

10. Church Council: Lay Female (*Restricted to East-Central Synod of Wisconsin, 5I*)

A. Ms. Kerry A. Fehrman

East-Central Synod of Wisconsin (5I)

1) Congregational membership

Saint Andrew Lutheran Church (ID: 07603) - Wausau, WI

2) Congregation, Synodical, or Churchwide Service Activities

VP East Central Synod of WI

Treasurer, Saint Andrew Lutheran Church

Secretary, Saint Andrew Lutheran Church

3) Education

Mount Senario College, Bachelor Of Business Admin

4) Employment

Financial Manager, Rib Mountain Paper, LLC

5) Year of birth

1963

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?

I was simply asked to help out by taking minutes for a council meeting one evening almost 20 years ago. And daily I am grateful for that first invitation to participate. Since that first “ask” I have served my church as an appointed officer (secretary from 2000-2010 and treasurer from 2011 to 2016) or a council member (presently) for nearly 17 years. I enjoy working with council and ministry/committee members to develop governance, policies and purpose for Saint Andrew. Since 2017 I have served as Vice President of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin and have grown in my appreciation (and understanding) of the work and support the staff and leaders of our synods provide. I enjoy sharing with everyone the good work that is being at the synod level. I currently work part time as finance manager for my husband's co. I am blessed to be able to volunteer daily in my church and community. It would be an honor and with gratitude for God's blessings to serve on the ELCA church council

B. Ms. Patricia Kluetz

East-Central Synod of Wisconsin (5I)

1) Congregational membership

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ID: 16104) - Plover, WI

2) Congregation, Synodical, or Churchwide Service Activities

Bishop's Advisory Council

Building Team—two major building additions/remodeling

Lay voting member, ELCA Churchwide Assembly

3) Education

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Master Of Science

University of Wisconsin-Stout, Bachelor Of Science

4) Employment

Professor, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

5) Year of birth

1957

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?

Having been a professional interior designer and educator helped me to develop a listening and questioning mentality. We are trained to listen to the needs of our clients, develop a solution, and then evaluate whether the solution is working. This questioning and reevaluating quality could be valuable within the Church, especially within our top governing bodies. My twenty-eight-year career in higher education taught me a lot. I am familiar with the intricacies of large, multi-layered organizations, and I have navigated through tedious bureaucracies to accomplish goals—this has taught me patience. My career-long involvement with ASID—the largest professional organization representing interior design and designers—included appointments at both the state and national levels, which helped develop my ability to comprehend the “big picture” of large organizations and implement those initiatives at a regional level.