

2. Conference positions for NT-NL Synod Council

Four-year terms beginning July 1 2018 and ending June 30, 2022

Synod Council members are the Synod's "connectors" to and from Synod Council meetings. The Council conducts the necessary business for the Synod between assemblies. This body of leaders gathers three times a year as a Council: in (Fall) September for a two day retreat (Fri. & Sat), (Winter) late January or early February at Briarwood /retreat Center or in a NT-NL congregation, and (Spring) just prior to assemblies at the assembly venue. This is an awesome responsibility that requires dedication and commitment, time and energy to be out and about within the respective conference.

S9.01.01. Synod Council members, voting members from this synod to the Churchwide assembly, and members of the Discipline Committee and Consultation Committee shall be elected at large by the Synod Assembly. Synod Council members, except the officers, shall be elected at large by the Synod Assembly from nominations submitted by conferences so that there are two lay persons from each conference, one male and one female, and an ordained minister or Synodically Authorized Worship Leader from each conference on the Synod Council. It is the expectation that the two lay voting members serving on the Synod Council shall not be from the same congregation, nor be married to each other or from the same household. It is the expectation that one of the voting members from a conference shall be under the age of thirty-five (35) at the time of election and the other shall be age thirty-five or older at the time of election. The Synod Council shall ensure that a youth member is elected to serve on the Synod Council. Clergy members to the Synod Council may be from the same congregation as one of the lay voting members.

BALLOT - B. Synod Council – Hispanic/Latin@ Conference

Minister of Word and Sacrament

Elect ONE



NAME: Pr. Aura Violeta Siguenza-Del Aguila Walnut Hill / Dallas

Occupation: ELCA Rostered Minister of Word and Sacrament

Education: B.S. Psychology and TEEM graduate through LSPS

Leadership:

Parish - All aspects of congregational life.

NT-NL/CW – NT-NL Endowment Fund and NT-NL Synod Council

Community - Dallas Area Interfaith and Family Place.

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BALLOT - C.**Synod Council - Eastern Conference****Minister of Word and Sacrament****Elect ONE**

NAME: **Pr. Russell Vardell** First United / Dallas, TX
Eastern Conference

Occupation: ELCA Rostered Minister of Word and Sacrament
Education: MDiv, MTh (Church History) -- Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, MN; PhD (American History) -- University of Houston, Houston, TX; MS -- Computer Education and Cognitive Studies, University of North Texas, Denton, TX

Leadership:

Parish – All aspects of congregational life: Pastor, First United, Dallas, Texas; Pastor, Our Saviour's , Durant, Oklahoma; Pastor, Our Redeemer, Grand Prairie, Texas; Pastor, St. John Lutheran Parish, Westhoff / Lindenau, Texas; Pastor, St. Paul Lutheran Parish, Nordheim/Runge, Texas; Interim Pastor: Shepherd of Life Lutheran, Arlington, Texas; First, Waco, Texas; Good Shepherd Lutheran, Irving, Texas; University of Houston Campus; Ministry, Houston, Texas; Texas Southern University Campus Ministry, Houston, Texas; Pulpit Supply: NT-NL, SWTexas, TX Gulf Coast, and Grand Canyon Synods
NT-NL/CW - TEEM candidate Mentor; Parish Lay Mission Academy, Dean and Church History Instructor; Conference Dean and Assistant Dean; Theological Conference Planning Committee Synod Council (partial term); Presenter at Synod Assembly, ALOA, Congregations SELECT course facilitator
Community - Boy Scout troop volunteer; Local School PTA Treasurer; Speaker for Community Groups; CROP Walk

BALLOT - D.**Synod Council – Heart of Texas Conference****Lay Male (O)****Elect ONE**

NAME: **Dr. Douglas Krug** Hope / Comanche, TX

Occupation: Psychologist

Education: PhD, Experimental Psychology; Re-specialization, Clinical Psychology

Leadership:

Parish - Council President many times Hope; Council several positions Hope; Grounds and property, St. Matthews, Fort Worth; Ministerial Support, St. Matthews, Fort Worth
NT-NL/CW - Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM), President; Big Country Lutheran Camp volunteer
Community - Scouts, Local and district; 4-H; Volunteer nursing homes, youth activities, senior center; Alzheimer's support group resource.

**BALLOT - E. Synod Council – Heart of Texas Conference
Lay Female (U)**

Elect ONE

NAME: **Name** Congregation / City, State Code

Occupation:

Education:

Leadership:

Parish -

NT-NL/CW -

Community -

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BALLOT - F. Synod Council – Conference Out West - Lay Male (O)

Elect ONE



NAME: **Mr. K. Fritz Leifeste** Calvary/ San Angelo, TX

Occupation: Retired 2009 from Angelo State University in San Angelo as an Associate Professor. I went back to work in 2010 at Sul Ross State University in Alpine and retired again as Director of the Division of Education in 2013

Education: B.S., M.Ed., Ed.D

Leadership:

Parish -

Social Service Committee; Committee for raising funds for Church remodel; Call Committee; Current: Church Council (treasurer)

NT-NL/CW – 2017 Voting Member to Assembly

Community - Past- Rotary Club; Past-Board Member for ARC of San Angelo; Past-Board Member for Project Dignadad food pantry

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BALLOT - G. Synod Council – Conference Out West - Lay Female

Elect ONE



NAME: Ms. Teresa Swecker

Trinity Evangelical / Miles, TX

Occupation: Wife and Mother

Education: College degree

Leadership:

Parish - Bell Choir, Count offering on Sunday, Birthday and Anniversary

cards, Hospitality, Reader, greeter, usher, ETC.

NT-NL/CW – Attended past assemblies as a voting member and attended the Youth Gathering in Louisiana

Community - Bronte Park Restoration, Fun day in the Park - Bronte, Brontoberfest, Clean up Bronte, Band Mom and Band Booster Treasurer for 6 years, Volunteer 1 day a week at Bronte ISD.

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