

#### 49. Board of Pensions (Portico Benefit Services): Lay Male

##### A. Mr. James B. Vos

Minneapolis Area Synod (3G) [*Incumbent*]

1) *Congregational membership*

Westwood Lutheran Church (ID: 11914) - St Louis Park, MN

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

LSS - various volunteer roles

Rotary - various volunteer and leadership roles

Junior Achievement - classroom teacher/volunteer and former board mbr.

3) *Education*

Gustavus Adolphus College, Economics/Political Science,  
Bachelor Of Arts

University of Minnesota/Carlson School of Business, Master  
Of Business Administration

4) *Employment*

Principal, Cresa Minneapolis

5) *Year of birth*

1962

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 have long held "The Church" needs to be more supportive of our leaders-pastoral staff, Bishops, etc.- in ways that are not just theological training. As I have begun to understand Portico's larger mission, I am energized by the opportunity to see well-being expressed in a wide variety of ways that can benefit our clergy and recognize the challenge of changing demographics and intrigued by the opportunity to create effective responses. My professional work gives me the privilege of being connected to a broad spectrum of leaders and organizations from which I hope I can bring relevant examples of new thinking that can advance the mission of Portico and meet the challenges that lie ahead. As a two-time council president (and part owner in a small business) I speak the language of the employer in this setting. I have many close clergy friends and understand the employee point of view and I have a daughter who is a pastor. Hopefully, that variety of perspectives is helpful.

##### B. Deacon Steven L. Beumer

Florida-Bahamas Synod (9E)

1) *Congregational membership*

St. John Lutheran Church (ID: 01746) - Winter Park, FL

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

Synod Council

Synod Council

Synod Malaria Coordinator

3) *Education*

Wayne State University, Bachelor Of Liberal Studies

4) *Employment*

Excutive Vice President, Natioinal Benefit Service Center

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?*

The financial integrity and moral authority of the Board of Pensions is a critical vocation for the church. My thirty five years as the owner of an employee benefits firm has provided a unique perspective in the government and private marketplace for insurance and benefits. I believe that this experience could lend a lot to the governance of the Board. As a Deacon of global outreach I also want to align the moral integrity of the Board with urgent global issues such as investment practices that align with the goals of the church through social screening.