



2025 Churchwide Assembly

(R) Rostered | (L) Lay Member | (M) Male | (F) Female | (NB) Non-Binary

Paul Willey

Shepherd's Heart Ministry, Chicago | Central Conference
 Pastor, Synod Office Administrator | Rostered (Pastor or Deacon) | Transgender Male |
 over 60 years old |
 Attended Churchwide Assembly: No

Brief Statement of why willing to serve: *This is an exciting opportunity to connect with the larger church and be part of the process of the governing of the ELCA. As someone who came to church governance late in life, understanding how the process works and participating in it is very important to me.*

Positions within congregational life:

1. Pastor/President current
2. Vice-president
3. Secretary
4. Member

Positions within the synod:

1. Office Admin
2. Synod Council Member
3. Synod Council Executive Team

Positions within the churchwide expression:

Positions in the community:

Rodger Jones

Bethel Lutheran Church, Chicago | Central Conference
 Synodically Authorized Minister | A lay member of a congregation | Male |
 31-45 years old | POC
 Attended Churchwide Assembly: No

Brief Statement of why willing to serve: *It would be great to have this young leader serve our church as a representative at the Assembly. I believe he will represent the West Side of Chicago, Central Conference, and our Synod well.*

Positions within congregational life:

1. Synodically Authorized Minister- Current
2. Church Council President
3. Church Council Vice President
4. Youth and Young Adult Team Leader

Positions within the synod:

1. Synod Council Member

Positions within the churchwide expression:

Positions in the community:

1. West Side Outreach Leader
2. Community Organizer

Judy Nuehring

St Paul Lutheran, Villa Park | West Conference

Youth Coordinator for Metro Chicago Synod | A lay member of a congregation | Female | over 60 old |

Attended Churchwide Assembly: No

Brief Statement of why willing to serve: *I am a lifelong Lutheran and serving in the church has always been a passion. I served in youth ministry for over 35 and am interested in participating in other areas of the church.*

Positions within congregational life:

1. Youth Director
2. Evangelism Commissioner
3. Education Commissioner
4. VBS Coordinator

Positions within the synod:

1. Youth Ministry Coordinator- current

Positions within the churchwide expression:

Positions in the community:

1. President Hands and Feet Outreach-current
2. Registrar for Outreach House - current

Erin Coleman-Branchaud

St Luke Lutheran, Logan Square | Central Conference

Pastor | Rostered (Pastor or Deacon) | Female | 31-45 |

Attended Churchwide Assembly: No

Brief Statement of why willing to serve: *I was involved in bringing the memorial that led to the Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church and I would like to be part of seeing the fruits of that committee's work.*

Positions within congregational life:

1. Pastor
2. Music Director (Nebraska Synod)
3. Outreach Coordinator (Nebraska Synod)

Positions within the synod:

1. Chair - South Loop Ministry

Positions within the churchwide expression:

Positions in the community:

1. Board Member, People's Lobby
2. Common Pulse Vocal Ensemble