

Nominations – 2023 Synod Assembly

Codes: CA=Congregational Activities, past (including previous congregations) and present; SA=Synodical Activities, past (including other synods and predecessor church bodies; OA=Other Activities, Hobbies, Activities; C/D=Clergy, Deacon; L=Lay; F=Female; M=Male; PCL=Person of Color or Whose Primary Language is Other than English.

SYNOD COUNCIL

Synod Vice President 4 Year Term

Paul Archer. Hope, Dearborn. L/M

CA: Currently Stewardship Committee, former Congregational President, Chancel Choir.
SA: Current Synod Vice President, Licensed Lay Minister. OA: Boy Scout Troop 1148 Chaplain, Assembling and serving lunches at Central United Methodist.

Synod Secretary 4 Year Term

Sonja Markwart. All Saints, Hartland. L/F

CA: Congregational leader for Stewardship Committee, former congregational Vice President. SA: Current Synod Secretary and Synod Attorney. OA: Secretary Family Promise of Genesee County,

Conference 2 Elect One - THREE Year Term

Michelle Carlson. Pilgrim, Marysville. L/F

CA: Director Music Ministry .SA: Current member of Synod Council. OA: Active as accompanist for choirs, band solo and ensemble, Chairperson of the Port Huron Musicales Scholarship Committee.

Conference 6 Elect One - THREE Year Term

Joyce Brooks. Gracious Saviour, Detroit. L/F PCL

CA: Church Council, Food Pantry. SA: Past Synod Council member, Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Licensed Lay Minister. OA: Current president of Bethune Community Council, Member of 12th precinct Community Relations.

Wendy Schlueter Gomez. Revelation, Detroit. L/F

CA: Musician, Sunday morning Bible Class, worship committee – flowers, former council member and choir member. SA: Member of BRRICK Team, Member Immigration Task Force, former member Environmental Justice Task Force. OA: Guardian Angel Program (Immigration Court), Michigan Coalition for Human Rights, Michigan United.

Conference 7

Elect One - THREE Year Term

Maggie Priestaf. St. Paul, Dearborn. D/F.

CA: Assisting Minister Coordinator. SA: Current Synod Council Member, Candidacy Committee, Pulpit Supply. OA: currently serve in Dearborn Area Interfaith Network, Work with husband's professional Santa community service opportunities and past board member of Dearborn Pastoral Counseling Center.

Conference 8

Elect One – THREE Year Term

Andrew Chavanak. Holy Trinity, Livonia. C/M

CA: All pastoral duties. SA: Current member of Synod Council, Constitution Revision Task Force, Mbulu Diocese Task Force Member. OA: Chartered Organization Representative, Cub Scout Pack 790 & Scouts BSA Troop 782, Sex Education Advisory Board Member, Novi Community School District.

Youth (14-19 Years)

Elect One - Two Year Term

LeBlanc, Jakob. Hope, Dearborn. L/M.

CA: Lector, musician. SA: Current Youth Synod Council Member, OA: Served lunches at Cumc N.O.A.H. Project and Drive Chip and Putt at Riverview High School.

<p>The Synod Council is the governing body of the synod that is empowered to make decisions on behalf of the synod between annual assemblies. Normally this body meets 5-6 times a year.</p>

CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

Male Clergy

Elect One – Six Year Term

Joel Brandt. Prince of Glory, Madison Heights C/M.

CA: All pastoral duties. SA: Reference and Counsel Committee, Leadership Support Committee, Synod Representative to Lutheran Ecumenical & Inter-Religious Relations Network. OA: Former Director of Seminary Library, Ecumenical Theological Seminary, Detroit.

Judd Delancey. Shepherd of the Lakes, Walled Lake. C/M

CA: All pastoral duties. OA: Pontiac Housing Commission volunteer, Walled Lake Northern High School Band and Sports Booster Volunteer.

Kirk Langset. St. Paul's, Casco. C/M

CA: All pastoral duties, Webmaster. OA: A New Dawn Shelter, Adoptive Families, Habitat for Humanity.

Female Clergy

Elect One – Six Year Term

Diane Greble. St. John's, Fowlerville. C/F.

CA: All pastoral duties, Outreach ministries:READ Team, Livingston Christian Youth Collaborative. SA: Current Hunger Team member, previous member Consultation Committee. OA: Member Fowlerville Business Association, Livingston Fine Arts Association.

Darcy (Dee) Reis. St John, Romeo. C/F.

CA: All pastoral duties, teach confirmation & serve on all church committees. SA: Regularly meet with clergy and LLM in the conference for meetings. OA: Currently serve on executive committee and board of directors for Samaritan House.

Lay Male

Elect One – Six Year Term

John Gayer Jr. Lutheran Church of the Master, Troy. L/M

CA: Current Congregation Council President. OA: Michigan Humane Society Volunteer, Past Greentrees Homeowners Association president.

Merton Spencer. Lord of Light, Ann Arbor. L/M

CA: Member church council, past president church council, Chair Call Committee. SA: Member Justice Ministries and Diversity Task Force. OA: Staff, Community Warming Center/Shelter, Host UM Campus VIDA – student common space.

Lay Female

Elect One – Six Year Term

Linda Dzbanski. Lutheran Church of the Master, Troy. L/F

CA: Parish Worker (Sunday School organization, reception and dinner organization),
Lead for Spouse Loss Support Group. OA: New Hope Center for Grief Support facilitator,
Attend Facilitator training.

Clergy Female

Elect One – 2 Year Term (to fill a vacant position)

Kate Zywicki. Transfiguration Lutheran Church, Fenton. L/C

CA: All pastoral duties, Creator of L.I.F.E. Ministry - Suicide awareness, prevention, &
survivor support. SA: Candidacy Committee, past member of synod council. OA:
Member of Fenton Ministerial Collective, Secretary/Board member of On a Dragonfly's
Wings - Suicide awareness org

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

Male Clergy

Elect One – Six Year Term

James Fogle. Celebration, Westland. C/M.

CA: All pastoral duties. SA: former Synod Council member, former Conference Dean, Synod Worship Committee. OA: Board Member Health and Welfare Advisory Board Wayne Westland Community Schools, Board Member Jubilee Ministry, Wayne Westland Chamber of Commerce.

Female Clergy

Elect One – Six Year Term

Susanna Muzzin. Amazing Grace, Warren. C/F

CA: All pastoral duties. SA: Consultation Committee Member, Active Member Conference 4, Synod Worship Day Writing Team for 2015 National Gathering. OA: MCREST Homeless Shelter, Amazing Grace Little Free Pantry, Amazing Grace Outreach/Service Team.

Lay Male

Elect One – Six Year Term

Alex Murray. Holy Spirit, Grand Blanc. L/M.

CA: Congregation President, Help coordinate food distributions. SA: Former Synod Council Member. OA: Board Member of the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, Goodwill Genesee County.

Lay Female

Elect One – Six Year Term

Roxanne Wenskay. Beautiful Savior, Bloomfield Hills. L/F.

CA: Current Church Treasurer, Congregation Council President, church administrator during pastor selection.

Lay Female

Elect One – 2 Year Term (to fill a vacant position)

Carol Terry. Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Grand Blanc. L/F

CA: Offering Team Counter, Prayer Team Leader, Stephen Ministry. OA: Family Promise, U.S. Pony Club and 4-H Board and Mentor, Boy Scouts of America Board and Mentor.