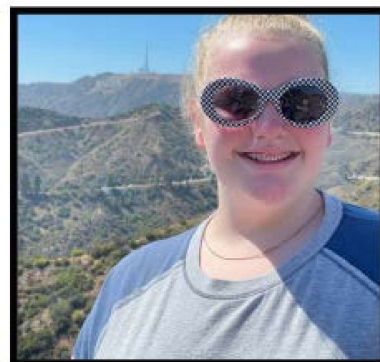




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Nomination Form for 2024 Synod Assembly

Nominee For: Virginia Synod Council

Virginia Synod Council

Nominee For: Synod Council: Class of 2025-Youth Member (Currently in 10-12 grade)

Gender: Female

Do you Identify as a Person of Color and/or Language other than English: No

Nominee Contact Information

Name: Ali Armentrout

Preferred Pronouns: She/Her

Congregation/Parish Name and Location: St. Mark's, Roanoke

Conference: Southern

Conference Partnership: Blue Ridge (Southern & Southern Valley)

Nominee Experience

Nominee Occupation: Student

List experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three): Active at church as a worship leader and in youth group. Active participant in synod youth ministry.

List current or past congregational, synod or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position (up to three): Representative from St. Mark's for youth assembly. Help with children's ministry at church.



List current or past community-related service activities (up to three)

Volunteer to help teach ballet to preschoolers. Member of suicide prevention club at Hidden Valley High School. Part of choir council at Hidden Valley High School.

Will serve if elected

Yes

Submission

Name of person submitting the form

Ali Armentrout

Signature

Date Submitted:

Mar 25, 2024



Strong Connections



Nomination Form for 2024 Synod Assembly

Nominee For: Virginia Synod Council

Virginia Synod Council

Nominee For: Synod Council: Class of 2025-Lay Member from Appalachia Partnership, any gender

Gender Female

Do you Identify as a Person of Color and/or Language other than English No

Nominee Contact Information

Name Pat Carriker

Congregation/Parish Name and Location Good Shepherd, Galax

Conference New River

Conference Partnership Appalachia (Highlands & New River)

Nominee Experience

Nominee Occupation Retired pre-school teacher

List experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three)

All of my experiences serving in civic and church organizations have helped me to develop the gifts of leadership and organization with which God has blessed me.



List current or past congregational, synod or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position (up to three)

While I was a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Wilmington, NC for 29 years I taught adult Bible classes, sang in the choir, served on and chaired several different church committees and on the church council. I was also president of the congregation several times. While a member at St. Matthew, I was elected to the NC Synod Council and served two terms. We moved to the mountains of North Carolina in 2004 and joined Church of the Good Shepherd, in Galax, Virginia. Good Shepherd is an Episcopal and Lutheran Federated congregation. I was part of the task force that drafted the Federation Document.

I lead a weekly Bible study group as well as other study opportunities from time to time. I have chaired the Stewardship Committee and the Christian Education Committee and served on the Worship and Liturgy Committee. I have served on the Vestry Council five different terms and as Senior Warden (the Episcopal title for lay leader of the congregation) five times. I have served on a Search Committee for a clergy leader for the congregation.

I have also sung in the choir and serve as lay worship leader, acolyte and lector and am part of a Worship Planning Team when the church is without permanent clergy leadership, as it is now.

List current or past community-related service activities (up to three)

In Wilmington I was an active member of two Women's Clubs. I was president and served on the District level in a leadership position. I served several years on the child advocacy organization call Partnership for Children. I was serving as president when we moved away from the Wilmington area.

Will serve if elected

Yes

Submission

Name of person submitting the form

Pat Carriker

Signature

Date Submitted:

Mar 19, 2024



Strong Connections



Nomination Form for 2024 Synod Assembly

Nominee For: Virginia Synod Council

Virginia Synod Council

Nominee For: Synod Council: Class of 2027-Lay Member from Blue Ridge Partnership, any gender

Gender: Non-binary

Do you Identify as a Person of Color and/or Language other than English: No

Nominee Contact Information

Name: Cam Haggett

Preferred Pronouns: they/them

Congregation/Parish Name and Location: College, Salem

Conference: Southern

Conference Partnership: Blue Ridge (Southern & Southern Valley)

Nominee Experience

Nominee Occupation: Student

List experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three)

1. Lifelong Lutheran
2. Involved in the church in many different capacities, ranging from worship assistance to youth participation



List current or past congregational, synod or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position (up to three)

1. Youth representative for College Lutheran Church congregation council (2023-present)
2. Appointed lay member from Blue Ridge Partnership on VA Synod Council (2023-present)
3. Lay Voting Member-At-Large for the 2023 Synod Assembly

List current or past community-related service activities (up to three)

1. Regularly fosters dogs through the Roanoke Valley SPCA
2. Volunteering with organizations such as the Salem Food Pantry through College Lutheran Church youth group
3. Tutoring younger students through the Cave Spring High School Beta Club

Will serve if elected

This is a self-nomination

Submission

Name of person submitting the form

Cam Haggett

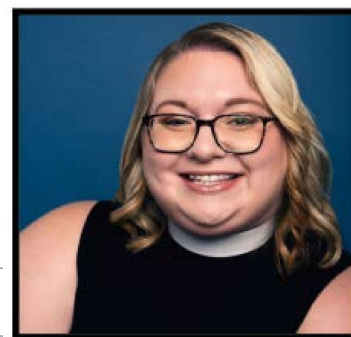
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Mar 18, 2024



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Nomination Form for 2024 Synod Assembly

Nominee For: Virginia Synod Council

Virginia Synod Council

Nominee For: Synod Council: Class of 2027-Rostered Minister from Appalachia Partnership who is a woman

Gender: female

Do you Identify as a Person of Color and/or Language other than English: No

Nominee Contact Information

Name: Kayla Keilholtz

Preferred Pronouns: she/her

Congregation/Parish Name and Location: Ebenezer, Marion

Conference: Highlands

Conference Partnership: Appalachia (Highlands & New River)

Nominee Experience

Nominee Occupation: Pastor

List experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three)

I am on tapestry and co-lead the Justice for Women tapestry thread and try to be as active as I can within the synod.

I enjoy working with others and look for opportunities on how to make the church world better.



List current or past congregational, synod or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position (up to three)

I have been able to attend three synod council meetings when I was nominated and then elected to join when a seat was vacant, I have been learning what the synod council does and it works, and believe that I can add value to the discussions, decisions, and ideas that are shared there.

Before being elected to synod council I had no experience in any sort of council position, aside from leading Ebenezer's church council, but I am a dedicated learner and enjoy working as a group.

List current or past community-related service activities (up to three)

I am a part of Appalachian Community Connectors in Marion which seeks to teach how to have hard conversations empathetically and to teach active listening when having hard conversations.

I am very active in Marion's work toward helping the homeless and underhoused population with in our community, this involves providing donations and talking to other community leaders.

If there is an opportunity to serve the community and I'm able to be there, then I'm there.

Will serve if elected

Yes

Submission

Name of person submitting the form

Kayla Keilholtz

Signature

Date Submitted:

Mar 05, 2024



Strong Connections



Nomination Form for 2024 Synod Assembly

Nominee For: Consultation Committee

Consultation Committee

Nominee For: Consultation Committee: Lay Member-Man

Do you Identify as a Person of Color and/or Language other than English No

Nominee Contact Information

Name Richard J Fraenkel

Congregation/Parish Name and Location Grace, Chesapeake

Conference Tidewater

Conference Partnership Coastal (Tidewater & Peninsulas)

Nominee Experience

Nominee Occupation US Navy Civilian

List experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three)

- As a retired Naval Officer and currently serving Navy civilian I've led a variety of organizations with diverse personnel.
- I have some experience with human resources activities.

List current or past congregational, synod or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position (up to three)

- Served on a variety of congregational councils across the country (i Washington, Nebraska, and two congregations in Virginia). Served as President of my current congregation, currently serving as the Financial Secretary. Served on two call committees.
- Active in youth ministry at all congregations



List current or past community-related service activities (up to three) - Active in Scouting while my kids were growing up.

Will serve if elected This is a self-nomination

Submission

Name of person submitting the form Richard Fraenkel

Signature



Date Submitted: Mar 26, 2024



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Nomination Form for 2024 Synod Assembly

Nominee For: Consultation Committee

Consultation Committee

Nominee For: Consultation Committee: Lay Member-Man

Do you Identify as a Person of Color
and/or Language other than English No

Nominee Contact Information

Name N. Duane Melson

Congregation/Parish Name and
Location St. Mark, Yorktown

Conference Peninsulas

Conference Partnership Coastal (Tidewater & Peninsulas)

Nominee Experience

Nominee Occupation Retired from NASA Langley, Researcher (25yrs), Supervisor (10+ yrs)

List experiences or factors that you
believe have prepared you for service in
this position (up to three)

I have years of supervisory experience in a diverse workforce first as an Assistant Branch Head in an engineering Branch, as a Branch Head in an IT Branch, as the Deputy CIO supervising supervisors, and as the acting CIO. During this time, I was able to participate in many Agency and government-wide training courses that helped me as an engineer better understand the Human Element of working with people. I was selected and attended a month-long Government-wide residence course in Charlottesville for potential Senior Executive Service employees entitled "Leadership for a Democratic Society" where we covered a full range of topics needed by senior leaders including personality types, public relations, and the foundations of our government structure.

I also participated in various Agency-wide teams to design paths forward to implement controversial management directives. These included the consolidation of supercomputing resources to an



(Continued) List experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three)

Agency-versus-field-Center implementation. I was also a member of an ad hoc team tasked with developing a charging model to programs and projects for a new Agency-wide IT desktop services contract. In the preamble telecons before the face-to-face meetings, I was able to successfully propose a set of evaluation criteria that helped the team constructively evaluate the alternatives while reducing emotional sidetracks.

I also led three contract Source Evaluation Boards (SEBs) for Center-wide contracts. These 3-7 member teams' activities included developing contract requirements working with organizations across the Center, identifying a proper contract type, presenting the contract requirements at an industry day meeting, evaluating the contract proposals, and presenting the SEB's evaluations to the Source Selection Official. These teams required close cooperation with Procurement Personnel, the Legal Office, as well as Center Management.

List current or past congregational, synod or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position (up to three)

I have served two terms on the St Mark Congregation Council for a total of 6 years, including 4 years as Council President. Two of the years as Council President were during COVID. We made decisions during COVID to follow CDC guidance and so did not meet in the building for many months but we did not miss a single Sunday of worship. We met in the parking lot with social distancing (rain or shine; hot or cold) and used Zoom for others who preferred to worship remotely. The accommodations we made to continue worship were not popular with everyone but we worked hard to hear everyone's point of view and to share the logic behind the decisions the Council made.

I have participated in the church choir for the past 11 years, singing at both service each week.

I have participated on the property committee for many years doing small repairs and painting many walls. I was also part of the Building Committee for the addition to our building complex in the late 90's.

List current or past community-related service activities (up to three)

I volunteer playing Bassoon in the Yorktown Coast Guard Training Center Ceremonial Band.

Will serve if elected

Yes

Submission

Name of person submitting the form

Duane Melson

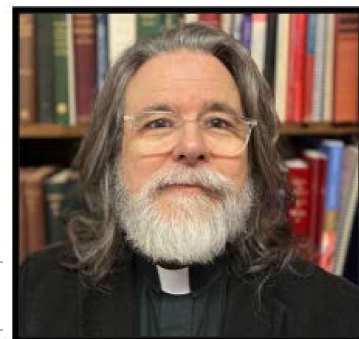
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Feb 16, 2024



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Nomination Form for 2024 Synod Assembly

Nominee For: ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

Nominee For: Churchwide Assembly: Rostered Minister - Man

Gender: Male

Do you Identify as a Person of Color and/or Language other than English: No

Nominee Contact Information

Name: Rev Michael Church

Preferred Pronouns: he, him, his

Congregation/Parish Name and Location: Our Saviour, Warrenton

Conference: Germanna

Conference Partnership: Piedmont (Richmond & Germanna)

Nominee Experience

Nominee Occupation: Clergy

List experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three)

(1) A deep understanding of Lutheran history in the American context including the history of the ELCA. (2) A passion for the church as an instrument of God's mission, centered on the Gospel as it is described in our statements of faith.



List current or past congregational, synod or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position (up to three)

(1) Twenty-eight years of ordained ministry in urban, suburban and small-town settings. (2) Service as ELCA Global Missions deployed staff in Romania. (3) Six years as conference dean.

List current or past community-related service activities (up to three)

(1) Board president, St. John's House (transitional housing in the Bronx, NY); (2) Participant, Leadership Fauquier (community leadership program, Virginia)

Will serve if elected

This is a self-nomination

Submission

Name of person submitting the form

Michael Church

Signature

Date Submitted:

Mar 29, 2024



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Nomination Form for 2024 Synod Assembly

Nominee For: ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

Nominee For: Churchwide Assembly: Rostered Minister - Man

Gender: Man

Do you Identify as a Person of Color and/or Language other than English: No

Nominee Contact Information

Name: Rev Luke M Swanson

Preferred Pronouns: he/him

Congregation/Parish Name and Location: Trinity, Roanoke

Conference: Southern

Conference Partnership: Blue Ridge (Southern & Southern Valley)

Nominee Experience

Nominee Occupation: Pastor

List experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three)

I have experience in my congregation working in partnership with other organizations in the Roanoke Valley. I cultivate the leadership of my community to see themselves as partners so that our ministry can go beyond the borders of our ministry site while using the resources we have to help others. I believe this helps me see myself as a partner in the wider ministry of the church, which is helpful when participating in wider church events, like the churchwide assembly. Furthermore, I don't rush in to assert my view, but I carefully listen and discern based on the experiences and voices of others. My work with the VA Synod candidacy committee also requires me to carefully look over materials provided so that I respect the information that comes to me and value the person/s who have presented it to me and/or the group I am working with. Most importantly, I lead by faith and careful discernment of who God is calling me to be.



List current or past congregational, synod or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position (up to three)

In addition to serving as a pastor in my first call, I serve on the Virginia Candidacy Committee. I bring a younger voice to the conversations and I can identify with candidates having so recently gone through the candidacy process myself. Additionally, I served as a Young Adult in Global Mission, so my understanding of the wider church goes beyond the ELCA and I can see how the decisions made at a wider level have implications locally and globally.

List current or past community-related service activities (up to three)

My most recent work in the community has been through interactions with the Spanish speaking community in Roanoke, VA. I have conversational competency in Spanish due to past educational and volunteer experiences I have had in Spanish speaking countries. Currently, I am using my gifts to build relationships with leaders in the Spanish speaking community. I use my competency and experience in Spanish to help the Fralin Free Clinic in Roanoke where they provide free healthcare to the unhoused, migrants, and others who do not have access to healthcare. The primary way I help is through relationship building and Spanish language interpretation. Conversing in Spanish allows me to connect and support others, allowing them to communicate authentically and feel valued. Lastly, I volunteer my time to support feeding ministries of other congregations in the Roanoke Valley, directing me to look beyond myself and see how God is there for all people.

Will serve if elected

This is a self-nomination

Submission

Name of person submitting the form

Luke Swanson

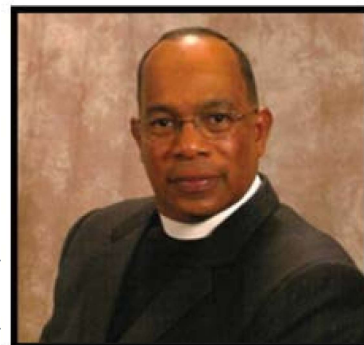
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Mar 27, 2024



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Nomination Form for 2024 Synod Assembly

Nominee For: ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

Nominee For: Churchwide Assembly: Rostered Minister - Person of color and/or whose primary language is other than English - Person of any Gender

Gender Man

Do you Identify as a Person of Color and/or Language other than English Yes

Nominee Contact Information

Name Pr. Harry W Griffith

Preferred Pronouns he/ him

Congregation/Parish Name and Location St. John, Norfolk

Conference Tidewater

Conference Partnership Coastal (Tidewater & Peninsulas)

Nominee Experience

Nominee Occupation Retired Parish Pastor and US Navy Chaplain

List experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three) Currently serving as Tidewater Conference Dean.
Member of Virginia Synod Tapestry Task Group



List current or past congregational, synod or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position (up to three)

US Navy Chaplain (33 years)
Parish Pastor (3 years in Cleveland, Ohio) Parish Pastor (12 years, Our Saviour - Virginia Beach)

Member of ELCA Federal Chaplain Endorsement Committee

Member of ELCA Federal Chaplaincy Scholarship Committee

List current or past community-related service activities (up to three)

Bayside Ecumenical Partners (local clergy group involving nine of our ecumenical partners)

Member of the Roanoke College Board of Trustees

Will serve if elected

This is a self-nomination

Submission

Name of person submitting the form

Harry Griffith

Signature

Date Submitted:

Mar 28, 2024



Strong Connections



Nomination Form for 2024 Synod Assembly

Nominee For: ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

Nominee For: Churchwide Assembly: Rostered Minister - Person of color and/or whose primary language is other than English - Person of any Gender

Gender Female

Do you Identify as a Person of Color and/or Language other than English Yes

Nominee Contact Information

Name Viktoria H Parvin

Preferred Pronouns She/Her

Congregation/Parish Name and Location St. Mark, Charlottesville

Conference Germanna

Conference Partnership Piedmont (Richmond & Germanna)

Nominee Experience

Nominee Occupation Pastor

List experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three)

In 2022 I served on the CWA Memorials Committee
In 2023 I attended the Rostered Ministers Gathering
I served at the Episcopal Lutheran Joint Committee in the VA Synod



List current or past congregational, synod or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position (up to three)

I was previously member of the Global Mission Committee in central Southern illinois.
Currently I serve on the Candidacy Committee for Virginia Synod.
I serve a Reconciling in Christ Congregation with Preschool and Campus Ministry.

List current or past community-related service activities (up to three)

Hosted those homeless at church through PACEM (People and Congregations Engaged in Ministry)
Worked with students at the University of Virginia via United Ministries Group.
Participated at the annual Pride Festival with my church.

Will serve if elected

Yes

Submission

Name of person submitting the form

Viktoria Parvin

Signature

Viktoria Parvin

Date Submitted:

Apr 03, 2024



Strong Connections



Nomination Form for 2024 Synod Assembly

Nominee For: ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

Nominee For: Churchwide Assembly: Rostered Minister - Person of color and/or whose primary language is other than English - Person of any gender

Gender Female

Do you Identify as a Person of Color and/or Language other than English Yes

Nominee Contact Information

Name Rev Tarja K Stevenson

Preferred Pronouns She/her

Congregation/Parish Name and Location St. Paul, Shenandoah-River of Life Parish

Conference Page

Conference Partnership Valley (Central Valley, Northern Valley, & Page)

Nominee Experience

Nominee Occupation Pastor

List experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three)

I was born and raised in Finland and have years of experience working as a volunteer and as well as youth director and pastor both in Finland and US. I have a long experience serving as an ELCA pastor both in congregations and in t synods; I have been a member of number of synod committees over the years from youth to finances and everything between. I bring a unique perspective having been trained both in the US and Finland.



List current or past congregational, synod or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position (up to three)

The dean of Page County Conference.
Synodical youth ministry coordinator.
National Lutheran taskforce to respond to the veterans needs returning to civilian life.

List current or past community-related service activities (up to three)

Mission support activities for sister church in Namibia.
Work with local social ministry agencies to alleviate food and housing insecurity.
Chaplaincy services at local and Lutheran retirement/nursing facilities.
Hosting international church guests at my home and church from places like Estonia and Namibia and others.

Will serve if elected

This is a self-nomination

Submission

Name of person submitting the form

Tarja Stevenson

Signature

Date Submitted:

Mar 29, 2024



Strong Connections



Nomination Form for 2024 Synod Assembly

Nominee For: ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

Nominee For: Churchwide Assembly: Lay Member-Man

Gender: Male

Do you Identify as a Person of Color and/or Language other than English: No

Nominee Contact Information

Name: Tom Bartkiewicz

Preferred Pronouns: He/Him

Congregation/Parish Name and Location: Our Saviour, Warrenton

Conference: Germanna

Conference Partnership: Piedmont (Richmond & Germanna)

Nominee Experience

Nominee Occupation: Software Engineer

List experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three): Past Congregation Council President

A heart for learning (completed VA Synod's ACTS program) and teaching (Adult Education Teacher) enables me to tell the story to others in an accessible way.

Deeply involved with both stewardship and finance within the congregation serving as the stewardship committee chair, finance and audit committee member, and Financial Peace & Six Weeks on Money coordinator/coach.



List current or past congregational, synod or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position (up to three)

VA Synod Adult Leader for Youth Assembly, Winter Celebration, Junior High Servant Event and Kairos

LTSS / ELCA Region 9 Council for Stewardship Education - At Large Member

ELCA Level 1 Coach & ELCA Level 2 Stewardship Coach

List current or past community-related service activities (up to three)

Fauquier Habitat for Humanity - Board Member/Board Chair

Virginia Statewide Community Land Trust - Founding Board Member

Leader for Our Saviour Warrenton's 30 Hour Famine for World Vision raising funds and awareness in youth and community.

Will serve if elected

Yes

Submission

Name of person submitting the form

Dave Raecke

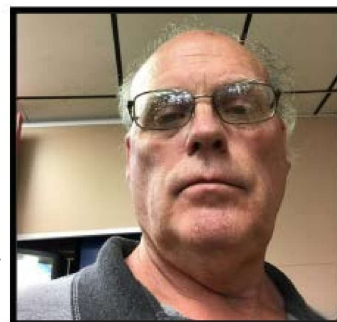
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Mar 26, 2024



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Nomination Form for 2024 Synod Assembly

Nominee For: ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

Nominee For: Churchwide Assembly: Lay Member-Man

Gender Male

Do you Identify as a Person of Color and/or Language other than English No

Nominee Contact Information

Name Mr Richard W Corliss

Congregation/Parish Name and Location St. Timothy, Norfolk

Conference Tidewater

Conference Partnership Coastal (Tidewater & Peninsulas)

Nominee Experience

Nominee Occupation Warehouse manager, bus driver for school and assisted living, teacher assistant, uniform salesman

List experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three)

I have visited over 25 Virginia Synod congregations from Norfolk to Bristol and Winchester.
Previous churchwide assembly lay voting member in New Orleans
Presently serving on Virginia Synod Council, 2nd term expiring in 2025



List current or past congregational, synod or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position (up to three)

20 plus years as St Timothy, Norfolk treasurer
Former Sunday School teacher at St John and St Timothy, Norfolk
Volunteer at Caroline Furnace Lutheran camp

List current or past community-related service activities (up to three)

Three time international Thrivent/Habitat for Humanity build volunteer
Volunteer at St Timothy, Norfolk food pantry
Property coordinator at St Timothy, Norfolk

Will serve if elected

This is a self-nomination

Submission

Name of person submitting the form

Richard Corliss

Signature

Date Submitted:

Mar 22, 2024



Nomination Form for 2024 Synod Assembly

Nominee For: ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

Nominee For: Churchwide Assembly: Lay Member-Man

Gender: Man

Do you Identify as a Person of Color and/or Language other than English: No

Nominee Contact Information

Name: Mr. CARLTON P HARDY

Preferred Pronouns: he/him

Congregation/Parish Name and Location: St. Mark, Yorktown

Conference: Peninsulas

Conference Partnership: Coastal (Tidewater & Peninsulas)

Nominee Experience

Nominee Occupation: Retired (Federal Civil Service - Army)

List experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three)

1. Church Council - St. Paul's, Hampton - 2 ter
2. Church Council - St. Mark, Yorktown - 2 terms - Preside
3. Synod Council - Virginia Synod - 2 terms (currently serving second te and the first openly LGBT council member)



List current or past congregational, synod or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position (up to three)

1. Facilitate the Serving Boldly Award (4 years)
2. St Mark Council President
3. 50th Anniversary chair for both St Mark and St Paul

List current or past community-related service activities (up to three)

1. Board member, Young Audiences of Virginia (arts education)
2. Board member, Cultural Alliance of Greater Hampton Roads (President, Vice President, Secretary)
3. City of Newport News representative on the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission's Community Advisory Committee.

Will serve if elected

This is a self-nomination

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Name of person submitting the form

CARLTON HARDY

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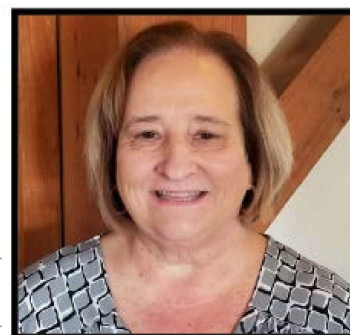
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Date Submitted:

Mar 16, 2024



Strong Connections



Nomination Form for 2024 Synod Assembly

Nominee For: ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

Nominee For: Churchwide Assembly: Lay Member-Woman

Gender female

Do you Identify as a Person of Color and/or Language other than English No

Nominee Contact Information

Name Judy Castelee

Preferred Pronouns she/her

Congregation/Parish Name and Location Good Shepherd, Lexington

Conference Southern Valley

Conference Partnership Blue Ridge (Southern & Southern Valley)

Nominee Experience

Nominee Occupation Nonprofit Executive Director

List experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three) Experience in all expressions of the church
30+ years of nonprofit business management experience
BS in Human Resources Management



List current or past congregational, synod or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position (up to three)

Synod Council Secretary (current)
Virginia Synodical Women's Organization president (past)
Congregational Council President (past)

List current or past community-related service activities (up to three)

Feeding the Timber Framers
Baking for the Community Table
Participation in MLK and Pride events

Will serve if elected

Yes

Submission

Name of person submitting the form

Judy Castelee

Signature

Date Submitted:

Feb 29, 2024



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Nomination Form for 2024 Synod Assembly

Nominee For: ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

Nominee For: Churchwide Assembly: Lay Member-Person of any gender

Gender Female

Do you Identify as a Person of Color and/or Language other than English No

Nominee Contact Information

Name Sylvia M Miles

Preferred Pronouns she/her

Congregation/Parish Name and Location Good Shepherd, Galax

Conference New River

Conference Partnership Appalachia (Highlands & New River)

Nominee Experience

Nominee Occupation Pharmacist, Retired

List experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three)

-Local mission: served on Board of Directors of Food Independence (a food bank) - established and operated since 2020. Served as information collection and reporting Board Member. (4 years)

-Hospitality Committee Chairperson: coordinating weekly after-church hospitality events, as well as all other special events - with a focus on fellowship (4 years)

-Owned and operated Williamstown Pharmacy for 25 years)



List current or past congregational, synod or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position (up to three)

- Elected and served on (Vestry) Council 2020-2024
- Commissioned Lay Preacher, first in the Presbyterian denomination x 15 yrs, then in Lutheran (commissioned 2023)
- Synod Authorized Minister-to be commissioned in June, 2024

List current or past community-related service activities (up to three)

- Served on the Board of Directors of the Hearts and Hands Ministry and supervised our paid coordinator. This Ministry provided financial assistance and counselling for those in need. (10 Years)
- Operated a Clothing Exchange in the basement of my pharmacy - provided new and used clothing for those in need, at no charge (10 years)
- Served as a year-long mentor to 2 women that were being sponsored by a grant from the Sisters of St Joseph to become financially self-sufficient (2 years/1 woman per year).

Will serve if elected

Yes

Submission

Name of person submitting the form

Sylvia Miles

Signature

Date Submitted:

Mar 28, 2024



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Nomination Form for 2024 Synod Assembly

Nominee For: ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

Nominee For: Churchwide Assembly: Lay Member - Young Adult (30 or younger) - Person of any gender

Gender Non-binary

Do you Identify as a Person of Color and/or Language other than English No

Nominee Contact Information

Name Cam Haggett

Preferred Pronouns they/them

Congregation/Parish Name and Location College, Salem

Conference Southern

Conference Partnership Blue Ridge (Southern & Southern Valley)

Nominee Experience

Nominee Occupation Student

List experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three)

1. Lifelong Luther
2. Involved in the church in many different capacities



List current or past congregational, synod or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position (up to three)

1. Youth representative for College Lutheran Church congregation council (2023-present)
2. Lay member from Blue Ridge Partnership on VA Synod Council (2023-present)
3. Lay Voting Member-At-Large for the 2023 Synod Assembly

List current or past community-related service activities (up to three)

1. Regularly fosters dogs through the Roanoke Valley SPCA
2. Volunteering with organizations such as the Salem Food Pantry through College Lutheran Church youth group
3. Tutoring younger students through the Cave Spring High School Beta Club

Will serve if elected

This is a self-nomination

Submission

Name of person submitting the form

Cam Haggett

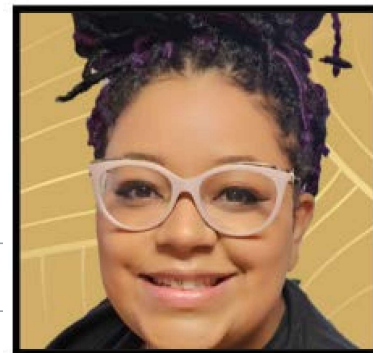
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Date Submitted:

Mar 16, 2024



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Nomination Form for 2024 Synod Assembly

Nominee For: ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

Nominee For: Churchwide Assembly: Lay Member - Young Adult (30 or younger) - Person of any gender

Gender Female

Do you Identify as a Person of Color and/or Language other than English Yes

Nominee Contact Information

Name Jillian C Stierwalt

Congregation/Parish Name and Location St. Andrew, Portsmouth

Conference Tidewater

Conference Partnership Coastal (Tidewater & Peninsulas)

Nominee Experience

Nominee Occupation Student @ Norfolk State University and Wait Staff Trainer @ Longhorn Steakhouse

List experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three) Jillian is the NSU chapter president of NEXTGEN (a non-partisan voting rights advocacy group teaching college-age adults about civics and responsible citizenship), She has interacted with various members of local and state government. She has worked in the service industry for many years. Jillian is passionate about sharing her faith and caring for the students at NSU.



List current or past congregational, synod or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position (up to three)

Jillian currently serves on the Synod Council, has attended all youth events, and is a voting member in good standing at St. Andrew Lutheran Church.

List current or past community-related service activities (up to three)

Jillian has been a member of the Nansemond River Magnificent Marching Warriors and the Norfolk State Spartan Legion. These groups have allowed her to participate in several service activities including parades and music education for elementary and high school youth. Jillian has served at Portsmouth Volunteers for the Homeless and at Oasis, caring for those in need. She has used her American Sign Language skills to communicate with those often left out, connecting them with valuable resources within their communities.

Will serve if elected

Yes

Submission

Name of person submitting the form

Suzanne Stierwalt

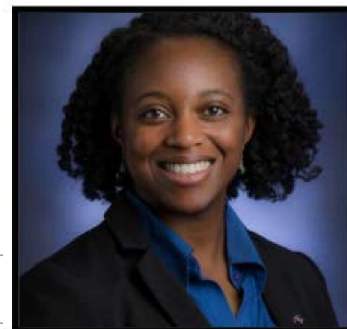
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Nomination Form for 2024 Synod Assembly

Nominee For: ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

Nominee For: Churchwide Assembly: Lay Member - Person of color and/or whose primary language is other than English - Person of any gender

Gender Woman

Do you Identify as a Person of Color and/or Language other than English Yes

Nominee Contact Information

Name Dr Yolanda Shea

Preferred Pronouns She/her

Congregation/Parish Name and Location First, Norfolk

Conference Tidewater

Conference Partnership Coastal (Tidewater & Peninsulas)

Nominee Experience

Nominee Occupation Atmospheric Research Scientist



List experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three)

1. I am currently the science lead for an Earth Science mission that will take measurements of Earth from space. In this role I condense complex concepts into relatable explanations for diverse audiences, fiercely advocate for my project and co-workers, and shepherd my team toward project goals.
2. I served as my co-op's secretary, which required attention to detail, responsiveness to the needs of the community, and significant organization.
3. I have worked on and led several diverse teams that spanned multiple disciplines, organizations, and personalities. This extensive team work has taught me about how to effectively navigate conflict to come to a resolution, while respecting the diverse voices in the room.

List current or past congregational, synod or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position (up to three)

1. I have served as a member of my congregation's worship committee
2. I am serving on the VA Synod Serving Boldly Award selection panel.
3. I have attended the 2022 VA Synod Assembly as a voting member from my congregation.

List current or past community-related service activities (up to three)

The bulk of my community service is related to exposing and engaging students in STEM fields. In this work, I travel to local schools to talk about my work in atmospheric science and encourage students to follow their curiosity, even if they find a topic challenging. I also participate in virtual classroom visits including through the organization DreamWakers.

Will serve if elected

This is a self-nomination

Submission

Name of person submitting the form

Yolanda Shea

Signature

Date Submitted:

Mar 28, 2024