

*Name:* **Nanette C. Dahlke**

*Current Positions:* Vice President Metropolitan Chicago Synod, Owner/Speech/Language Pathologist at Kind Word Speech

*Congregation of Membership:* Holy Cross Lutheran Libertyville IL

*Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):* 12/10/1956

*Previous Positions:*

Speech/Language Pathologist Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital  
Clinical Director Pediatric Interactions  
Clinical Director Mobile Therapy Centers

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

MA Communication Disorders Northern IL University 1981  
BA Communication Disorders Augustana College Rock Island 1979

*Current Board and Committee Membership:*

Metropolitan Chicago Synod Executive Committee, Outreach Team, Synod Assembly Planning Team. Voting member CWA 2016.

*Past Board and Committee Membership:*

Metropolitan Chicago Synod Council. Vice Presidents Planning Team. Voting member CWAs. MultiSynodical Candidacy Committee. Synodical Staff Interview Committee.

*Honorary Degrees:*

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

My career as a speech/language pathologist has given me the opportunity to appreciate and facilitate communication in all forms including listening and speaking. My experiences as a small business owner have taught me to seek creative solutions. Being a synodical vice president has reinforced for me the need for listening.

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

As a lay leader the primary role of the vice president is to work with the presiding bishop to make sure all voices are heard.

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

A leader needs to be able to bring people together to share the good news of the gospel.

*How do you practice care for others and for yourself?*

I believe my career is the life work that God chose for me. I am energized and challenged by my job. I have a strong family support system. As an extended family we provide emergency care for children and I find great strength, pride, and enjoyment in that ministry. I am an active member of a faith community and practice regular devotions. I have a spiritual advisor that I speak with on a regular basis both to care for myself and to challenge myself.