

52. Publishing House (1517 Media) Board of Trustees: Minister of Word and Sacrament

A. The Rev. Kathleen O. Reed

New England Synod (7B)

1) *Congregational membership*

University Lutheran Church (ID: 03546) - Cambridge, MA

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

VP of Gettysburg Seminary Endowment Foundation

Trustee, Board of Pensions

Assistant to the Bishop, New England Synod

3) *Education*

Lutheran Theological Seminary Gettysburg, Master Of Divinity

Boston University, Bachelor Of Science

4) *Employment*

Lead Pastor at University Lutheran Church and Lutheran

Chaplain at Harvard, University Lutheran Church

5) *Year of birth*

1953

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?*

What has shaped my sense of call and my growth as a human being is how each community I have served has taught me to listen in new ways. Learning that happens through listening deeply to another's story is transforming. Since coming to University Lutheran Church and Harvard in 2013 to serve as the Harvard Lutheran Chaplain, listening to the stories of adults and youth experiencing homelessness and to the Harvard College students responsible for the Harvard Square Homeless Shelter has added new dimensions to my mind and heart. Most recently, in partnership with student leaders listening to the mother in danger of deportation and living in sanctuary my church has broken down whole walls in my soul. Am I good listener? I'm learning. My experiences in assessing institutional needs, honoring tradition, and building on God-given assets for sustainable strategic pale in importance beside growing capacity to listen.

B. Rev. Daphne Llewellyn Burt

New England Synod (7B)

1) *Congregational membership*

Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ID: 16071) - South Hadley, MA

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

New England Synod Disciplinary Committee

North Carolina Synod - Secretary

Lutherans Concerned - National Board Member, Preacher

3) *Education*

Yale University, Bachelor Of Arts

The Catholic University of America, Master Of Divinity

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Doctor Of Ministry

4) *Employment*

Priest-in-Charge, Trinity Episcopal Church

5) *Year of birth*

1956

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?*

God's Word is active, transformative, challenging, sustaining. We hear, read, sing and pray this word in scripture, hymns, curriculum, devotions, sermons, scholarly books and prayers written and spoken from the heart. I have published bible studies, curriculum, devotions, sermons and articles for journals such as Homily Service, Concord (Lutherans Concerned) Augsburg Fortress, Lutheran Women Today, Alban Institute Action Information, Journal of Lutheran Ethics, the Other Side, Open Hands (Lutheran Campus Ministry). I have written and edited curriculum for Spirit and Truth Publishing (Narrative Lectionary) and, perhaps the most challenging, have edited my mother's memoirs!

Our Publishing House needs to be flexible, responsive, and creative. Our audience must include those who are not/have never been church members. We need to highlight the work of women, persons of color, first nations people, and young adults. 1517 was a long time ago. Let's embrace the 21st cent. together!

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C. The Rev. Thomas Samuel Drobená

Slovak Zion Synod (7G)

1) Congregational membership

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Stafford Springs, CT

2) Congregation, Synodical, or Churchwide Service Activities

LEIRN synodical representative

LEIRN board member

3) Education

Yale Divinity School, Master Of Divinity

Yale Divinity School, Master Of Sacred Theology

University of Cambridge, Doctor Of Philosophy

4) Employment

Pastor, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

5) Year of birth

1987

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?

Foremost I would bring to this role my love of the Lord Jesus and of the Church. As a parish pastor and an academic, I have come to appreciate the breadth of resources that are needed to support and encourage the diverse needs for personal and professional growth in our communities. I have been privileged to become familiar with and work with Sunday school and VBS material, worship resources, preaching resources, and academic articles and monographs- each with its own audience, but each contributing to the growth of personal faith and the work and conversations that serve our neighbors. As an ecumenist, I have an appreciation for what our Lutheran tradition has to offer and has to learn from the wider church. I would hope to bring that awareness to considerations of what types of projects might be of benefit. My ministry in the parish keeps me grounded about the need for accessibility of material, diversity in contributions, and listening to everyone who may benefit from our work.