, Carpenter, WY; Trinity, Cheyenne (WY); LCMS 21; Self-Employed Distiller Arcola Distillery, and Kantor at Trinity Luth. Church. **S:** DELTO Vicar 3, CUP BOR since 2016. **D:** Panel Mem. NOW Ethnic Min. Symposium, Tchrs. Conf. Com. (WY) 3. **C:** Elder since 2014, Kantor since 2013, Asst. at Holy Cross Luth. Church Portland, OR 2. **O:** Distiller and CEO Arcola Distillery, SE WY Disaster Relief Training since 2015.

I wholeheartedly support and believe in our Synod's educational system as a tremendous tool to promote the training of men and women for service in both church and society. I believe that The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is the truest expression of Christian faith and doctrine. With that in mind, fidelity to Scripture and to our Lutheran Confessions must always be kept at the forefront of our minds and practice as we work in guiding our institutions to train laborers for the harvest and servants for Christ and His Church.



Laura Grace (Davis) Hemminger, Edmonds, WA; Peace, Bremerton (NOW); LCMS 29; Dir. of Y4Life (LFL). **S:** Nat'l Youth Gath. (2016): Organized and Managed the Life Min. Learning Ctr., Breakout Spkr., Collab. on Multiple Projects for LCMS Life Min. **D:** LWML Zone Young Women's Rep. 3, Wrote and Received Miss. Grants on behalf of Y4Life during 2016–18 Triennium. **C:** LWML Soc. Pres. at Univ. Luth. Chapel at Texas A&M 3, Music Ldr.

at Multiple Cong. 7. **O:** LFL Nat'l. BOD (Youth and Devel. Com.) 2, Helped Devel. a Plan for Starting a New Youth Prog. at LFL.

Our Concordia universities give us the opportunity to share Jesus in a uniquely Lutheran context with students from diverse backgrounds, many of whom have never heard the Gospel. I've mentored students from all of our universities through my work at Lutherans For Life, and I have seen the positive impact that an education with a strong Lutheran identity that affirms our Lutheran teachings can have on students' faith development and future ministry. I'd be honored to use my experience in young adult ministry and my education in nonprofit management to ensure Concordia Portland continues to provide an excellent education, both academically and spiritually.



Stanley (Stan) Carl Lemon, Seymour, IN; St. Peters, Indianapolis (IN); LCMS 32; Principal Software Engineer, Salesforce. **S:** Conv. Deleg. (2004), Higher Things Staff 12, Higher Things Bd. Mem. (2016), *Higher Things Magazine* Writer. **D:** Conv. Deleg. (EN). **C:** Elder, Bd. of Christian Ed. (Two Cong.), SS Tchr. **O:** Luth. HS Bd. Mem. 4, Luth. HS Treas. 1, Creator and Maintainer of *sanctus.org*.

I am a graduate of Concordia University Chicago, where I earned a degree in Theology and Biblical Languages. I have served in several capacities across the Synod, including with Higher Things, as a lay delegate to the Synod and English District conventions, as a board member and treasurer of Trinity Lutheran High School, and currently as financial secretary of St. Peter's in Indianapolis and as treasurer of the Indiana District. I live in Indianapolis with my wife and three children, whom we homeschool. I work as a principal engineer for Salesforce and volunteer as a CASA with Child Advocates.



Brian Takashi Yamabe, Campbell, CA; Shepherd of the Valley, San Jose (CNH); LCMS 40; Staff Software Engineer, ServiceNow. **C:** Officer and Secy. 9 Total, Elder 7, SS Tchr. 12. **O:** Software Devel. since 1992, Software Cons. since 2010.

I ask that you prayerfully consider giving me the opportunity to serve on the Concordia Portland Board of Regents. This is a time of great change in higher education, with the value of a college degree coming under scrutiny and technology disrupting the traditional understanding of a career. With my experience in the ever-changing technology field, I believe I can help Concordia Portland navigate these waters while ensuring that we make a bold and confident Lutheran confession.

f. Concordia University, St. Paul, MN, Board of Regents

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained, 1 minister of religion—commissioned, 2 laypersons (3-year term)

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—ORDAINED

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (3-year term)



Brent L. Parrish, Prior Lake, MN; Immanuel (MNS); LCMS 55; Sr. Pastor. **S:** Pastoral Deleg. to Three LCMS Conv., Re: Vitality Coach and Workshop Ldr. **D:** Bd. of Parish Serv., Vacancy Pastor, CV 6, Learning Com. Ldr. **O:** Cubmaster, Triniteam Caregiver, Dist. Eagle Scout Advancement Chm., BOD Lakestates Industries of Escanaba, MI, Friends of Scouting Chm., Troop Com. Chm.

Concordia, St. Paul, is truly a blessing to the Twin Cities and to our entire church body. As an alum and father of one graduate and two soon-to-be graduates of CSP, I have seen firsthand the great asset and blessing that CSP is. I see a huge opportunity for CSP to make a difference in the lives of young and old alike in sharing the Gospel with students from many different faiths and from around the world. If elected, I would do everything I could to strengthen the mission of CSP and help the school remain faithful to our Lutheran confession and the mission of the LCMS.



Dennis Lyle Voss, Mandan, ND; Messiah (ND); LCMS 70; Pastor (Ret.). **S:** Com. for Elections (2001), Theol. Convoc. (2002), Cir. Couns. Synod Conf. (2006), CCN (2010), FI. Com. (2013). **D:** Lay Mem. Election Com. (1994), Chm. Elections Com. (Four Diff. Years), Cir. Couns./Visitor 17, TF First Model Theol. Convoc. (2002), Cir. Realignment TF (2014–16). **C:** Chm. Organ Com., Chm. Bldg. Proj., Chm. of Cong., Elder and Head Elder (1990s), SS Tchr., Sole

Pastor of Dual Parish 20. **O:** Active Duty Air Force Pilot 26, Unit Commander, Proj. Mgr. for \$300 Million Purchase and Bed-down of C-27A for Air Force, Cub Scout Ldr.

As the world and our nation become more secular, it is more important than ever that the schools of the Concordia University System maintain a clear voice according to Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. The first challenge for Concordia, St. Paul, is calling a new president. One who is an educator, but also a clear voice of Confessional Lutheranism. The System draws many from a non-Lutheran background to their campuses and that is good. Concordia, St. Paul, benefits from this, but we should be clearly proclaiming that our salvation is in Christ alone even to the unchurched or non-Lutheran.

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—COMMISSIONED

Elect 1 minister of religion—commissioned (3-year term)



Susan Kay Hewitt, St. Paul, MN; The Alley (MNS); LCMS 33; Exec. Dir. UpWorks. **S:** UpWorks (RSO of LCMS), LINC—Twin Cities (RSO), Collab. with ONM in Kenya and Ethiopia, LCMS Housing Corp. **D:** Urban Miss. Coord. MO 4, Worked in Partnership with MNS and Christian Min. in Urban Twin Cities. **C:** Miss. Dir. St. John Ellisville (MO) 6, Ldrshp. Team Planting WHEREhouse in St. Paul (MNS), Multiple Cong. Roles. **O:** Fac. Church/School

Partnerships through UpWorks.

God has blessed each individual with unique gifts and talents to use for His kingdom work and for the blessing of others. My daily goal is to trust and serve God wherever and however He directs me.



Mark Justin L'Heureux+, Lincoln, NE; Christ (NEB); LCMS 30; Prin., Christ Schools. **S:** CSP BOR since 2016. **D:** IE Asst. to the Pres. 2, SW Ed. Exec. 5. **O:** Hope Luth. School Pompano Beach, FL 3, Central Luth. School Newhall, IA 7, Immanuel Luth. School Loveland, CO 3.

My 22 years in Lutheran education have given me a greater scope of where education has been and where it's going. My ministry experiences have ranged from being a teacher in an urban setting, to being a principal in a rural setting, to now being a principal in a city setting. I've also served as the Education Executive for the Iowa East and South Wisconsin districts. While serving in South Wisconsin, I had the opportunity to work with Concordia University Wisconsin. We focused on urban education training as there is a great need to prepare teachers for an urban setting. As well, we developed an early childhood certification program for teachers who did not have the opportunity to attend a Concordia University. I've represented our Lutheran schools at the state level, as I feel they are underserved by our legislators. I've seen our Lutheran schools benefit from school choice and will continue to advocate for them.

LAYPERSONS

Elect 2 laypersons (3-year term)



Paul Clarence Hinz, Bloomington, MN; Mount Hope (MNS); LCMS 56; Project, Program, and Portfolio Mgr., State of MN 4th Judicial District. **C:** Various Elected Positions: Pres., VP, Head Trustee 30, Strategic Plng. Ldr., Pastoral Transition Com. Ldr., Bible Class Tchr. **O:** Experience (and Global Travel) with Fortune 50 Manufacturing Co., Much Career Focus on Performance and Process Improvement, Portfolio Mgr. Overseeing Proposed Projects with Aim

of Helping Ldrs. Make Effective Decisions, Ldr. Lion's Gate Christian Academy.

The opportunity to serve Concordia, St. Paul, is an honor. It is also part of a legacy, as I have family that have attended CSP, and I have children who attended and graduated from the university. While there is rich tradition, we must also be preparing our new students and the university itself for the 21st and 22nd centuries. In a growing de-churched society, CSP must remain a strong means of the Synod's mission. Educating future pastors and teachers remains a great foundation, but training Christian men and women in a wide variety of professions continues to move the Church forward.



Lane C. Nordquist, Prior Lake, MN; Hosanna, Mankato (MNS); LCMS 45; Controller/CIO (Ret.), Certified Managerial Accountant. **D:** BOD 6, Fin. Com. since 2006, HR Com. since 2006, Endowment Com. since 2016. **C:** Pres. 3, Confirmation Instructor 4, Treas. 6, Elder 6, Call Com. 15. **O:** Large Corp. Fin. and Accounting (Controller Target Stores, NW Airlines, Fingerhut Corp.) 9, CIO (Select Comfort, Enventis Telecom) 18, Pres. Nat'l. Independent Billing 14.

The principal challenge in our Concordia University System, in my opinion, is being an inclusive institution of higher learning, open to all who desire a quality education, while adhering to the tenets of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. To have an opportunity to assist in meeting that challenge is an opportunity I do not wish to turn aside.



James Delano Runzheimer, Arlington, TX; Grace (TX); LCMS 73; Atty. and CPA. **S:** Conv. Deleg. (2013, 2019). **D:** Deleg. TX Dist. Conv. (2012, 2018). **C:** BOD 5, SS Tchr. 36, HS Youth Couns. (several years in 1980s), Vol. TX Arlington Luth. Student Ctr., Chm. Music Com., Legal Couns. 30. **O:** Lecturer in Bus. Law Univ. of TX—Arlington, Instructor Prof. Ed. Classes, Employed by Coopers & Lybrand 2, US Army (Capt.) 4, Assoc. with US Small Bus.

Admin. as Lecturer and Cons. 35, Arlington Great Southwest Rotary 35, Mem. North Central TX Interlink 25.

The LCMS is dedicated to excellence in education. This includes elementary and secondary schools that congregations support and nourish. Our universities offer a multiplicity of bachelor and graduate degree programs in the liberal arts and in such rapidly expanding and varied professions and occupations as nursing, business, and pharmacy, while retaining pre-ministerial and parochial teacher-education curricula. May we continue to produce Christ-centered graduates who are qualified in their vocations and who will go into the marketplace every day, serving the church and all God's children with love and competence, and testifying to Jesus and the resurrection (Acts 17).



Amy Sue Wenthe, Rosemount, MN; St. John's (MNS); LCMS 43; Fin. Mgr./Registrar, Rosemount Area Athletic Assn. (and Stay-at-Home Mother). **S:** CSP BOR since 2016, Support of the Synod through Contributions to Sems., Univs., and Miss. **D:** Service to Families of MNS through Time on the CSP BOR. **C:** Treas. since 2018, Const. Com. since 2015, SS Tchr. and/or VBS Helper since 2008, Youth Grp. Co-Ldr. and Cong. Treas. 3. **O:**

Rosemount Area Athletic Assoc. since 2013, Vol. Shannon Park Elem. since 2008, Controller City of Thornton, CO 2, Pub. Accounting 3.

A lifelong member of the LCMS, I feel blessed to attend a church that is faithful to the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions. I have been honored to serve one term as a CSP regent and hope for the opportunity to continue to use my leadership, advisory, and financial experience to help shape the school. I believe those seeking an LCMS education should be able to look to CSP and know with confidence that they will be taught God's Word in its truth and purity while receiving an excellent education. CSP should be a beacon of the Light in Minnesota and beyond.



Robert P. Wurl (Bob), Hankinson, ND; Immanuel (ND); LCMS 60; Pres. and CEO Lincoln State Bank. **S:** ND Chm. 150th Anniv. of LCMS, Conv. Deleg. (1989, 2016). **D:** BOD 15, Treas. 12 Total, Kenya TF 3. **C:** Elder since 1996, LYF Ldr. 20, Various Proj. Com. **O:** Secy./Treas. Community Devel. Corp. since 1993, Secy. and Loan Com. Chm. Lake Agassiz Reg. Devel. Corp. BOD since 1995, Com. Ctr. and School Bldg. Com.

Education in a Christian environment is vital in our world today. My background in service to the church on the congregational and district levels provides an understanding of the structure of the LCMS. Involvement in Christ's Care for Children—Kenya and Project 24 helps me see the church as the communion of saints worldwide.

g. Concordia University Texas (Austin, TX) Board of Regents

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained, 1 minister of religion—commissioned, 2 laypersons (3-year term)

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—ORDAINED

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (3-year term)



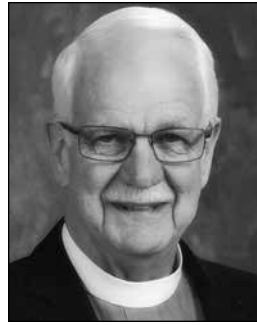
Michael P. Dorn, Houston, TX; Trinity (TX); LCMS 55; Sr. Pastor. **S:** CTX BOR 9 (7 as Secy.), Secy. LCC BOD 3, Chapl. LCC Nat'l. Youth Gath. **D:** CV since 2018, Salary Review Com. 10, Cir. Couns. 7, Stewp. Com. 3. **C:** Sr. Pastor (TX) since 2005, Sr. Pastor Calgary, Alberta, CA 14. **O:** Mem. Houston Symphony Chorus since 2017, Governance/Exec. Training 2, Trained Reconciler with Peacemaker Min. 2, Stephen Ldr. Training since 2000.

Our universities have made great strides in providing excellence in education, preparing workers for the church, and attracting non-Christians who want an excellent education. God is bringing them to our uniquely Lutheran university, and we have an opportunity to bring them the love and truth of Jesus Christ. God is doing great things at Concordia Texas, a recognized leader in education. It is my desire to use the gifts God has given me in team ministry, leadership, and strategic planning, along with my previous board experience in higher education, to help Concordia affirm its Lutheran identity and accomplish its mission.



Nathaniel Wade Hill+, Winchester, TX; St. Michael's (TX); LCMS 31; Pastor. **S:** CTX BOR since 2016, CTX BOR Governance Com. since 2016. **D:** Theol. Convoc. Plng. Com. since 2015, Luth. Outdoors Min. of TX BOD 2. **C:** Pastor St. Michael's since 2012. **O:** CTX Adjunct Prof. Christian Ethics, OT, NT, and American Christianity 3, Chapl./Firefighter since 2012, Training Officer Vol. Fire Dept. 5.

As an alumnus of CTX with past experience as an adjunct professor and current experience on the Board, I am passionate about providing a learning environment that fully embraces the biblical, creedal, and historic Christian faith. Amidst a secularizing trend in higher education, the universities of the LCMS are uniquely situated to present the Gospel and a clear defense of the faith to an audience that our congregations often struggle to reach. If granted another term, I will continue to advocate for a distinctively Lutheran educational experience that is both excellent in quality and compelling to our diverse student body.



Robert Carl Preece, Dallas, TX; Zion (TX); LCMS 71; Sr. Pastor. **S:** Conv. Deleg. (1976, 1983, 2013), Ldr. of 13 Intro. Workshops for *Lutheran Worship* (1981) and *LSB* (2006), Chm. Alumni Coun. CSL 6. **D:** 1st VP 6, Area VP Keynote Spkr. TX CEF Conf., Keynote Spkr. LHM Conf., Keynote Spkr. Pan-Luth. Sr. Fest Conf., Pony Run Campaign for Miss. India, Mem. Worship Com. **C:** Parish Sr. Pastor 28-Plus, Pastor 16-Plus, Vacancy Pastor 3. **O:** Chm. Waterloo

(IL) Clergy 17, BOD St. Clement Hosp. 4 (Chm. 1990), BOD LCFS of IL 9 (Chm. 1990), Mem. Greater Dallas Com. of Churches 15, Ldr./Org. Miss./Min. Trips to Eight Foreign Countries, Ldr./Org. for 10 Disaster Relief Rehab Trips, VP Luth. Inner-City Network Coalition 3, BOD Luth. Soc. Serv. of the South 11.

I would love to serve the students at Concordia as a regent. The challenges and opportunities confronting Concordia Texas are daunting in a secularly driven society but approachable by the power of the Word and the Holy Spirit's use of the same. I support the school's mission to develop Christian leaders and her core values: to be Christ-centered, to care for people, and to pursue neighbor-serving vocations with lifelong learning and courage. Those values still inspire this native Texan and '67 graduate. The biblical grounding received in the Lutheran Confessions drives this pastor's ministry. I have a debt to repay.

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—COMMISSIONED

Elect 1 minister of religion—commissioned (3-year term)



Mary Beth Gaertner+, Magnolia, TX; Salem, Tomball (TX); LCMS 35; Dir. of Ed. Min., Salem Luth. School. **S:** SLED Prog. Presenter "Way to Go." **D:** Conf. Spkr. and Ldr. **C:** Ed. and Bible Class Teaching. **O:** Adjunct Prof. of Ed. and Child Devel.

I continue to be blessed to serve in the capacity of a board regent and welcome the opportunity to continue. The potential we have at the university level to empower our students as future community Christian leaders is overwhelming. Mentoring our young men and women in their future vocations is an extraordinarily important task. Helping them find God-honoring and meaningful work is the blessing of a lifetime of service to our Lord and Savior. In this world of self-reliance and instant gratification, the university impact of solid Christian role models and a smaller, healthy environment from which to build solid relationships and lifelong skills is refreshing. What a gift our Concordia University is! If elected, I will work in support of and on behalf of the congregations to assist them in carrying out their ministries through the development of future Christian leaders at Concordia Texas.



Gregg A. Pinick, Pearland, TX; Epiphany (TX); LCMS 59; CEO Luth. Ed. Assn. of Houston. **S:** Head of School CIS Shanghai 4, Bd. Mem. CIS Hanoi 4. **D:** PSD Com.: Luth. Ed. Conf., New Tch. Orientation, Testing Com., Admin. Com. **C:** Youth Min., Children's Messages, Choir, Communion Asst., Liturgist. **O:** Assoc. of Luth. Sec. Schools Bd. Mem. and Pres., Vistage Mem. (CEO Coaching) 4, Luth. Ed. Assn. Workshop Ldr., Policy-Based

Governance Implementation.

It would be an honor and privilege to serve as a member of the Board of Regents for Concordia University Texas. As a lifelong LCMS member and commissioned minister for 39 years serving in LCMS schools both nationally and internationally, I value the impact our LCMS educational institutions have had in my life and the lives of countless others. Our schools have the opportunity to develop Christian leaders who strive to honor Christ regardless of their call or vocation, and I have been blessed to be a part of this process. Thank you for your consideration. *SDG!*

LAYPERSONS

Elect 2 laypersons (3-year term)



Arne J. Almquist, Beaumont, TX; St. John (TX); LCMS 17; Dean of the Library, Lamar Univ. **C:** Elder, Conc. Luth. School Cincinnati Internal Accreditation—Admin. Chm. 2, Fin. 2, PR Com., Devel. Cons. 4, Chm. Prin. Search Com. **O:** Exec. Bd. "Books by the Banks" Book Festival (Cincinnati), Exec. Bd. Fed. of KY Academic Libraries, KY State Adv. Coun. on Libraries 9 Total, KY Virtual Lib. Adv. Com. 3 (1 as Chm.), State-Assisted Academic Lib.

Coun. of KY Bd. 16 (3 as Chm.), TexShare Adv. Bd. 3, Rotary Club of Cincinnati Fnd. Trustee 4, Vol. of America Northern KY Adv. Bd. 2.

"Developing Christian Leaders" is the mission statement of Concordia University Texas. Luther himself emphasized the importance of maintaining a strong educational system based on Christian principles. I have shared those values both in my past work for Concordia Christian School, Cincinnati, and by ensuring that our daughters had a strong Christian education. I welcome the chance to put my 30 years of experience in higher education administration and substantial experience on professional and nonprofit boards to work in support of the university's mission by serving on the Board of Regents of Concordia University Texas.



James C. Miller, Corpus Christi, TX; Mount Olive (TX); LCMS 50; Consulting Scientist, Adjunct Faculty Texas A&M—Corpus Christi. **D:** Lay Rep. WY Conv. (2015). **C:** Pres. and Elder (RM) 2, Elder (EA) 3. **O:** Active Veteran (VFW in Buffalo and Now Veterans Band of Corpus Christi), Undergraduate Educator Air Force Academy (3) and Now Texas A&M—CC.

I became a Lutheran in 1968. I stayed with the LCMS in the 1970s, and within the Synod I've led men's Bible studies, built church buildings, and served and still serve as an elder. I was a USAF pilot in Vietnam. I'm now semi-retired from 45 years of subsequent applied research concerning human physiology and cognitive performance. In academics, I spent 1997–2000 on the faculty at the USAF Academy, and I currently teach physiology at Texas A&M—Corpus Christi. I am committed to the Lutheran Confessions, and I fully support the Synod, its congregations, its missionaries and military chaplains, and its schools in ministry.



James P. Noffke, Austin, TX; ACTS Lakeway, Lakeway (TX); LCMS 60; Assoc. Vice-Chancellor, Univ. of TX System. **S:** Dir. His Love Our Response Nat'l. Stewp. Emphasis (1985). **D:** TX: Stewards in His Service 2, Pres. TX Outdoors Min., Project Can Do (1993); EA: Fundraising Study (2003). **C:** Pres. 2, Small-Grp. Weekly Bible Study Ldr. 4, Ldrshp. Conf. Participant (2014). **O:** Chief Devel. Officer Valparaiso Univ. 8, VP CCS Fundraising 7

(Examples of Org. Served: Multiple Univ., Feeding America, LSS of Michigan, Nat'l. Park Fnd.), Founding Dir. Ctr. for Enhancing Philanthropy—Univ. of TX System since 2008, Devel. Com. Vol. Legal Services of Central TX since 2016.

In an ever-changing world, it is essential that Concordia University System institutions continue to develop church workers and Christian leaders who, through their vocations, congregational service, and personal lives, attest to the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ. Equipping these Christian servant leaders is at the heart of CTX's mission. To that end, CTX leadership planning for the future addresses complex higher-education issues, secures resources, and implements strategic actions that advance the university's mission. If given this opportunity to use my experiences and skills in private and public higher-education administration, I will be delighted to serve alongside CTX leaders.



Bob Ssekyanzi, Houston, TX;
Memorial (TX); LCMS 26; Founder,
Pres. and Exec. Partner, Braf
Business Consultants and Traders.
C: Assoc. Mem. Bd. of Elders since
2015, Former Assoc. Mem. Bd. of
Fellowship 5.

I am honored to be considered to
serve on the Austin Board of Regents.
My 27 years of experience at Memo-
rial Lutheran Church, Houston, have
provided me with an opportunity to

serve God in various ways—first, as a member of the Memorial
Lutheran Church Board of Fellowship, where I served for five years,
and currently as a member of the Board of Elders. If I am elected,
my passion will be to utilize my business experience to support the
board in fulfilling the Synod's mission. "Pray therefore that the Lord
of the harvest will send out laborers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:38).

h. Concordia University Wisconsin (Mequon, WI) Board of Regents

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained, 1 minister of religion—commissioned, 2 laypersons (3-year term)

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—ORDAINED

Elect 1 minister of religion—ordained (3-year term)



Mark P. Braden, Dearborn, MI; Zion, Detroit (EN); LCMS 27; Pastor. **S:** Adjunct Faculty CTSFW since 2003, Adjunct Faculty CUAA (2013, 2015), Tchr. of Multiple Classes in South America and Caribbean since 2006. **D:** Fl. Com. Chm., Scholarship Com. (NW) 3. **C:** Pres., Elder. **O:** Int'l. Fellow Luther Academy since 2014, Ed. of *Gottesdienst* since 2014, Dir. St. Michael Liturgical Conf. since 2009, Presenter on Augsburg Confession St. Andrew Theol. Conf. (2015, 2017), Presenter Ordination in the Luth. Confessions St. Mark Theol. Conf. (2017).

The continued success of our Concordia universities is critical to the work of bringing Christ to an unbelieving world, to the Christian training of our young adults, and to the well-being of our Synod. As a graduate of Concordia University, Ann Arbor, I believe that my lifelong passion for teaching and learning; my experience teaching in college, university, and seminary settings; and my experience in the administration of university facilities and cash operations, make me uniquely suited for this opportunity to serve Concordia University Wisconsin and her sister campus, Concordia University, Ann Arbor. As it pleases the Lord of the Church, I would be honored to serve if elected.



David C. Fleming+, Grand Rapids, MI; Our Savior (MI); LCMS 57; Pastor. **S:** CUW BOR since 2015, Preach the Word TF since 2015. **D:** Chm. MI West Region Pastors Conf. 3, NI Church-Worker Recruitment Com. 4, NI Youth Bd. 3. **C:** Parish Pastor (Two Cong.) 32. **O:** Collegium Fellow Doxology Ctr. for Care of Pastors and Cong. since 2014, BOD West MI Luth. HS 4 (2 as Chm.), Zone/Area Pastoral Adv. LLL, LFL, and LWML 8.

Concordia University Wisconsin and Ann Arbor are valuable treasures of our Synod. It's critical that these excellent universities continue to creatively face the challenge of giving the best education possible with joyful faithfulness to our Lord's Word and our Lutheran Confessions. Concordia Wisconsin and Ann Arbor are uniquely positioned for the challenges of our day.

MINISTERS OF RELIGION—COMMISSIONED

Elect 1 minister of religion—commissioned (3-year term)



Paul Brian Marinko, Fort Wayne, IN; St. Paul's (IN); LCMS 54; Pre-K to Grade 8 School Prin., St. Paul's Luth. School. **D:** Annual Ed. Conf. since 1999, Informational and Prof. Devel. Activities and Training since 1999, Collab. with Luth. School Prin. at Monthly NE IN Admin. Mtgs. **C:** Ex Officio Mem. of School Bd., Mem. Church Coun., Organist for Monday Night Worship, Adult Bible Study Tchr., Cong. Ldrshp. Strategic Plng. Com. **O:** 30-Plus Years in Luth. Ed.

Ldrshp. Positions, State Licenses in K-12 Admin. and K-9 Teaching, Certified in CPR/AED, Advanced School Safety, Child Abuse and Neglect, Seclusion, and Restraint, and Suicide Prevention.

As the Board of Regents exists to “ensure that University graduates are well developed in mind, body, and spirit, fulfill their vocations, and serve Christ in the Church and the world,” serving CUW and the church-at-large would be a privilege. Growing up at Trinity, Indianapolis, graduating from CUC ('86, BA, Ed.), and serving the church for 31 years first as a teacher and then as a principal (St. Paul's in Fort Wayne for the past 19 years), I feel it is time to give back by working alongside the talented board members who are vested in CUW's future, the mission of the LCMS, and the students who are foundational to our church's future.



Gary Petersen, Mequon, WI; Beautiful Savior (SW); LCMS 20; Prof. of Ed. Em. CUW and Fox Point-Bayside School. **C:** Pres. (Early 2000s), VP (late 1990s), Elder 6, Usher 15-Plus. **O:** Pub. School Admin. 25-Plus, CUW Assoc. Prof. of Ed. 6, Dir. of Graduate Couns. 6, Dir. of Graduate Ed. 3, Mem. Assessment Com. 5.

As an educator with 44 years of experience working with students from pre-K through graduate level, I feel an important calling to use my God-given talents to support the ongoing growth and development of Concordia University and the Christ-centered, mission-focused experience of the students. As universities struggle to recruit and retain college-age students; innovate and be relevant in an ever-changing, technologically challenging world; and have a student-focused, growth-oriented curriculum and a long-term financial plan, it is essential that LCMS universities intentionally support Christian growth through life-changing opportunities and experiences that can be carried into fulfilling Christian lives.

LAYPERSONS

Elect 2 laypersons (3-year term)



Deborah J. Davidson+, Pleasant Prairie, WI; Messiah, Kenosha (SW); LCMS 58; Ret. **C:** Feasibility and Implementation Com. for Child-Care Ctr. at Messiah, Feasibility and Implementation Com. for K–8 Academy for Three SW Cong, SS Tchr. 5.

I believe that my experience from 25-plus years in higher education has prepared me to interpret and inform the challenges that CUW faces. In

addition to serving its many stakeholders, the university must adhere to accreditation standards that are ever-changing. I believe the policy governance model used by CUW is an excellent example of board oversight. As an alumnus of CUW, I believe that the mission of the university is more important than ever, and that the opportunity for young people, and adults, to receive an education rooted in Lutheran doctrine and practiced in daily interactions on the campuses is critical.



James Max Riske Jr., Windsor, ON; Grace, Monroe, MI (MI); LCMS 41; Science Tchr., Detroit Collegiate HS. **S:** Reg. Pres. and Nat'l. VP Luth. Student Fellowship 3. **D:** MI BOD 4. **C:** Chm. Univ. Luth. Chapel 6, Luth. School Prin. 4. **O:** Luth. Grade School Prin. 4, Republican Nom. to Mich. House of Rep. (2000 and 2002), Van Lunen Fellowship for Exec. Ldrshp. in Christian Schools 2.

The closure of Selma and the rebirth of Ann Arbor show us both the perils and the opportunities facing our Concordia University System. Our pre-K through 12 system faces similar pressures. Our regents should be forward-looking in helping our entire school ecosystem not only survive but thrive throughout the challenges that will face it in the coming years.



James Delano Runzheimer, Arlington, TX; Grace (TX); LCMS 73; Atty. and CPA. **S:** Conv. Deleg. (2013, 2019). **D:** Deleg. TX Dist. Conv. (2012, 2018). **C:** BOD 5, SS Tchr. 36, HS Youth Couns. (several years in 1980s), Vol. TX Arlington Luth. Student Ctr., Chm. Music Com., Legal Couns. 30. **O:** Lecturer in Bus. Law Univ. of TX—Arlington, Instructor Prof. Ed. Classes, Employed by Coopers & Lybrand 2, US Army (Capt.) 4, Assoc. with US Small Bus.

Admin. as Lecturer and Cons. 35, Arlington Great Southwest Rotary 35, Mem. North Central TX Interlink 25.

The LCMS is dedicated to excellence in education. This includes elementary and secondary schools that congregations support and nourish. Our universities offer a multiplicity of bachelor and graduate degree programs in the liberal arts and in such rapidly expanding and varied professions and occupations as nursing, business, and pharmacy, while retaining pre-ministerial and parochial teacher-education curricula. May we continue to produce Christ-centered graduates who are qualified in their vocations and who will go into the marketplace every day, serving the church and all God's children with love and competence, and testifying to Jesus and the resurrection (Acts 17).



Alison Christine Witte, Fairborn, OH; Bethlehem (OH); LCMS 35; Assoc. Prof. of Humanities and Communication, Trine Univ. **C:** Chm. Families Serving Families Com. 3, Webmaster 5. **O:** Univ. Prof. since 2013, Chm. Inst. Review Board since 2014.

As a professor, I engage with college students daily, and I see many who struggle to find meaningful direction for their lives. I am interested in this

position because, as a Concordia alumna, I believe that Concordia Wisconsin is and can continue to be a place where students—through education that emphasizes academic, spiritual, professional, and social growth—go to learn to value their various vocations, and to be encouraged and equipped to put their learning into action, bringing the Gospel and its life-changing work into the world around them. I am excited to support and extend this work.

XVI. Report on Nominees Submitted to the Committee for Convention Nominations (Available for Floor Nominations from the “Pool”)

Source for Floor Nominations: When permitted, the convention may amend slates of candidates by accepting, at the appropriate time, nominations from the floor of the convention (Bylaw 3.12.3.7 [a]). Such nominations may be made from the list of names submitted via the regular nominations process handled by the Committee for Convention Nominations (Bylaw 3.12.3.7 [c]). This source for nominations from the floor is often referred to as “the pool.” A complete list of those names is provided below.

Concordia University System Floor Nominations:

All nominees listed below were provided opportunity to express interest in being considered for a Concordia University System (CUS) board position by returning biographical, consent to serve, and supplemental information documentation. Those individuals listed below whose names are identified with a ✓ did return the required documentation, and their information was successfully reviewed by the Secretary and Chief Administrative Officer of the Synod and the President of the CUS. These officers reached the decision jointly that those so indicated meet the minimum required qualifications for a position on either the CUS Board of Directors or a CUS college or university Board of Regents. These persons may be nominated from the floor for a CUS board position without further review.

Abegg, Heidi K.
Alexandria, VA
Abel, Alan E. ✓
Big Spring, TX
Ainslie, Raymond Anderson
Centralia, IL
Almquist, Arne J. ✓
Beaumont, TX
Almstedt, Kermit (Butch)
Weeki Wachee, FL
Althoff, Paul
Cypress, TX
Anderson, Charles (Chuck)
H. ✓
Loudon, TN
Anderson, Joy M.
Prior Lake, MN
Ankerberg, Erik Peder ✓
Wheaton, IL
Appel, Timothy A.
Smithville, TX
Asmus, Aaron J.
Sioux Falls, SD
Austin, Kevin
Livermore, CA
Bachelor, Michael S.
Sabetha, KS
Back, Norman L.
Livermore, CA
Bahn, David L. ✓
Cypress, TX

Baroody, Elizabeth Vernick
Virginia Beach, VA
Baue, Frederic W. ✓
St. Louis, MO
Beavers, Jeffrey Scott ✓
Orange, CA
Bell, Dean M. ✓
Hendrum, MN
Belton, Victor J.
Atlanta, GA
Bender, Peter C.
Colgate, WI
Benkendorf, Rodney Alan
Uniontown, MO
Benson, J. Justin
Chatfield, MN
Berger, David Otto ✓
Olivette, MO
Bestul, Mark C.
Gilberts, IL
Bickel, Craig L.
Ada, MI
Biggs, Christopher Blake
Urbana, IL
Biggs, Genevieve Victoria
Urbana, IL
Birtell, Brad Evan
Madison, NE
Bitten, Henry (Hank) ✓
Oakland, NJ
Black, David William ✓
Highlands Ranch, CO

Blackford, Matthew
St. Charles, IL
Blanke, Jonathan A. ✓
Lexington Park, MD
Blockus, James Fox
Middletown, PA
Blomenberg, Ralph
Seymour, IN
Borg, Michael P. ✓
Carpenter, WY
Bortnem, Brett ✓
Magnolia, TX
Bowers, Matthew W. ✓
Hamel, IL
Bowman, Kenneth B.
Oro Valley, AZ
Braaten, Jason Michael
Tuscola, IL
Brackman, Seth Kenneth
Topeka, KS
Braden, Mark P. ✓
Dearborn, MI
Brandt, John E.
Mount Clemens, MI
Braunersreuther, Jon M. ✓
Tomball, TX
Brones, Dana Allen
Jacksonville, FL
Bruss, Kristine S.
Topeka, KS
Buerstatte, Charles R.
Pocatello, ID
Burkey, Dana
Costa Mesa, CA
Burkey, Richard
La Mesa, CA
Buster, Susan
Riverside, CA
Buuck, Steven (Steve) Jeffrey
Las Vegas, NV
Chilman, John ✓
Las Vegas, NV
Christian, Susan Lorraine ✓
Golden, CO
Claussen, Carla M. ✓
New Brighton, MN
Cloeter, Jeffrey Paul
St. Louis, MO
Cloeter, Paul Edward
Sauk Rapids, MN
Cody, Richard Scott ✓
Springfield, MO
Cornett, Kimberly
Wisner, NE
Coyne, Jonathan J. ✓
Menlo Park, CA
Coyner, Carthron Parnell
Midlothian, VA
Cwirla, William M. ✓
Hacienda Heights, CA
Czaplewski, Daniel P. ✓
Milwaukee, WI
Daniels, David L. ✓
Taylorsville, NC
Dargatz, Robert A. ✓
Orange, CA
Davidson, Deborah J. ✓
Pleasant Prairie, WI

Davis, Terry Martin
Macomb, MI
De Young, Mark K. ✓
Pflugerville, TX
DeLoach, James Howard ✓
Kearney, NE
Demarest, Trent D.
Cheyenne, WY
Diefenthaler, Jon Thomas ✓
Columbia, MD
Dissen, Walter C.
Chesapeake, VA
Doering, Allen (Al) F. ✓
Kingwood, TX
Dominick, Alan R.
East Lansing, MI
Dorn, Michael P. ✓
Houston, TX
Drager, John Louis ✓
Anchorage, AK
Dunbar, Jon M.
Utica, NE
Eckardt, Burnell F. ✓
Kewanee, IL
Edwards, Scott Allen
Oregon City, OR
Egger, Carl Thomas ✓
Muscatine, IA
Egger, Stephanie Ann
Galva, IA
Egger, Thomas (Tom) J. ✓
St. Louis, MO
Ehrichs, Randal Gene
Panama City, FL
Ellingworth, Jon M. ✓
Waverly, IA
Elsholz, Susan J. ✓
Birmingham, MI
Erickson, Krista Kay
Sioux Falls, SD
Ernstmeyer, Craig A. ✓
St. Peters, MO
Espinosa, Alfonso O. ✓
Lake Forest, CA
Evans, Ryan Thomas
Chaska, MN
Fenger, Michael
Pittsburgh, PA
Ferry, Joseph William
Fort Wayne, IN
Fickenscher, Carl C., II
Fort Wayne, IN
Fisher, Joseph Michael ✓
West Bend, WI
Flandermeyer, Michael D.
St. Charles, MO
Fleming, David C. ✓
Grand Rapids, MI
Fluegge, Glenn
Lake Forest, CA
Fogo, Robert Scott ✓
Las Vegas, NV
Fowler, Paul Raymond ✓
Olney, MD
Fuelberg, Henry E.
Tallahassee, FL
Gaertner, Mary Beth ✓
Magnolia, TX

Gallup, Roger B. ✓
River Grove, IL
Gebremichael, Hiruy B.
Tucker, GA
Gehrke, Robert Joseph
St. Paul, MN
Gercken, Scott David ✓
Berwyn, IL
Gilbert, Dan P. ✓
St. Louis, MO
Goetting, Robert
St. Joseph, IL
Golden, Joshua William
Austin, TX
Golter, Randall L. ✓
Davenport, IA
Gonzales, Lonnie A.
Houston, TX
Gonzalez, Eloy Steven
Irving, TX
Goucher, Mark Alan
New Haven, MO
Grams, Andrew Norman ✓
Franklin, TN
Grams, Daniel E.
Troy, MI
Graumann, Kathleen (Kathy)
Montgomery, TX
Graumann, Wayne E. ✓
Montgomery, TX
Greiner, Micah Dumas ✓
Buffalo Grove, IL
Grimm, Keith
Andover, MN
Gruenwald, Mark E. ✓
Evansville, IN
Gueldner, Michelle Lynn
Monticello, MN
Haase, Reinhold Arthur (Ron)
Hastings, NE
Habrecht, Julia G.
Alexandria, VA
Hale, Philip Wesley
Omaha, NE
Halvorson, Thomas R.
Sidney, MT
Hartwig, Raymond L. ✓
Sioux Falls, SD
Haupt, Benjamin Douglas
St. Louis, MO
Hawk, David K. ✓
Fort Wayne, IN
Hayes, Michael Edward
Orange, CA
Heidenreich, Erich ✓
Marshall, MI
Heidorn, Gregory Norman
Rochester, MN
Heine, Jacob Paul
Rockford, IL
Hemminger (Davis), Laura Grace ✓
Edmonds, WA
Henrickson, Charles M. ✓
St. Louis, MO
Hergenrader, Christina (Tina)
Katy, TX

Hewitt, Susan Kay ✓
St. Paul, MN
Hill, Angela Maria
Casper, WY
Hill, James Michael ✓
Mount Clemens, MI
Hill, Nathaniel Wade ✓
Winchester, TX
Hiller, Sally J.
Alexandria, VA
Hinz, Paul Clarence ✓
Bloomington, MN
Hoehner, Mark R. ✓
St. Charles, MO
Hoffman, Brandt
Coos Bay, OR
Hoffman, Patricia ✓
Las Vegas, NV
Hopkins, James Paul
North Easton, MA
Hopkins, Michael Ryan
Aurora, IL
Houge, Rhoda B.
Eagan, MN
Hrehov, John ✓
Fort Wayne, IN
Hu, Timothy ✓
Cheyenne, WY
Hughes, John L. ✓
Seward, NE
Jank, Ellen Annette
Hastings, NE
Javens, Todd M.
Mankato, MN
Johnson, Daniel Scott
Marshalltown, IA
Johnson, Jill M. ✓
Seward, NE
Johnson, Kurt E.
Edwardsville, IL
Johnson, Michael Anthony, Sr.
Mobile, AL
Johnson (Umbach), Carol Ruth ✓
Fords, NJ
Jones, Todd Allan ✓
Milan, MI
Kalwat, Donald Walter ✓
Bristol, CT
Karsten, Wilfred L.
Moline, IL
Kenow, Dave E.
Owatonna, MN
Keseman, Bruce E.
Freeburg, IL
Kind, David Arthur
Minneapolis, MN
Klein, Timothy J.
Bartlett, IL
Klemsz, Scott C. ✓
Salinas, CA
Kloha, Jeffrey L. ✓
Edmond, OK
Knox, Michael Robert ✓
Cedar Falls, IA
Kobak, Anthony F. ✓
Jackson, MO

Koelper, Lawrence R.
Fort Wayne, IN
Koopman, Douglas Alvin
Hastings, NE
Kopff, Edward Christian ✓
Louisville, CO
Kramer, Jonathan Howard ✓
Nixa, MO
Krause, Thomas P.
Overland Park, KS
Kumm, Shawn Lee
Cody, WY
Kym, Patricia Bokenkamp
Tomball, TX
L'Heureux, Mark Justin ✓
Lincoln, NE
Lammert, Ronald F.
Helotes, TX
Lams, E. Theodore, II ✓
Brookfield, IL
Lang, John F. ✓
Woodville, OH
Lee, Peter K. S. ✓
Newbury Park, CA
Leiste, Robert Albert
Lawrence, KS
Lemon, Stanley (Stan) Carl ✓
Seymour, IN
Lessing, Robert Reed
Fort Wayne, IN
Lietzau, Elisha Jacob Sol
Albuquerque, NM
Linke, Noreen Lindberg
Fort Collins, CO
Lo, Fungchatou T. ✓
Houston, TX
Lohmeyer, Jan W. ✓
Waveland, MS
Lovett, Mark D.
Herington, KS
Lovhaug, Brenda Ann
Brooklyn Park, MN
Lowe, Joshua Thomas ✓
Hawarden, IA
Luchinger, Leann
Villa Park, CA
Lung, Terence
Sunnyvale, CA
Maas, Korey D. ✓
Hillsdale, MI
Marinko, Paul Brian ✓
Fort Wayne, IN
Martinez, Ruben
Santa Ana, CA
Matyas, Dennis Wesley ✓
Bay City, MI
May, Daniel P.
Fort Wayne, IN
McAllan, George
Lake Mary, FL
McDaniels, Janis
Greensboro, NC
McDonnell, Ruth Ericka ✓
St. Louis, MO
McGinty, Connie
Columbus, IN
McGinty, John
Columbus, IN

Meehl, Mark William ✓
Seward, NE
Mehl, John Lambert ✓
Seward, NE
Meier, Peter A. ✓
Mayer, MN
Meissner, Craig A. ✓
Crete, IL
Menet, David M. ✓
Cedar Falls, IA
Messmann, John A.
Fort Worth, TX
Meyer, Joel P.
St. Marys, GA
Milas, Martha Jane
Champaign, IL
Millar, David G.
St. Louis, MO
Miller, Gregory J.
St. Louis, MO
Miller, James C. ✓
Corpus Christi, TX
Mills, Jeremy Holland
Carmel, IN
Mirly, Ray G. ✓
Buckeye, AZ
Moll, Timothy L. ✓
Seward, NE
Morgan, Amy Lynnette
Chicago, IL
Moss, Mark Evan ✓
Burnsville, MN
Mueller, Charles Steinkamp ✓
Bloomington, IL
Mueller, Joy Ann ✓
Portland, OR
Mueller, Paul Walter
Portland, OR
Mulso, Sara Kathleen
North St. Paul, MN
Musa, Rahel
East Lansing, MI
Myers, W. Robert
Milton, FL
Newton, Robert ✓
San Jose, CA
Nicolaus, Mark Joel ✓
Sidney, MT
Njemanze, Susan
Anaheim, CA
Noffke, James P. ✓
Austin, TX
Nordquist, Lane C. ✓
Prior Lake, MN
Nuffer, Richard T. ✓
Williamsburg, MI
Obersat, Thomas Frank, Sr. ✓
Paige, TX
Oesch, Norbert C. ✓
Tustin, CA
Olson, Darren Roger ✓
Sioux Falls, SD
Olson, Joseph L. ✓
Whitefish Bay, WI
Olszewski, Lawrence (Larry)
Columbus, OH
Ostapowich, Sandra Judith ✓
Denison, TX

Palomaki, David Wayne
David City, NE

Parrish, Brent L. ✓
Prior Lake, MN

Pauls, Timothy John ✓
Boise, ID

Payne, Matthew Allen ✓
Glendora, CA

Peperkorn, Todd A. ✓
Rocklin, CA

Petersen, Gary ✓
Mequon, WI

Pinick, Gregg A. ✓
Pearland, TX

Pitkus, Andrea R. ✓
Buffalo Grove, IL

Preece, Robert Carl ✓
Dallas, TX

Preus, Christian A. ✓
Plymouth, MN

Preus, Daniel
St. Louis, MO

Preus, Jacob A. O., III ✓
Apache Junction, AZ

Psencik, Sheila Lee ✓
Pasadena, TX

Pullmann, Joy
Fort Wayne, IN

Rall, Ronald D. ✓
St. Louis, MO

Ramirez, David Paul
Union Grove, WI

Ransdell, Charles Edward, Jr.
Wyoming, DE

Reimnitz, Elroi ✓
Big Bear City, CA

Riske, James Max, Jr. ✓
Windsor, ON

Robertson, Elliott M.
Baltimore, MD

Rodewald, Cindy
Concordia, MO

Roethemeyer, Robert Vernon
Fort Wayne, IN

Rojas, Roberto E., Jr.
Gotha, FL

Roth, Carl David
Elgin, TX

Rowold, David Patrick ✓
Cheshire, CT

Rueger, Matthew W. ✓
Hubbard, IA

Runtsch, Timothy (Tim) D.
Fort Collins, CO

Runzheimer, James Delano ✓
Arlington, TX

Sadlo, Scott Michael ✓
West Milford, NJ

Schedler, Steven P.
San Diego, CA

Schepmann, Daniel ✓
Houston, TX

Schramm, Conni Lynn ✓
Laguna Hills, CA

Schrank, Jeffrey T. ✓
Phoenix, AZ

Schuldheisz, Mary Hertwig
Portland, OR

Schultz, Kurtis D. ✓
Birmingham, AL

Schulz, Kathy
Augusta, MO

Schwark, August C.
Woodinville, WA

Seidler, Scott Kenneth ✓
Kirkwood, MO

Seter, Bernhard M.
Grafton, ND

Sias, John Wollenburg ✓
St. Louis, MO

Siegert, Mark Walter
Irvine, CA

Sippy, Jeffery Evan
Springfield, MO

Skopak, Jeffrey (Jeff) Eric ✓
Atlantic Beach, FL

Smith, Andrew D. ✓
Cookeville, TN

Smith, Brent D. ✓
Mapleton, IA

Smith, Jeffrey Matthew
Avon, OH

Smith, Michael J.
Austin, TX

Smith, Sara Kathleen ✓
Loveland, OH

Smith, Sean Rory ✓
Steeleville, IL

Smith, Wesley Robert ✓
Indianapolis, IN

Snow, Scott A.
Wichita, KS

Sohns, Stephen ✓
Spring, TX

Sommerfeld, Russell L. ✓
Seward, NE

Sonntag, Donaldo ✓
Mexico, MO

Ssekyanzi, Bob ✓
Houston, TX

Stadler, Andrew P. ✓
Columbus, NE

Staub, Clare Roth ✓
Houston, TX

Staub, Michael Scott ✓
Houston, TX

Stern, Mark O. ✓
Lake Forest, IL

Stoterau, Larry Allen ✓
Orane, CA

Stoterau, Linda ✓
Orange, CA

Strieter, Winfried (Joe)
Maumee, OH

Stueber, Ross E. ✓
Yorkville, IL

Sundquist, Robert Paul
Las Vegas, NV

Sutton, Jacob R.
Terre Haute, IN

Swan, Marvin Allen ✓
Grant, NE

Techau, Paul
Catonsville, MD

Teike, Mark R.
Columbus, IN

Thomisee, Donna Faith
Houston, TX

Tieman, Terry Dwayne
Cordova, TN

Tietsen, Donald George
Los Angeles, CA

Todd, Gregory N.
Bolling AFB, DC

Toenjes, Alan Mark (Hal) ✓
Bakersfield, CA

Trampe, Heath A. ✓
York, NE

Tresch, Gordon David ✓
Kenmore, NY

Tucker, Julie
San Antonio, TX

Tucker, William (Bill) H.
San Antonio, TX

Unverfehrt, William (Bill) E.
Newton, NC

Utech, William George ✓
Faribault, MN

Van Andel, Judith Elaine ✓
Bozeman, MT

Van Velson, Glenn E.
North Platte, NE

Von Behren, Michael T.
Spokane, WA

Voshage, Betty L.
Austin, TX

Voss, Dennis Lyle ✓
Mandan, ND

Voss, K. Allan
Sheboygan, WI

Walz, Orville C. ✓
Bennington, NE

Wangelin, William Roy
Lansing, MI

Wangen, Jason L.
St. Charles, MN

Warmbier, Michael Glen
Cornelius, OR

Warneke, Kent Michael
Norfolk, NE

Weingarth, Glenn ✓
Villa Park, CA

Weinkauf, Robert Carl ✓
Basehor, KS

Weiser, Keith
Cranfills Gap, TX

Wenndt, Thomas R.
New Port Richey, FL

Wenthe, Amy Sue ✓
Rosemount, MN

Wiemers, Jim I. (Jimmy)
Dorsey, IL

Wingert, Matthew James
Norfolk, NE

Winkler, Ann Louise
Spokane Valley, WA

Witt, Aaron Michael ✓
Columbus, NE

Witte, Alison Christine ✓
Fairborn, OH

Witto, Gregory Paul
Charleston, IL

Wold, Darrell R.
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FLOOR NOMINATIONS FORM

67TH REGULAR CONVENTION
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

July 20-25, 2019
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Bylaw 3.12.3.7 (2016 Handbook) provides opportunity for nominations from the floor prior to certain elections of the Synod. Such nominations will take place early in the convention after the chairman of the Committee for Convention Nominations has provided his report to the convention. Unless the convention decides to do otherwise by majority vote, only names submitted prior to the published deadline for submission of names (October 20, 2018) will be eligible for nomination from the floor. If there is question whether a particular name is in this "pool," you may contact the Office of the Secretary of the Synod for that information.

This form is provided to facilitate the floor nominations process

and is available on the LCMS Web site at www.lcms.org/convention/downloads. To submit a nomination, this form must include the required nominee information as detailed in Bylaw 3.12.3.6 (c) of the 2016 Handbook and be accompanied by the **Consent Form for Floor Nominations**, which must include the signature of the person being nominated and indicate willingness to serve if elected. Persons making nominations from the floor must be prepared to submit this information at the time that the nominations are made. The Committee on Convention Nominations will check all floor nominations for validity and will report names and accompanying information in *Today's Business* prior to elections.

Please provide all requested information regarding the person nominated.

1. **Name of Position** (Office, Board, or Commission): _____
2. **Name of Person Nominated:** _____
 Residence Address: _____ Telephone: _____
 Name and Location of Congregation: _____
 Name of District: _____ Residing in Region: _____
 Years as a member of LCMS congregation: _____
 Occupation or Profession: Present Position: _____
 Organization: _____ Other: _____
 Educational/Training: High School _____ College/University _____ Advanced Academic Degree _____ Seminary _____
3. **Synod Positions Held** (past and present, listing most recent first) Years

4. **District Positions Held** (past and present, listing most recent first) Years

5. **Congregation Positions Held** (past and present, listing most recent first) Years

6. **Other Positions Held** (past and present, listing most recent first) Years



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TO BE CONSIDERED FOR CUS BOD/BOR POSITIONS:

7. Which two (2) or more of the following qualifications do you believe this individual possesses that would qualify them to serve on the CUS Board of Directors or a college or university board of regents?

Check as many as you believe he/she possesses:

☐ Theological acumen

☐ An advanced academic degree

Experience in:

☐ Higher education administration

☐ Administration of complex organizations

☐ Finance

☐ Law

☐ Investments

☐ Technology

☐ Human resources

☐ Facilities management

☐ Fund development

8. How and to what extent has this individual demonstrated familiarity and support of the colleges and universities of the Concordia University System? With which institution(s) and region(s) is he/she most familiar?

9. How has he/she demonstrated familiarity with and support for the doctrinal positions of the Synod?

10. List separately two (2) or three (3) of the above qualifications marked (see #7 above), with supporting information for each:

Delegate Making Nomination: _____

Signature of Delegate Making Nomination: _____



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STATEMENT OF WILLINGNESS TO SERVE

In addition to the commitment of the necessary time and energy required for service, officers and members of boards and commissions agree to serve in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, doctrinal statements and resolutions of the Synod.

When pastors, teachers and laypersons are requested to serve as board members or in similar part-time capacities, the Synod will assume the expense of travel, lodging, meals and other incidentals connected with such service. The Synod will not pay for the casual service rendered in a non-salaried position, nor pay for any substitutes engaged while away on duty. If financial outlay is required to perform the duties of the position involved, it is expected that congregations will assume this responsibility as needed.

Position to which you have been nominated:

AM WILLING to serve for this position: ____ Yes ____ No

Status: ☐ ordained ☐ commissioned ☐ lay

BRIEF PERSONAL STATEMENT

The report on final nominees for Synod offices is to contain pertinent information concerning each candidate, such as occupation or profession; district affiliation; residence; specific experience; number of years as a member of an LCMS congregation; present position; offices previously held in a congregation, district or the Synod; qualifications for the office in question; and, "if the candidate so desires, also a brief personal statement" (Bylaw 3.12.3.6 [c]).

As a nominee you may make such a statement in the space provided below. You may wish to say something about your vision for the future of the Synod or about your interest in service in the position to which you have been nominated. **Your statement should not exceed 100 words.**

With your consent, this statement will be published in a convention issue of *Today's Business* and made available to the voting delegates of the convention.

Release Approval: I agree to the release of this information for publication. ____ Yes ____ No

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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