

19. Church Council: Lay male (*Restricted to PC/L*)

A. Mr. Keoni R. Newman

Southwestern Washington Synod (1C)

1) *Congregational membership*

Spanaway Lutheran Church (ID: 13002) - Spanaway, WA

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

Connect Youth Group (PLU)

ALYVE Board (Associated Lutheran Youth in Various Endeavors)

Spanaway Lutheran Church Youth Committee

3) *Education*

Pierce College, Associates Degree In The Arts

University of Washignton

University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Bachelor Of Science In Business Admin

4) *Employment*

Site Supervisor, Pierce County Parks and Recreation

5) *Year of birth*

1999

6) *Ethnicity*

Asian/Pacific Islander

7) *Primary Language*

English

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

My sense of God has always been the understanding that having a strong moral fiber stems from having an active and meaningful relationship with my church community. Because of this, I am an active member and leader in my church and I've made it my life's mission to be there and help those around me. Serving on this committee would allow me to bring the perspectives of young adult and ideas of a younger generation.

My faith in God has always served as a reminder to reach out help those in need.. For example, when I saw the need for a Youth Group in my area as numbers and turnout in the local churches were low, I went out and gathered churches to create a youth group and established one at Pacific Lutheran University. I also spent 2 years with our local Lutheran Youth Organization. I believe that serving on this board and committee would allow me to continue my work; spreading the good will and positivity that I have found through my relationship with God.

B. Mr. LaMont Rouse

New Jersey Synod (7A)

1) *Congregational membership*

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (ID: 07477) - East Orange, NJ

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

Vice President of the Church Council

Church Council

3) *Education*

Walden University

Kean University

Kean University

4) *Employment*

Assistant Director of Assessment, The College of New Jersey

5) *Year of birth*

1969

6) *Ethnicity*

African American/Black Non-Hispanic

7) *Primary Language*

English

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

I have been drawn to the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in East Orange, New Jersey. It is a small but vibrant church. Without a permanent pastor for 5 years, they continue to march forward, bringing light to the area with grace and faith. Holy Trinity has been serving East Orange for 125 years and I am in awe at the work that they've done. I continue to be focused on rebuilding membership while engaging current members. I truly believe Holy Trinity's best days are yet ahead. I can see the spirit of renewal, and I am dedicated to ensuring that I do my part. That same enthusiasm that I bring to my church is a passion I feel for the ELCA. I truly believe we can get our numbers moving in the right direction, and it is my hope that I can influence policy and direction to begin that turnaround. Our faith - the ELCA - is one that others need to hear. We just need to do a better job communicating it.

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C. Mr. Moses Robson Kavishe

Lower Susquehanna Synod (8D)

1) Congregational membership

St. Paul Lutheran Church (ID: 01006) - Carlisle, PA

2) Congregation, Synodical, or Churchwide Service Activities

Member of Synod Renewal Team

Team member of Extravaganza

Member of Steering Committee

3) Education

Messiah College, Bachelor Of Business Admin

Harrisburg Area Community College, Associates Degree In
The Arts

Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary, Certificate

4) Employment

Youth and Family Director, St Paul Lutheran Church

5) Year of birth

1989

6) Ethnicity

African National

7) Primary Language

English

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

A call to serve in the church is a sacred responsibility that I have always felt in my life. I was born and raised as a Lutheran in Tanzania. During my time in Tanzania, I had the opportunity to serve God in different a variety of leadership positions in the church and in school as well. Then, I came here to continue my education. After my studies, I was blessed and called to serve as Youth and Family Director for St. Paul in Carlisle, PA. Through this role, I have served not just my congregation but also in our local community, includes helping to establishing various programs that affect youth in the community at large, and also serving as a bridge between the church and the community.