

Name: **William B Horne II (Bill)**

Current Positions: City Manager (2001-current) Clearwater, FL

Congregation of Membership: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Clearwater, FL 33755

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): 06/23/1949

Previous Positions:

Professional-Interim City Manager (2000-01); USAF Officer (1972-98)
Church- ELCA Church Council (2009-15); FL-Bahamas Synod Vice President (2005-09); FL-Bahamas Synod Council (2002-05); Congregational President, St. Paul's & Apostles Lutheran Churches, Clearwater (2000-02)

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

M.A. Political Science, Auburn University in Montgomery, 1982
M.A. Human Resources Management, Pepperdine University, 1976
B.S. Chemistry, University of Tulsa, 1971

Current Board and Committee Membership:

Lutheran Services of Florida (2012-Present); Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary Advisory Council (2012-Present); Pinellas Public Library Cooperative (2013-Present); Clearwater Jazz Holiday Foundation (1999-Present); Suncoast Chapter American Society for Public Administrator (2013-Present)

Past Board and Committee Membership:

ELCA Church Council (2009-15); ELCA Theological Education Advisory Council (2013-15); National Forum for Black Public Administrators (2011-15); Alliance for Innovations (1999-12); United Way (2004-10)

Honorary Degrees:

None

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

Empathy, executive decision-making, leadership, integrity, transparency, trust, experience in managing large organizations, ability to work with diverse populations and individuals, problem solving.

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

Conduct ELCA Church Council meetings; Guide, lead and assist the church council in doing its work.; Strengthen the working relationship between all expressions of this Church; Be a role model and inspirational voice for the laity and support the rostered leaders of this church; Work to strengthen the relationships between the Conference of Bishops, Church wide Organization and Church Council.; Provide meaningful support to and cooperation with the Presiding Bishop, Church Secretary and Treasurer.

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

Leadership is the key skill required of a leader in the church. No matter what challenges the church faces, bold, creative, confident leadership is required to make good decisions regarding the church's future direction. Leadership is the skill that won't rest until the facts and spirit led strategies are made known to everyone in order to accomplish God's mission in the world.

How do you practice care for others and for yourself?

I work hard to model care in my own life by following good healthcare practices like weekly exercise, healthy eating, golf and vacations. I encourage everyone to do the same. I am strong proponent of wellness in the professional organization that I lead.