

34. Board of Pensions (Portico Benefit Services): Minister of Word and Sacrament

A. The Rev. Thomas P. Schlotterback

Montana Synod (1F)

1) *Congregational membership*

King of Glory Lutheran Church (ID: 16293) - Billings, MT

2) *Congregation, Synodical, or Churchwide Service Activities*

Big Sky Economic Development Board
Alzheimers Association and Relay for Life volunteer
Family Promise Board - Ministry/Sheltering of the Homeless

3) *Education*

Concordia College, Biology, Bachelor Of Arts
Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary, Master Of Divinity
Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Transformational Leadership

4) *Employment*

Vice President of Mission Advancement, St. John's Lutheran Ministries

5) *Year of birth*

1959

6) *Ethnicity*

White

7) *Primary Language*

English

8) *What are the gifts, skills, experiences and areas of expertise that you would bring to this work?*

1. The historical saga of Lutheran concern for rostered church leaders, other church workers and their dependents has been and remains a personal interest of mine. I value the mission of Portico and desire to offer what I am able to advance the mission. I would dedicate the best of my presence, skills and energy to serve well.
2. I am seasoned and wise in sound governance practice. My Board experience includes higher education, social ministry and community leadership.
3. I have high capacity for critical thinking, collaboration and leadership strategy.
4. I have a studied and experienced understanding of the ecclesiology structure of the ELCA.
5. I am an engaged learner.

The particular perspectives that I would contribute include: ELCA clergy and congregation, Portico member/participate, Social Ministry Organization, Higher Education and Foundation Director, inclusive of oversight and decision making related to wealth management and philanthropic growth.

B. The Rev. Kathie Bender Schwich

Metropolitan Chicago Synod (5A)

1) *Congregational membership*

Grace Lutheran Church (ID: 01882) - Mount Prospect, IL

2) *Congregation, Synodical, or Churchwide Service Activities*

ELCA Nominating Committee
MCS Discipline Committee
Volunteer Churchwide Assembly Staff

3) *Education*

University of Michigan, Associate Degree In The Sciences
Saginaw Valley State University, Bachelor Of Arts Luther Seminary, Master Of Divinity

4) *Employment*

Chief Spiritual Officer, AdvocateAurora Health

5) *Year of birth*

1954

6) *Ethnicity*

White

7) *Primary Language*

English

8) *What are the gifts, skills, experiences and areas of expertise that you would bring to this work?*

In addition to my calling and service as an ordained pastor serving in congregations and synod and churchwide staff, I for the last ten years have been serving the church through a call to healthcare administration at an ELCA affiliated health system. I have a Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Administration and am a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. I believe that this knowledge and experience along with my knowledge of and commitment to this church, could serve the board of Portico well.