

*Name:* Tracey A. Beasley

*Current Positions:* Church: VP SEPA Synod. Professional: Corporate Tax Supervisor, Asplundh Tree Expert Co.

*Congregation of Membership:* Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Reformation - Philadelphia

*Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):* 03/22/1969

*Previous Positions:*

Treasury & Tax Manager for Treadways Corporation (March 2000-June 2005)

Assistant Controller for Resources for Human Development (November 1997 - March 2000)

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

West Chester University, Master of Business Administration (2002-2004)

Gwynedd - Mercy University, Bachelor of Science Concentration Accounting (2000-2002)

Temple University, Associate Degree in the Sciences (1987-1989)

*Current Board and Committee Membership:*

Vice President of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, SEPA Synod Executive Committee, Treasurer - African Descent

Lutheran Association: ELCA and Philadelphia Chapter, Board Member: Lutheran Settlement House, Member of the African

Descent Strategy Team: ELCA, Financial Associate for Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Reformation - Philadelphia

*Past Board and Committee Membership:*

SEPA Synod Candidacy Committee, SEPA Synod Stewardship Committee, SEPA Synod Lay Leadership Training Committee,

Chair - SEPA Synod Financial Planning Team, SEPA Finance Committee, President of Congregation Council, Treasurer

Congregation Council, Chair of Congregation Sunday School and Stewardship

*Honorary Degrees:*

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

Proclaiming the Gospel and prayerful over all things, experienced facilitator, reliability, faithfulness, diversity, ability to multi-task, team player, collaborator with other ministry leaders, preside over meetings, able to delegate, exceptional at team building and managing people and committees, good strategist, approachable, articulate, servanthood, discernment, listen to others, goal setting, coordinating, managing conflict and able to bring people together for the common good.

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

The Vice President is the elected, non-stipendiary layperson who prayerfully chairs and provides leadership with the Church Council. Chairs the Churchwide Assembly in the event the presiding bishop is unable to do so, and serves under the presiding bishop of the ELCA.

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

I believe open, honest and clear communication is essential in church leadership. Exceptional communication skills are the foundation for a relationship with God, believers and non-believers. To many times in the church we consult with each other about what to do without first going to God for guidance. No matter what expression of the church we might be involved with, we represent God's church and serve at God's will. Communicating God's love for each of us and for the church is essential and a key skill as a leader in the church.

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

I live each day in gratitude to God for life itself. I care for myself by exercising and knowing when to shut my body and mind down to have proper rest. I care deeply for others: friends, family and those who do not believe. I know I have limitations and honor the importance of having a healthy "me," in order to speak the truth in love.