

2018



Part C
Addendum to the
Book of Reports

Elections

Nominations - General Election

1. NT-NL Synod Treasurer

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

S8.40. Treasurer

+S8.41. The treasurer may be elected by the Synod Assembly or may be appointed by the Synod Council. The treasurer shall be a voting member of a congregation of this synod. The treasurer may be either a layperson or an ordained minister.

S8.42. The treasurer shall provide and be accountable for:

- a. Management of the monies and accounts of this synod, its deeds, mortgages, contracts, evidences of claims and revenues, and trust funds, holding the same at all times subject to the order of this synod.
- b. Investment of funds upon the authorization of the Synod Council.
- c. Receipt and acknowledgment of offerings, contributions, and bequests made to this synod, collecting interest and income from its invested funds, and paying regular appropriations and orders on the several accounts as approved and directed by the Synod Council. The treasurer shall transmit each month to the treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America the funds received by this synod for the general work of this church.
- d. Maintenance of a regular account with each congregation of this synod and informing the congregation, at least quarterly, of the status of this account.
- e. Rendering at each regular meeting of the Synod Assembly a full, detailed, and duly audited report of receipts and disbursements in the several accounts of this synod for the preceding fiscal year, together with the tabulation, for record and publication in the minutes, of the contributions from the congregations.
- f. Obtaining a fidelity bond in the amount determined by the Synod Council for persons handling synod funds, which bond shall be in the custody of the secretary. The premium for the bond shall be paid by this synod. Fidelity coverage provided by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America shall be deemed a fulfillment of the requirement.

BALLOT - A. - NT-NL Synod Treasurer-

Ordained or Lay- **ELECT ONE**

(term begins July 1, 2018 and ends June 30, 2022)



NAME: Mark V. Bradley Christ / Dallas, TX

Occupation: Retired (former Finance Manager for IBM) NE Dallas Conference

Education: MBA, University of Minnesota MA in Teaching, St. Thomas, MN
BA in Economics, Carleton, MN and CMA (Certified Management Accountant)

Leadership:

Parish - Mutual Ministry Team, Christ Lutheran, Dallas (2016 –); Finance Secretary / Council, Christ Lutheran, Dallas (2011 – 2014); Endowment Fund Chairperson, Zumbro Lutheran Church (2006 – 2009); President / VP, Zumbro Lutheran Church, Roseville, MN (1995 -1996); Finance Committee Chairperson, Zumbro Lutheran Church, (1990 -1994)

NT-NL/CW - NT-NL Mission Endowment Fund Board member, Parliamentarian at Mission Area Assembly. Formerly: SE MN Synod Treasurer

Community - Church and Family

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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: **The Rev. 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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3. ELCA Church Council Position

Six-year term beginning 2019

The NT-NL Synod is paired with the Arkansas Oklahoma (AOK) Synod in continuing resolution 19.02.C05. for the purpose of nominating two persons to the ELCA Church Council to be elected by the 2019 Churchwide Assembly. The nominating committee has assigned the category of Minister of Word and Sacrament to our synod for nomination.

We are looking for people who would bring a commitment to the work of this church in all of its expressions. It is important that those nominated can work with the other members of the Church Council in assuming the governance role that has been assigned to the council.

*This means that our 2018 Synod Assembly will **select two persons** who fit this category. These persons will then be nominated to the Churchwide Assembly, which will elect one to a six-year term on the Church Council, beginning upon the conclusion of the 2019 assembly.*

The process that our synod uses to identify and nominate these people is not described in the constitution. What is required is that the Synod Assembly nominates them. That means there will need to be a vote of the assembly to place these two people in nomination. Once these names are presented to the assembly in Milwaukee, there is not provision for nominations from the floor for this position. The two people we nominate from our 2018 Synod Assembly will be the only two on the ballot for the 2019 Churchwide Assembly.

BALLOT - H. Nominees to the 2019 Churchwide Assembly for a clergy position on the ELCA Church Council Elect TWO



NAME: **The Rev. 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

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NAME: The Rev. Neil White Rejoice / Frisco, TX
Dallas Area Metro North Conference

Occupation: ELCA Rostered Minister of Word and Sacrament
Education: B.S. in Civil Engineering, Texas A&M University 1995
MDiv Wartburg Theological Seminary 2004

Leadership:

Parish - Previously: Pastor of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, North Little Rock, AR; Peace Lutheran Church, Edmond, OK and Trinity Lutheran Church, Papillion, NE. Currently Pastor of Rejoice Lutheran Church, Frisco, TX. While at Rejoice in Frisco helped facilitate the planning and construction of a major expansion at Rejoice which will be completed this month.

NT-NL/CW - Was a part of both the Synod's Leadership Development Team and still a part of the Congregational Renewal (now Congregation Vitality) Team. Served as associate dean of the Dallas Area Metro North Conference from 2015-2017 and currently serves as the dean for the conference.

Community - Founded the Frisco Interfaith Alliance which has rapidly grown to discuss how multiple faiths live out their faiths in Frisco's diverse community. A member of the Student Health and Activities Committee for Frisco ISD.

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NAME: The Rev. Nick Billardello Abiding Grace / Southlake, TX
Metroplex West

Conference
Occupation: ELCA Rostered Minister of Word and Sacrament
Education: BA: Oakland University, Rochester MI, MDiv: Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus OH

Leadership:

Parish - I began Abiding Grace Lutheran Church as a Mission Developer in 2010. After Abiding Grace organized as a congregation in June of 2011, I was called as Senior Pastor and am still serving as such. Over the course of my ministry, I have led Abiding Grace through two capital campaigns, the purchase of property, and a building project. Since our inception, Abiding Grace has grown to more than 400 members. We have increased in membership and giving every year.

NT-NL/CW - I served on Synod Council from 2015-2017, and currently serve as the Chairman of the Board of the Church of the Damascus Road Prison Ministry.

Community - As the Pastor of Abiding Grace, I have worked with Habitat for Humanity in Fort Worth, Mid-Cities Care Corp (who operate a satellite office out of Abiding Grace), Presbyterian

Night Shelter, GRACE, Harbor Chase Assisted Living, Meadowood Assisted Living, Fish and Loaves Food Pantry, the Soup Mobile of Dallas, SWAT (Southlake Working As a Team), Mayor Advisory Committee, Southlake Police Chaplain, Denton County Friends of the Family Domestic Shelter, the BRAVE Special Olympics team, and SPCA of Dallas. We have also partnered with San Gabriel Lutheran Church in Alvarado, providing Christmas presents and Easter bags for their children's ministry. We also help Good shepherd Lutheran Church in Irving in organizing a community Thanksgiving dinner.

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- 4. ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Members** - August 5 – 10 2019
Milwaukee, WI, - Bishop, Vice President of Synod, Two Rostered Ministers of Word and Sacrament (1 male and 1 female), 4 laypersons (two male and two female - 1 each gender between 18 - 35 and 1 each gender 36 or over) for a total of eight NT-NL Churchwide Voting Members are to be elected at this assembly.

BALLOT - i. 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member
Female – Rostered Minister of Word and Sacrament
Elect ONE



NAME: **The Rev. Diane Eggemeyer** Trinity Evangelical / Miles, TX
Conference Out West

Occupation: ELCA Rostered Minister of Word and Sacrament

Education: BA from Angelo State University majoring in Political Science;
Parish Lay Academy graduate; Pacific Lutheran Seminary - Ordained.

Leadership:

Parish - All aspects of congregational life. I have been at Trinity, Miles for 15 years

NT-NL/CW - have served as Dean of the COW conference since deans have been selected; I have been on Synod council as a lay person before becoming ordained in 2008 and a member of the Briarwood Board.

Community - Lifetime member of Beta Sigma Phi; Chairperson of the Ministerial Alliance in Miles providing services for the community; Member of the Emergency planning efforts for disasters in San Angelo, Tx

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NAME: **The Rev. Kristin Klade** St. Matthew / Fort Worth, TX
Metroplex West Conference

Occupation: Chaplain at Cooks Children Medical Center, Fort Worth

Education: BA Religious Studies and BFA Ballet Pedagogy- The University of Oklahoma; MDiv- Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago; Clinical Pastoral Education- 4 units- Loyola University Medical Center, Hinsdale Hospital, and Children's Medical Center (Dallas)

Leadership:

Parish - Member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church 1988-present. I have been involved there in countless ways, most recently supply preaching and running a young adult group; Regular attendee at Kyrie Pub Church in Fort Worth- supply preach there once per month and preside when needed: 2015-present; Organize and preach/preside at special services at Cook Children's Medical center throughout the year: 2015-present; Year-long pastoral internship at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Glenview, IL- teaching, preaching, pastoral care, and etc.: 2013-2014; Campus peer minister, Trinity Lutheran, Norman, OK: 2009-2011;

Have taught workshops on interfaith relations and on pastoral care in various churches

NT-NL/CW - Desires to be active

Community - Meals on Wheels Volunteer, Fort Worth, TX: 2015-present; Ballet/dance teacher at various studios: 2008-present; Perinatal bereavement coordinator, Hinsdale Hospital, Hinsdale, IL: 2014-2015; Sarah's Inn Domestic Violence Hot line Volunteer (Certified Domestic Violence Advocate in Illinois), Oak Park, IL: 2014-2016; Heartland Hospice Volunteer, Norman, OK: 2008-2011; Internship at the Council on American Islamic Relations, OKC, OK: 2009-2010; Internship at the Xenia Institute for Dialogue, Norman, OK: 2009; Participated in various community interfaith dialogue initiatives in and around OKC. Founded the semi-annual interfaith coffee and conversation at the University of Oklahoma: 2008-2011

**BALLOT - J. 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member
Male – Rostered Minister of Word and Sacrament**

Elect ONE



NAME: The Rev. Franz Schemmel

Messiah / Weatherford, TX
Metroplex West Conference

Occupation: ELCA Rostered Minister of Word and Sacrament

Education: B.A. Luther College, Decorah, Iowa and
MDiv, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa

Leadership:

Parish - All aspects of congregational life. ELCA congregations in Odessa, Fort Worth, and Springtown; 1999, mission developer and subsequently the pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church in Weatherford, where I continue to serve at the present time.

NT-NL/CW - I have served many years on the NTNL Public Witness Team. most recently leading the 2017 Creation Care: It's About the Kids seminar. I am presently one of the NTNL representatives on the board of Texas Impact. I have served on the board of the Church of the Damascus Road since its inception and am now the treasurer. Twice I have been on the synod assembly planning team, most recently as Dean of the University of Samaria. I'm a pretty regular participant in the Metroplex West semi-monthly pastor's Bible study.

Community - Interdenominational group called Churches Uniting in Christ that has a special focus on undoing racism in our community. In 2017 I visited Texas legislators in Washington on behalf of the hunger organization Bread for the World. My wife Ann Hafften and I have led several trips to the Holy Land to learn from and support our Lutheran brothers and sisters there.

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NAME: **The Rev. Edy Santos** Adviento / Arlington, TX
Metroplex West Conference

Occupation: ELCA Rostered Minister of Word and Sacrament/Mission Developer

Education: - Studies in Philosophy & Theology at Roman Catholic Seminary (Colombia); Studies in Missionary Theology at Theological Institute of Central America (Costa Rica); Bachelor in Philosophy and Religious Sciences / Saint Thomas University (Colombia); Diploma in Conceptual Pedagogy with Emotional Intelligence; Certificate of Civil Rights in America / Birmingham Civil Rights Institute (USA); Diploma in Lutheran Tradition / Augsburg Seminary (Mexico); Courses: *Theology of the Lutheran Confessions and *A Latino appropriation of the Lutheran Theological Heritage; Wartburg Theological Seminary (USA)

Leadership:

Parish -

Ordained priest developing an ecumenical pastoral work in Colombia for almost 10 years. Then I moved with my wife Ingrid to Brisbane, Australia and there we became members of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. There we were active members in our congregation and we participated in different church activities. Since we arrived to Arlington, Texas in 2016, I received a call to develop the Hispanic ministry in Advent Lutheran Church. This is a multicultural ministry because we have members from different Latino American countries. Also this is a wonderful congregational work where together as Christians, we can grow as church with two different expressions.

NT-NL/CW -

Pastor, Mission Developer at Iglesia Luterana Adviento (Since 2016); Instructor at PLMA (Fall 2017); Board member Mission Endowment Fund (Since 2017); Voting member at Synod Assembly 2016, 2017, 2018.; Coordinator & developer of Latino Leadership Program (Secondary School of Theological Education)

Community -

We have developed the day laborers' Bible breakfast program. I started this program almost a year next may. Every Monday from 8 am to 9 am, some Latino and Anglo volunteers, we start the day working together to feed those in needs. I participate in Arlington Ministerial Association meetings where we share about different issues and religious activities for the benefit of this city. I am volunteer chaplain at Medical City Arlington. This is the closest hospital to our congregation and there I have the opportunity to serve the Hispanic community that need pastoral care in Spanish.

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NAME: **The Rev. Nathan Strong** Grace / Carrollton, TX

Occupation: ELCA Rostered Minister of Word and Sacrament

Education: Luther Seminary, M.Div. 2011; Augustana University, Sioux Falls, SD 2007

Leadership:

Parish - Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church of Carrollton, TX; Senior Pastor at Portland Lutheran Parish, Portland, ND; Pastor at Norman and Davenport Parish, Kindred, ND

NT-NL/CW - None yet – new to synod – desires to be active

Community - Chaplain for Portland Fire and Rescue; Chaplain for Mayville Fire and Rescue; Chaplain for Traill County EMS; Chaplain for Traill County Sheriff; Church Representative for Traill County Giving; Church Representative for Traill County Health and Wellness

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**BALLOT - K. 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member
Lay Female – 18 – 35 yrs old.**

Elect ONE



NAME: **Ms. Bianca Blaney** Rejoice / Frisco, TX
Dallas Area Metro North Conference

Occupation: College Student

Education: High School Diploma at Prosper High School - Class of 2015; Current Student at the University of Texas at Austin - Class of 2019; Degree Plan: BS Biology with Composite Teaching Certification

Leadership:

Parish - Council President at Lutheran Campus Ministry Austin: Jan '18-Present; Council Vice President at LuMin Austin: Aug-Dec '17; Ministry Board Member at LuMin Austin: Aug '17-Present; Council Member at LuMin Austin: Aug '16-Present; Member of Music team at LuMin Austin: Aug '15-Present; Member of Music team at Rejoice Lutheran Church, Frisco: 2013-2015; Former Monthly Assistant Minister at Rejoice Frisco: 2014-2015 ; Former Sunday School/Vacation Bible School Assistant at Rejoice Frisco; Former Youth Member at Rejoice Frisco

NT-NL/CW - Selected as Servant Companion for National Youth Gathering; 2018 Houston; Attendee of NTNL Young Adult Retreat Winter 2017; Attendee of National Youth Gathering in Detroit

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2015 and New Orleans 2012; Participated in Mission DFW 2013

Community - Residence Hall Desk Assistant at UT Austin: Aug '16-Present; Senior Resident Assistant at UT Austin: Aug-Dec '17; Resident Assistant at UT Austin: Aug '16-Dec '17; SMU Plano Summer Youth Program Intern: Summer '16, '17; Girlstart STEM Crew Member Sep '15-May '16; Volunteer at Feed My Starving Children 2014-Present

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NAME: Emer Kate Sanders

Trinity / Fort Worth, TX
Metroplex West Conference

Occupation: Student

Education: St. Olaf College (Fall 2016- Present)

Leadership:

Parish - Active member of Trinity Lutheran's Youth Group (2012-2016); Sunday School teacher/assistant (2016-2017)

NT-NL/CW - Youth speaker for NTNL Synod Day at the National Youth Gathering in Detroit (2015); NT-NL Young Adult Retreat participant (2017); Camp counselor at Briarwood Retreat Center (summer 2016, 2018)

Community - Board of Regents Student Committee Executive Assistant (St. Olaf College, 2017-2018); Alpha Phi Omega-Iota Tau [National service fraternity] Executive Board, member (St. Olaf College, 2016-2018); Sibley Elementary after-school care assistant (2017-2018); Involvement in youth outreach programs at The Kimbell Museum and The Modern Art Museum of Forth Worth (2014-2016)

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**BALLOT - L. 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member
Lay Female – 36+ yrs old.**

Elect ONE



NAME: Ms. Susan Batdorf King of Glory / Fort Worth, TX
Metroplex West Conference

Occupation: Accountant

Education: BSBA Accounting, University of Arizona

Leadership:

Parish - Sunday School Teacher - Preschool & Adult
VBS Coordinator; Choir & Handbell Choir

NT-NL/CW - Attended Synod Assemblies, Table Talks other Synod events; Macedonia Group team member, Via de Cristo Weekend staff, some classes at Parish Lay Ministry Academy, Tarrant Lutheran Chorale

Community - Fort Worth Jaycees - State director, Treasurer; JCI Senator; Cowtown Cleanups, Habitat for Humanity builds, Meals on Wheels, Food drives for Eastside Ministries, Performed at Gospel Night and Christmas by Candlelight fundraisers for Eastside Ministries.

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NAME: Ms. Shirley Wilson-Sigler St. Luke's / Richardson, TX
Dallas Area Metro North Conference

Occupation: Retired Registered Dietitian

Education: BA-Nutrition and Food Science, minor Business

Administration; minor Business Administration- Illinois Wesleyan University

MPH- Master Degree in Public Health, University of Illinois, Chicago

Leadership:

Parish - Council President, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Richardson, Texas; Previous Council Offices held: President, Vice-President and Secretary; Previous Congregational Committees: Stewardship, Education, Development of Congregation Profile for call process; Other: Assistant Minister, Choir, Greeter, Rebekah Circle

NT-NL/CW - Current Positions: NT-NL Consultation Committee; NT-NL Candidacy Committee ; Synod/Churchwide Previous; Lay Female Metro North Mission Council Member (term ended 2017); Chair, Metro North; Mission Council Nominating Committee (term ended 2017); NT-NL Mission Assembly: voting member 2012; ELCA Churchwide Assembly: voting member 2001; Metropolitan Chicago Synod Council: (1989-1994)

Community - Board of Directors League of Women Voters, Collin County; Delta Sigma Theta Public Service Sorority; HABITAT for Humanity, Chicago Christian Industrial League-Homeless Shelter, Family Program, Mosaic Activity Volunteer

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NAME: **Ms. Sabrina Walker** St. John /Dallas, TX
Eastern Conference

Occupation: Customer Service/ Accounting Specialist

Education: B.A. Finance/Accounting Texas Lutheran College

Leadership:

Parish - Church Council President/ VBS Leader/ Courageous
Conversation

NT-NL/CW - NT-NL Public Witness Team Member and Synod
Assembly Voting Member

Community - Volunteering at several food pantries, NTFB volunteer, voter
registration and neighborhood voting registration and
transportation, Oliver Wendel Holmes morning prayer with
children.

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BALLOT - M. 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member
Lay Male – 18 – 35 yrs old.

Elect ONE



NAME: **Mr. Thomas M. Blaney.** Rejoice / Frisco, TX
Dallas Area Metro North Conference

Occupation: Civil Engineering Student

Education: Bachelor's of Science in Civil Engineering, University of
Texas at Austin, May 2018; High School Diploma, Prosper
High School, May 2014

Leadership:

Parish - President of the LuMin Board, Lutheran Campus
Ministry at UT Austin, 2017-P; Member, LuMin
Student Leadership Team, Lutheran Campus Ministry
at UT Austin, 2015-Present; Youth Representative,
Rejoice Lutheran Church Council, 2013-2014

NT-NL/CW - Participant, Salt and Light Young Adult Winter
Retreat, 2017; Participant, Mission DFW, 2014;
Participant, National Youth Gathering, 2012

Community - LuMin Representative, UT Austin University Interfaith
Council, 2018-Present; Member, Engineers for a
Sustainable World, 2016-Present; Budget and
Schedule Manager, Projects with Underserved
Communities Team Guatemala, 2016-2017

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**BALLOT - N. 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member
Lay Male – 36+ yrs old.**

Elect ONE



NAME: Mr. Thomas K. Blaney Rejoice / Frisco, TX
Dallas Area Metro North Conference
Occupation: Program Manager with DXC Technology
Education: DePaul University, Chicago, IL- Certificate, Computer Career Program; Purdue University Calumet, Hammond, IN – Certificate, Computer Information Systems; Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN - B.S., Restaurant, Hotel, and Institutional Management

Leadership:
Parish - Past President of the Rejoice Frisco Church Council - 3 years; Past Vice President of the Rejoice Frisco Church Council - 3 years; Past Chair of the Finance Committee; Sound Team member; Mowing Team member; Past Youth Team leader; Confirmation Team member
NT-NL/CW - Synod Council Member – current; Synod Finance Committee Member – current; Hospitality Chair for the 2017 Mission Assembly; Voting member for Rejoice Frisco to the 2016 Mission Assembly ; Adult participate at the ELCA National Youth Gathering 2012 in New Orleans
Community - Past Vice President of the Prosper Parks and Recreation Board - 3 yrs; Past President - Prosper Band Booster Club - 2 yrs



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NAME: Mr. Don Heller Bethel / Ericksdahl (Avoca), TX
Conference Out West

Occupation: Crop Insurance Agent
Education: BS Animal Science Texas A&M and Parish Lay Academy

Leadership:
Parish - Teaches confirmation; Served as SAWL several times until interim pastor could be located for Bethel; President of Big Country Lutheran Camp council; member synod assembly voting member numerous times
NT-NL/CW - member of NTNL candidacy committee; served on Parish Lay Academy board; helped fill the pulpit in extended periods for Grace Lutheran, Abilene; St John, Winters (formerly an ELCA parish); hosted Parish Lay Academy Day at Bethel
Community - Anson ISD school board president; Anson Lions Club member; Ericksdahl Water Co-op board member; Crop Insurance Professional Association member

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