

51. Committee on Discipline: Lay Female

A. Ms. Robin B. Kaelin

Southern Ohio Synod (6F)

- 1) *Congregational membership*
Zion Lutheran Church (ID: 13203) - Hamilton, OH
- 2) *Congregation, Synodical, or Churchwide Service Activities*
Deacon, Elder, Secretary, Currently Youth Deacon at Zion
Current President of Southern Ohio WELCA & S.OH Council
member
Synod LYO Advisor
- 3) *Education*
University of Cincinnati, No Degree Earned
- 4) *Employment*
Orders Administrator, Hamilton Safe Gunnebo
- 5) *Year of birth*
1958
- 6) *Ethnicity*
Other Heritage
- 7) *Primary Language*
English
- 8) *What are the gifts, skills, experiences and areas of expertise that you would bring to this work?*

We have a God who forgives us and gives us grace. I am well grounded in scripture, Yet I see it as the Living Word of God and as I have studied and prayed throughout my service. I have seen God blow a fresh breath of spirit through the ELCA. I believe my strength would be to look at Appeals with new eyes. I have worked in situations where confidentiality is a must and discretion is necessary. My ability is to not focus on the negative but to build up and support. These will be gifts needed for a position on this board. While I only have one year of college, I am well read and I have been an active disciple, teaching, leading, church council as deacon and elder, and Youth leadership for over 20 years. I have been in the same church for those years so I am aware of the forbearance that can come to play in situations. In that time, we have had 4 pastors and one interim pastor. I understand the need for Paradigm shifts.

B. Ms. Johanna (Jody) T. Marquardt

Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod (1D)

- 1) *Congregational membership*
Grace Lutheran Church (ID: 13044) - Wenatchee, WA
- 2) *Congregation, Synodical, or Churchwide Service Activities*
Adult Choir Director (5 congregations)
Adult Bible Study Leader
Church Council
- 3) *Education*
Pacific Lutheran University, Bachelor Of Arts
Utah State University, Master Of Science
- 4) *Employment*
Education Coordinator, Wenatchee River Institute
- 5) *Year of birth*
1950
- 6) *Ethnicity*
Caucasian
- 7) *Primary Language*
English
- 8) *What are the gifts, skills, experiences and areas of expertise that you would bring to this work?*

Growing up, I was immersed in Lutheranism: My father was a professor at Concordia, Seward, NE. I attended Lutheran elementary school (K-5). From 1961-64, I lived in Thousand Oaks, where my father was on the first faculty at California Lutheran College. I attended Concordia High School, Seward. At PLU, I was vice president of a sophomore service sorority, Associated Women Students president, and Executive Vice President of ASPLU. I graduated Magna Cum Laude in biology. In 2013, I was inducted into the PLU Athletics Hall of Fame.

I married Clarence Marquardt, an LCMS pastor (Concordia, St. Louis, 1970) in 1975. I was a pastor's wife for 37 years in four parishes in KS, MN, and WA. We have four children. I taught biology for 17 years at Emporia High School in KS and held local and state offices in NEA. I was NABT Outstanding Biology Teacher of KS in 2002. I joined the ELCA when my husband retired in 2012. I continue to serve in various capacities in my new congregation.