



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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2016 Nominations Workbook

for

**the Church Council, Boards of
Separately Incorporated Ministries
and Churchwide Committees**

Instructions

The Nominating Committee of the Churchwide Assembly is responsible for nominating people for each position for which an election will be held. In advance of the assembly, the Nominating Committee seeks names for consideration. Nominations in specific categories also can be made by voting members on the floor of the assembly.

This booklet is designed to aid you in recommending names to the Nominating Committee. For each committee or board for which there will be an election, you will find the following information:

- a list of the positions for which nominations are sought, along with any restrictions placed on a given nomination,
- a summary of the election process with pertinent constitutional excerpts,
- a list of people whose terms are expiring, and
- a list of continuing members of the committee or board.

The Nominating Committee welcomes the names of people who would be appropriate for positions on the Church Council, churchwide committees and the boards of separately incorporated ministries. Please provide the Nominating Committee with the names and contact information of people you deem qualified for the various vacancies indicated, and please encourage others to submit nominations as well.

The nominations process is governed by principles detailed in the *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*. Please nominate only people who match the requirements of a given category. For information on restrictions and representational principles, please see the next page of this booklet.

Recommend someone to the Nominating Committee by sending the person's name and contact information to nominations@elca.org,

Nominations
Office of the Secretary
8765 W. Higgins Road
Chicago, IL 60631-4101

or 800-638-3522, ext. 2804.

Each person is required by the ELCA constitution to provide an information form to the Nominating Committee. A sample of the online biographical form is printed at the back of this booklet. The constitution requires that all information on the form be completed and verified. If you provide the individual's name and contact information, **by April 1, 2016**, the Office of the Secretary will follow up and obtain the background information.

A rostered leader of this church will be asked to provide her or his leader key, when completing the form. Other ELCA members will be asked for the name of the congregation in which she or he holds membership.

Thank you for your prayerful attention to this important part of our work together in this church.

Notes about Restrictions on Nominations

Incumbency: Incumbents whose terms are expiring and who are eligible for re-election are marked by an asterisk (*) in the lists on these pages. The Nominating Committee may or may not choose to nominate such incumbents as it deems appropriate. All other individuals listed under the heading “Terms Expiring” are *ineligible* for re-election, and should not be nominated.

One Nominee: In the case of re-election, if authorized, or for nominees from church bodies with which this church is in a relationship of full communion, only one person need be nominated (ELCA bylaw 19.21.02). A double asterisk (**) marks a nomination that may involve only one nominee.

Geographic Restrictions: The *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America* place the following restrictions upon geographic representation:

- (1) **Synodical Representation:** The Church Council shall endeavor to ensure that every synod has at least one person serving on the Church Council or churchwide boards, committees, task forces, or other groups. Among those persons elected by the assembly, no more than two persons from any one synod shall serve on the Church Council or any one board, committee, task force, or other group (ELCA bylaw 19.21.04.).
- (2) **Nominating Committee:** The committee shall consist of at least one member but no more than three members from any region (ELCA bylaw 19.21.01.).

As you consider nominees, please look carefully at the synod designations for Continuing Members and related restrictions to be certain that the nominee is eligible according to geographic rules. A list of regions and synods appears below.

Inclusive Representation: Nominations made by the churchwide Nominating Committee will reflect this church’s commitment to inclusive representation as explained in Chapters 5 and 6 of the ELCA constitution. Vacancies are identified according to mandatory categories: Clergy, Lay Female, Lay Male, PC/L (people of color or whose primary language is other than English) and Y/YA (youth and young adults). Nominees born since August 10, 1998, are eligible to be elected as youth, and nominees born on or since August 10, 1986, are eligible to be elected as young adults by the 2016 Churchwide Assembly.

ELCA Regions and Synods

REGION 1

- 1A Alaska Synod
- 1B Northwest Washington Synod
- 1C Southwestern Washington Synod
- 1D Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod
- 1E Oregon Synod
- 1F Montana Synod

REGION 2

- 2A Sierra Pacific Synod
- 2B Southwest California Synod
- 2C Pacifica Synod
- 2D Grand Canyon Synod
- 2E Rocky Mountain Synod

REGION 3

- 3A Western North Dakota Synod
- 3B Eastern North Dakota Synod
- 3C South Dakota Synod
- 3D Northwestern Minnesota Synod
- 3E Northeastern Minnesota Synod
- 3F Southwestern Minnesota Synod
- 3G Minneapolis Area Synod
- 3H Saint Paul Area Synod
- 3I Southeastern Minnesota Synod

REGION 4

- 4A Nebraska Synod
- 4B Central States Synod
- 4C Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod
- 4D Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod
- 4E Southwestern Texas Synod
- 4F Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod

REGION 5

- 5A Metropolitan Chicago Synod
- 5B Northern Illinois Synod
- 5C Central/Southern Illinois Synod
- 5D Southeastern Iowa Synod
- 5E Western Iowa Synod
- 5F Northeastern Iowa Synod
- 5G Northern Great Lakes Synod
- 5H Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
- 5I East-Central Synod of Wisconsin
- 5J Greater Milwaukee Synod
- 5K South-Central Synod of Wisconsin
- 5L La Crosse Area Synod

REGION 6

- 6A Southeast Michigan Synod
- 6B North/West Lower Michigan Synod
- 6C Indiana-Kentucky Synod
- 6D Northwestern Ohio Synod
- 6E Northeastern Ohio Synod
- 6F Southern Ohio Synod

REGION 7

- 7A New Jersey Synod
- 7B New England Synod
- 7C Metropolitan New York Synod
- 7D Upstate New York Synod
- 7E Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod
- 7F Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod
- 7G Slovak Zion Synod

REGION 8

- 8A Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod
- 8B Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod
- 8C Allegheny Synod
- 8D Lower Susquehanna Synod
- 8E Upper Susquehanna Synod
- 8F Delaware-Maryland Synod
- 8G Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Synod
- 8H West Virginia-Western Maryland Synod

REGION 9

- 9A Virginia Synod
- 9B North Carolina Synod
- 9C South Carolina Synod
- 9D Southeastern Synod
- 9E Florida-Bahamas Synod
- 9F Caribbean Synod

Church Council

Vacancies [2]

Lay Female (Youth) *Three-year Term*

- A. _____
B. _____

Lay Male (Youth) *Three-year Term*

- A. _____
B. _____
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Summary

Church Council members are elected to six-year terms, except for two youth members who are elected to three-year terms.

The 2011 Churchwide Assembly elected 11 council members who had been nominated by synods and whose terms end in 2017. That assembly also adopted a new structure for the Church Council that included a range of 33 to 45 members in addition to the four officers and the chair of the Conference of Bishops.

As the ELCA prepared for its transition from a biennial to a triennial election cycle, the 2013 Churchwide Assembly elected members to the maximum number, ensuring that, when the terms of continuing members ended in 2015 and 2017, the membership of the council would remain within its range.

Eleven synods will name nominees for the 2016 Churchwide Assembly to consider for election to the Church Council, and the Nominating Committee is responsible for nominating two female youth and two male youth for possible election to a three-year term on the council. Nominees born since August 10, 1998, are eligible to be elected as youth by the 2016 Churchwide Assembly.

The 2019 Churchwide Assembly will elect about half of the Church Council members, with 16 synods naming nominees, in accordance with a triennial election cycle.

- 14.31.** The voting members of the Church Council shall consist of the four churchwide officers, the chair of the Conference of Bishops, and at least 33 and not more than 45 other persons elected by the Churchwide Assembly.
- 14.32.** With the exception of youth members, Church Council members shall be elected by the Churchwide Assembly to one six-year term and shall not be eligible for consecutive re-election. Youth members of the Church Council shall be elected by the Churchwide Assembly to one three-year term.
- 19.02.** The members of the Church Council shall be elected by the Churchwide Assembly. In preparation for the Churchwide Assembly, the Church Council shall determine how this church's commitment to inclusive representation will affect the next election to the Church Council. For 33 of the council members, the Nominating Committee shall invite each eligible synod to submit suggested nominees and shall then nominate persons who fulfill the categories assigned by the Church Council. With respect to the other nominees, the Church Council shall review its size and composition and take into consideration the experience and expertise of existing members and synodical nominees as well as the needs of the council in seeking to fulfill its duties and responsibilities. Based upon this analysis, the Church Council shall instruct the Nominating Committee to provide nominations in specific categories for the remaining positions up to 12. Excluding the churchwide officers and the chair of the Conference of Bishops, there shall not be more than two members of the Church Council from a synod. The Church Council shall have at least two members from each region. The terms of office of persons elected to regular terms on the Church Council by the Churchwide Assembly shall begin at the conclusion of the Churchwide Assembly at which such persons were elected. If there is no Churchwide Assembly in the year when terms are scheduled to conclude, they end on August 31.
- 19.04.** Unless otherwise specified in the *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions*, elections shall be for one six-year term, without consecutive re-election, and with approximately one-half of the members of the Church Council and of each board or advisory committee elected each triennium.
- 19.21.A13.** *The Nominating Committee shall strive to ensure that at least 10 percent of the voting membership of the Church Council shall be youth or young adults. Youth members shall be younger than 18 at the time of their election, and young adults shall be older than 18 and younger than 30 years of age at the time of their election.*

Church Council *(continued)*

Synod Nominations

Clergy

Northeastern Iowa (5F)
Allegheny Synod (8C)
Caribbean Synod (9F)

Lay Female

Saint Paul Area Synod (3H)
Greater Milwaukee Synod (5J)
Slovak Zion Synod (7G)

Lay Female (Y/YA)

Delaware-Maryland Synod (8F)

Lay Male

Southeastern Iowa (5D)
Northern Great Lakes Synod (5G)
Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod (7E)
Southeastern Synod (9D)

Terms Expired or Expiring

Clergy

Pr. Carla J. Johnson, Dunlap, Iowa (5E) [2015]
Pr. Raymond A. Miller, Quakertown, Pa. (7F) [2015]
Pr. Kathryn A. Tiede, Lino Lakes, Minn. (3H) [2015]

Clergy (PC/L)

Pr. Karsten Decker, Paget, Bermuda (8G) [2015]

Lay Female

Ms. Louise A. Hemstead, La Farge, Wis. (5L) [2015]
Ms. Susan W. McArver, Columbia, S.C. (9C) [2015]

Lay Female (PC/L)

Ms. Man Hei Yip, North Quincy, Mass. (7B) [2015]

Lay Female (Y/YA)

Ms. Marit L. Bakken, Minneapolis, Minn. (3G) [2015]
Ms. Kayla S. Koterwski, Sioux Falls, S.D. (3C) [2016]

Lay Male (PC/L)

Mr. William B. Horne II, Clearwater, Fla. (9E) [2015]
Mr. Fernando Mercado, Warrenville, Ill. (5A) [2015]

Lay Male (Y/YA)

Mr. Nicholas (Nick) A. Barber, Erie, Pa. (8A) [2015]
Mr. Oliver W. Thul, Tyler, Minn. (3F) [2016]

Restrictions: Additional nominees from the Southwestern Washington (1C), Sierra Pacific (2A), Minneapolis Area (3G) synods and South-Central Synod of Wisconsin (5K) are not possible at this time.

Continuing Members

The four officers of this church and the chair of the Conference of Bishops

Clergy

Pr. Elizabeth E. Ekdale, San Francisco, Calif. (2A) [2017]
Pr. Vicki T. Garber, Lakeside Park, Ky. (6C) [2017]
Pr. Joyce M. Graue, Raymond, Minn. (3F) [2019]
Pr. Stephen R. Herr, Gettysburg, Pa. (8D) [2017]
Pr. Peder J. Johanson, Brodhead, Wis. (5K) [2019]
Pr. Loren D. Mellum, Moorhead, Minn. (3D) [2017]
Pr. Robert G. Moore, Houston, Texas (4F) [2017]
Pr. Linda Nou, Olympia, Wash. (1C) [2019]
Pr. James H. Utt, Winchester, Va. (9A) [2019]
Pr. Michael R. Ward, Fletcher, N.C. (9B) [2019]

Clergy (PC/L)

Pr. William E. Flippin Jr., Columbus, Ga. (9D) [2019]
Pr. William O. Voss, Scottsbluff, Neb. (4A) [2019]

Clergy (Y/YA)

Pr. Jonathan Splichal Larson, Bismarck, N.D. (3A) [2019]

Lay Female

Ms. Christine P. Connell, Staten Island, N.Y. (7C) [2017]
Ms. Cynthia M. Gustavson, Tulsa, Okla. (4C) [2019]
Ms. Meri Jo Petrivelli, San Diego, Calif. (2C) [2019]
Ms. Pamela E. Pritt, Hillsboro, W.Va. (8H) [2017]
Ms. Ingrid S. Stafford, Evanston, Ill. (5A) [2019]
Ms. Leslie Swenson, Fairbanks, Alaska (1A) [2019]

Lay Female (PC/L)

Ms. Marjorie B. Ellis, Worthington, Ohio (6F) [2017]

Lay Female (Y/YA)

Ms. Maren Hulden, Moorhead, Minn. (3D) [2019]

Lay Female (PC/L) (Y/YA)

Ms. Amanda E. Briggs, Oakland, Calif. (2A) [2019]

Lay Male

Mr. Paul G. Archer, Dearborn, Mich. (6A) [2017]
Mr. Allan J. Bieber, Rochester, Minn. (3I) [2019]
Mr. Reid A. Christopherson, Garretson, S.D. (3C) [2019]
Mr. Gary D. Gabrielson, Colorado Springs, Colo. (2E) [2017]
Mr. James M. Hushagen, Tacoma, Wash. (1C) [2019]
Mr. John W. Lohrmann, Walla Walla, Wash. (1D) [2019]
Mr. John M. Pederson, Mayville, N.D. (3B) [2017]
Mr. Vernon Veal, Bloomington, Ill. (5C) [2019]

Lay Male (PC/L)

Mr. Clarence M. Smith, Minneapolis, Minn. (3G) [2019]

Lay Male (Y/YA)

Mr. Hans E. Becklin, Middleton, Wis. (5K) [2019]

Preferences: Region 7. (Regions 4, 6 and 8.)

Board of Trustees of the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA

Vacancies [6 to 9]

Clergy

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Female

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Female

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Female

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Male

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Male

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Male

- A. _____
- B. _____

Full Communion

- ** _____

Board of Trustees of the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA *(continued)*

Terms Expiring

Clergy (PC/L)

*Pr. John E. Mack Jr., Jersey City, N.J. (7A) [2016]

Lay Female

*Ms. Kathryn E. Baerwald, Washington, D.C. (8G) [2016]

*Ms. Heather Miller, West Des Moines, Iowa (5D) [2016]

*Ms. Susan P. Troutman, Greenville, S.C. (9C) [2016]

Lay Male

*Mr. Robert J. Chillison II, Los Angeles, Calif. (2B) [2016]

*Mr. Warren M. Hanson, Saint Paul, Minn. (3G) [2016]

*Mr. Harold C. Mueller, Chesterfield, Mo. (4B) [2016]

Lay Male (PC/L)

*Mr. Fernando Mercado, Warrenville, Ill. (5A) [2016]

Continuing Members

Clergy (PC/L)

Pr. Viviane E. Thomas-Breitfeld, Brookfield, Wis. (5J) [2017]

Lay Female (PC/L)

Ms. Miji Bell, Durham, N.C. (9B) [2017]

Lay Male

Mr. Roger E. Southward, Columbus, Ohio (6F) [2017]

Preferences: Regions 1, 3 and 4. Expertise is sought in lending, investments and finance.

Summary

Trustees of the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA are elected to a maximum of three consecutive three-year terms. The board of trustees has a range of nine to 12 members with expertise in lending, investments and finance. Only one person need be nominated in the election of a trustee from a church body with which this church is in a relationship of full communion; up to two such trustees may serve as long as they are not from the same church body.

At its April 2015 meeting, the Church Council elected the Rev. John E. Mack Jr., Ms. Heather Miller and Mr. Fernando Mercado to a one-year term expiring in 2016 and authorized Mr. Warren M. Hanson to continue serving on the board for 2015-2016. This was necessitated by the transition from a biennial to a triennial election cycle.

All trustees whose terms expire in 2016 are eligible for re-election by the 2016 Churchwide Assembly.

The 2019 Churchwide Assembly will complete the transition to a triennial election cycle by electing all Mission Investment Fund trustees, with an appropriate mix of new and continuing members elected.

17.30.01. The Mission Investment Fund of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America shall have a board of trustees composed of 9–12 persons elected by the Churchwide Assembly for three-year terms with the possibility of two consecutive re-elections. The terms of members of the board of trustees elected by the Churchwide Assembly shall begin at the commencement of the first board meeting following the assembly. The composition of the board of trustees shall comply with the representational principles described in constitutional provision 5.01.f. Up to two trustees may be members of congregations of church bodies with which this church is in a relationship of full communion, provided that both are not from the same church body.

19.21.02. The Nominating Committee shall nominate two persons for each council, board, or committee position, according to the process described in continuing resolutions, for which an election will be held by the Churchwide Assembly. In the case of re-election, if authorized, or for nominees from church bodies with which this church is in a relationship of full communion, only one person need be nominated. Nominations from the floor, where permitted in the nomination process, shall be presented as an alternative to a specific category named by the Nominating Committee and shall therefore meet the same criteria as the persons against whom the nominee is nominated. In the materials provided in advance to each member of the assembly, the Nominating Committee shall set forth the criteria applicable to each category that must be met by persons nominated from the floor.

Board of Trustees of Portico Benefit Services (ELCA Board of Pensions)

Vacancies [9 to 13]

The 2016 Churchwide Assembly shall elect at least three plan participants as trustees.

Clergy

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Female

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Female

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Female

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Female

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Female

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Female

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Male

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Male

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Male

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Male

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Male

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Male

- A. _____
- B. _____

Full Communion

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Board of Trustees of Portico Benefit Services *(continued)*

Terms Expiring

Clergy

†*Pr. Paul W. Stumme-Diers, Bainbridge Island, Wash. (1B) [2016]

Lay Female

*Ms. Kathleen “Kate” K. Mooney, Cold Spring, Minn. (3F) [2016]

†*Ms. Jill A. Schumann, Biglerville, Pa. (8D) [2016]

Lay Female (PC/L)

*Ms. Janette E. Drew, Alamo, Calif. (2A) [2016]

*Ms. Diana G. Haywood, Durham, N.C. (9B) [2016]

Lay Male

*Mr. Peter J. Enko, Leawood, Kan. (4B) [2016]

*Mr. John R. Hoffman, St. Louis Park, Minn. (3G) [2016]

*Mr. Bruce E. Johnson, Roanoke, Va. (9A) [2016]

*Mr. Leon J. Schwartz, Greenfield, Iowa (5D) [2016]

Full Communion

*Ms. Pamela S. Moench, St. Louis, Mo. [2016]

†Plan participant (see **17.20.03.a.**)

Continuing Members

Clergy

†Pr. Martha “Marty” E. Stevens, Gettysburg, Pa. (8C) [2017]

Lay Female

Ms. Raye Nae D. Nylander, Baltic, S.D. (3C) [2017]

Ms. Dianne Witte, New Haven, Conn. (7B) [2017]

Lay Male

Mr. William J. Falk, Arlington Heights, Ill. (5A) [2017]

Mr. Gregory W. Heidrich, Wheaton, Ill. (5A) [2017]

Restrictions: Additional nominees from the Metropolitan Chicago Synod (5A) are not possible at this time.

Needs: The 2016 Churchwide Assembly must elect three plan participants, including at least one lay plan member or lay recipient of plan benefits. The assembly must elect at least two people of color or whose primary language is other than English.

Preferences: Regions 1, 2, 4, 6 and 9. Expertise is sought in investments, insurance and retirement plans.

Summary

Trustees of the ELCA Board of Pensions (Portico Benefit Services) are elected to a maximum of three consecutive three-year terms. The board of trustees has a range of 14 to 18 members with expertise in investments, insurance and retirement plans. Only one person need be nominated in the election of a trustee from a church body with which this church is in a relationship of full communion; up to two such trustees may serve as long as they are not from the same church body.

At its April 2015 meeting, the Church Council elected Mr. John R. Hoffman to a one-year term expiring in 2016 and authorized Ms. Janette E. Drew, Ms. Lisa A. Kro, Ms. Kathleen K. Mooney and Ms. Jill A. Schumann to continue serving on the board of trustees for 2015-2016. This was necessitated by the transition from a biennial to a triennial election cycle.

All trustees whose terms expire in 2016 are eligible for re-election by the 2016 Churchwide Assembly.

The 2019 Churchwide Assembly will complete the transition to a triennial election cycle by electing all Portico trustees, with an appropriate mix of new and continuing members elected.

17.20.03. The Board of Pensions shall have a board of trustees composed of 14–18 persons elected by the Churchwide Assembly for three-year terms with the possibility of two consecutive re-elections. The terms of members of the board of trustees elected by the Churchwide Assembly shall begin at the commencement of the first board meeting following the assembly.

- a. The composition of the board of trustees shall comply with the representational principles described in constitutional provision 5.01.f. The board of trustees of the Board of Pensions shall include persons with expertise in investments, insurance, and retirement plans, and at least four persons who are members of the plan, at least one of whom shall be a lay plan member or lay recipient of plan benefits and at least one of whom shall be an ordained minister who is a plan member. Up to two trustees may be members of congregations of church bodies with which this church is in a relationship of full communion, provided that both are not from the same church body. . . .

(See also bylaw 19.21.02. on page 7.)

SECTION 4.1 Election and Composition of Board of Trustees.

. . . **The Board of Trustees shall be composed of fourteen to eighteen persons elected by the Churchwide Assembly. Approximately one-third of the Board of Trustees shall be elected each triennium for a three-year term with up to two consecutive re-elections. . . .**

Board of Trustees of the Publishing House of the ELCA

Vacancies [7 to 11]

Clergy

- A. _____
- B. _____

Clergy

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Female

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Female

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Female

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Male

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Male

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Male

- A. _____
- B. _____

Full Communion

- ** _____

Full Communion

- ** _____

Board of Trustees of the Publishing House of the ELCA *(continued)*

Terms Expiring

Clergy

*Pr. Clint Schnekloth, Fayetteville, Ark. (4C) [2016]

Clergy (PC/L)

*Pr. Winston D. Persaud, Dubuque, Iowa (4B) [2016]

Lay Female

*Ms. Linda J. Brown, Fargo, N.D. (3D) [2016]

*Ms. Pamela I. Smith, Clearwater, Fla. (9E) [2016]

Lay Female (PC/L)

*Ms. Rosemary R. Ohles, Lincoln, Neb. (4A) [2016]

Lay Male

*Mr. Daniel G. Currell, St. Paul, Minn. (3H) [2016]

*Mr. Robert T. Flynn, North Hollywood, Calif. (2B) [2016]

*Mr. Robert D. Hahn, Walkersville, Md. (8F) [2016]

Full Communion

*Mr. T. Mark Brokering, Mill Valley, Calif. [2016]

*Bp. Sharon Z. Rader, Chicago, Ill. [2016]

Continuing Members

Clergy (PC/L)

Pr. José R. Valenzuela, Phoenix, Ariz. (2D) [2017]

Lay Female

Ms. Susan G. Worst, Cambridge, Mass. (7B) [2017]

Lay Female (Y/YA)

Ms. Julie M. Stecker, Baltimore, Md. (8F) [2017]

Lay Male (PC/L)

Mr. Randall S. Foster, Carson, Calif. (2B) [2017]

Preferences: Regions 1, 5 and 6. Expertise is sought in publishing, education, business management, finance and investment.

Summary

Trustees of the publishing house are elected to a maximum of three consecutive three-year terms. The board of trustees has a range of 11 to 15 members with expertise in publishing, education, business management, finance and investment. Only one person need be nominated in the election of a trustee from a church body with which this church is in a relationship of full communion; up to two such trustees may serve as long as they are not from the same church body.

At its April 2015 meeting, the Church Council elected Mr. Daniel G. Currell to a one-year term expiring in August 2016 and authorized Mr. Robert D. Hahn, Ms. Rosemary R. Ohles and the Rev. Winston D. Persaud to continue serving on the board of trustees from August 2015 to August 2016. This was necessitated by the transition from a biennial to triennial election cycle.

All trustees whose terms expire in 2016 are eligible for re-election by the 2016 Churchwide Assembly.

The 2019 Churchwide Assembly will complete the transition to a triennial election cycle by electing all publishing house trustees, with an appropriate mix of new and continuing members elected.

17.40.01. This publishing house shall have a board of trustees composed of 11–15 persons elected by the Churchwide Assembly for three-year terms with the possibility of two consecutive re-elections. The terms of members of the board of trustees elected by the Churchwide Assembly shall begin at the commencement of the first board meeting following the assembly.

- a. The composition of the board of trustees shall comply with the representational principles described in constitutional provision 5.01.f. Laypersons on the board of trustees shall include persons with expertise in publishing, education, business management, finance and investment. Ordained ministers shall include persons with expertise in rural, urban, and suburban parish ministry in small and large congregations and advanced theological study. Up to two trustees may be members of congregations of church bodies with which this church is in a relationship of full communion, provided that both are not from the same church body. . . .

19.21.02. The Nominating Committee shall nominate two persons for each council, board, or committee position, according to the process described in continuing resolutions, for which an election will be held by the Churchwide Assembly. In the case of re-election, if authorized, or for nominees from church bodies with which this church is in a relationship of full communion, only one person need be nominated. Nominations from the floor, where permitted in the nomination process, shall be presented as an alternative to a specific category named by the Nominating Committee and shall therefore meet the same criteria as the persons against whom the nominee is nominated. In the materials provided in advance to each member of the assembly, the Nominating Committee shall set forth the criteria applicable to each category that must be met by persons nominated from the floor.

Churchwide Committee on Appeals

Vacancies [4]

Clergy

- A. _____
- B. _____

Clergy (YA)

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Female

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Male (YA)

- A. _____
- B. _____

Churchwide Committee on Appeals *(continued)*

Terms Expiring

Clergy

*The Rev. Cheryl M. Hausman, Fleetwood, Pa. (7E) [2016]

*The Rev. E. Roy Riley, Ewing, N.J. (7A) [2016]

Lay Female

*Ms. Louise A. Hemstead, La Farge, Wis. (5L) [2016]

Lay Male

*Mr. Kevin D. Anderson, Gaithersburg, Md. (8G) [2016]

Needs: Two clergy, one lay female and one lay male must be elected or re-elected.

Preferences: Regions 5, 6 and 7.

Continuing Members

Clergy

Pr. Julie A. Ebbesen, Minneapolis, Minn. (3G) [2019]

Pr. Mark R. Ramseth, Bozeman, Mont. (1F) [2019]

Pr. Paul R. Swanson, Happy Valley, Ore. (1E) [2017]

Clergy (PC/L)

Pr. Kimberly A. Vaughn, Round Rock, Texas (4E) [2017]

Lay Female

Ms. Kristina D. Garabedian, Fresno, Calif. (2A) [2019]

Lay Female (PC/L)

Ms. Ivonne Moreno-Velazquez, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico (9F) [2017]

Lay Male

Mr. Mark E. Johnson, Sammamish, Wash. (1B) [2019]

Mr. Robert W. Tuttle, Washington, D.C. (8G) [2017]

Summary

Six clergy and six layperson make up the Committee on Appeals. Its members meet only as needed.

The 2009 Churchwide Assembly elected two clergy, one lay female and one lay male to a six-year term that ended in 2015.

In accordance with continuing resolution 20.64.A13. (below), at its November 2015 meeting, the Church Council elected the Rev. Cheryl Meinschein Hausman, the Rev. E. Roy Riley, Ms. Louise A. Hemstead and Mr. Kevin D. Anderson to serve on the Committee on Appeals until the 2016 Churchwide Assembly. These individuals are eligible for re-election by the assembly, having served less than half a term.

The process invoked by continuing resolution 20.64.A13. will be repeated in 2017, and the 2019 Churchwide Assembly may complete the transition to a triennial election cycle by electing half of the committee's membership.

- 19.21.02.** ... In the case of re-election, if authorized, or for nominees from church bodies with which this church is in a relationship of full communion, only one person need be nominated. ...
- 20.61.** **There shall be a Committee on Appeals to which may be referred appeals from disciplinary proceedings and petitions for the recall of an officer. The Church Council shall appoint three members from the Committee on Appeals who shall recommend rules of procedure for the performance of its duties. The rules shall become effective when ratified by the Church Council.**
- 20.64.** **The Committee on Appeals shall be comprised of six ordained ministers and six laypersons, elected by the Churchwide Assembly for a term of six years, without consecutive re-election.**
- 20.64.A13.** *In the event that the term of any member of the Committee on Appeals expires before that member's successor is elected, the Church Council may elect an individual in the same category—ordained minister or layperson—to serve on the Committee until the next Churchwide Assembly. A member elected by the Church Council who serves less than one-half of a term shall be eligible for election to a full term by the Churchwide Assembly.*

Churchwide Committee on Discipline

Vacancies [0 to 8]

Clergy

- A. _____
- B. _____

Clergy

- A. _____
- B. _____

Clergy

- A. _____
- B. _____

Clergy

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Female

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Female

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Male

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Male

- A. _____
 - B. _____
-

Summary

The Committee on Discipline has a range of 24 to 36 members; half are clergy. Its members meet only as they are named to serve on a discipline hearing committee.

The continuing membership of the committee, after the 2016 Churchwide Assembly, will consist of 14 clergy, seven lay females and seven lay males, which is within its required range and composition. However, the assembly may elect four clergy, two lay females and two lay males to bring the committee to its maximum membership. The 2019 Churchwide Assembly may then complete the transition to a triennial election cycle, electing half of the committee's members.

20.21.08. A discipline hearing committee shall be convened to conduct a hearing. The voting members of this committee shall be composed of 12 persons of whom six shall be selected by the Synod Council's Executive Committee from the Committee on Discipline of the synod and six shall be selected from the churchwide Committee on Discipline ...

20.21.11. The Churchwide Committee on Discipline shall consist of 24–36 members, half of whom should be ordained ministers and half of whom should be laypersons, elected by the Churchwide Assembly for a term of six years. Each member will serve until a successor is elected, without consecutive re-election, and will serve as needed on a discipline hearing committee in any of the synods in this church.

Churchwide Committee on Discipline *(continued)*

Terms Expiring

Clergy

Pr. Michel D. Clark, Knoxville, Ill. (5B) [2015]
Pr. Joyce L. Piper, Redwood Falls, Minn. (3F) [2015]

Lay Female

Ms. Kathryn L. Baerwald, Washington, D.C. (8G) [2015]
Ms. Joanne Chadwick, San Francisco, Calif. (2A) [2015]
Ms. Janice M. Quirl, Dripping Springs, Texas (4E) [2015]

Lay Male

Mr. Arthur E. Murphy, Houston, Texas (4F) [2015]

Lay Male (PC/L)

Mr. Miguel A. Hernandez, El Paso, Texas (2E) [2015]

Restrictions: Additional nominees from the Southwest California (2B), Saint Paul Area (3H), Central States (4B), Northeastern Ohio (6E), New England (7B), Allegheny (8C) and Florida-Bahamas (9E) Synods are not possible at this time.

Needs: If the assembly elects more than five new members, at least one must be a person of color or whose primary language is other than English.

Preferences: Region 1. An additional person of color or whose primary language is other than English and two youth or young adults.

Continuing Members

Clergy

Pr. Jay E. Denne, Sioux City, Iowa (5E) [2017]
Pr. Michael A. Dubsy, Sykesville, Md. (8F) [2019]
Pr. Robert R. Henderson, Chagrin Falls, Ohio (6E) [2017]
Pr. David J. Klawiter, Owatonna, Minn. (3I) [2017]
Pr. John D. Kreidler, Kearney, Mo. (4B) [2019]
Pr. Laurie A. Natwick, Moorhead, Minn. (3D) [2017]
Pr. Duane C. Pederson, Oxford, Conn. (7B) [2019]
Pr. JoAnn A. Post, Manchester, Conn. (7B) [2017]
Pr. Rebecca R. Richie, Canfield, Ohio (6E) [2019]
Pr. Vicki A. Taylor, Deer River, Minn. (3E) [2017]
Pr. Rita G. Tweed, Palm Harbor, Fla. (9E) [2017]
Pr. Deanna M. Wildermuth, Mercer Island, Wash. (1B) [2017]

Clergy (PC/L)

Pr. Dinah E. Dutta, Lawrence, Kan. (4B) [2019]

Clergy (Y/YA)

Pr. Megan L. Torgerson, West St. Paul, Minn. (3H) [2017]

Lay Female

Sr. Sylvia S. Countess, Knoxville, Tenn. (9D) [2019]
Ms. Kathy Patrick, Bellaire, Texas (4F) [2017]
Ms. Nancy M. Reed, Luray, Va. (9A) [2019]
Ms. Cheryl G. Stuart, Tallahassee, Fla. (9E) [2017]

Lay Female (PC/L)

Ms. Kathleen V. Elliott Chillison, Los Angeles, Calif. (2B) [2019]

Lay Female (Y/YA)

Ms. Anna K. Helgen, White Bear Lake, Minn. (3H) [2017]
Ms. Hannah L. Knauss, Martinsburg, Pa. (8C) [2019]

Lay Male

Mr. John Emery, Fond du Lac, Wis. (5I) [2019]
Mr. Kevin K. Fitzgerald, Pasadena, Calif. (2B) [2017]
Mr. Ronald C. Gubrud, Dallas, Texas (4D) [2019]
Mr. Henry Harms, Springfield, Ill. (5C) [2017]
Mr. William R. Lloyd Jr., Somerset, Pa. (8C) [2017]

Lay Male (PC/L)

Mr. Todd A. Perkins, Detroit, Mich. (6A) [2019]

Lay Male (Y/YA)

Mr. Josh S. Tatum, Indianapolis, Ind. (6C) [2017]

Churchwide Nominating Committee

Vacancies [1 to 7]

Clergy

A. _____

B. _____

Clergy (PC/L)

A. _____

B. _____

Lay Female

A. _____

B. _____

Lay Male

A. _____

B. _____

Lay Male

A. _____

B. _____

Lay Male

A. _____

B. _____

Lay Male (Y/YA)

A. _____

B. _____

Churchwide Nominating Committee *(continued)*

Terms Expiring

Clergy

Pr. Herbert E. Anderson, Berkeley, Calif. (2A) [2015]
Pr. Kathie Bender Schwich, Park Ridge, Ill. (5A) [2015]

Lay Female

Ms. Kathy J. Magnus, Edina, Minn. (3G) [2015]

Lay Female (PC/L)

Ms. Judith A. Tutt-Starr, Los Angeles, Calif. (2B) [2015]

Lay Male

Mr. Ken F. Aicher, Tampa, Fla. (9E) [2015]

Lay Male (Y/YA)

Mr. Brandon W. Huston, Hamilton, Ohio (6F) [2015]

Restrictions: Additional nominees from Regions 1 and 8 are not possible at this time.

Needs: Regions 2, 3 and 6. At least one youth or young adult must be elected.

Preferences: Regions 4, 5 and 9. At least one person of color or whose primary language is other than English.

Continuing Members

Clergy

Pr. Eric Carlson, Clive, Iowa (5D) [2019]
Pr. Ruth E. Hamilton, Atlanta, Ga. (9D) [2019]
Pr. Stephen A. Keiser, Philadelphia, Pa. (7F) [2019]
Pr. Amy T. Sevimli, Washington, D.C. (8G) [2019]

Lay Female

Ms. Susan M. Berg, Bothell, Wash. (1B) [2017]

Lay Female (PC/L)

Ms. Linda M. Chinnia, Baltimore, Md. (8F) [2017]
Ms. Stacy D. Kitahata, Seattle, Wash. (1B) [2019]
Ms. Vernetta I. Wilson, Tulsa, Okla. (4C) [2017]

Lay Female (Y/YA)

Ms. Emily Isensee, Vancouver, Wash. (1C) [2019]

Lay Male

Mr. Jordan Krey, Quincy, Mass. (7B) [2019]
Mr. Tommie L. Robinson Jr., Washington, D.C. (8G) [2019]

Summary

The Church Council nominates individuals for possible election to the Nominating Committee by the Churchwide Assembly. The committee has a range of 12 to 18 members. At least one but no more than three members must be from any of the nine regions of this church. Members serve one six-year term (or until a successor is elected) and are not eligible for re-election.

If the 2016 Churchwide Assembly elects the maximum number of members to the Nominating Committee, the 2019 Churchwide Assembly may complete the transition to a triennial election cycle and elect half of the committee's members. The regional requirement will make it more important for the Church Council to identify nominees by region.

19.21.01. There shall be a Nominating Committee consisting of 12–18 members elected by the Churchwide Assembly. Each member shall be elected to one six-year term and shall serve until a successor is elected. Members of the Nominating Committee shall not be eligible for consecutive re-election. The Church Council shall place in nomination the names of two persons for each position. The committee shall consist of at least one member but no more than three members from any region. Nominations from the floor shall also be permitted, but each floor nomination shall be presented as an alternative to a specific category named by the Church Council and shall therefore meet the same criteria as the persons against whom the nominee is nominated. In the materials provided in advance to each member of the assembly, the Church Council shall set forth the criteria applicable to each category that must be met by persons nominated from the floor.

SAMPLE OF ONLINE BIOGRAPHICAL FORM

Biographical Form - General Use

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE POSSIBLE NOMINEE

* indicates required data

To be considered for : *
Specify which Board or Churchwide Committee

1. * Please provide full, legal name

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<small>* Title</small>	<small>* First name</small>	<small>Middle name</small>	<small>* Last name</small>	<small>Suffix</small>

NOTE: TO SATISFY ELCA CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS ON NOMINATIONS, THE FOLLOWING SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL PRECLUDE CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATION.

A. *Gender: B. *Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy): C. *Primary language English:

D. *Ethnic/Racial Group :

E. *Are you : Lay Clergy
 If rostered, by which synod:
 If rostered, provide your Rostered Leader Key:

F. *Are you willing to serve, if elected? Yes No

G. *Are you related to an ELCA churchwide staff member? Yes No
 If yes, print name here:
 If yes, by what relationship:

H. *If you are a nominee for the Board of Pensions (Portico Benefit Services), are you a member or potential recipient of benefits in any form of the pension plan? Yes No

2. * **Preferred Mailing Address**

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<small>* Street Address, P.O. Box, c/o, etc.</small>	<small>Apartment number, unit, floor, etc.</small>	<small>* Type</small>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	United States <input type="text"/>
<small>* City</small>	<small>* State</small>	<small>* ZIP Code</small>	<small>Country</small>

3. **Residence:**
if different from Preferred Mailing Address

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<small>Street Address</small>	<small>Apartment number, unit, floor, etc.</small>	<small>ZIP Code</small>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	United States <input type="text"/>
<small>City</small>	<small>State</small>	<small>ZIP Code</small>	<small>Country</small>

4. * **Telephone:** (Preferred) *

(Alternate)

5. * **E-mail:**

(Confirmation will be sent to the e-mail address above.) Type

6. * Are you a member of an ELCA Congregation ? Yes No

Congregation name (partial) : State :

Tip: Enter one word from the congregation's name (ex. Paul for St Paul Lutheran Church) and the state abbreviation before clicking "Search."

Congregation Membership :

**TO BE COMPLETED ONLINE BY THE POSSIBLE NOMINEE
 AT [WWW.ELCA.ORG/NOMINATIONS](http://www.ELCA.org/nominations) BY APRIL 15, 2016**

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AT www.ELCA.org/nominations BY APRIL 15, 2016**

7. Educational Institutions:

a. From to
Degree

b. from to
Degree

c. from to
Degree

8. Employer
(current or most recent): Name City State
Start Date: (mm/dd/yyyy) End Date: (mm/dd/yyyy)
Position/Title *(if applicable)*:
Date retired *(if applicable)*: (mm/dd/yyyy)

9.* List current or past congregational, synodical, or churchwide service activities: *(include the year of service)*

a. from to

b. from to

c. from to

10.* In two or three brief paragraphs, describe your sense of God calling you into mission and service in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America through the work of this board or committee.
What are the gifts, skills, experiences and areas of expertise that you would bring to this work?
(1000 characters max, 1000 characters remaining ...)

11. If you are not nominated to serve on the board or committee for which you have applied, would you consider serving on another? If so, which one(s) ?

12. Please give us the name of someone who can speak to your skills and attributes related to your previous congregational, synodical, or churchwide service activities:

Name: Phone number: Email:

What is your relationship to this person?

Thursday, July 23, 2015 3:55 PM
(if desirable, please print before Submitting)

**TO SUGGEST A POSSIBLE NOMINEE, SEND THAT PERSON'S FULL
NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION TO NOMINATIONS@ELCA.ORG**

