

2021

FBSynod Assembly Nominations Book



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2021 VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY
FLORDIA-BAHAMAS SYNOD

FBSynod Nomination Committee

8.31.21



2021 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

NOMINATIONS BOOK

Elections Standing Rules

- A. In accord with Continuing Resolution C9.03.A21, nominations from the floor must have been submitted to the Synod Office by registered voting members no later than October 4, 2021. No additional nominations from the floor may be made at the Synod Assembly.
- B. Elections shall be done on Zoom using Google Forms Ballots. Voting members must enter the Ballot Password and their randomly assigned four-digit Voter ID Code. Use of these ballots is deemed to fulfill all requirements for election by ballot.
- C. Write-in ballots will not be allowed.
- D. The Chair may allow for the report of the Elections Committee and the taking of a ballot whenever the Committee is ready to report even if this is earlier or later than times scheduled in the agenda. A ballot shall take precedence over any other order of business.
- E. Only information concerning nominees on official Biographical Data Forms developed and distributed or made available electronically by the Nominating Committee will be permitted. No use of special handouts or display concerning nominees communicated physically or electronically shall be permitted. No nominating speeches shall be permitted.
- F. On the first ballot in the general election, names will appear in an order determined by draw by the chair of the Elections Committee. On the subsequent ballots, the names will be listed according to the number of votes received.
- G. In accord with the Synod Constitution (S9.08), in all elections except for the bishop, the names of the persons receiving the two highest numbers of votes, but not elected by a majority of the votes cast on a preceding ballot, shall be entered on the next ballot. In cases in which votes are cast in one segment of the ballot for multiple positions on a committee, board, or Synod Council, the number of names entered on the next ballot shall be two for each remaining position to be filled. The names shall be the persons receiving the highest numbers of votes, but not elected by a majority of the votes cast on a preceding ballot.
- H. A single ballot shall be cast by the Secretary for each position where there is only one name for the particular position.

ABSOLUTELY NO PROXY VOTING WILL BE ALLOWED



2021 Synod Assembly Open Positions

1. Vice-President (in good standing for a four-year term)
Layperson

2. Secretary (in good standing for a four-year term)
Rostered Minister or Layperson

3. Synod Council Representatives
 - North Mission District - 1st Coast, Heart of Florida, Pinelands, Panhandle & Flagler-Volusia Conferences
 - Rostered Minister (in good standing for a three-year term)
 - Layperson Female (in good standing for a two-year term)

 - Southwest Mission District - Lake, Mid Gulf, Tampa, Sun Coast, Gulf Coast & Caloosa Conferences
 - Layperson Female (in good standing for a three-year term)
 - Layperson Male (in good standing for a two-year term)
 - PCLE* Rostered Minister or Layperson (in good standing for a two-year term)
 - *A person of color or primary language other than English.

 - Southeast Mission District - Miami-Dade, Broward-Bahamas, Tradewinds & Space Coast Conferences
 - Layperson Male (in good standing for a three-year term)
 - Rostered Minister (in good standing for a two-year term)

 - Young Adult - Any mission district (in good standing for a three-year term)
 - Nominees for the young adult position shall be 18 - 30 years of age

 - Youth - Any mission district (in good standing for a two-year term)
 - Nominees for the youth position shall be 15-17 years of age AND be a rising 9th through 11th Grader in school at the time of election.

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2021 Synod Assembly Open Positions cont.

4. Consultation Committee - 4 positions (in good standing for a six-year term)

Layperson Male

Minister of Word & Sacrament Male

Layperson Female

Minister of Word & Sacrament Female

5. Discipline Committee

- 4 positions (in good standing for a five-year term)

Layperson Male

Minister of Word & Sacrament Male

Layperson Female

Minister of Word & Sacrament Female

- 1 position (in good standing for a three-year term)

Minister of Word & Sacrament Female

- 2 positions (in good standing for a 1-year term)

Layperson Male

Layperson Female

6. ELCA 2022 Churchwide Assembly Voting Members

(in good standing for service August 8-13, 2022)

- Southwest Mission District - 1 Layperson Female, 1 Layperson Male, 1 Rostered Minister
 - (Includes Lake, Mid Gulf, Tampa, Sun Coast, Gulf Coast & Caloosa Conferences)
- Southeast Mission District - 1 Layperson Female, 1 Layperson Male, 1 Rostered Minister
 - (Includes Miami-Dade, Broward-Bahamas, Tradewinds & Space Coast Conferences)
- North Mission District - 1 Layperson Female, 1 Layperson Male, 1 Rostered Minister
 - (Includes 1st Coast, Heart of Florida, Pinelands, Panhandle & Flagler-Volusia Conferences)
- Each District is strongly encouraged to fill positions with a PCLE*, Youth (lay only) or Young Adult (Youth - age 15 - 17 August 2022, Young Adult - age between 18-30 August 2022)
 - *A person of color or primary language other than English. May be Rostered Minister or Layperson.



List of Nominees 2021

Synod Council

Position	Term	Nominees
Vice President - Layperson, Male or Female	4	Michele Hilton Tom O'Reilly
Secretary - Layperson or Rostered Minister, Male or Female	4	Ken Blyth (I)

North Mission District

Layperson Female	2	Marcee Wilkes
Rostered Minister - Male or Female	3	Derek Hoven Jerry Johnson

Southwest Mission District

PCLE* - Layperson or Rostered Minister, Male or Female	2	Bruce Edwards (I)
Layperson Male	2	George Algozzina (I)
Layperson Female	3	Pam Fairfax (I) Mary Flekke** Cindy Kamp Rebecca Parker Linda Rosche **

Southeast Mission District

Rostered Minister - Male or Female	2	Don Reiter (I)
Layperson Male	3	

Youth & Young Adult

Young Adult, age 18-30 - Layperson or Rostered Minister, Male or Female	3	Anna Hunter
Youth, High School Student age 15-17 - Male or Female	1	Maylynn Burns Alexander Rivera

(I) = Incumbent

** At-Large Incumbent

*PCLE = Person of color or primary language other than English

Consultation Committee

Position	Term	Nominees
Layperson Female	6	Marilyn Smithyman
Layperson Male	6	Scott VanBaaren
Minister of Word & Sacrament Female	6	Lisa Burbank Janice Mynchenberg
Minister of Word & Sacrament Male	6	Steve Brisson Bruce Burbank Jonathan Gantt Andre Keeley David Young



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Discipline Committee

Position	Term	Nominees
Layperson Female	5	Lisa Montalchi Jane Wiley
Layperson Male	5	Robert Sussan
Minister of Word & Sacrament Female	5	Johanna Kiefner
Minister of Word & Sacrament Male	5	Rani Abdulmasih Andreas Stein Jeff Unga
Minister of Word & Sacrament Female	3	Kim Trabold
Layperson Female	1	Barbara Miller
Layperson Male	1	Chris Dickman

2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Members

<i>North Mission District</i>	Nominees
Layperson Female	Beverly Jackson Lisa Klima Marcee Wilkes
Layperson Male	Steven Beumer Ken Davis
Rostered Minister - Male or Female	Terrance Jacob Jennifer Kopacz Pamela O'Donnell Arthur Wuertz

<i>Southwest Mission District</i>	Nominees
Layperson Female	Candy Allman Pam Fairfax Nancy Taylor
Layperson Male	George Algozzina Scott VanBaaren
Rostered Minister - Male or Female	David Allman Brian Arman Ken Blyth Lisa Burbank ----- Bruce Edwards Paul Gibson Rusty May Lisa Miller

<i>Southeast Mission District</i>	Nominees
Layperson Female	Donna Person Carmen Riedel
Layperson Male	Roger Suarez
Rostered Minister - Male or Female	Nicole Eastwood Reginald Hansome Gary Leopard Lois Nehmer Schiff



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Synod Council Vice President - Layperson, Male or Female 4 Year Term

Name: Ms. Michele Hilton

Occupation: Retired

Church Name: St Paul, Sarasota

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

Simmons College-Boston, MA - 1986 BA- Business Management

Northwestern University School of Law - Boston, Ma - 1989 - Juris Doctor

Service experience:

Practiced Law in Massachusetts

Served as Secretary of the Synod Council

Served as Assistant to the Bishop for Administration

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Currently serve as a parish deacon in my home church

Currently serve as Chair and Acting Executive Director of diakonia

Currently serve on the Jamaica team of the Global Missions Committee



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Synod Council Vice President - Layperson, Male or Female 4 Year Term

Name: Mr. Thomas O'Reilly

Occupation: Owner

Church Name: St. Paul's, Tampa

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No

Education:

Attended (no degree):
Muskingum University, OH--'74
University of Iowa, IA--'78-'79
Eckerd College, FL-- '02

Service experience:

Over 39 years of experience within business career.
Vertis (Quad Graphics), 1992-2005, SVP: served as Senior VP, oversaw a team of 85+ sales and account support representatives with sales in excess of \$300M in the retail sector. Spearheaded the company's leading edge, cross-business sales and marketing strategy that combined products and services with innovative technology and managed major accounts including Publix, Winn Dixie, Food Lion, Home Depot, Walmart, Sears, Bealls and Lowe's.
Southeast Color, 2006-2018, CEO/President/Partner: Managed teams, with over 70+ employees, that merged and created retail software solution that offered visibility and control of the entire marketing communication and promotion process. The company supported more than 85 brands with more than 20,000 stores communicate to their customers. Sold in 2018 to dunnhumby.
Loading Dock 2, 2018, CEO/Owner: Manages a team at Loading Dock 2 and oversee's key accounts. A keen instinct for innovation and a drive for excellence, passionate about improving retailer/vendor relations by rethinking communication and using new media to maximize message outreach.



Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Synod Council SW Mission District Lay Male (6 years)
Executive Committee/ Stewardship Chair (2 years-concurrent)
Synod Treasurer/Executive Committee (2021-present)



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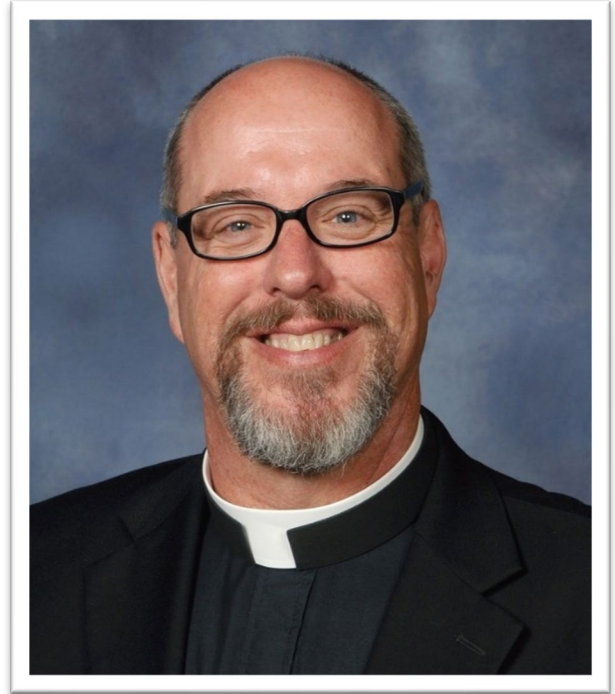
**Synod Council Secretary - Layperson or Rostered Minister,
Male or Female
4 Year Term**

Name: Rev. Ken Blyth

Occupation: Pastor

Church Name: St. Armands Key, Sarasota

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

Doctor of Ministry, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 2017

Master of Divinity, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, 2001

Bachelor of Divinity, University of St. Andrews (Scotland), 1997

Service experience:

Currently, chair, Sarasota Ministerial Association Anti-bigotry Task Force (HEAART)

Currently, Ambassador Board member, Lutheran Services Florida-Sarasota

Currently, board member of Association of Campus Ministry (Sarasota-Manatee)

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Currently, Synod Secretary

Currently, member of the Consultation Committee

Previously, chair of synod assembly worship team, Liturgical Director of Bishop's installation service, and Dean of Pinelands Conference.



Synod Council North Mission District - Layperson Female 2 Year Term

Name: Mrs. Marcee Wilkes

Occupation: Retired teacher

Church Name: Messiah, Panama City

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

B.S. in Education, Troy State University, 1978
ESE Certification (33 hours), Florida State University, 1997-98

Service experience:

Representative to local and state teacher organizations in Alabama (Montgomery Co.) and Florida (Bay Co.)
Messiah Lutheran Church-church council-4 years Evangelism chair and 4 years Stewardship chair, voting member to Florida-Bahamas Synod Assembly
Women of the ELCA-co-chair at Messiah Lutheran Church, Panhandle Vice President, voting member at Florida-Bahamas Synod Fall Gathering more than once

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization Executive Board-liaison to the Global Mission Table
Florida-Bahamas Global Mission Table member, secretary, and leader of the Guyana-Suriname task force including FB Synod trips to Guyana and Suriname and Jamaica
Florida-Bahamas World Hunger Team-attended ELCA World Hunger Gatherings in 2016, 2018, and 2019 and helped evaluate the Florida applications for domestic hunger grants



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**Synod Council North Mission District - Rostered Minister,
Male or Female
3 Year Term**

Name: Rev. Derek Hoven

Occupation: Pastor

Church Name: Salem, Orlando

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

MDiv, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, 2010

BS Mechanical Engineering, University of Missouri-Rolla, 1996

Service experience:

Nine years as an information technology and business process consultant

Nine years as a conference dean in the Tampa and Heart of Florida conferences

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Served on synod disciple committee and other ad-hoc teams related to call process and grant applications.

Work with congregations in transition in capacity as dean.

Teacher and retreat leader for Diakonia.



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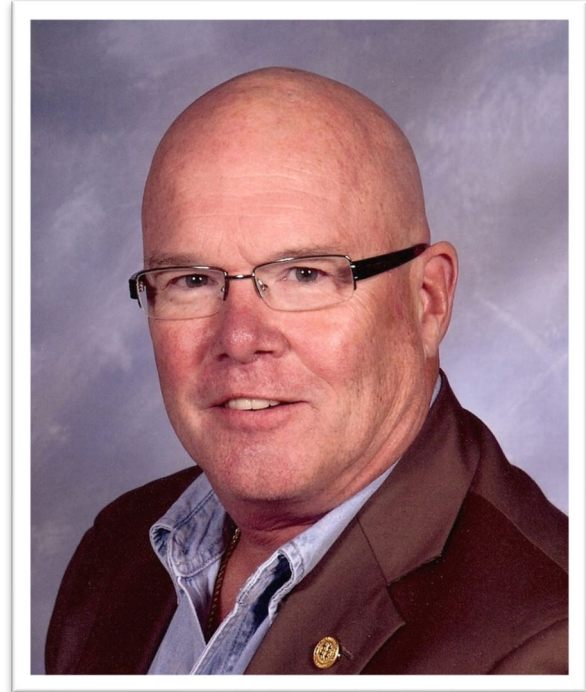
**Synod Council North Mission District - Rostered Minister,
Male or Female
3 Year Term**

Name: ELCA Deacon Jerry Johnson

Occupation: Financial Professional

Church Name: Trinity, Jacksonville

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

FCBA, Union Seminary Richmond VA

Service experience:

16 years Florida-Bahamas Synod Treasurer
20 years Church Business Administrator
37 years rostered leader

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Treasurer LLMI (now Novus Way) 10 years
Multiple churchwide committees
4 time Churchwide Assembly Voting Member



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**Synod Council Southwest Mission District - Person of Color
or Primary Language other than English - Layperson or
Rostered Minister, Male or Female
2 Year Term**

Name: Rev. Bruce Edwards

Occupation: Pastor

Church Name: Resurrection House Mission,
Dade City

**Are you a person of color or is your primary
language other than English?** Yes



Education:

Chamberlain High School, Tampa, 1981
Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, 2013

Service experience:

40 years of evangelistic and congregational ministry.
5 years church plant developer WCA.

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Served as Synod Council member under 3 Bishops.
Served as Churchwide voting member twice.
Current board member for Novus Way.



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Synod Council Southwest Mission District - Layperson Male 2 Year Term

Name: Mr. George Algozzina

Occupation: Director of Operations / Director of Music

Church Name: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church & Day School, Tampa

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

Associate of Arts in Business Management

Service experience:

My occupational background is in training and development working under the human resources umbrella. I have experience with peer reviews, mediation, and arbitration which I completed for 23 years while working with Darden Restaurants. I had leadership responsibilities for 108 restaurants, 600+ managers, and 12,000+ employees as a division training manager.

I have chaired task forces and special teams.

I have extensive experience in project management

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

I am currently the Director of Operations and Director of Music at Good Shepherd.

I work with ALOA...Adult Lutherans Organized for Action as Program Director.

I served as Community Outreach Coordinator at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.



Synod Council Southwest Mission District - Lay Female 3 Year Term

Name: Ms. Pam Fairfax

Occupation: Retired, Higher Education Vice President for
Human Resources and Labor Relations/Adjunct Faculty

Church Name: Christ, Cape Coral

**Are you a person of color or is your primary
language other than English?** No



Education:

MBA and BS Business Administration, George Mason University

Service experience:

Experienced in understanding individual departments and the organization as a whole. As Vice President, developed/led strategic initiatives, interpreted laws/policies/contracts, developed statewide collegiate partnerships.

Experienced the success and challenges of congregations. As congregation President, led congregation through financial crisis requiring relinquishing property, moved congregation to a shared worship site; Christ continues strong worship life, is debt free and celebrating 60 years. Understand the role of the congregation in relation to the larger church. Serve in congregation (Synod Parish Deacon), conference (former Chair) and synod (elected and appointed positions).

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Current Synod Council: Executive Committee Member, Chair, Synod Rostered Leader
Compensation Committee, Discipline Panel, Council Task Force

National Youth Gathering 2015, Detroit: National Planning and Implementation Team for
Service Learning

Congregation: Past President, Vice President and Secretary, Youth Director, VBS Coordinator,
Homilist. Current Synod Parish Deacon.



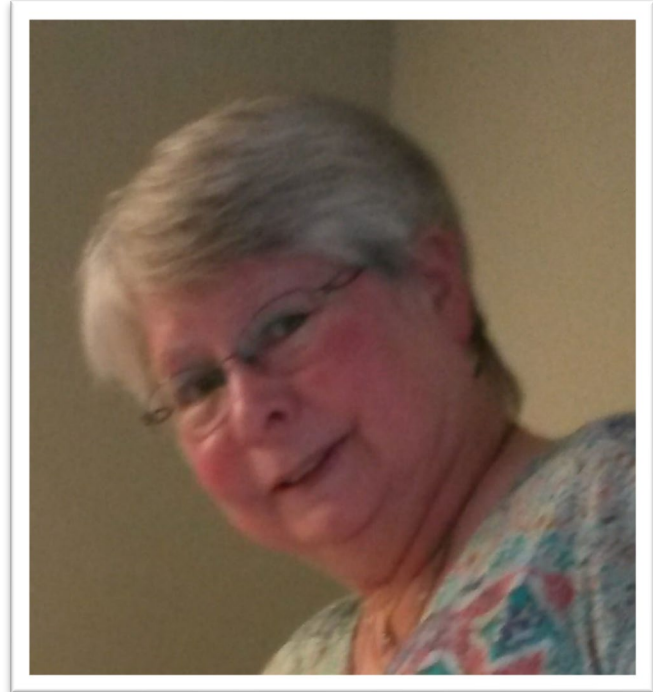
Synod Council Southwest Mission District - Lay Female 3 Year Term

Name: Miss Mary Flekke

Occupation: Retired Librarian/Archivist

Church Name: Grace Evangelical,
Lakeland

**Are you a person of color or is your
primary language other than English?** No



Education:

St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN - BS in History and English, 1980, 1982, MSLS - 1982

Service experience:

I have served on Synod Council previously in at-large positions and as a SW Mission District Representative.

I have been a member of the Lutheran church from Baptism to current, and have participated in all aspects of church governance, choirs, and social ministry activities.

In my career, I have worked with the public as a problem solver and researcher.

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

I have been active all my life in church activities, having a lay call to serve God and society, subscribing to Grace's mission which is to "serve each other, the community and the world."

It is a privilege to work with and for God's people.

Churchwide Voting Member 2005, volunteer at both Orlando Churchwide Assemblies



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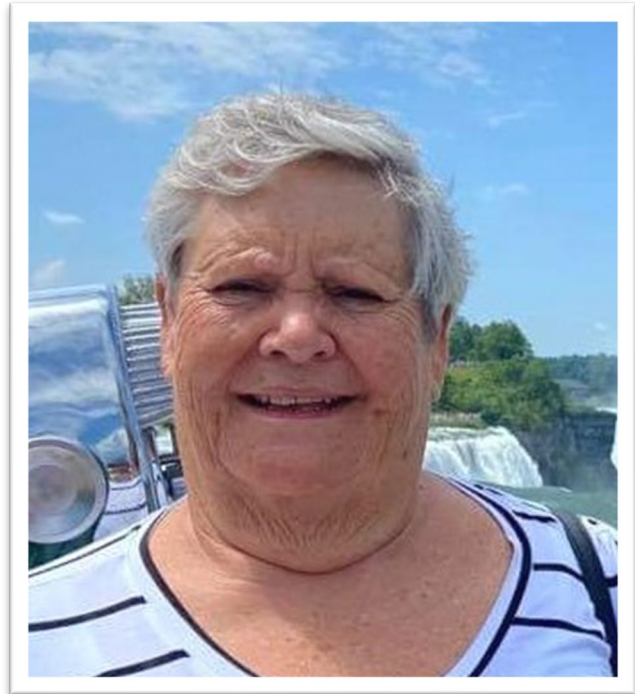
Synod Council Southwest Mission District - Lay Female 3 Year Term

Name: Ms. Cindy Kamp

Occupation: Kindergarten Teacher

Church Name: All Saints, Lutz

**Are you a person of color or is your
primary language other than English?** No



Education:

B.A. in Early Childhood Education from USF in 1999

Service experience:

Teacher serving at risk children in Hillsborough County
RIC Committee which led to better inclusivity and a RIC Designation for our Congregation
Part of Advocacy Committee working for justice in our world

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

1 year at-large term on Synod Council
Synod Parish Deacon (13 years)
Tampa Conference Chair (Currently & Previously)



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Synod Council Southwest Mission District - Lay Female 3 Year Term

Name: Ms. Rebecca Parker

Occupation: Volunteer

Church Name: Atonement, Wesley Chapel

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

BA English & History, Kean University, Union NJ, 2014
MS Information & Library Science, USF, 2018

Service experience:

Synod Parish Deacon
Worship & Music Team Lead
Church Council

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Church Council, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Manasquan, NJ



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Synod Council Southwest Mission District - Lay Female 3 Year Term

Name: Mrs. Linda Rosche'

Occupation: Retired

Church Name: St. Paul, Tampa

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

High School Graduate, St. Louis, MO 1969

American Institute of Banking Diploma (Central Virginia Community College), Lynchburg, VA 1989

Service experience:

Lifelong member of the Lutheran church (both LC-MS/SELC and ELCA)

30+ years in banking, including customer service, facilitation, executive administration, and change management

Personal assistant work including financial and travel management, as well as residential damage restoration for high-profile executive

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Former congregation council member and youth leader in Virginia Beach, Virginia and Apollo Beach, Florida

Current Lutheran Urban Parish of Tampa council member

Current Florida-Bahamas Synod Council, Executive Committee member, and member of Constitutional Review Committee



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Synod Council Southeast Mission District - Rostered Minister, Male or Female 2 Year Term

Name: Rev. Don Reiter

Occupation: Retired minister

Church Name: Advent, Melbourne

**Are you a person of color or is your primary
language other than English?** No



Education:

MDiv, St. Louis, MO, 1973

BA, Ft. Wayne, IN, 1969

AA, Bronxville, NY, 1967

Service experience:

Sr. Pastor, Trinity, New Smyrna Beach, 2006-2014

Interim Pastor, St. Mark, Jacksonville, 2004-2006

Sr. Pastor, Holy Trinity, Port Charlotte, 1997-2000

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Synod Council, 2017 - Present (Executive Committee 2018)

Coordinator of the Synod Post-Call Retreat Program

Synod Congregational Health Task Force



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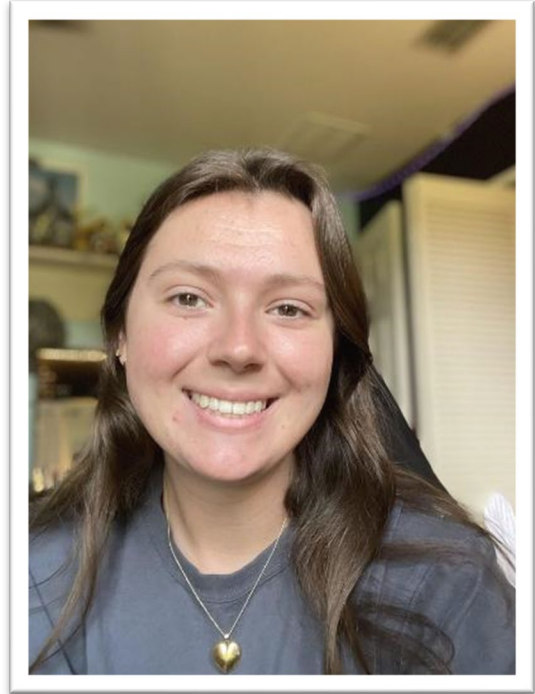
Synod Council Young Adult (Age 18-30) - Layperson or Rostered, Male or Female 3 Year Term

Name: Miss. Anna Hunter

Occupation: Monitor Technician for Lee Health and College Student

Church Name: Christ, Cape Coral

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

High School Graduate

Currently seeking my Associate's Degree in Business Management from Florida Southwestern University

Service experience:

In high school, I was the Executive Commander for the Drill Team in my Army JROTC program. I manage the accommodations and transportation for district, state, and national competitions for over 50 cadets

Service Projects with my WELCA Circle included ELCA Good Gifts Holiday Project for Congregation for three years and Global Mission Project to raise fund to purchase light bulbs for the Seminary in Jamaica

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Youth representative from my church at Synod Assembly in 2015

Have attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering twice, Detroit and Houston

Currently, I am the Youth Leader for the WELCA Fall Gathering and have been for the past two years



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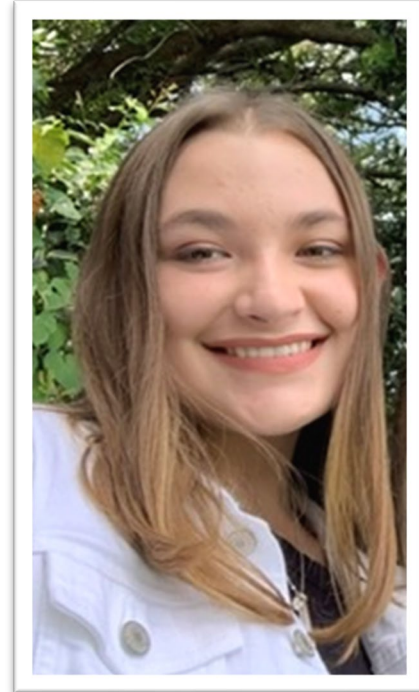
**Synod Council Young Adult (High School Student Age 15-17)
- Layperson, Male or Female
2 Year Term**

Name: Ms. Maylynn Burns

Occupation: High School Student

Church Name: Advent, Orange Park

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

Darnell Cookman School of the Medical Arts
Graduate in May of 2023

Service experience:

Volunteer opportunities throughout the years in different activities such as VBS and Trunk or Treat within the church.

Involved with several volunteer-based organizations such as Key Club.

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

I have sat on the committee for VBS and Trunk or Treat throughout the years.



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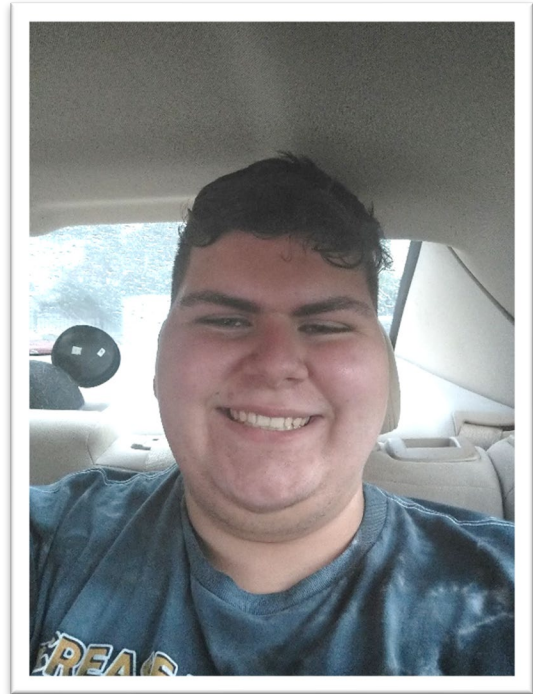
**Synod Council Young Adult (High School Student Age 15-17)
- Layperson, Male or Female
1 Year Term**

Name: Mr. Alexander Rivera

Occupation: Student

Church Name: Lutheran Urban Parish,
Tampa

**Are you a person of color or is your primary
language other than English?** No



Education:
High School student

Service experience:
Voter registration

Current or past congregational or synod roles:
Acolyte



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Florida-Bahamas Consultation Committee Nominations



Consultation Committee Layperson Female 6 Year Term

Name: Ms. Marilyn Smithyman

Occupation: Retired Legal Assistant

Church Name: Christ, Cape Coral

**Are you a person of color or is your
primary language other than English?** No



Education:

B.A., English, Secondary Education, Carthage College, Kenosha, WI - 1971

M.A., English Literature, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI - 1972

Service experience:

30+ years legal assistant, personal injury law firms, including contract & employment law

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Church Council & Mission Exploration Team, President & Chair, respectively

SWO secretary, Learning Ministries Team (Greater Milw Synod)

Synod Assembly Voting Member multiple times (Greater Milw Synod)



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Consultation Committee Layperson Male 6 Year Term

Name: Mr. Scott VanBaaren

Occupation: Parish Administrator

Church Name: Messiah, Cape Coral

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

BA Religious Studies/Philosophy, 2002, Felician University, Lodi NJ
AA Liberal Arts, 2000, Ocean County College, Toms River, NJ

Service experience:

15+ years professional experience in parish administration, high school teaching, and college public relations settings
Volunteer Ministry in several congregations of various sizes

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Synod Parish Deacon, 2019 to present
Caloosa Conference Chair 2017 to present
Synod Assembly 2008, 2009, 2017, 2018



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Consultation Committee Minister of Word & Sacrament
Female
6 Year Term

Name: Rev. Lisa Burbank

Occupation: Pastor

Church Name: Lutheran Church of the Cross,
St. Petersburg

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

Bachelor of Arts, Belmont University (Nashville, TN), 1988
Master of Divinity, Wartburg Theological Seminary (Dubuque, IA), 2013.

Service experience:

Two years of training in Bowen Family Systems theory from Lombard Mennonite Peace Center
Serve on Synod's Listening Team, having successfully completed first deployment.

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Serve on Synod's Listening Team.



Consultation Committee Minister of Word & Sacrament
Female
6 Year Term

Name: Rev Dr Janice Mynchenberg

Occupation: Pastor

Church Name: Epiphany, Oveido

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio B.A. 1974
Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio, M.Div. 1988
Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Illinois, D. Min. 1995

Service experience:

Service as a solo, associate, senior, and interim pastor in several parishes in Wisconsin, Tennessee, Alabama, Washington D.C., and Florida
Certified Interim Specialist with training in after pastor situations

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Chaired synodical task forces on sexual misconduct and domestic violence
Secretary of a synodical task force on racial equity
Member of a synodical consultation committee



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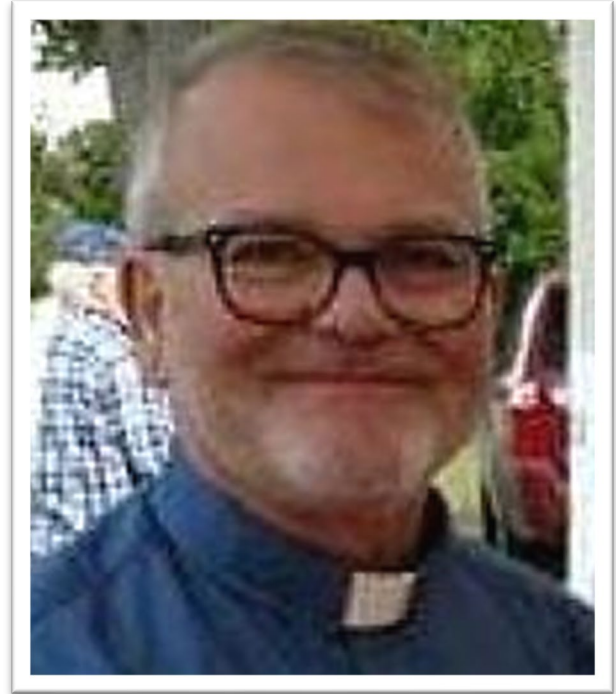
Consultation Committee Minister of Word & Sacrament Male 6 Year Term

Name: Rev. Stephen Brisson

Occupation: Pastor

Church Name: Hope Evangelica,
Citrus Springs

**Are you a person of color or is your primary
language other than English?** No



Education:

B.S. Chemistry, Framingham State College, Framingham MA, 1986
M. Div., Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, 2001

Service experience:

Five Day training: Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders conducted by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, 2016
Served on the New England Synod's "Listening Team" a ministry of working with congregations in conflict using an approach modeled on the above training

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Served on the New England Synod's "Listening Team" a ministry of working with congregations in conflict



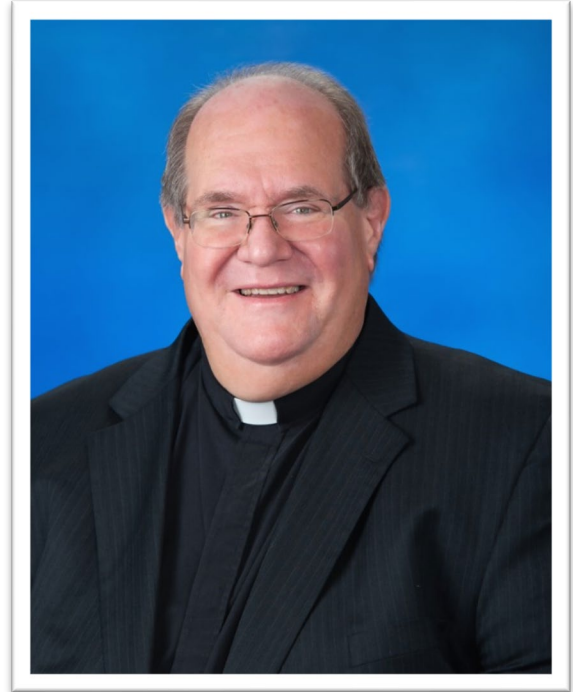
Consultation Committee Minister of Word & Sacrament Male 6 Year Term

Name: Rev. Bruce Burbank

Occupation: Pastor

Church Name: Lutheran Church of the Cross,
St. Petersburg

**Are you a person of color or is your primary
language other than English?** No



Education:

Master of Divinity, Wartburg Theological Seminary, 2016

Service experience:

Synod Listening Team

Bowen Family Systems Training, Lombard Mennonite Peace Center

30 years+ working on church staffs as musician/music director

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Synod Listening Team



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Consultation Committee Minister of Word & Sacrament Male 6 Year Term

Name: Rev. Jonathan Gantt

Occupation: Pastor

Church Name: Living Faith,
Pembroke Pines

**Are you a person of color or is your
primary language other than English?** No



Education:

BA Christian Ed. Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory, NC
M.Div. Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, PA

Service experience:

Served through Bi-vocational ministry that included work with the vulnerable outside of the parish setting
Trained in Critical Incident Stress Debriefing

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Youth Minister
Minister of Word and Sacrament
Dean of the Broward-Bahamas Conference



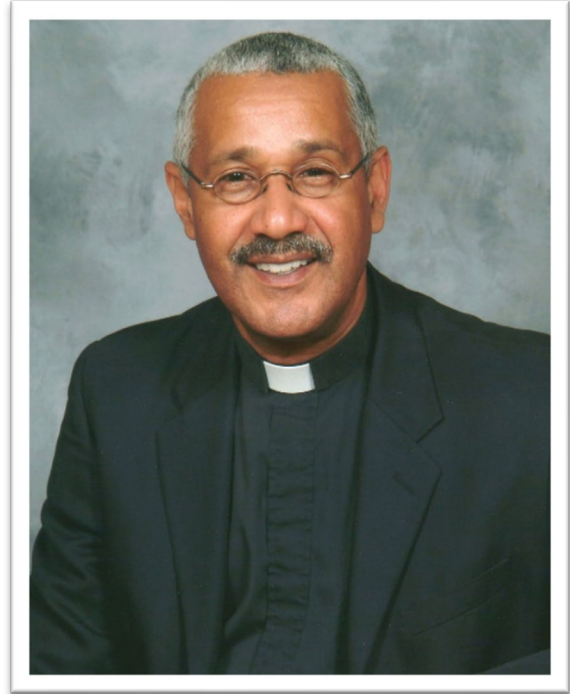
Consultation Committee Minister of Word & Sacrament Male 6 Year Term

Name: Rev. Andre Keeley

Occupation: Clergy

Church Name: Faith, Daytona Beach

**Are you a person of color or is your primary
language other than English?** Yes



Education:

BA - Sociology-Anthropology, 1973, Morgan State Univ. Baltimore, Maryland
MA - City Planning-Public Policy Analysis, 1977, Morgan State Univ. Baltimore, Maryland
MDiv - 1989, Trinity Luther Seminary, Columbus, Ohio

Service experience:

Social Worker
Senior City Planner
Community Service

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Saint Mark Lutheran, East Point, Georgia, Southeastern Synod
New Hope Lutheran, Dayton, Ohio, Southern Ohio Synod
Interim Ministry: University Lutheran, Gainesville, Florida / All Saints Lutheran, Port Orange,
Florida / Faith Lutheran, Ormond Beach, Florida.



Consultation Committee Minister of Word & Sacrament Male 6 Year Term

Name: Rev. David Young

Occupation: Minister of Word and Sacrament -
Congregational setting

Church Name: St. Paul's Evangelical,
Melbourne

**Are you a person of color or is your primary
language other than English?** No



Education:

Delaware Valley University, Business Administration
Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Masters of Theology Studies

Service experience:

3+ years of congregational ministry that has included succession planning, transition, and redevelopment.

15+ years of human resource experience focused on team building, corporate culture, HR policies and procedures, employee training, development and review.

20+ years of business experience in a variety of industries including retail, corporate real estate advisory and brokerage, high tech, and publishing. Expertise in strategic planning, organization strategy, marketing, and turn-around.

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Attend and participate as able in congregational committee meetings, activities and ministries.

Networking within my congregational community.

Active participation in the Space Coast Conference for rostered leaders

Participate in online webinars and discussions sponsored by the FB Synod.

Actively participate in rostered leader groups of ELCA ministers from my seminary.



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Florida-Bahamas Discipline Committee Nominations



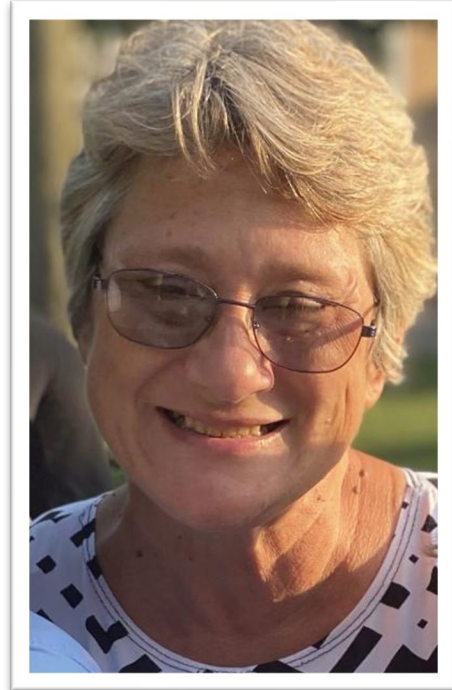
Discipline Committee Layperson Female 5 Year Term

Name: Ms. Lisa Montalchi

Occupation: Retired special education teacher

Church Name: Trinity, Pembroke Pines

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

BA psychology mental Health
MA educational psychology

Service experience:

Crisis intervention & resolution team member
Dept head special education
Behavior specialist team

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Current council President
Recent Diakonia graduate
Church sale & rebuild committee



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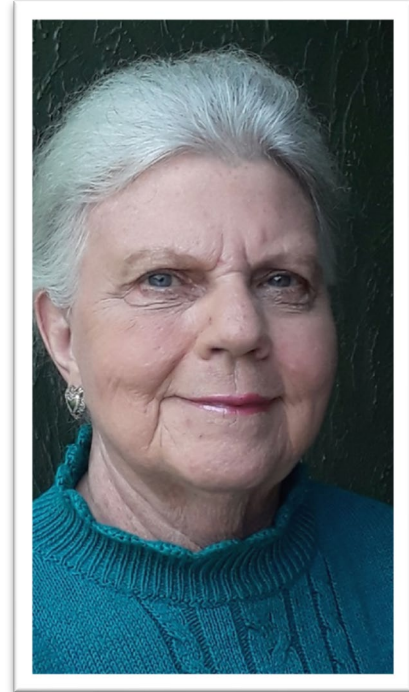
Discipline Committee Layperson Female 5 Year Term

Name: Mrs. Jane Wiley

Occupation: Retired - Administrative Assistant

Church Name: Faith, Tampa

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

2 years of college, Rollins College, 1964 -1966

Service experience:

Life experiences as wife (pastor's wife for 48 years), mother, grand & great grandmother, & employee.

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Council president, assembly participant, and WELCA member.



Discipline Committee Layperson Male 5 Year Term

Name: Mr. Robert Sussan

Occupation: Business Consultant

Church Name: Mandarin Lutheran Church
Jacksonville, Florida

**Are you a person of color or is your primary
language other than English?** No



Education:

1970, Graduate, NYC

Service experience:

Instituted Constant Contact email system and sent out daily and weekly communication to all congregation members.

When church closed during pandemic, recorded church services, livestreamed them on facebook, edited the video file and uploaded to YouTube. Constant Contact was then sent out with link each Sunday - this continues today.

Obtained from Microsoft a donation of two Surface Books for the church's use. Also received up to 2000 10 year Microsoft 365 licenses for all of the Microsoft product. All have email addresses @mandarinlutheran.org with 1TB of storage on churches exchange server which is resident on Microsoft's Computers.

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Participated in hearing held in Jacksonville last year.



Discipline Committee Minister of Word & Sacrament Female 5 Year Term

Name: Rev. Johanna Kiefner

Occupation: Clergy/social worker

Church Name: Memorial, St. Augustine

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No

Education:

1976 Valparaiso University BA Major -
Theology, Minor - Biology
1980 Christ Seminary - Seminex M. Div.
2010 Boston College MSW

Service experience:

20 years medical/military/campus ministry which integrated faith/spiritual/psychological/social development to facilitate and assist persons in growth in faith and mental health. This included individual/family/organizational conflicts and concerns.

Academic training and experience in spiritual/pastoral and mental health assessment and intervention to include substance abuse and trauma focused sensitivity and interventions.

Fifteen years of spiritual direction for personal discernment of my Lord's movement in my life, my relationships, and in the life of the wider community, as well as guidance in human experience which grounds my work in God's love and reconciliation.

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Served on task force in New England Synod 2014 to address and develop Mental Health Care for rostered leaders, and provided such care as requested by the Bishop.

Contracted with Lutheran Counseling Services (Winter Park) to provide pastoral psychotherapy in Cape Coral and Ft. Myers to individuals, couples/families and rostered/church professionals (2018-2021)

Served as consultant to ELCA congregations addressing significant staff issues/transition on two separate occasions (2019/ 2020).





Discipline Committee Minister of Word & Sacrament Male 5 Year Term

Name: Rev. Rani Abdulmasih

Occupation: Pastor

Church Name: Hope, The Villages, FL

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? Yes



Education:

BS Chemistry, St. Bonaventure NY, 1993
Ecumenical Theological Seminary, Detroit 2002
TEEM, Pacific Lutheran Seminary, CA 2005

Service experience:

Served on Discipline Committee, Former Southeast Michigan Synod
Served on Conflict Resolution and Building Healthier Congregation Teams (Former Synod) and currently on Listening Team of FB Synod
Served as Chaplain for the Police Department in Michigan

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Discipline Committee, Southeast Michigan Synod
Listening Team FB Synod
Behavioral Interviewer, ELCA



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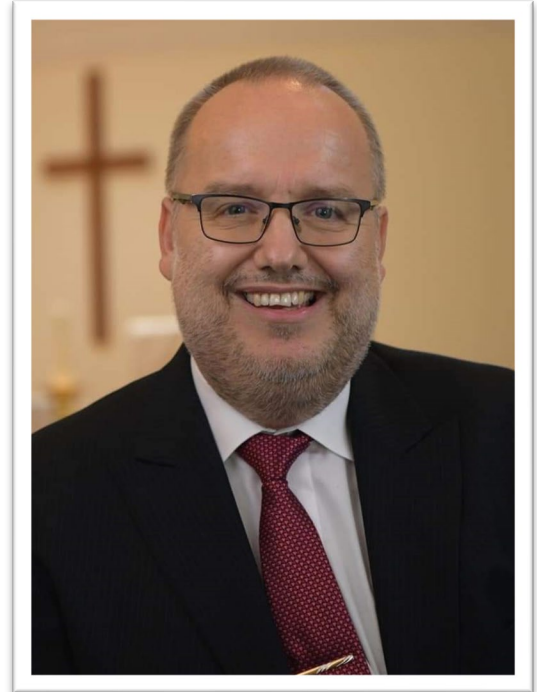
Discipline Committee Minister of Word & Sacrament Male 5 Year Term

Name: Rev. Andreas Stein

Occupation: Pastor

Church Name: Peace, Fort Myers

**Are you a person of color or is your primary
language other than English?** Yes



Education:

Master of Divinity, Sioux Falls Seminary, 1999

Service experience:

As part of the Outreach Committee of my past synod (Nebraska) I dealt with and helped congregations that were trying to recover from boundary violations

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Presidential Advisory Committee, Luther House of Study at Augustana University
Supervisor of several students in candidacy program preparing to become Ministers of Word and Sacrament
Dean of the Lewis and Clark Mission Cluster of the Nebraska Synod



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Discipline Committee Minister of Word & Sacrament Male 5 Year Term

Name: Rev. Jeff Ungs

Occupation: Clergy - Ordained to Word and
Sacrament Ministry

Church Name: Shepherd of the Glades,
Naples

**Are you a person of color or is your primary
language other than English?** No



Education:

Bachelor of Science, Upper Iowa University, Fayette, Iowa 1995
Master of Divinity, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, 1999

Service experience:

Ordained minister in the ELCA for 22 years

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Served Churchwide ELCA Director for Evangelical Mission and Assistant to the Bishop of the
Western Iowa Synod for 6 years.



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Discipline Committee Minister of Word & Sacrament Female 3 Year Term

Name: Rev. Kim Trabold

Occupation: Parish Pastor

Church Name: Good Shepherd,
Boca Raton

**Are you a person of color or is your
primary language other than English?** No



Education:

Master of Divinity, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Class of 2003

Service experience:

Member of the Arlington 20/20 Steering Committee, bringing together residents with faith and community partners to make a positive and measurable impact on the community (Jacksonville, Florida).

Served as a member of the Habitat for Humanity Cabarrus Partner Family Selection Committee (NC), reviewing completed applications for home ownership and making recommendations for approval, disapproval, or further consideration.

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Served as a Conference Dean for 5 1/2 years in the North Carolina Synod.

Served as an Interim Minister for 3 congregations in transition (1 in North Carolina, 2 in Florida).

Appointed to serve as a member of a Listening Post at a congregation in conflict in the North Carolina Synod.



Discipline Committee Layperson Female

1 Year Term

Name: Mrs. Barbara Miller

Occupation: Teacher, multiple levels, retired,
Volunteer, current

Church Name: Christus Victor, Naples

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

BA, Bowling Green State University (Ohio) 1965, English , French, Speech
MS Long Island University 1970, Secondary Education- English
Certificate of Proficiency, Universitat Salzburg 1964, German language. history, culture

Service experience:

Secondary school teacher in an alternative high school, Detroit area
Pastor's wife, 33 years, urban and suburban communities
International travel, immersion, education, accompaniment

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Adult Sunday School teacher, etc. etc. etc.
Florida-Bahamas Synod Hunger Team Chair
Churchwide Women of the ELCA Board of Directors



Discipline Committee Layperson Male

1 Year Term

Name: Mr. Chris Dickman

Occupation: Entrepreneur

Church Name: Advent, Melbourne

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

Grande Diplôme en Arts Culinaires , Le Cordon Bleu, 2005

Service experience:

Coordinator for the ELCA Youth Gathering 2018

Served on many different sub-committees as a member of Synod Council

Opened Castle Church

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

2 Full Terms on Synod Council as a Lay Male Mission District Representative

2 Full terms as Vice President of Advent's Congregational Council

3 Full Term as Space Coast Conference Chair



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ELCA Churchwide Voting Members Nominations



ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022 North Mission District - Layperson Female

Name: Mrs. Beverly Jackson

Occupation: Railroad Executive Retired

Church Name: Grace, Tallahassee

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No

Education:

M.Ed. University of Florida 1969

Service experience:

Served on various volunteer boards and councils.

e.g.(Jacksonville, FL Mayors Disability Council,Florida

Gubernatorial appointment to State Disability Council, ICARE

- Interfaith Coalition for Action, Reconciliation and Empowerment.

Board Member - Lutheran Social Services of North East Florida - refined my grant writing skills as well as collaboration skills with non-ELCA Lutherans.

Employment in leadership role in rail industry: e.g.Drug and Alcohol programs, Crisis Management and fatality response program, Committee member writing national federal rail safety regulations, expert witness, etc.

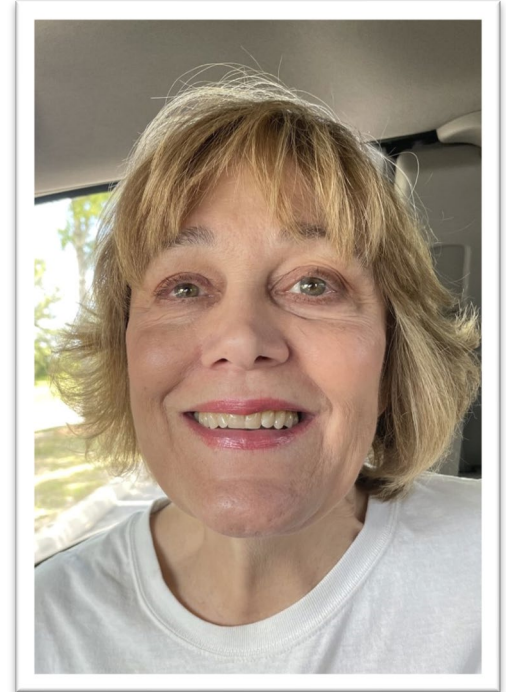
Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Council Officer: Prepared me for understanding and working within the church structure, as well as refining my communication and negotiating skills within a faith environment .

Global Mission Table: Gave me an understanding of the Lutheran Church in places and cultures not my own.

For four years post retirement: 20 hr. per week volunteer coordinating an after school program for urban core elementary school students. The program is a long standing partially grant supported, partially church fund raised program comprised of 5 churches/various denominations each offering a different after school activity. I observed shift from predominately African American students to Hispanic students from various countries of origin. Helped me understand at the challenges of students where English is not first language.

Have you ever attended churchwide? No





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ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022 North Mission District - Layperson Female

Name: Mrs. Lisa Klima

Occupation: Retired

Church Name: Redeemer, Winter Park

**Are you a person of color or is your primary
language other than English?** No



Education:

High School 1979
dianokia 2015

Service experience:

Multiple years as volunteer at Synod Assembly
Involved in several ministries throughout the years (choir, Sunday school teacher, Youth leader,
Food Pantry volunteer, Daily Bread, Christian Service Center and many more)

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Current Vice President SWO (Synodical Women's Organization)
Past Churchwide Voting Member
19 years working in church office setting

Have you ever attended churchwide? Yes

If so, when? 2019 Milwaukee



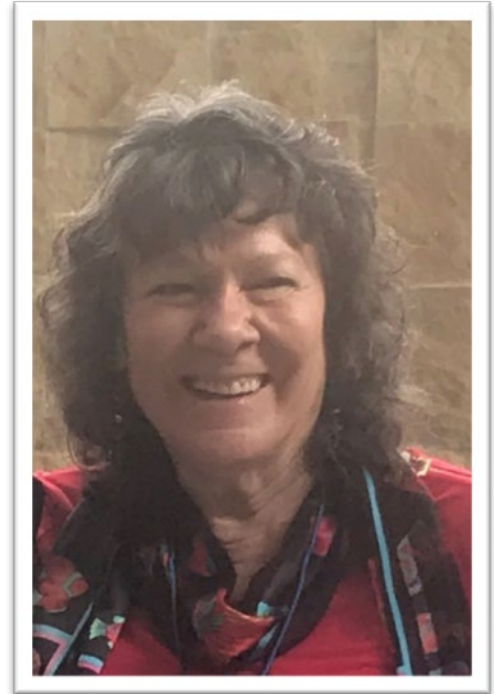
ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022 North Mission District - Layperson Female

Name: Mrs. Marcee Wilkes

Occupation: Retired teacher

Church Name: Messiah, Panama City

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

Bachelor of Science in Education, Troy State University, 1978
ESE Certification (33 hours), Florida State University, 1997-98

Service experience:

Teacher representative for local and state organizations in Alabama and Florida
Messiah Lutheran Church Council, 2-4 terms, Evangelism Chair and Stewardship Chair
Women of the ELCA co-chair at Messiah Lutheran Church, including voting member to the Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Fall Gathering and vice president of the Panhandle Conference. Attended Triennial Gatherings in 2011, 2014, and 2017, serving as a voting member in 2017

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

2 terms on the Executive Board of the Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization serving as a liaison to the Global Mission Table
Global Mission Table serving as member and secretary and team leader of the Guyana-Suriname Task Force. This included mission trips to Guyana, Suriname and Jamaica
FB Synod World Hunger Team which included attending national conventions in 2016, Chicago, 2018, Washington D.C., and 2019, Minneapolis

Have you ever attended churchwide? No



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ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022 North Mission District - Layperson Male

Name: Mr. Steven Beumer

Occupation: Business Owner

Church Name: St. John Evangelical,
Winter Park

**Are you a person of color or is your primary
language other than English?** No



Education:

Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan
School of Labor and Industrial Relations

Service experience:

My experience in the world and the church has equipped me with the knowledge and insight to serve the greater needs of the ELCA.

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Served twice on Synod Council, previously elected as Churchwide voting member, Parish Deacon for past five years, served on Synodical Racial Justice Think Tank and facilitated numerous anti-racism efforts.

Served as Chair of the Synod Anti-Malaria campaign, longest serving Global Missions member and Hunger Work in the Synod.

Have you ever attended churchwide? Yes

If so, when? 2019 Milwaukee



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ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022 North Mission District - Layperson Male

Name: Mr. Ken Davis

Occupation: IT network/Point of Sale

Church Name: Grace, Tallahassee

**Are you a person of color or is your primary
language other than English?** No



Education:

BS Jackdonville University Jacksonville FL 2004

Service experience:

I have started and run my own business. I have served on the board of a number of 501c organizations that has giving me in-depth understanding of the demands of the groups and organizations.

I have participated in synod assemblies where I was a voting member.

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Hold current council member at Grace Lutheran Church.

Past council President/member at Trinity Lutheran Church, Jacksonville FL.

Past board member of Campus Ministry Jacksonville.

Have you ever attended churchwide? No



ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022 North Mission District - Rostered Minister, Male or Female

Name: Rev. Terrance Jacob

Occupation: Pastor

Church Name: University Evangelical,
Gainesville

**Are you a person of color or is your primary
language other than English?** Yes



Education:

Honors Degree in Theology (MDiv Equiv.), Pietermaritzburg, South Africa 1991
Diploma in Theology, Durban, South Africa 1992

Service experience:

Served on synod Council in Minneapolis.
Familiar with churchwide systems as I served on the ELCA Churchwide staff for 5 years.

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Pastor at 4 different ELCA congregations in MN and FL
Director for Evangelical Mission (DEM), deployed from ELCA churchwide office to Sierra Pacific
Synod, then Northeastern Ohio Synod and interim DEM in FBS.

Have you ever attended churchwide? No



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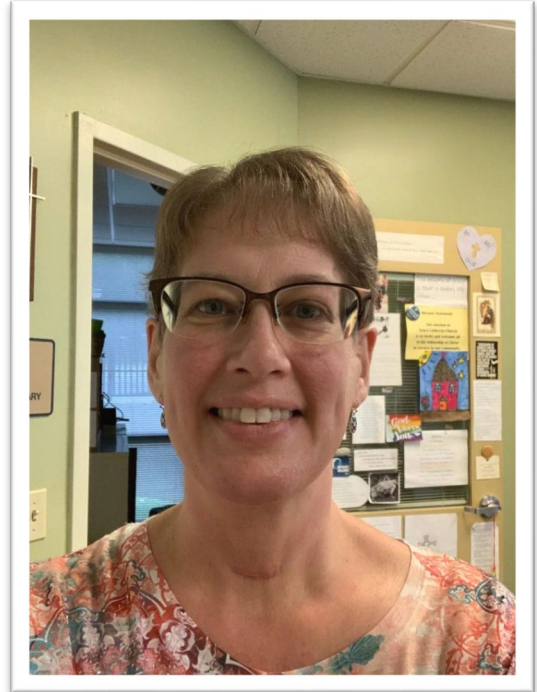
ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022 North Mission District - Rostered Minister, Male or Female

Name: Rev. Jennifer Kopacz

Occupation: Pastor

Church Name: Grace, Tallahassee

**Are you a person of color or is your primary
language other than English?** No



Education:

Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, Elmira College, Elmira, NY - 1997
Master of Divinity, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, OH - 2011

Service experience:

While I have never attending Churchwide Assembly as a Voting Member, I was present as a volunteer at the 2013 Assembly in Pittsburgh, as I was serving a parish in Pennsylvania at the time.

As a teenager, I was involved in an annual youth gathering in conjunction with the Synod Assembly of the Upstate NY Synod, called CONVO. It was one of the things that ultimately led me to feel the call to ordained ministry.

I have always enjoyed participating and serving as part of these Synodical and Churchwide events, and I would love the opportunity to do so as one of the Voting Members to the 2022 Assembly.

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Have served on the Florida-Bahamas Synod Council
Currently serve on the Synod Consultation Committee
Currently serve as Dean of the Panhandle Conference

Have you ever attended churchwide? No



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ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022 North Mission District - Rostered Minister, Male or Female

Name: Rev. Pamela O'Donnell

Occupation: Pastor

Church Name: St Philip, Mt Dora

**Are you a person of color or is your primary
language other than English?** No



Education:

BSN 1979
JD 1988
MDiv 2018

Service experience:

I closely follow the Churchwide decisions, strategies and ongoing planning.

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

I have been a member of the ELCA for decades.
I closely follow current events and have a particular interest in the direction of this body.

Have you ever attended churchwide? No



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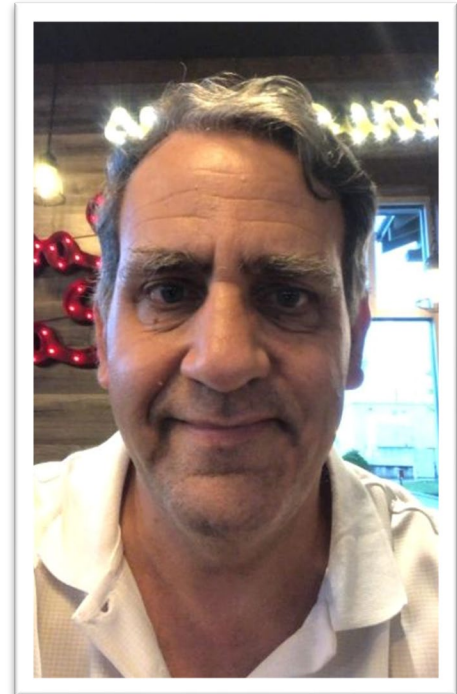
ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022 North Mission District - Rostered Minister, Male or Female

Name: Rev. Arthur Wuertz

Occupation: Pastor

Church Name: Joy, Ocala

**Are you a person of color or is your primary
language other than English?** No



Education:

M.Div., Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (2006)
BA, Columbia College, Columbia, MO (1985)

Service experience:

Rostered Minister in this Synod for 15 years
Served as Congregation President as a layman
Well-versed in LCA/ELCA polity

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Dean of Flagler-Volusia Conference, 2007-2009
Site Committee, Luther Springs Outdoor Retreat Center
Member of Synod Discipline Committee

Have you ever attended churchwide? No



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ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022 Southwest Mission District - Layperson Female

Name: Mrs. Candy Allman

Occupation: Homemaker

Church Name: Redeemer, Sun City Center

**Are you a person of color or is your
primary language other than English?** No



Education:

High School - Logan Ohio - 1979

Service experience:

Pastor's wife for 37 years

Church worker and volunteer for 37+ years

Regular voting member of Synod Assemblies and 1 time voting member of Church Wide Assembly.

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Served on Church Council

Church Youth Director

Serve on all Evangelism Teams

Have you ever attended churchwide? Yes

If so, when? 1995 Minneapolis



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ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022 Southwest Mission District - Layperson Female

Name: Ms. Pam Fairfax

Occupation: Retired, Higher Education Vice President for
Human Resources and Labor Relations/Adjunct Faculty

Church Name: Christ, Cape Coral

**Are you a person of color or is your primary
language other than English?** No

Education:

MBA and BS Business Administration, George Mason University

Service experience:

Experienced in understanding individual departments and the organization as a whole. As Vice President, developed/led strategic initiatives, interpreted laws/policies/contracts, developed statewide collegiate partnerships.

Experienced the success and challenges of congregations. As congregation President, led congregation through financial crisis requiring relinquishing property, moved congregation to a shared worship site; Christ continues strong worship life, is debt free and celebrating 60 years. Understand the role of the congregation in relation to the larger church. Serve in congregation (Synod Parish Deacon), conference (former Chair) and synod (elected and appointed positions).

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Current Synod Council: Executive Committee Member, Chair, Synod Rostered Leader

Compensation Committee, Discipline Panel, Council Task Force

National Youth Gathering 2015, Detroit: National Planning and Implementation Team for Service Learning

Congregation: Past President, Vice President and Secretary, Youth Director, VBS Coordinator, Homilist. Current Synod Parish Deacon.

Have you ever attended churchwide? No





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ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022

Southwest Mission District -

Layperson Female

Name: Ms. Nancy Taylor

Occupation: Retired

Church Name: Faith, Sarasota

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

BA Public Administration - 1996
University of San Francisco

Service experience:

2015 Youth Gathering (Detroit)
Ecumenical Justice Ministry/SURE Sarasota, FL (DART member organization)
Network Team Leader / Board member - Current Committee Chair: Restorative Practices in Sarasota Schools (4 yrs.-current)
Committee member: Criminal Justice (3 yrs.-current)
Member FL State Wide Justice Collaborative (2 years-current)

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Faith Church Council 2003-2009 2018-2021
Mid Gulf Conference Lay Chair - 2010-2015
Attended 4 FL Bahama Synod Assemblies as voting member from Faith Lutheran prior to 2016.

Have you ever attended churchwide? No



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ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022 Southwest Mission District - Layperson Male

Name: Mr. George Algozzina

Occupation: Director of Operation / Director of Music

Church Name: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church & Day School, Tampa

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

Associate of Arts in Business Management

Service experience:

My occupational background is in training and development working under the human resources umbrella. I have experience with peer reviews, mediation, and arbitration which I completed for 23 years while working with Darden Restaurants. I had leadership responsibilities for 108 restaurants, 600+ managers, and 12,000+ employees as a division training manager.

I have chaired task forces and special teams.

I have extensive experience in project management

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

I am currently the Director of Operations and Director of Music at Good Shepherd.

I work with ALOA...Adult Lutherans Organized for Action as Program Director.

I served as Community Outreach Coordinator at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Have you ever attended churchwide? Yes

If so, when? 2019 Milwaukee



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ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022 Southwest Mission District - Layperson Male

Name: Mr. Scott VanBaaren

Occupation: Parish Administrator

Church Name: Messiah, Cape Coral

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

BA Religious Studies/Philosophy, 2002, Felician University, Lodi NJ
AA Liberal Arts, 2000, Ocean County College, Toms River NJ

Service experience:

15+ years professional experience in parish administration, high school teaching, and college public relations
Ministry experience in several congregations of various sizes

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Synod Parish Deacon, 2019 to, present
Caloosa Conference Chair, 2017 to present
Synod Assembly 2008, 2009, 2018, 2019

Have you ever attended churchwide? No



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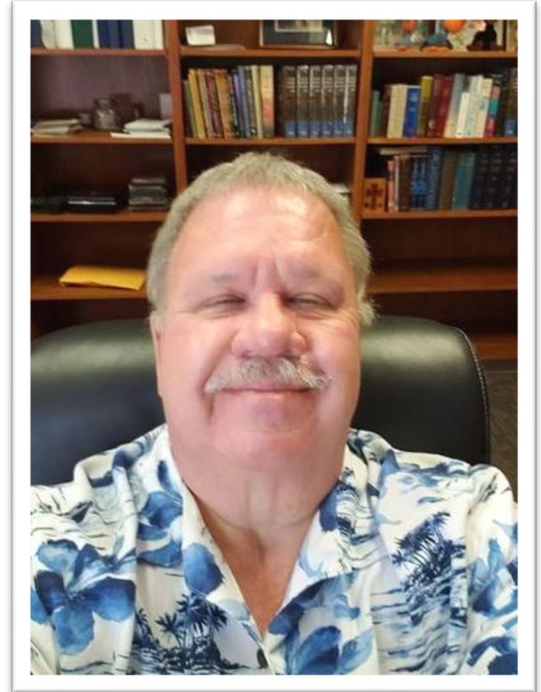
ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022 Southwest Mission District - Rostered Minister, Male or Female

Name: Rev. David Allman

Occupation: Pastor

Church Name: Redeemer, Sun City Center

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

Bachelor of Arts & Sciences, Capital University, Columbus, OH 1979
Master of Divinity, Trinity Seminary, Columbus, OH 1983

Service experience:

Ordained Pastor & Chaplain with 35+ years of experience
Synod Council Member
Synod Youth Advisory Board

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Ordained Pastor & Chaplain with 35+ years of experience
Synod Council Member
Synod Youth Advisory Board

Have you ever attended churchwide? No



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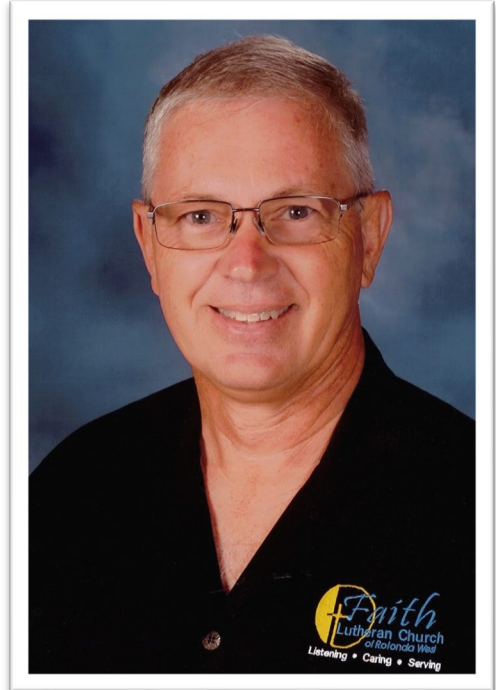
ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022 Southwest Mission District - Rostered Minister, Male or Female

Name: Rev Dr Brian Armen

Occupation: Clergy

Church Name: Faith, Rotonda West

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

Doctor of Ministry - LTSP (ULS) (2005)
Master of Divinity - TLS (1987)
Bachelor of Arts - Houghton College (1983)

Service experience:

Ministry support with single site and multiple congregations in rural, urban and suburban settings.
Leadership and consultation with congregations, organizations and committees at the congregation and synodical levels.
Internship supervisor and raising up congregation members to become pastors in this church.

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Parish Pastor 34 years
Member of Synod Council 12 years
Volunteer and Church Wide Assembly

Have you ever attended churchwide? No



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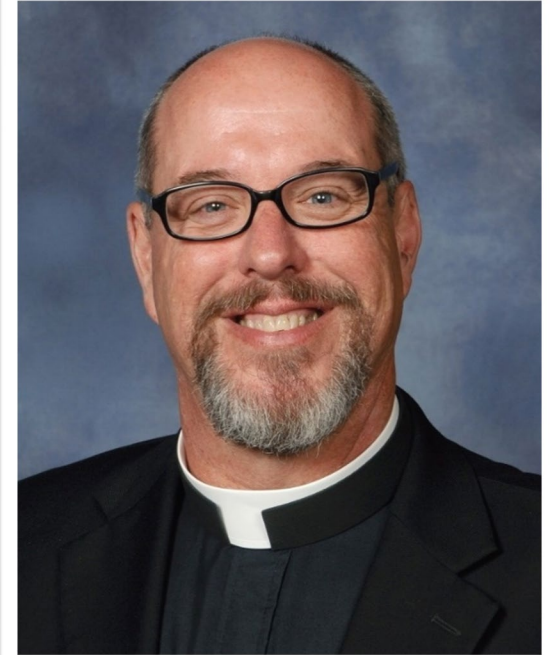
ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022 Southwest Mission District - Rostered Minister, Male or Female

Name: Rev. Ken Blyth

Occupation: Pastor

Church Name: St. Armands Key, Sarasota

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

Doctor of Ministry, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 2017

Mater of Divinity, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, 2001

Bachelor of Divinity, University of St. Andrews (Scotland), 19978

Service experience:

Currently, chair, Sarasota Ministerial Association Anti-bigotry Task Force (HEAART)

Currently, Ambassador Board member, Lutheran Services Florida-Sarasota

Currently, board member of Association of Campus Ministry (Sarasota-Manatee)

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Currently, Synod Secretary

Currently, member of the Consultation Committee

Previously, Dean of Pinelands Conference

Have you ever attended churchwide? No



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***** Floor Nomination*****

**ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022 Southwest
Mission District - Rostered Minister,
Male or Female**

Name: Rev. Lisa Burbank

Occupation: Pastor

Church Name: Lutheran Church of the Cross,
St. Petersburg

**Are you a person of color or is your primary
language other than English?** No



Education:

Bachelor of Arts, Belmont University (Nashville, TN), 1988
Master of Divinity, Wartburg Theological Seminary (Dubuque, IA), 2013.

Service experience:

Two years of training in Bowen Family Systems theory from Lombard Mennonite Peace Center
Serve on Synod's Listening Team, having successfully completed first deployment.

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Serve on Synod's Listening Team.

Have you ever attended churchwide? No



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**ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022 Southwest
Mission District - Rostered Minister,
Male or Female**

Name: Rev. Bruce Edwards

Occupation: Pastor

Church Name: Resurrection House Mission,
Dade City

**Are you a person of color or is your primary
language other than English?** Yes



Education:

Chamberlain High School, Tampa, 1981
Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, 2013

Service experience:

40 years of evangelistic and congregational ministry.
5 years church plant developer WCA.

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Served as Synod Council member under 3 Bishops.
Served as Churchwide voting member twice.
Current board member for Novus Way.

Have you ever attended churchwide? No



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ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022 Southwest Mission District - Rostered Minister, Male or Female

Name: Rev. Paul Gibson

Occupation: pastor

Church Name: Trinity, St Petersburg

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

M Div from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia
B Music from University of Miami, Coral Gables

Service experience:

Seven years as a pastor
Member of the LGBTQIA+ community hoping to provide them with representation

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Sun Coast Conference Dean
Synod Just Love Team

Have you ever attended churchwide? No



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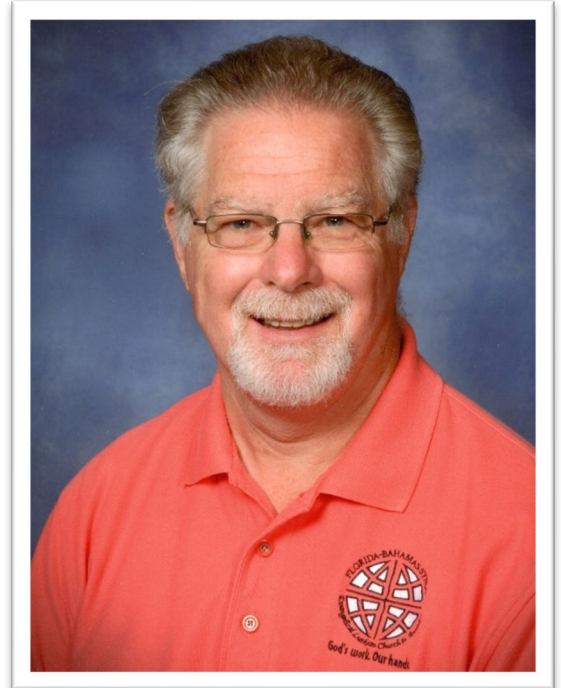
ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022 Southwest Mission District - Rostered Minister, Male or Female

Name: Rev. Rusty May

Occupation: retired clergy

Church Name: Redeemer, Ft. Myers

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

BA Muhlenberg College
M/ Div. Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia

Service experience:

Trained parish pastor
Synodical leadership (see below)
Listening skills

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Have served on synod councils in both the Upstate New York Synod and Florida Bahamas Synod
Member of the FB Synod Consultation Committee
Served as DGM volunteer missionary in Madagascar (2000) and currently serve on the Jamaica Team of the FBS Global Mission Table

Have you ever attended churchwide? Yes

If so, when? 1989 Chicago



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ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022 Southwest Mission District - Rostered Minister, Male or Female

Name: ELCA Deacon Lisa Miller

Occupation: ELCA Deacon

Church Name: St Peter, Fort Myers Beach

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

ELCA South Central Synod of WI Lay School of Ministry Madison 2009
Administrative Professional Associate Degree, Madison College 2011

Service experience:

Life long Lutheran participating in the communities of four different churches.
A love for the ELCA being the hands and heart in God's world.
A desire to help shape the change I wish to see in the world.

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

ELCA Youth Gathering 2012 & 2015
Bishop Election Task Force South Central Synod of WI 2018
Attendance and participation at 14 synod assemblies in two different synods

Have you ever attended churchwide? Yes

If so, when? 2019 Milwaukee



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ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022

Southeast Mission District -

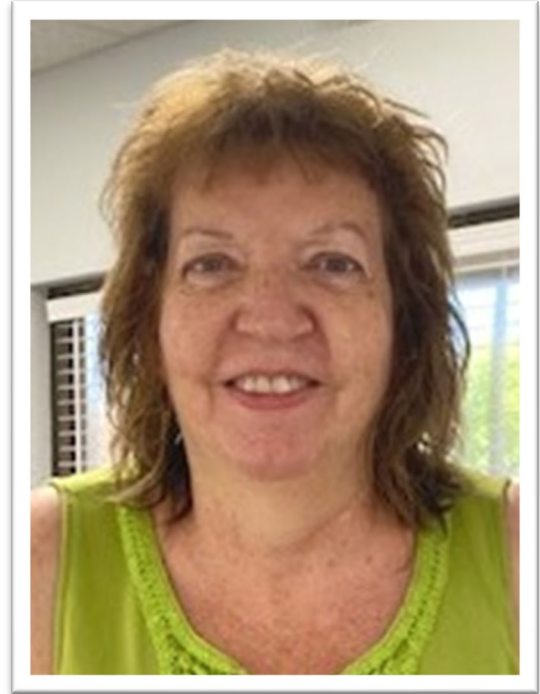
Layperson Female

Name: Ms. Donna Person

Occupation: Paralegal

Church Name: Christ, Fort Lauderdale

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

Bachelor's Degree from Florida Atlantic University in 1979, majoring in Elementary Education
Associate of Arts Degree from Broward College in 1977, emphasis in Psychology and Sociology
Associate of Science Degree from Broward College in 1986, majoring

Service experience:

Synod Council Member from 2019 to present, representing Southeast Mission District, Lay Female

Secretary for Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization from 2018 to present, served several terms in this position, and has served as a Board Member

Secretary of Church Council at Christ Lutheran Church, Fort Lauderdale, current Secretary, served several terms in this position, and has served as a Council Member

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Lutheran World Relief, Drop-off Site Coordinator, located at Christ Lutheran Church, which serves Southeast Florida, every February for multiple years

Served as representative to Synod Assembly for Christ Lutheran Church twice

Sunday School Teacher at Christ Lutheran Church from 1986 to 2005

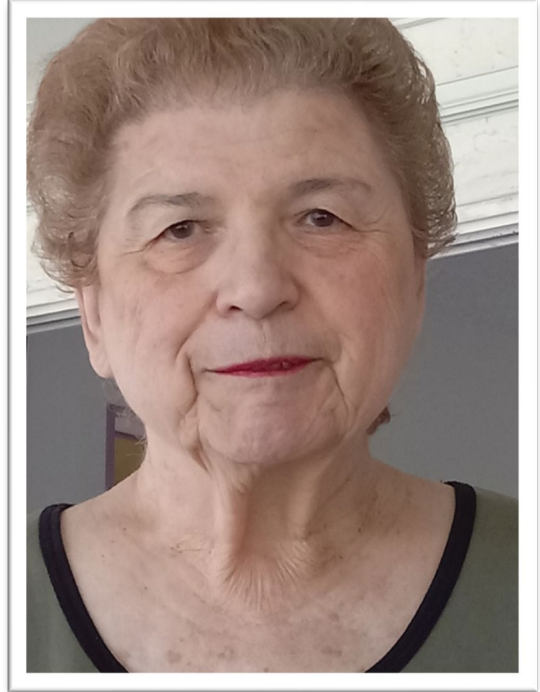
Have you ever attended churchwide? No



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ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022
Southeast Mission District -
Layperson Female



Name: Carmen Munoz Riedel

Occupation: Certified Paralegal

Church Name: Prince of Peace, Stuart

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No

Education:

AA degree in Liberal Arts - 1966

AAS degree in Paralegal Science - 2001

Certified Professional Secretary - 1986; Certified Paralegal 2002

Service experience:

Parish Deacon

Past Lay representative - New Orleans - 2016

Graduate of and campaigned to revitalize the Diakonia Program in Tradewinds Conference

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Parish Deacon

Past Lay representative - New Orleans - 2016

Past and current delegate to the Florida-Bahama Synod Assembly

Have you ever attended churchwide? Yes

If so, when? 2016 New Orleans



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ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022

Southeast Mission District -

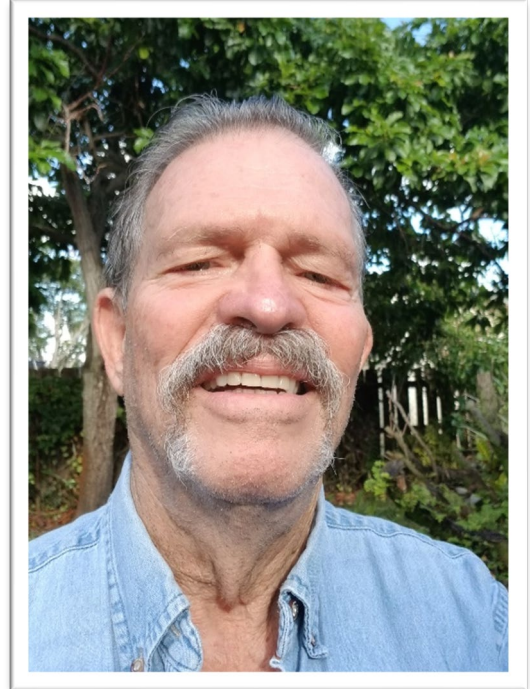
Layperson Male

Name: Mr. Roger Suarez

Occupation: Swimming pool repair technician

Church Name: Grace Alone, Fort Lauderdale

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

BA, Florida Atlantic University, 1973

Service experience:

Synod Council (Florida- Bahamas} 6 years

Congregational Leadership Team

Congregational Council

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Synod Assemblies

Churchwide Assemblies, Pittsburgh, Milwaukee

Have you ever attended churchwide? Yes

If so, when? 2013 Pittsburgh, 2019 Milwaukee



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ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022 Southeast Mission District - Rostered Minister, Male or Female

Name: Rev. Nicole Eastwood

Occupation: Pastor

Church Name: Our Savior, Vero Beach

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

MDiv, Luther Seminary 2019

BS in Hospitality Management, University of Central Florida, 2011

Service experience:

15 Years of Lay Congregational Leadership in 3 very different congregations

Newly Ordained Pastor in ELCA

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Synod Council Lay Member, 2013-2015

Student Council Member at Luther Seminary 2018-2019

History of Service and Leadership through Outdoor Ministry Programs(Luther Springs)

Have you ever attended churchwide? No



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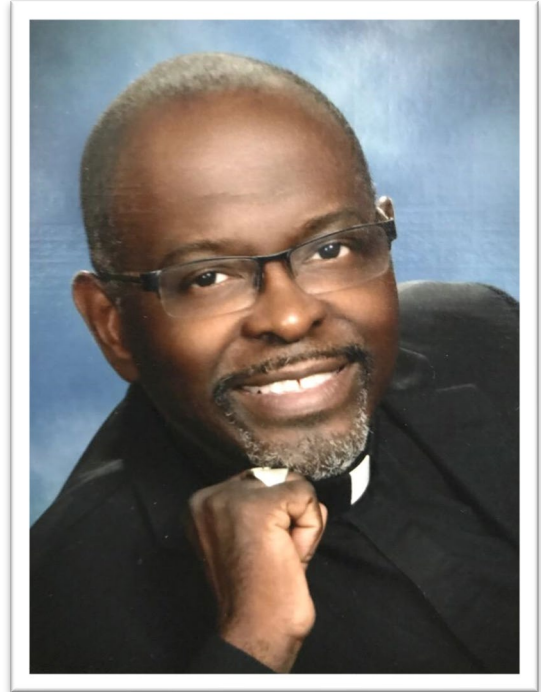
ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022 Southeast Mission District - Rostered Minister, Male or Female

Name: Rev. Reginald Hansome

Occupation: Rostered Leader

Church Name: All Saints, Tamarac

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? Yes



Education:

Masters of Divinity Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, 1984
Bachelor of Arts Thiel College, 1980

Service experience:

37 Years Experience as Ordained Clergy
Synodical Dir. of African Descent Ministry
Episcopal-Lutheran Campus Ministry

Have you ever attended churchwide? No



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ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022 Southeast Mission District - Rostered Minister, Male or Female

Name: Rev. Gary Leopard

Occupation: Pastor

Church Name: St John's, Lake Park

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

Capital University BA 1972

Trinity Seminary MD 1976

South Florida Theological DM 2002

Service experience:

Dean

Bishop's Chaplain

VA Chaplain

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Global Mission Committee

Dean

Synod Council

Have you ever attended churchwide? Yes

If so, when? 1990 Orlando



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ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member 2022 Southeast Mission District - Rostered Minister, Male or Female

Name: Rev. Lois Nehmer Schiff

Occupation: Retired

Church Name: St. Michael Evangelical,
Wellington

Are you a person of color or is your primary language other than English? No



Education:

BMus Concordia College, Moorhead, MN 1977
MDiv United Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg, PA 2005

Service experience:

Served as a voting member of the Churchwide Assembly on two previous occasions representing other synods.

Current or past congregational or synod roles:

Currently serving on my home congregation's council.
Attend Synod Assembly
I am a Level 1 Coach

Have you ever attended churchwide? Yes

If so, when? 2011 Orlando