

Report of the Nominating Committee

As in years past, the Synod's Nominating Committee held one meeting in person in November of this past year. There we had a fruitful discussion about the upcoming needs of the Synod - the various roles to be filled. Just the same, we were blessed to discuss the abundant gifts present in this Synod - more than enough to rise to meet the need.

Our process included lifting up names and acknowledging their gifts that may lend themselves to a particular role within the Synod's council, committees, and so on. From there, the list is narrowed by a few factors, such as the desire to keep each conference well represented, and to ensure that those who have not yet had the chance to serve will. Next, members of the committee reach out to those who were named and invite them to prayerfully consider serving in this new (or renewed!) way.

Thank you to everyone who was asked and did indeed prayerfully consider the opportunity! Whether it's a "yes" or a "no" and whether you might be elected or not, it's my sincere hope that your deliberations have helped you to discern what new thing God may be calling you to next. I'm glad we are discerning our calls together in this way.

Here at Synod Assembly, you will hear the names and read all about those. As I have written in the past, it's awesome to see just how many willing servants with such incredible gifts are right here in this Synod. May their willingness enrich your time at assembly, as they are a testament to how blessed we are together.

To those who may feel God calling them to something new, please do not hesitate to explore that with your friends here in the Synod. Current and previous committee members are a great resource. You can find their names, current vacancies, and descriptions of these committees on the Synod website. Reach out to one of those or the Synod office to get started. You may find that discerning your call in community will put you right where God will use you next!

Rev. Andrew Kayes
Committee Chair

Present Membership and 2019 Nominations

Synod Council

Bishop: The Rev. Jeffrey Clements - First, DeKalb (Northeast Conference) (term expires 2022)

Vice President: Mr. Bill Bartlett - Christ, Belvidere (North Conference) (term expires 2021; resigning after this year's Synod Assembly)

Secretary: The Rev. Don Knowles - Calvary, Moline and St. James, Rock Island (West Conference) (term expires 2022)

Treasurer: Ms. Tammie Farley - Bethlehem, DeKalb (Northeast Conference) (term expires 2019)*

The Rev. Robert Franek - Emmanuel, Rockford (North Conference) (term expires 2019)*

The Rev. Brad Haugen - Followers of Christ, Plainfield (East Conference) (term expires 2021)

Mr. Ryan Mackey - Immanuel, Dixon (Central Conference) (term expires 2020)

Mr. Craig Peterson - First, Pecatonica (Northwest Conference) (term expires 2019 - not eligible for re-election)

Ms. Minnette Scott - Freedom, Oregon (Central Conference) (term expires 2021)

The Rev. Gwen Sefrhans-Murphy - Peace, Port Byron (West Conference) (term expires 2020)

Mr. Jim Spring - Bethany, Leland (South Conference) (term expires 2021)

Ms. Carol Swenson - Our Savior's, Rockford (North Conference) (term expires 2020)

The Rev. Andy Tyrrell - Grace, Richmond (Northeast Conference) (term expires 2021)

Deacon Carla Vanatta - Salem, Sycamore (Northeast Conference) (term expires 2019)*

The Rev. Janet Wold - All Saints, Byron (Central Conference) (term expires 2019)*

Youth Representative: Ms. Heide Gallagher - First, Monmouth (Southwest Conference) (term expires 2019)*

*Term expires in 2019 and standing for re-election

Vice-President Nominations - Elect 1

Vice President Nominees for Synod Council:

Vote for 1 (4-year term)

1A - Ms. Minnette Scott - Freedom, Oregon (Central Conference)

1B - Ms. Carol Swenson - Our Savior's, Rockford (North Conference)

Treasurer Nomination - Elect 1

Treasurer Nominee for Synod Council:

Vote for 1 (4-year term)

2A - Ms. Tammie Farley - Bethlehem, DeKalb (Northeast Conference)

2B - NO NOMINEE

Synod Council Nominations - Elect 6

LAITY Female Nominee for Synod Council:

Vote for 1 (3-year term)

3A - Dn. Carla Vanatta - Salem, Sycamore (Northeast Conference)

3B - NO NOMINEE

LAITY Male Nominee for Synod Council:

Vote for 1 (3-year term)

4A - Mr. George Sanchez - New Life, Bolingbrook (East Conference)

4B - Mr. Kurt Ulbricht - St. John, Joliet (East Conference)

MINISTER OF WORD AND SACRAMENT Female Nominees for Synod Council:

Vote for 1 (3-year term)

5A - The Rev. Janet Wold - All Saints, Byron (Central Conference)

5B - The Rev. Pam Marolla - First, Galesburg (Southwest Conference)

MINISTER OF WORD AND SACRAMENT Male Nominees for Synod Council:

Vote for 1 (3-year term)

6A - The Rev. John Cunningham - Bethany, Crystal Lake (Northeast Conference)

6B - The Rev. Scott Ralston - Faith, Forreston (Central Conference)

6C - The Rev. Robert Franek - Emmanuel, Rockford (North Conference)

LAITY Female Nominee, Person of Color, for Synod Council:

Vote for 1 3-year term

7A - Ms. Monique Castillo - Immanuel, Rock Falls (Central Conference)

7B - NO NOMINEE

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE Nominee for Synod Council:

Vote for 1 (1-year term)

(Must be a confirmed member of a congregation of this synod and shall be at least fifteen and less than nineteen years of age when elected.)

8A - Ms. Grace Hoening - GPS Faith Community, Machesney Park (North Conference)

8B - Ms. Heide Gallagher - First, Monmouth (Southwest Conference)

Congregational Life Committee

- The Rev. Scott Benolkin - Shepherd of the Valley, Rockford (North Conference) (term expires 2020)
 Mr. Larry Cording - Shepherd of the Hills, Scales Mound (Northwest Conference) (term expires 2020)
 Mr. Walt Farley - Salem, Sandwich (East Conference) (term expires 2021)
 The Rev. Nathan Feig - Trinity, Ottawa (South Conference) (term expires 2021)
 Ms. Georgiana Grossman - Immanuel, Amboy (Central Conference) (term expires 2020)
 Ms. Kim Halper - Nativity, Wonder Lake (Northeast Conference) (term expires 2021)
 The Rev. Jana Howson - Faith, Joliet (East Conference) (term expires 2019)
 Ms. Kay Johnson - All Saints, Byron (Central Conference) term expires 2021)
 Ms. Mary Beth Martin-Bellavia -- Grace, Woodstock (Northeast Conference) (term expires 2019 - not eligible for re-election)
 The Rev. Elizabeth Mascal, vice-chair - Bethlehem, DeKalb (Northeast Conference) (term expires 2019)*
 Mr. Mike Parmele, chairperson - Shepherd of the Prairie, Huntley (Northeast Conference) (term expires 2021)
 The Rev. David Schweppe - Immanuel, Dixon (Central Conference) (term expires 2019 - not eligible for re-election)
 *Term expires in 2019 and standing for re-election

Congregational Life Committee Nominations - Elect 3

LAIITY Female Nominee Congregational Life Committee: **Vote for 1 (3-year term)**

- 9A - Ms. Melinda Alekna - St. Mark, Rockford (North Conference)
 9B - NO NOMINEE

MINISTER OF WORD AND SACRAMENT Female Nominee for Congregational Life Committee: **Vote for 1 (3-year term)**

- 10A - The Rev. Elizabeth Mascal - Bethlehem, DeKalb (Northeast Conference)
 10B - NO NOMINEE

MINISTER OF WORD AND SACRAMENT Male Nominee Congregational Life Committee: **Vote for 1 (3-year term)**

- 11A - The Rev. Zachary Baer - Bethany, Leland (South Conference)
 11B - NO NOMINEE

Global Mission Committee

- The Rev. Joy Alsop - Faith, Rochelle (Central Conference) (term expires 2019, not standing for re-election)
 The Rev. Tammy Anderson - Immanuel, Earlville (South Conference) (term expires 2020)
 Mr. Ron Gustafson - Grace, Loves Park (North Conference) (term expires 2019, eligible to be re-appointed)*
 Mr. Ron Henning - Bethany, Crystal Lake (Northeast Conference) (term expires 2020)
 The Rev. Jane McChesney - First, Rockford (North Conference) (term expires 2021)
 The Rev. Rick Meier - Faith, South Beloit (North Conference) (term expires 2019, not eligible for re-election)
 Mr. Art Milton - Trinity, Moline (West Conference) (term expires 2021) (Chairperson)
 Ms. Linda Patterson - St. Paul, Dixon (Central Conference) (term expires 2020)
 Ms. Esther Prabhakar - Faith, Rochelle (Central Conference) (term expires 2019, eligible to be re-appointed)*

Mr. Chuck Steinbach - Immanuel, Earlville (South Conference) (term expires 2021)
Ms. Wallie Stewart - Grace, Loves Park (North Conference) (term expires 2020)
The Rev. Daniel Wynard - Alpine, Rockford (North Conference) (term expires 2021)*
*Term expires in 2019 and standing for re-election

Global Mission Committee Nominations - Elect 2

MINISTER OF WORD AND SACRAMENT Female Nominee for Global Mission Committee:
Vote for 1 (3-year term)

12A - The Rev. Jessica Bakken - St. John's, Ashton (Central Conference)
12B - NO NOMINEE

MINISTER OF WORD AND SACRAMENT Male Nominees for Global Mission Committee:
Vote for 1 (3-year term)

13A - The Rev. Reed Pedersen - Augustana, Andover (West Conference)
13B - NO NOMINEE

Ministry Support Committee

The Rev. Jen Beamsley - St. John, Joliet (East Conference) (term expires 2020)
The Rev. Ben Ingelson, chairperson - Resurrection, Channahon (East Conference) (term expires 2019, not eligible for re-appointment)
The Rev. Vince Marolla - First, Galesburg (Southwest Conference) (term expires 2021)
Mr. Doug Murray - St. Paul's, Streator (South Conference) (term expires 2020)
Mr. Bill Nelson - First, Geneseo (West Conference) (term expires 2021)
Ms. Cheryl Reimer - Bethany, Crystal Lake (Northeast Conference) (term expires 2019, not eligible for re-election)
Mr. Ken Reinhardt - Salem, Sycamore (Northeast Conference) (term expires 2020)
The Rev. Jeff Schlesinger - Heart of Illinois Parish (Immanuel, Compton and First, Lee) (Central and Northeast Conferences) (term expires 2021)
Ms. Beth Schneider - St. John's, Pearl City (Northwest Conference) (term expires 2020)
Ms. Sonja Sisemore - GPS Faith Community, Machesney Park (North Conference) (term expires 2019, eligible for re-appointment)
Ms. Carol Swenson - Our Savior's, Rockford (North Conference) (term expires 2021)
The Rev. Andy Tyrrell - Grace, Richmond (Northeast Conference) (term expires 2020)
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Ministry Support Committee Nominations - Elect 2

LAIY Female Nominees Ministry Support Committee:
Vote for 1 (3-year term)

14A - Ms. Deanna Swanson - Augustana, Andover (West Conference)
14B - NO NOMINEE

MINISTER OF WORD AND SACRAMENT Female Nominees for Ministry Support Committee:
Vote for 1 (3-year term)

15A - The Rev. Karyn Kost - Freedom, Oregon; St. James, Forreston (Central Conference)
15B - The Rev. Lu Cantrell - Peace, Morris (East Conference)

Outreach Committee

Ms. Maggie Blackburn - Christ, Belvidere (North Conference) (term expires 2019, choosing not to stand for re-election)

The Rev. Stacie Fidler - St. John's, Rock Island (West Conference) (term expires 2020)

Mr. Brandon Graves - Salem, Sycamore (Northeast Conference) (term expires in 2019, not eligible to stand for re-election)

The Rev. Matthew Kamprath - First, Geneseo (West Conference) (term expires 2021)

The Rev. Frank Langholf - Trinity, Galesburg (Southwest Conference) (term expires 2019)*

Ms. Luz Malpica - Bethany, Crystal Lake (Northeast Conference) (term expires 2020)

Ms. Joyce Meier - Bethany, Crystal Lake (Northeast Conference) (term expires 2020)

The Rev. Brandon Nelson - St. Paul's, Sterling (Central Conference) (term expires 2021)

Mr. George Sanchez - New Life, Bolingbrook (East Conference) (term expires 2019, not eligible to stand for re-election)

Ms. Janet Stoller - Peace, New Lenox (East Conference) (term expires 2020)

Mr. Stewart Walk - Salem, Rockford (North Conference) (term expires 2021)

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Outreach Committee Nominations - Elect 5

LAITY Female Nominee for Outreach Committee:

Vote for 1 (3-year term)

16A - Ms. Amanda Schanze - First, Prophetstown (Central Conference)

16B - NO NOMINEE

LAITY Male Nominee for Outreach Committee:

Vote for 1 (3-year term)

17A - Mr. Roger Haefner - Peace, Morris (East Conference)

17B - NO NOMINEE

LAITY Male Nominee for Outreach Committee:

Vote for 1 (3-year term)

18A - Mr. Nathan Knowles - Freedom, Oregon (Central Conference)

18B - NO NOMINEE

MINISTER OF WORD AND SACRAMENT Male Nominees Outreach Committee:

Vote for 1 (3-year term)

19A - The Rev. Bill Dahlberg - Salem, Rockford (North Conference)

19B - The Rev. Frank Langholf - Trinity, Galesburg (Southwest Conference)

MINISTER OF WORD AND SACRAMENT Female Nominee for Outreach Committee:

Vote for 1 (2-year term)

20A - The Rev. Lisa Burbank - Scenic Hills Parish, Derinda/Hanover/Massbach; co-interim pastor, Lord of Love, Galena (Northwest Conference)

20B - NO NOMINEE

Social Ministry Committee

The Rev. Robin Caldwell - St. John, Joliet (East Conference) (term expires 2020)

The Rev. David Elliott - Joyful Spirit, Bolingbrook (East Conference) (term expires 2021)

The Rev. Katie Gallagher - Faith, Wataga (Southwest Conference) (term expires 2021)

The Rev. Jacob Gawlik - St. John's, Sterling (Central Conference) (term expires 2021)

- Ms. Margaret Haugen - Peace, New Lenox (East Conference) (term expires 2021)
- Ms. Amy Hoening - GPS Faith Community, Machesney Park (North Conference) (term expires 2020)
- Ms. Denise Hoover - Grace, Woodstock (Northwest Conference) (term expires 2019, not eligible to be re-appointed)
- Dr. Peter Kivisto - St. John's, Rock Island (West Conference) (term expires 2020)
- Mr. Andy Koresko - Messiah, Aledo (Southwest Conference) (term expires 2021)
- The Rev. Greg Olson - United, Gardner (East Conference) (term expires 2019, choosing not to stand for re-election)
- Mr. Ron Simmons - Zion, Rockford (North Conference) (term expires 2019, eligible to be re-appointed)
- Ms. Linda Storm - First, Geneseo (West Conference) (term expires 2019, not eligible to be re-appointed)

Social Ministry Committee Nominations - Elect 2

LAITY Female Nominees Social Ministry Committee **Vote for 1 (3-year term)**

- 21A - Ms. Joan Soltwisch - Resurrection, Channahon (East Conference)
- 21B - Ms. Marian Myers - St. Paul's, Dixon (Central Conference)

MINISTER OF WORD AND SACRAMENT Male Nominees Social Ministry Committee: **Vote for 1 (3-year term)**

- 22A - The Rev. Chuck Olson - Calvary, Rockford (North Conference)
- 22B - NO NOMINEE

Consultation Committee

- The Rev. Jen Beamsley - St. John's, Joliet (East Conference) (term expires 2019)
- The Rev. Brant Clements - Freedom, Oregon (Central Conference) (term expires 2019)
- The Rev. Katie Gallagher - Prince of Peace, Freeport (Northwest Conference) (term expires 2021)
- Mr. Calvin Klopff - Scenic Hills Parish, Derinda/Hanover/Massbach (Northwest Conference) (term expires 2023)
- Ms. Karen Krzak - Peace, New Lenox (East Conference) (term expires 2023)
- Ms. Mindy Lemonholm - LC of the Good Shepherd, Rockford (North Conference) (term expires 2021)
- Mr. Frank Olson - Grace, Woodstock (Northeast Conference) (term expires 2019)
- The Rev. Nord Swanstrom - First, Pecatonica (Northwest Conference) (term expires 2021)
- Ms. Daneen Taylor - Peace, New Lenox (East Conference) (term expires 2019)
- The Rev. Terrie Wilder - St. Mark's, Polo (Central Conference) (term expires 2023)
- Mr. Alan Wold - All Saints, Byron (Central Conference) (term expires 2021)

Consultation Committee Nominations - Elect 4

LAITY Female Nominee Consultation Committee **Vote for 1 (6-year term)**

- 23A - Ms. Lyn Tubbesing - Gloria Dei, Rockford (North Conference)
- 23B - NO NOMINEE

LAITY Male Nominee Consultation Committee **Vote for 1 (6-year term)**

- 24A - Dr. Trenton Ferro - St. John, Joliet (East Conference)
- 24B - Dr. Randy Mullin - Cambridge, Cambridge (West Conference)

MINISTER OF WORD AND SACRAMENT Female Nominees Consultation Committee: **Vote for 1 (6-year term)**

25A - The Rev. Jill Flynn - Gloria Dei, Rockford (North Conference)

25B - The Rev. Elizabeth Martin - Trinity, Harvard (Northeast Conference)

**MINISTER OF WORD AND SACRAMENT Male Nominees for Consultation Committee:
Vote for 1 (6-year term)**

26A - The Rev. Preston Fields - Salem, Sycamore (Northeast Conference)

26B - The Rev. Dave Hedlin - Peace, New Lenox (East Conference)

Discipline Committee

The Rev. Joy Alsop - Faith, Rochelle (Central Conference) (term expires 2021)

Mr. Christopher Beamsley - St. John, Joliet (East Conference) (term expires 2019)

Mr. Walt Farley - Salem, Sandwich (East Conference) (term expires 2023)

The Rev. Robert Franek - Faith, Wataga (Southwest Conference) (term expires 2021)

Ms. Kristi Gleim - St. Paul's, Streator (South Conference) (term expires 2023)

Mr. Herb Kober - Emmanuel, Oregon (Central Conference) (term expires 2021)

Ms. Joanne Lentz - Bethany, Crystal Lake (Northeast Conference) (term expires 2019)

Ms. Cindy Loken - Cross and Crown, Roscoe (North Conference) (term expires 2021)

The Rev. Julane Nease - United, Rockford (North Conference) (term expires 2023)

The Rev. Andy Tyrrell - Grace, Richmond (Northeast Conference) (term expires 2023)

Mr. Terry Ziemke - Shepherd of the Hill, Lockport (East Conference) (term expires 2019)

Discipline Committee Nominations - Elect 4

LAIY Female Nominee for Discipline Committee **Vote for 1 (6-year term)**

27A - Ms. Karen Dolan - Shepherd of the Valley, Rockford (North Conference)

27B - NO NOMINEE

LAIY Male Nominee for Discipline Committee **Vote for 1 (6-year term)**

28A - Mr. Michael "Mic" Brooks - Faith, Rochelle (Central Conference)

28B - NO NOMINEE

**MINISTER OF WORD AND SACRAMENT FEMALE Nominees Discipline Committee:
Vote for 1 (6-year term)**

29A - The Rev. Henrietta Milner - Salem, Sycamore (Northeast Conference)

29B - The Rev. Rakel Evenson - New Life, Bolingbrook (East Conference)

**MINISTER OF WORD AND SACRAMENT MALE Nominee Discipline Committee:
Vote for 1 (6-year term)**

30A - The Rev. Jacob Gawlik - St. John's, Sterling (Central Conference)

30B - NO NOMINEE

Election Key

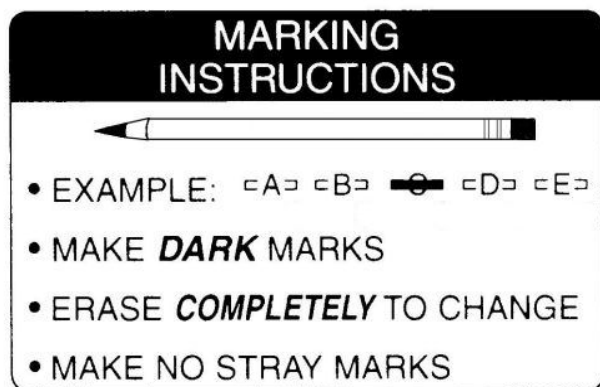
DIRECTIONS:

The Nominating Committee requested biographical data from each candidate.

Please note that opportunity will be given for voting members to make additional nominations from the floor. Ten 10 voting members' signatures along with biographical data will need to be provided for each additional nomination.

Each election has a **number** and each candidate a **letter**. These correspond to a ballot which will be distributed on Friday morning. The ballot sheet will record your mark when you shade in the chosen letters with your number 2 assembly pencil. To vote for a candidate, find the correct **number** election, then select the **letter** which corresponds to the person for whom you wish to vote.

These marking instructions are also printed on the top of the ballot. Please be sure to use your number 2 pencil and do **not** fold the ballots.



USE NO. 2 PENCIL ONLY

The use of an Augustana College electronic scanner to process the ballots and a computer spreadsheet to print election results will facilitate our work together during the assembly.