

Nominations – 2025 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; N=Non-binary; PCL=Person of Color or Whose Primary Language is Other than English.

SYNOD COUNCIL

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 quarterly.

Conference 1

Elect One - THREE Year Term

Conference 4

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Nadalie Brown, King of Kings, Shelby Township L/F/PCL

CA: Participant in Racial Justice Activities, Participant in stewardship campaign, Via De Cristo volunteer. SA: Past synod assembly voting member. OA: God's Work, our hands outreach ministry participant, supports family, friends, and neighbors.

Conference 5

Elect One – THREE Year Term

Larry Loomis, Triumphant Cross, St. Clair Shores, L/M

CA: Congregational Treasurer, former Council President

Conference 10

Elect One - THREE Year Term

Sara Cogsil, Trinity, Ann Arbor. C/F

CA: Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. SA: Synod Justice Summit Worship Team, Former member of the Northeastern Ohio Synod Authentic Diversity Cabinet. OA: Former member of the Lakewood Area Collaborative, Former member of the Lakewood Ministerial Association.

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Elect One – TWO Year Term

Marin Carlson, Shepherd of the Lakes, Walled Lake. L/F

CA: Current Church council representative and member of the tech camera team. Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, and Confirmation Volunteer OA: Adopt a road clean up, Former volunteer with united archery (which helps special needs archers), former volunteer of the high school Christmas gift drive.

2025 CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

The Consultation Committee hears disagreements of substantive issues that have been referred to the bishop/executive committee as well as hears charges against a rostered person or congregation which could lead to discipline. The committee meets only as needed.

Clergy Persons – Six Year Term

Elect Two

Carm Yero. Unity, Southgate. C/F

CA: Pastor of Unity Lutheran Church, support person in ESL and Legal services provided to the community by Unity. SA: Active in Conference 7. OA: Volunteer with Michigan United Immigration Services. Formerly interfaced with UAW in discipline matters while employed with the Ford Motor Company (20 years). Has established a working relationship between Unity and local community leaders and law enforcement.

Greer Cherney. Zion, Ann Arbor C/F.

CA: Pastor at Zion Lutheran Church. SA: Previous Dean of Conference 8, current participation on Conference 10 activities.

Lay Persons – Six Year Term

Elect Two

Rosilyn Brown. Amazing Grace, Warren. L/F/PCL

CA: Minister of Music at Amazing Grace. SA: Member of African Descent Lutherans Association (ADLA). OA: Member of the Negro League Family Alliance. Accompanist for the Detroit Public School Community District.

Edelyn Westwood. Christ, Waterford. L/F

CA: Council Member, Member of Communications Ministry and Tech Team, Lay Worship assistant, plans and gives children's sermons during worship.

2025 DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

The Discipline Committee meets to adjudicate discipline cases along with appointments from churchwide. The committee meets only as needed.

Clergy Persons – Six Year Term

Elect Two

Matthew Bode. Zion, Ferndale. C/M

CA: Pastor of Zion, Ferndale. SA: Synod Council Member, Licensed Lay Ministry Advisory Committee, Mission Team. OA: Ferndale Clergy Cooperative.

Emily Werner. Trinity Health, Ypsilanti. C/F

SA: Clinical Pastoral Educator at Trinity Health, Ypsilanti.

**Lay Persons – Six Year Term
Elect Two**

Pat Alsup. Revelation, Detroit. L/F/PCL

CA: Past president of church council, current church council member and adult Sunday School leader. SA: Member of the SEMI Synod resolution committee. OA: Member of the High Award Committee of the Girl Scouts of Southeast Michigan.

Roland Chandler. Genesis, Detroit. L/M/PCL

CA: Former Congregational Council President. Minister of Church Property. Music Ministry Team. SA: Former Synod Assembly voting member. Former Acts in Common Board member. OA: Genesis Hope Outreach. Juneteenth Michigan Chapter Charity Organization.