

Name: **Becky Blue**

Current Positions: Chair, Augustana University Board of Trustees; Clinical Nurse Specialist, Faith Community Nursing Center

Congregation of Membership: Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): 10/22/1959

Previous Positions:

Vice Chair, Secretary, and Board member Augustana University Board of Trustees, 2006-2014; Co-chair Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Loaves & Fishes \$3.2 Million Capital Campaign 2015; Chair, Luther House of Study, 2010-2014; Geriatric Clinical Nurse Specialist, Sanford USD Medical Center 1989-1998; Social Media Writer, Jessup Cellars, 2010-2014; Children's Choir

Education with Earned Degrees (with institutions and years, most current first):

Master of Science in Nursing, South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota, 1989
Bachelor of Arts in Nursing, Augustana University, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 1981

Current Board and Committee Membership:

Chair of the Augustana University Board of Trustees; Founder/President of the Brandon Tennis Association, 2006-current; co-owner/board member of the Good Life Wine Collective, Napa, California; Chair, Faith Community Nursing Center Advisory Board, Sanford Health Board; member, Breathe Bravely non-profit improving quality of life for those with Cystic Fibrosis.

Past Board and Committee Membership:

Lutheran Outdoors Joy Ranch Capital Campaign Committee, 2013-14; Chair, Board of Worship and The Arts, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 2010-2014; Long Range Planning Committee, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church; Augustana University Library Associates Board Chair and member; Secretary, Brandon Community Foundation Board, 2011-2013

Honorary Degrees:

None

What gifts do you believe you would bring to the office of vice president?

I believe I would bring gifts of leadership, specifically, articulate communication, keen listening, truth telling, prayerful consideration, discernment of the calling of the Holy Spirit, courage, organizational experience, excellent writing skills, and a deep commitment to the calling to which I've been given. I have a passion for leading well run meetings, staying on task and on mission, being strategic and encouraging all around the table to be heard. I believe my public speaking skills would also be beneficial in communicating the message of the ELCA.

What is your concept of the primary role of the vice president of the ELCA?

I view the vice president as an essential partner to the Bishop, ready to assist in any way to further our mission for Christ throughout the world. The vice president provides leadership to the Church Council in leading effective meetings that create strategies which respond to our calling as a church wide body of Christ. The Vice-president is an articulate voice for the lay members of the church honoring the various backgrounds and settings in which they worship and live out their daily lives.

What is the key skill required of a leader in the church?

I believe the key skill required of a leader in the church is the ability to communicate with courage and clarity the calling of being Christ's church to the world.

How do you practice care for others and for yourself?

I view all people, including myself, as children of God and whole beings: body, mind, and spirit. As a nurse I am constantly listening to the hearts of myself and those around me. I am asking questions and listening to the answers that will guide me in how to best help each Child of God I meet (including myself) to live freely in God's love and grace.

