



## Nomination Form for 2024 Synod Assembly

Nominee For:	ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member
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### ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

Nominee For:	Churchwide Assembly: Rosterd Minister - Young Adult (30 or younger) - Person of any gender
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Gender	Female
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Do you Identify as a Person of Color and/or Language other than English	No
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### Nominee Contact Information

Name	Emily Edmonds
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Preferred Pronouns	she/her
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Congregation/Parish Name and Location	Grace, Rural Retreat-Rural Retreat Parish
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Conference	Southern
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Conference Partnership	Blue Ridge (Southern & Southern Valley)
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### Nominee Experience

Nominee Occupation	Emily Edmonds
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**List experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three)**

1. I served as YAGM volunteer and therefore have had the opportunity to experience Global Missions and the Lutheran's churches present throughout the world. This gives me a broader range of experiences to draw from when considering church-wide matters.

2. I am a Board Certified Clinical Chaplain through the APC which means in addition to seminary and the process of ordination, I have received further training in the study of ethics, ecumenical relationships and human behavior. I feel this experience will allow me to think critically of the issues that will be presented at church-wide.

3. My call allows me to truly be "in the community." I have a deep compassion and understanding for the societal issues that exist within Virginia and those who are most vulnerable and in need in our communities.

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

1. I am an active participant within the synod serving on planning teams, in worship for synod assemblies and in educational opportunities.

2. I am present and supportive of many local congregations within Lynchburg

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

1. I am a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity: Lynchburg

2. I regularly participate in volunteer opportunities related to combating homelessness and prevention of suicide.

3. In the process of becoming a volunteer with Tree Stewards Lynchburg to care for creation in a more intentional way.

**Will serve if elected**

Yes

## **Submission**

**Name of person submitting the form**

Emily Edmonds

**Signature**



**Date Submitted:**

Apr 27, 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 - Young Adult (30 or younger) -  
Person of any gender

Gender doesn't matter

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

### Nominee Contact Information

Name Bex Williams

Preferred Pronouns they/them she/her

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)	I served on the LYOB for 4 years, and I am active in my congregation. I care deeply about the present and future of the church.
List current or past congregational, synod or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position (up to three)	LYOB 2018-2022 Worship leadership in various positions, acolyte, crucifer, reader, communion assistant
List current or past community-related service activities (up to three)	FBLA 2020-2022 Grace and Main 2026-2019
Will serve if elected	Yes

Submission

Name of person submitting the form	Meredith Williams
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Signature



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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** Yes

### Nominee Contact Information

**Name** Nicole L Smith

**Preferred Pronouns** She/her

**Congregation/Parish Name and Location** St. Andrew, Portsmouth

**Conference** Tidewater

**Conference Partnership** Coastal (Tidewater & Peninsulas)

### Nominee Experience

**Nominee Occupation** Teacher of the Deaf/ Volunteer with ELCA Youth

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

I have been a member of the ELCA in the Tidewater region. I have enjoyed and had the pleasure of working with our ELCA youth for over 20 years. Being an active member I have been aware of how our decisions effect all ages of our church body. My experience have prepared me to be aware of ongoing needs, wants, and dreams. I am accustomed to meeting the diverse needs of all individuals at all levels of abilities and and ages. I will work tirelessly to maintain people's needs and weigh that decision based on my experiences and studies. This is rather a quick abbreviation of what I find my strengths are in. I am willing to answer any questions.

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

ELCA Youth,  
community outreach within our church  
Understanding equal opportunities for all people of all abilities.

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

ASL clubs  
Community outreach  
And assemblies

**Will serve if elected**

Yes

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**Name of person submitting the form**

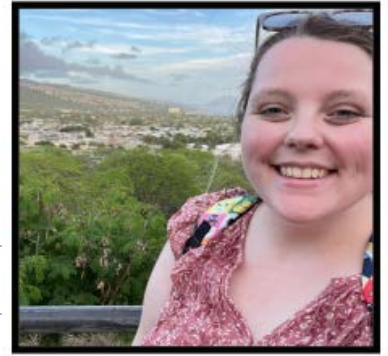
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## Nomination Form for 2024 Synod Assembly

Nominee For: ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

### ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

Nominee For: Churchwide Assembly: Lay Member-Woman

Gender: Female

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

### Nominee Contact Information

Name: Maren E Corliss

Preferred Pronouns: She/Her

Congregation/Parish Name and Location: St. Timothy, Norfolk

Conference: Tidewater

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

### Nominee Experience

Nominee Occupation: Teacher Assistant and Youth Coordinator

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

-Young Adult in Global Mission (YAGM) volunteer in Hungary working with the Roma population (2019-2020)  
-Youth and Young Adult Ministry Intern for the Virginia Synod (Summer 2018)

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

-Young Adult in Global Mission (YAGM) volunteer in Hungary working with the Roma population (2019-2020)  
-Youth and Young Adult Ministry Intern for the Virginia Synod (Summer 2018)  
-VA Synod Youth Event - Lost and Found Adult Advisor

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

-Food Pantry Volunteer at St. Timothy Lutheran Church  
-Girls on the Run Coach

**Will serve if elected**

Yes

## Submission

**Name of person submitting the form**

Maren Corliss

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**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** Man

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

### Nominee Contact Information

**Name** Micah Keyser-Rothgery

**Preferred Pronouns** He/him

**Congregation/Parish Name and  
Location** Christ, 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)**

1. Active Member at Christ Lutheran Church
2. National Youth Gathering in Houston
3. Games master at VBS

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

1. Serving on Youth Ministry Committee for Virginia Synod
2. Serving on Church Council as Youth Representative
3. Worship Assistant

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

1. Volunteer at Rescue Mission
2. Volunteer at Cleaning up the Valley
3. Clarinet player in Roanoke Valley Community Band

**Will serve if elected**

Yes

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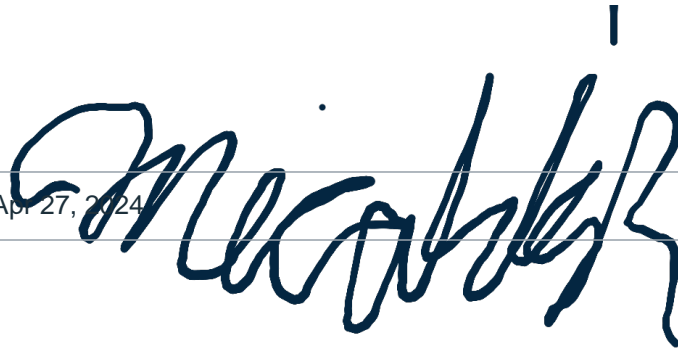
**Name of person submitting the form**

Micah Keyser-Rothgery

**Signature**

**Date Submitted:**

Apr 27, 2024

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## Nomination Form for 2024 Synod Assembly

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### 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
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Gender	Female
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Do you Identify as a Person of Color and/or Language other than English	Yes
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### Nominee Contact Information

Name	Gloria J Fennell
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Preferred Pronouns	she/her
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Congregation/Parish Name and Location	Good Shepherd, Lexington
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Conference	Southern Valley
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Conference Partnership	Blue Ridge (Southern & Southern Valley)
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### Nominee Experience

Nominee Occupation	Water Treatment
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**List experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three)**

Vice President of church council  
Crisis counselor for domestic violence program  
Housing advocate

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

Member of Disciplinary Committee  
Churchwide voting member  
Property committee chair

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

Pride Festival leader  
MLK parade participant  
CARE (community anti-racism education) board member

**Will serve if elected**

Yes

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**Name of person submitting the form**

Gloria Fennell

**Signature**

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## Nomination Form for 2024 Synod Assembly

**Nominee For:** ELCA Church Council

## ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

**Nominee For:** ELCA Church Council: Lay Member - Person of color and/or whose primary language is other than English - Young Adult (at the synod assembly between 18-30 years old) - Woman

**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**Will serve if elected**

Yes

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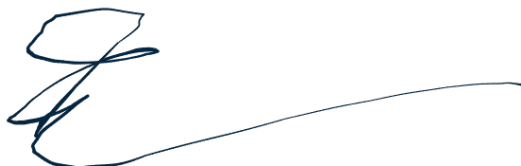
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**Name of person submitting the form**

Suzanne Stierwalt

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**Signature**



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Mar 27, 2024

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