



Metropolitan Chicago Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

2023 SYNOD ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS RESOURCE

General Ballot

At this year's assembly we are electing members of congregations in our synod to variety of positions:

- Synod Council
- Committee on Discipline
- Consultation Committee

In order to ensure a diversity of representation in a broad number of categories required by our constitution, the Nominations Committee has delineated certain positions to be filled by certain conferences, genders, roster/lay, person of color/language other than English.

Currently all of the slots have only one candidate (in other words, 'unopposed.')

Nominations will be open again from 7am- 8am on the day of the Assembly. Such nominations can be made at the designated Nominations Desk.

The final slate of candidates and updated biographical information will be released as soon as possible if other nominations are made.

KEY:

PC/L --- person of color or primary language other than English

***** --- currently serving in this role; eligible and interested in re-election

SYNOD COUNCIL

LAY FEMALE

A. Angela Bell (Southwest)

Angela Bell

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Palos Heights, IL (Southwest)
Homemaker & Election Judge

Congregational Involvement: "Spiritual Fitness" Bible Study Leader - Current; Bell & Chancel Choir Member - Current; Youth & Family Volunteer & Chaperone; Clergy Spouse - Current

Synodical Involvement: Discipline Cmte for Metro Chicago Synod - Current

Churchwide Involvement: Secretary of the Churchwide Executive Board of the Women of the ELCA - Current; Churchwide Executive Board Member for Women of the ELCA (2017-2020)

Community Involvement: Election Judge for Cook County, IL

Personal Statement: Angela has the experience, passion and skills to help the synod to continue to be a vital ministry for and of the church.

LAY FEMALE

A. Caryn Blomquist (West) [PC/L]

Caryn Blomquist

Good Shepherd Church- Naperville (West)
fundraiser/event planner

Congregational Involvement: n/a

Synodical Involvement: n/a

Churchwide Involvement: Event Planner-Global Mission

Community Involvement: n/a

Personal Statement: I deeply love the ELCA and this is a way to serve both synod and my congregation. Having done programs at LSTC and working with the YAGM program, I want to get involved. Seminary wasn't for me, and/ but I can't seem to NOT work for a religious organization

LAY FEMALE

A. Magdalena Deltoro (South) [PC/L]

Magdalena Deltoro

Iglesia Santa Cruz, Chicago (South)
Secretary

Congregational Involvement: Secretary - current

Synodical Involvement: n/a

Churchwide Involvement: n/a

Community Involvement: n/a

Personal Statement: I would like to participate and be more involved in all different types of affairs and bring feedback to our members. Share the lack of resources within our community and find solutions and help find the right resources to benefit the community and the members of the congregation.

LAY FEMALE

A. Cynthia España (South) [PC/L]

Cynthia España

Iglesia Santa Cruz & Chicago (South)
College Student

Congregational Involvement: Council Secretary - current

Synodical Involvement: n/a

Churchwide Involvement: n/a

Community Involvement: n/a

Personal Statement: I would like to get more involved and learn about ways that I may help within my church and community. From serving others to providing resources to help others in their personal growth/ community and church involvement.

LAY FEMALE

A. Elsie Sabbithi (Southwest) [PC/L]

Elsie Sabbithi

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church , Oak Lawn (Southwest)
Retired Hospital Chaplain

Congregational Involvement: N/A

Synodical Involvement: N/A

Churchwide Involvement: N/A

Community Involvement: N/A

Personal Statement: I would like to serve in Lutheran synod because I believe I have something to offer for the vision of ELCA. So far I never involved in Church ministry because of my hospital ministry. Now I would like to serve the body of Christ in what ever way God leads me.

LAY FEMALE

A. Shirley Wilson-Sigler (Central)

Shirley Wilson-Sigler

Augustana Lutheran Church of Hyde Park, Chicago (Central)
Retired, Registered Dietitian

Congregational Involvement: Church Council, current; Previously Church Council President, 3 former congregations; Co-Chairperson-Green Team Committee, current; Restructuring the Hospitality and Evangelism Committees, current; Metropolitan Chicago Synod Assembly Voting member, current

Synodical Involvement: Metropolitan Chicago Synod Council: (1989-1994); Member of the, Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana (NT-NL) Synod Candidacy Committee; NT-NL Synod Assembly: voting member 2012; NT-NL Co-chair, Dallas Metro North Mission Council Nominating Committee

Churchwide Involvement: ELCA Churchwide Assembly: voting member 2001 and 2019

Community Involvement: Chicago Christian Industrial League-Homeless Shelter, Family Program; HABITAT for Humanity, South Suburban Cook County; Altrussa, public service organization, Dallas, TX; Mosaic (organization for developmentally disabled adults) Activity Volunteer, Dallas, TX

Personal Statement: I am eager to reprise my role as a MCS Council member and to devote my time and talents to benefit the future ELCA.

ROSTERED FEMALE

A. Dcn. Tracy Katschke-Goss (Northwest)*

Deacon Tracy Katschke-Goss

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Arlington Heights (Northwest)
Deacon/Youth Ministry Coordinator

Congregational Involvement: Deacon/Youth Ministry Coordinator - Current; Youth Director - Christ Lutheran Palatine & Peace Lutheran Lake Zurich; Confirmation & High School Adult Leader - St. Timothy Lutheran Naperville; Mission/Outreach Committee Lead/Planner - St. Timothy Lutheran Naperville

Synodical Involvement: Youth Gathering Synod Coordinator - Current; Synod Council/Executive Council Member - Current; Northwest Conference Dean - Current; On Leave from Call Committee - Current

Churchwide Involvement: n/a

Community Involvement: Living Lord Bartlett Adult Mission Team Participant - Current, DuPage County Election Judge

Personal Statement: I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of Synod Council and I find joy in collaborating with others from around the MCS. I would like to continue to work in ministry at this very important, synodical level.

ROSTERED FEMALE

A. Pr. JoAnn Post (Northeast)*

JoAnn Post

Lutheran Church of the Ascension, Northfield (Northeast)
Clergy

Congregational Involvement: Pastor - Current

Synodical Involvement: synod council - current; synod council executive team - current; synod assembly manager - current

Churchwide Involvement: Committee on Discipline

Community Involvement: N/A

Personal Statement: Serving in this way offers an opportunity to be part of the church's work in important ways.

ROSTERED MALE

A. Pastor Jason Glombicki (Central)*

Pastor Jason Glombicki

Wicker Park Lutheran Church; Chicago (Central)
Minister of Word and Sacrament

Congregational Involvement: Pastor and President (current); Internship and MIC Program Supervisor (current); Anti-racism Committee Member (current); Comprehensive Building Plan Taskforce Member (current)

Synodical Involvement: Synod Council (current); Executive Committee (current); Fund for Mission board (current); Central Conference Dean, interim (current)

Churchwide Involvement: Churchwide Assembly Voting Member (2009, 2012, 2022); Churchwide Assembly Memorials Committee (2019); Fund for Leaders Recipient; Presenter to Domestic Mission Unit on Congregational Growth

Community Involvement: Proclaim (ELM) for Queer Rostered Leaders, member (current); Wicker Park Committee, member (current); Wicker Park Lutheran Building Friends, founding board member (current); Volunteer Chaplain

Personal Statement: As a queer pastor in an urban congregation, I offer an inquisitive and driven mindset to help us widen the synod's relational and life-giving ministries.

ROSTERED MALE

A. Pastor Nathan Klein (Southwest)

Pastor Nathan Klein

St. Stephen, Midlothian (Southwest)
Pastor

Congregational Involvement: Pastor

Synodical Involvement: Co-dean, Southwest Conference - current; Churchwide Assembly Voting Member, 2022

Churchwide Involvement:

Community Involvement: Co-chair, LSSI Associate Board - current

Personal Statement: Relationship with the larger church is important to me. I would like to be part of engaging with and in it more directly than before.

ROSTERED MALE

A. Pastor Tim Linstrom (North)*

Tim Linstrom

Holy Spirit, Lincolnshire (North)
Pastor

Congregational Involvement: Pastor, Holy Spirit, Lincolnshire (current); Pastor, Bethlehem, Joliet; Pastor, Grace & Peace, Evansville, IN

Synodical Involvement: Synod Council - Metro Chicago Synod (current); Dean of East Conference - Northern Illinois Synod; Synod Council - Indiana-Kentucky Synod; Chair of Synod Evangelism Committee - Indiana-Kentucky Synod

Churchwide Involvement: Voting Member, 2022 Churchwide Assembly

Community Involvement: Member of Religious Leaders United, Interfaith Clergy group (current); Active in supporting COOL food pantry, Curt's Cafe, LSSI, ELCA World Hunger, Refugee One (current); Spiritual Director for Tres Dias, Walk to Emmaus, and Cursillo; Member of Clergy Team for Communities Acting for Justice and Empowerment

Personal Statement: I'm excited about the future of the church! Even in times of change, the Holy Spirit is working to make all things new. With my experience in various expressions of the church, I believe I can make a meaningful contribution to the work of the synod.

ROSTERED MALE

A. Pastor Eric Worringer (Northeast)*

Pastor Eric Worringer

Holy Family Lutheran Church, Chicago (Northeast)
Clergy

Congregational Involvement: Pastor (current) - Holy Family Lutheran Church; Pastor - Redeemer Lutheran Church; Vicar - St Paul Lutheran Church; Youth and Family Director - St Luke's Lutheran Church

Synodical Involvement: Synod Council; Synod Executive Council

Churchwide Involvement: n/a

Community Involvement: n/a

Personal Statement: I have been honored to serve on synod council during this current term, and am energized by serving alongside and supporting Bishop Curry and the congregations of Metro Chicago

LAY MALE

A. Rodger Jones (Central)*

Rodger Jones

Bethel Lutheran Church/ Chicago (Central)
Synodically Authorized Minister

Congregational Involvement: Synodically Authorized Minister- Current; Congregation President; Young Adult Leader

Synodical Involvement: Synod Council Member-Current; Member of ADST

Churchwide Involvement: n/a

Community Involvement: Member of West Side Rising - Current; Outreach Leader

Personal Statement: As a person of color and young adult, I want to serve to continue to bring diversity in our leadership and decision making. I also want to be an example for other young adults in our synod to get involved.

LAY MALE

A. Michael Pirron (Northwest)

Michael Pirron

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Mt Prospect, (Northwest)
Retired

Congregational Involvement: Assisting Minister - Current; Outreach & Welcome Chairperson - Current; RIC Corrodinator - Current; Stephen Ministry - Current

Synodical Involvement: Diakonoia Board - Current

Churchwide Involvement: n/a

Community Involvement: n/a

Personal Statement: Retired and I have the time to serve

COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE

LAY MALE

A. Craig Collins (West)

Craig Collins

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Charles, IL (West)
School District Administrator

Congregational Involvement: Chair - Lead Pastor Call Committee - 2018/2019; Vice President - Church Council - 2020/2021; President - Church Council - 2021/2022; Secretary - Church Council (Current - 2022/2023)

Synodical Involvement: None

Churchwide Involvement: None

Community Involvement: Statewide Professional Development Coordinator (part-time) - Illinois Association of School Business Officials - Current; Assistant Superintendent - Human Resources - Geneva School District 304, Geneva, IL; High School Principal - Geneva High School, Geneva, IL,

Personal Statement: Based on my professional experience and leadership roles in my congregation, I believe I have something to offer the Synod - judgement, discretion, fairness, and humility.

ROSTERED MALE

A. Reginald Mortha (Near West)

Reginald Mortha

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Oak Park IL (Near West)
Pastor, Chaplain

Congregational Involvement: Pastor; Council member

Synodical Involvement: n/a

Churchwide Involvement: n/a

Community Involvement: Block Association Board Member - Current; Member of the Wesley Church Council; Pastoral counselor, marriage and family counseling, CSI Telugu Community; President, Reach Out School and Orphanage

Personal Statement: I had some training and experience in Pastoral conflict resolution and crisis management. I have been on disciplinary task committees overseeing hospital employees. Board of ethics as seminary faculty, advising Human resources on student disciplinary issues. I want to give back and contribute to the synod administration.

CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

ROSTERED MALE

A. Pastor David Walters (West)

Pastor David Walters

Holy Cross Lutheran, Wheaton (West)

Pastor

Congregational Involvement: Associate Pastor

Synodical Involvement: Chair of Nominations and Elections - current; Synod Assembly Co-Planner (2022)

Churchwide Involvement: Voting Member, ELCA Churchwide Assembly 2019

Community Involvement: n/a

Personal Statement: I wish to help walk alongside difficult moments to both assist the Bishop and staff as well as find reconciliation when possible.