

## **Nominations – 2026 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 2**

##### **Elect One - THREE Year Term**

**Matthew Jewell**, St. John's, Capac. C/M

CA: Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church. OA: St. John's Giving Box (a food pantry) and Capac's Kitchen.

#### **Conference 6**

##### **Elect One - THREE Year Term**

**Wendy Gomez**, Revelation, Detroit. L/F

CA: Lector and Back up Musician. SA: Current member of Synod Council, Member of BRRICK team, Member of Immigration Task Force. OA: On driver list with Strangers no longer for needs of immigrants and to bring ICE detainees home from ICE detention center in Baldwin, MI. Member of Bridge Builders summer camp with Living Water Ministries.

#### **Conference 7**

##### **Elect One – THREE Year Term**

**Katie Butler**, Faith, Brownstown. C/F

CA: Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church. SA: Member of the Spirit Collective. OA: Fed by Fatih Food pantry.

**Carm Yero**, Unity, Southgate. C/F

CA: Pastor of Unity Lutheran Church. OA: Volunteer at Penrickton center, Taylor; member of Dearborn Area Interfaith Network (DAIN); Sponsor through World Vision and Compassion International

**Conference 8**  
**Elect One - THREE Year Term**

**Jessica Beamer**, Hope, Farmington Hills, L/F

CA: Member of the Outreach team, Ministry liaison to Samaritas, Women's fellowship, Community Events, Service and Justice events. SA: Chair of Synod Immigration and Refugee Taskforce, Member of Justice Summit planning team, Member of ecumenical and multifaith rapid response team. OA: Board member and volunteer with Neighborhood House, Volunteer with St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center after school programs and blessed birthdays program, Volunteer with Oakland County Foster closet.

**Young Adult**  
**Elect One – TWO Year Term**

**Jesse Barr**, St. John, Farmington Hills, L/M

CA: Men's group. SA: Member of the Spirit Collective, Former Young Adult Synod Representative for Churchwide. OA: Blue Water Area Rescue Mission Breakfast.