



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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2019 Nominations Workbook

for

**the Church Council, Boards of
Separately Incorporated Ministries
and Churchwide Committees**

Instructions

The Nominating Committee of the Churchwide Assembly is responsible for nominating people for each position for which an election will be held. In advance of the assembly, the Nominating Committee seeks names for consideration. Nominations in specific categories also can be made by voting members on the floor of the assembly.

This booklet is designed to aid you in recommending names to the Nominating Committee. For each committee or board for which there will be an election, you will find the following information:

- a list of continuing members of the council, board or committee,
- a list of departing members, who are ineligible for re-election,
- a list of any restrictions placed on a given nomination, along with needs and preferences,
- a summary of the election process with pertinent constitutional excerpts, and
- the positions for which nominations are sought.

The Nominating Committee welcomes the names of people who would be appropriate for positions on the Church Council, the boards of separately incorporated ministries and churchwide committees. Please provide the Nominating Committee with the names and contact information of people you deem qualified for the various positions indicated, and please encourage others to submit nominations as well.

The nominations process is governed by principles detailed in the *Constitution, Bylaws,*

and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Please nominate only people who match the requirements of a given category. For information on restrictions and representational principles, please see the next page of this booklet.

Recommend someone to the Nominating Committee by sending the person's name and contact information to nominations@elca.org,

Nominations
Office of the Secretary
8765 W. Higgins Road
Chicago, IL 60631-4101

or 800-638-3522, ext. 2804.

Each person is required by the ELCA constitution to provide an information form to the Nominating Committee. The form is online at <http://webapps.elca.org/secretary/nominations/>. A sample of the form is printed at the back of this booklet. The constitution requires that all information on the form be completed and verified. If you provide the individual's name and contact information, **by April 1, 2019**, the Office of the Secretary will follow up and obtain the background information.

A rostered minister of this church will be asked to provide her or his leader key when completing the form. Other ELCA members will be asked for the name of the congregation in which she or he holds membership.

Thank you for your prayerful attention to this important part of our work together in this church.

Notes about Restrictions on Nominations

Re-election: Trustees on the boards of separately incorporated ministries may serve up to three consecutive three-year terms. Incumbents identified by an asterisk (*) were elected by the Church Council to complete less than half of an unexpired term and are eligible for re-election. The Nominating Committee may or may not choose to nominate such incumbents as it deems appropriate. All individuals listed as “departing members” are *ineligible* for re-election and will not be nominated for that body.

One nominee: The Nominating Committee may choose to nominate only one person for possible election to each position on the board of a separately incorporated ministry (ELCA bylaw **19.11.03.**) and in certain other cases of possible re-election (**19.11.02.**).

Geographic restrictions: The *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America* places the following restrictions upon geographic representation:

- (1) **Synod representation:** The Church Council shall endeavor to ensure that every synod has at least one person serving on the Church Council or churchwide boards, committees, task forces, or other groups. Among those persons elected by the assembly, no more than two persons from any one synod shall serve on the Church Council or any one board, committee, task force, or other group (**19.11.05.**).
- (2) **Nominating Committee:** The committee shall consist of at least one member but no more than three members from any region (**19.11.01.**).

As you consider possible nominees, please look carefully at the synod designations for continuing members and related restrictions to be certain that the nominee is eligible according to geographic rules. A list of regions and synods appears below.

Inclusive representation: Nominations made by the churchwide Nominating Committee will reflect this church’s commitment to inclusive representation as explained in Chapters 5 and 6 of the ELCA constitution. Positions are identified according to mandatory categories: Minister of Word and Sacrament, Lay Female, Lay Male, PC/L (person of color or whose primary language is other than English) and Y/YA (youth and young adult). Nominees born on or since August 8, 2001, are eligible to be elected as youth, and nominees born on or since August 8, 1989, are eligible to be elected as young adults by the 2019 Churchwide Assembly (**6.02.A09.**).

ELCA Regions and Synods

REGION 1

- 1A Alaska Synod
- 1B Northwest Washington Synod
- 1C Southwestern Washington Synod
- 1D Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod
- 1E Oregon Synod
- 1F Montana Synod

REGION 2

- 2A Sierra Pacific Synod
- 2B Southwest California Synod
- 2C Pacifica Synod
- 2D Grand Canyon Synod
- 2E Rocky Mountain Synod

REGION 3

- 3A Western North Dakota Synod
- 3B Eastern North Dakota Synod
- 3C South Dakota Synod
- 3D Northwestern Minnesota Synod
- 3E Northeastern Minnesota Synod
- 3F Southwestern Minnesota Synod
- 3G Minneapolis Area Synod
- 3H Saint Paul Area Synod
- 3I Southeastern Minnesota Synod

REGION 4

- 4A Nebraska Synod
- 4B Central States Synod
- 4C Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod
- 4D Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod
- 4E Southwestern Texas Synod
- 4F Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod

REGION 5

- 5A Metropolitan Chicago Synod
- 5B Northern Illinois Synod
- 5C Central/Southern Illinois Synod
- 5D Southeastern Iowa Synod
- 5E Western Iowa Synod
- 5F Northeastern Iowa Synod
- 5G Northern Great Lakes Synod
- 5H Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
- 5I East-Central Synod of Wisconsin
- 5J Greater Milwaukee Synod
- 5K South-Central Synod of Wisconsin
- 5L La Crosse Area Synod

REGION 6

- 6A Southeast Michigan Synod
- 6B North/West Lower Michigan Synod
- 6C Indiana-Kentucky Synod
- 6D Northwestern Ohio Synod
- 6E Northeastern Ohio Synod
- 6F Southern Ohio Synod

REGION 7

- 7A New Jersey Synod
- 7B New England Synod
- 7C Metropolitan New York Synod
- 7D Upstate New York Synod
- 7E Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod
- 7F Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod
- 7G Slovak Zion Synod

REGION 8

- 8A Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod
- 8B Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod
- 8C Allegheny Synod
- 8D Lower Susquehanna Synod
- 8E Upper Susquehanna Synod
- 8F Delaware-Maryland Synod
- 8G Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Synod
- 8H West Virginia-Western Maryland Synod

REGION 9

- 9A Virginia Synod
- 9B North Carolina Synod
- 9C South Carolina Synod
- 9D Southeastern Synod
- 9E Florida-Bahamas Synod
- 9F Caribbean Synod

Church Council

Synod nominations

Minister of Word and Sacrament

Northwest Washington Synod (1B)
Grand Canyon Synod (2D)
Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod (4D)
Southwestern Texas Synod (4E)
Northern Illinois Synod (5B)
North/West Lower Michigan Synod (6B)
Upstate New York Synod (7D)
Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod (8B)
North Carolina Synod (9B)

Lay Female

Montana Synod (1F)
Southwest California Synod (2B)
Central States Synod (4B)
East-Central Synod of Wisconsin (5I)

Lay Male

Northeastern Minnesota Synod (3E)
Northeastern Ohio Synod (6E)
Upper Susquehanna Synod (8E)

Continuing members

The vice president and treasurer of this church and the chair of the Conference of Bishops

Minister of Word and Sacrament

Pr. Dena M. Gable, Somerset, Pa. (8C)
Pr. Chad M. Huebner, Decorah, Iowa (5F)

Lay Female (PC/L)

Ms. Cheryl T. Chatman, Minneapolis, Minn. (3G)
Ms. Sonja Wolfe, Milwaukee, Wis. (5J)
Ms. Andrea Micovsky, Windsor, Ontario (7G)

Lay Female (YA)

Ms. Emma K. Wagner, Baltimore, Md. (8F)

Lay Male

Mr. James J.F. Jennings, Bangor, Pa. (7E)
Mr. Joseph T. Nolte, Des Moines, Iowa (5D)
Mr. Gary A. Pederson, Peachtree City, Ga. (9D)

Summary

Church Council members are elected to a six-year term, except for two youth members who are elected to a three-year term.

The 2011 Churchwide Assembly adopted a new structure for the Church Council that included a range of 33 to 45 members in addition to the four officers and the chair of the Conference of Bishops.

The 2016 Churchwide Assembly elected 11 Church Council members from synod nominees. To facilitate a nomination process every three years involving 16 or approximately a quarter of the 65 synods, the assembly adjusted the council's size from 32 to 45 members in addition to the four officers and the chair of the Conference of Bishops.

Departing members

Minister of Word and Sacrament

Pr. Joyce M. Graue, Raymond, Minn. (3F)
Pr. Peder J. Johanson, Brodhead, Wis. (5K)
Pr. Linda Nou, Olympia, Wash. (1C)
Pr. James H. Utt, Winchester, Va. (9A)
Pr. Michael R. Ward, Fletcher, N.C. (9B)

Minister of Word and Sacrament (PC/L)

Pr. William E. Flippin Jr., Columbus, Ga. (9D)
Pr. William O. Voss, Scottsbluff, Neb. (4A)

Minister of Word and Sacrament (Y/YA)

Pr. Jonathan Splichal Larson, Bismarck, N.D. (3A)

Lay Female

Ms. Cynthia M. Gustavson, Tulsa, Okla. (4C)
Ms. Meri Jo Petrivelli, San Diego, Calif. (2C)
Ms. Ingrid S. Stafford, Evanston, Ill. (5A)
Ms. Leslie Swenson, Fairbanks, Alaska (1A)

Lay Female (PC/L)

Ms. Man-Hei Yip, Quincy, Mass. (7B)

Lay Female (Y/YA)

Ms. Maren Hulden, Moorhead, Minn. (3D)
Ms. Emilee M. Le Blanc, Dearborn, Mich. (6A)

Lay Male

Mr. Allan J. Bieber, Rochester, Minn. (3I)
Mr. Reid A. Christopherson, Garretson, S.D. (3C)
Mr. James M. Hushagen, Tacoma, Wash. (1C)
Mr. John W. Lohrmann, Walla Walla, Wash. (1D)
Mr. Vernon Veal, Bloomington, Ill. (5C)

Lay Male (PC/L)

Mr. Clarence M. Smith, Minneapolis, Minn. (3G)

Lay Male (Y/YA)

Mr. Hans E. Becklin, Middleton, Wis. (5K)
Mr. Seth M. Zimmann, Mechanicsburg, Pa. (8D)

Restrictions: Departing members are not eligible for nomination. It is not possible to nominate more than one individual from the same synod of a continuing member of the Church Council, unless on the same ticket.

Needs: At least five additional lay members and two youth, a person of color or whose primary language is other than English who has financial expertise and an attorney.

Preferences:

Church Council *(continued)*

The 2019 Churchwide Assembly will elect Church Council members from the nominees from 16 designated synods. With the 11 members elected in 2016, the assembly must elect an additional five members for the council to have a minimum of 32 members.

The Nominating Committee is responsible for nominating two female youth and two male youth for possible election to a three-year term on the council. Nominees born on or since August 9, 2001, are eligible to be elected as youth by the 2019 Churchwide Assembly.

- 14.31. The voting members of the Church Council shall consist of the four churchwide officers, the chair of the Conference of Bishops, and at least 32 and not more than 45 other persons elected by the Churchwide Assembly.**
- 14.32. With the exception of youth members, Church Council members shall be elected by the Churchwide Assembly to one six-year term and shall not be eligible for consecutive re-election. Youth members of the Church Council shall be elected by the Churchwide Assembly to one three-year term.**
- 19.02. The members of the Church Council, except the chair of the Conference of Bishops and the treasurer of this church, shall be elected by the Churchwide Assembly. In preparation for the Churchwide Assembly, the Church Council shall determine how this church's commitment to inclusive representation will affect the next election to the Church Council. For 32 of the council members, the Nominating Committee shall invite each eligible synod to submit suggested nominees and shall then nominate persons who fulfill the categories assigned by the Church Council. With respect to the other nominees, the Church Council shall review its size and composition and take into consideration the experience and expertise of existing members and synodical nominees as well as the needs of the council in seeking to fulfill its duties and responsibilities. Based upon this analysis, the Church Council shall instruct the Nominating Committee to provide nominations in specific categories for the remaining positions up to 13. Excluding the churchwide officers and the chair of the Conference of Bishops, there shall not be more than two members of the Church Council from a synod. The Church Council shall have at least two members from each region. ...**
- 19.02.A13. *The Nominating Committee shall strive to ensure that at least 10 percent of the voting membership of the Church Council shall be youth or young adults. Youth members shall be younger than 18 at the time of their election, and young adults shall be older than 18 and younger than 30 years of age at the time of their election.***
- 19.04. Unless otherwise specified in the *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions*, elections shall be for one six-year term, without consecutive re-election, and with approximately one-half of the members of the Church Council and of each board or advisory committee elected each triennium.**

Positions [7]

Lay Female (PC/L; Financial expertise)

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Female

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Male (PC/L; YA)

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Male (Attorney)

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Person (Financial expertise)

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Female (Youth) *Three-year Term*

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Male (Youth) *Three-year Term*

- A. _____
- B. _____

Board of Trustees of Portico Benefit Services (Board of Pensions of the ELCA)

Members eligible for re-election

[The year of initial election is noted in brackets.]

Minister of Word and Sacrament

†Pr. Paul W. Stumme-Diers, Bainbridge Island, Wash. (1B) [2011]

Lay Female

Ms. Angela M. Dejene, Austin, Texas (4E) [2018]
Ms. Helen Doerpinghaus, Columbia, S.C. (9C) [2017]
Ms. Lori A. Kirkland, Rochester, Minn. (3I) [2017]
Ms. Jennifer L. McGinnis, Fort Wayne, Ind. (6C) [2017]
†Sr. Elizabeth-Ann (Becky) I. Swanson, Columbus, Ohio (6F) [2016]

Lay Female (PC/L)

Ms. Diana G. Haywood, Durham, N.C. (9B) [2012]

Lay Male

Mr. Peter J. Enko, Overland Park, Kan. (4B) [2013]
Mr. John R. Hoffman, Minneapolis, Minn. (3G) [2015]
Mr. Bruce E. Johnson, Roanoke, Va. (9A) [2013]
†Mr. Morris L. Larson, Chesterfield, Mo. (4B) [2017]
Mr. Frank A. Roth, Ardmore, Pa. (7F) [2016]
Mr. Leon J. Schwartz, Winterset, Iowa (5D) [2013]
Mr. James B. Vos, St. Louis Park, Minn. (3G) [2016]

Full Communion

†Pr. Adam J. Copeland, St. Paul, Minn. [2016]
Ms. Pamela S. Moench, St. Louis, Mo. [2013]

Members ineligible for nomination

Lay Female (PC/L)

Ms. Janette E. Drew, Walnut Creek, Calif. (2A) [2011]

† Plan participant (see **17.20.03.a.**)

Restrictions: Additional nominees from the Minneapolis Area (3G) and Central States (4B) synods may be restricted.

Needs: At least four plan participants, including at least one lay person and at least one minister of Word and Sacrament. At least two persons of color or whose primary language is other than English.

Preferences: Regions 1, 2 and 8. Expertise is sought in investments, insurance and retirement plans. At least two young adults.

Summary

Trustees of the Board of Pensions of the ELCA (Portico Benefit Services) are elected to a maximum of three consecutive three-year terms. The board of trustees has a range of 14 to 18 members with expertise in investments, insurance and retirement plans. Only one person need be nominated for each position on the board of a separately incorporated ministry. Up to two trustees from church bodies with which this church is in a relationship of full communion may serve as long as they are not from the same church body.

The 2019 Churchwide Assembly will complete the transition to a triennial election cycle by electing all Portico trustees, with an appropriate mix of new and continuing members elected.

17.20.03. The Board of Pensions shall have a board of trustees composed of 14–18 persons elected by the Churchwide Assembly for three-year terms with the possibility of two consecutive re-elections. The terms of members of the board of trustees elected by the Churchwide Assembly shall begin at the commencement of the first board meeting following the assembly.

- a. The composition of the board of trustees shall comply with the representational principles described in constitutional provision 5.01.f. The board of trustees of the Board of Pensions shall include persons with expertise in investments, insurance, and retirement plans, and at least four persons who are members of the plan, at least one of whom shall be a lay plan member or lay recipient of plan benefits and at least one of whom shall be a minister of Word and Sacrament who is a plan member. Up to two trustees may be members of congregations of church bodies with which this church is in a relationship of full communion, provided that both are not from the same church body...

19.11.03. The Nominating Committee shall nominate at least one person for the board of trustees of each of the separately incorporated ministries identified in Chapter 17 of this constitution, according to the process described in continuing resolutions, for which an election will be held by the Churchwide Assembly. Nominations from the floor, where permitted in the nomination process, shall be presented as an alternative to a specific category named by the Nominating Committee and shall therefore meet the same criteria as the persons against whom the nominee is nominated. In the materials provided in advance to each member of the assembly, the Nominating Committee shall set forth the criteria applicable to each category that must be met by persons nominated from the floor.

Board of Trustees of Portico Benefit Services *(continued)*

Positions [14 to 18] *The Churchwide Assembly shall elect at least four plan participants as trustees.*

[At least one person is to be nominated for each position.]

Minister of Word and Sacrament †

A. _____

Lay Female

A. _____

Lay Female

A. _____

Lay Female

A. _____

Lay Female

A. _____

Lay Female

A. _____

Lay Male

A. _____

Lay Male

A. _____

Lay Male

A. _____

Lay Male

A. _____

Lay Male

A. _____

Lay Male

A. _____

Lay Male

A. _____

Full Communion

Full Communion

Board of Trustees of the Endowment Fund of the ELCA

Members eligible for re-election

[The year of initial election is noted in brackets.]

Lay Female

Ms. Kristy L. Albrecht, Fargo, N.D. (3B) [2017]

Ms. Naomi M. Horsager, Apple Valley, Minn. (3H) [2018]

Lay Female (PC/L)

Ms. Liza Canino, Long Grove, Ill. (5A) [2016]

Lay Male

Mr. Eric Brudos, Palo Alto, Calif. (2A) [2016]

Mr. Keith Christensen, Decorah, Iowa (5F) [2018]

Mr. Bruce D. George, Westborough, Mass. (7B) [2018]

Mr. Eric Golberg, Croton on Hudson, N.Y. (7C) [2016]

Members ineligible for nomination

Minister of Word and Sacrament

Pr. Ruth Ann Loughry, Cherry Hills Village, Colo. (2E) [2013]

Lay Female

Ms. Anna L. Geleske, Arlington, Texas (4D) [2013]

Lay Female (PC/L)

Ms. Lauren M. Williams, Washington, D.C. (8G) [2013]

Restrictions: Departing members are not eligible for nomination.

Needs: At least two persons of color or whose primary language is other than English.

Preferences: Regions 1, 4, 6, 8 and 9. Expertise is sought in business management, finance and investment. At least two young adults.

Summary

Trustees of the Endowment Fund of the ELCA are elected by the Church Council. If the 2019 Churchwide Assembly decides to make the Endowment Fund a separately incorporated ministry of this church which has trustees elected by the Churchwide Assembly, the assembly will consider this slate of nominees for election.

The board of trustees would have a range of nine to 15 members with expertise in business, investments and finance. Only one person need be nominated for each position on the board of a separately incorporated ministry of the ELCA. Trustees are elected to a maximum of three consecutive three-year terms. Up to two trustees from church bodies with which this church is in a relationship of full communion may serve as long as they are not from the same church body.

If the proposed changes to the constitution below are adopted, the 2019 Churchwide Assembly will elect all trustees on the board, with an appropriate mix of new and continuing members. The Church Council will divide the trustees into three classes — one class eligible for three terms, another class eligible for two terms, and yet another class eligible for one term.

New bylaw and continuing resolution for consideration by the 2019 Churchwide Assembly

17.60.01. The Endowment Fund shall have a board of trustees composed of the presiding bishop of this church and 9–15 persons elected by the Churchwide Assembly for three-year terms with the possibility of two consecutive re-elections. Any vacancies occurring because of the death, resignation, or removal of a member of the board of trustees shall be filled by the Church Council for the unexpired term of such member of the board of trustees. The composition of the board of trustees shall comply with the representational principles described in constitutional provision 5.01.e. Up to two trustees may be members of congregations of church bodies with which this church is in a relationship of full communion, provided that both are not from the same church body.

17.60.B19 *Initial Election of Board of Trustees of Endowment Fund Under Chapter 17*

For the first election of members of the board of trustees of the Endowment Fund under this Chapter 17, the Church Council shall divide the currently serving trustees, other than the presiding bishop, into three classes: one class which shall be deemed to have served one full term and be eligible for election to two more terms; one class which shall be deemed to have served two full terms and be eligible for election to one more term; and one class which shall be deemed to have served three full terms and not be eligible for further election.

Board of Trustees of the Endowment Fund of the ELCA *(continued)*

Positions [9 to 15]

[At least one person is to be nominated for each position.]

Rostered Minister (Female)

A. _____

Rostered Minister (Female)

A. _____

Rostered Minister (Male)

A. _____

Rostered Minister (Male)

A. _____

Lay Female

A. _____

Lay Female

A. _____

Lay Female

A. _____

Lay Female

A. _____

Lay Female

A. _____

Lay Male

A. _____

Lay Male

A. _____

Lay Male

A. _____

Lay Male

A. _____

Lay Male

A. _____

Nominee

A. _____

Board of Trustees of the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA

Members eligible for re-election

[The year of initial election is noted in brackets.]

Minister of Word and Sacrament (PC/L)

Pr. John E. Mack Jr., Jersey City, N.J. (7A) [2015]

Pr. Martín J. Lopez-Vega, Dorado, Puerto Rico (9F) [2017]

Lay Female

Ms. Kathryn E. Baerwald, Washington, D.C. (8G) [2013]

Ms. Heather Miller, Clive, Iowa (5D) [2015]

Ms. Susan P. Troutman, Greenville, S.C. (9C) [2013]

Lay Female (PC/L)

Ms. Nicole Hudson, Brooklyn, N.Y. (7C) [2017]

Lay Male

Mr. Paul M. Opgrande, University Place, Wash. (1C) [2016]

Mr. Michael F. Fallon Jr., Haddonfield, N.J. (7A) [2016]

Mr. Mark E. Fiebrink, Naples, Fla. (9E) [2016]

Lay Male (PC/L)

Mr. Robert J. Chillison II, Los Angeles, Calif. (2B) [2013]

Members ineligible for nomination

Restrictions: Additional nominations from the New Jersey Synod (7A) may be restricted.

Needs: At least two persons of color or whose primary language is other than English.

Preferences: Regions 3, 4 and 6. Expertise is sought in lending, investments and finance. At least two young adults.

Summary

Trustees of the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA are elected to a maximum of three consecutive three-year terms. The board of trustees has a range of nine to 12 members with expertise in lending, investments and finance. Only one person need be nominated for each position on the board of a separately incorporated ministry of the ELCA. Up to two trustees from church bodies with which this church is in a relationship of full communion may serve as long as they are not from the same church body.

At its Spring 2017 meeting, the Church Council elected the Rev. Martín J. Lopez-Vega and Ms. Nicole Hudson to a two-year term expiring in 2019. This was necessitated by the transition from a biennial to a triennial election cycle.

The 2019 Churchwide Assembly will complete the transition to a triennial election cycle by electing all Mission Investment Fund trustees, with an appropriate mix of new and continuing members elected.

17.30.01. The Mission Investment Fund of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America shall have a board of trustees composed of 9–12 persons elected by the Churchwide Assembly for three-year terms with the possibility of two consecutive re-elections. The terms of members of the board of trustees elected by the Churchwide Assembly shall begin at the commencement of the first board meeting following the assembly. The composition of the board of trustees shall comply with the representational principles described in constitutional provision 5.01.f. Up to two trustees may be members of congregations of church bodies with which this church is in a relationship of full communion, provided that both are not from the same church body.

19.11.03. The Nominating Committee shall nominate at least one person for the board of trustees of each of the separately incorporated ministries identified in Chapter 17 of this constitution, according to the process described in continuing resolutions, for which an election will be held by the Churchwide Assembly. Nominations from the floor, where permitted in the nomination process, shall be presented as an alternative to a specific category named by the Nominating Committee and shall therefore meet the same criteria as the persons against whom the nominee is nominated. In the materials provided in advance to each member of the assembly, the Nominating Committee shall set forth the criteria applicable to each category that must be met by persons nominated from the floor.

Board of Trustees of the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA *(continued)*

Positions [9 to 12]

[At least one person is to be nominated for each position.]

Minister of Word and Sacrament

A. _____

Minister of Word and Sacrament

A. _____

Lay Female

A. _____

Lay Female

A. _____

Lay Female

A. _____

Lay Female

A. _____

Lay Female

A. _____

Lay Male

A. _____

Lay Male

A. _____

Lay Male

A. _____

Lay Male

A. _____

Full Communion

Full Communion

Board of Trustees of 1517 Media (Publishing House of the ELCA)

Members eligible for re-election

[The year of initial election is noted in brackets.]

Minister of Word and Sacrament

Pr. Pamela I. Smith, Nashville, Tenn. (9D) [2013]

Lay Female

Ms. Christine M. Smith, Waunakee, Wis. (5K) [2016]

Ms. Jill Yetman, Seattle, Wash. (1B) [2016]

Lay Male

Mr. Fred D. Halvin, Austin, Minn. (3I) [2017]

Lay Male (PC/L)

Mr. Joel Peterson, La Cañada Flintridge, Calif. (2B) [2018]

Full Communion

Mr. T. Mark Brokering, Mill Valley, Calif. [2013]

Full Communion (PC/L)

Pr. Michele E. Watkins-Branch, Englewood, Colo. [2016]

Members ineligible for nomination

Lay Female

Deacon Julie M. Stecker, Baltimore, Md. (8F) [2011]

Ms. Susan G. Worst, Brookline, Mass. (7B) [2011]

Lay Male

Mr. Robert T. Flynn, North Hollywood, Calif. (2B) [2010]

Restrictions: Departing members are not eligible for nomination.

Needs: Two persons of color or whose primary language is other than English.

Preferences: Regions 4, 6, 7 and 8. Expertise is sought in congregational ministry, theological study, publishing, education, business management, finance and investment. At least two young adults.

Summary

Trustees of the Publishing House of the ELCA (1517 Media) are elected to a maximum of three consecutive three-year terms. The board of trustees has a range of 11 to 15 members with expertise in publishing, education, business management, finance and investment. Only one person need be nominated for each position on the board of a separately incorporated ministry of the ELCA. Up to two trustees from church bodies with which this church is in a relationship of full communion may serve as long as they are not from the same church body.

At its Spring 2017 meeting, the Church Council elected the Rev. Pedro M. Suarez, Deacon Julie M. Stecker, Ms. Susan G. Worst and Mr. Fred D. Halvin to the board of trustees of 1517 Media for a two-year term expiring in 2019. This was necessitated by the transition from a biennial to triennial election cycle.

The 2019 Churchwide Assembly will complete the transition to a triennial election cycle by electing all 1517 Media trustees, with an appropriate mix of new and continuing members elected.

- 17.40.01.** This publishing house shall have a board of trustees composed of 11–15 persons elected by the Churchwide Assembly for three-year terms with the possibility of two consecutive re-elections. The terms of members of the board of trustees elected by the Churchwide Assembly shall begin at the commencement of the first board meeting following the assembly.
- a. The composition of the board of trustees shall comply with the representational principles described in constitutional provision 5.01.f. Laypersons on the board of trustees shall include persons with expertise in publishing, education, business management, finance and investment. Ministers of Word and Sacrament shall include persons with expertise in rural, urban, and suburban parish ministry in small and large congregations and advanced theological study. Up to two trustees may be members of congregations of church bodies with which this church is in a relationship of full communion, provided that both are not from the same church body....
- 19.11.03.** The Nominating Committee shall nominate at least one person for the board of trustees of each of the separately incorporated ministries identified in Chapter 17 of this constitution, according to the process described in continuing resolutions, for which an election will be held by the Churchwide Assembly. Nominations from the floor, where permitted in the nomination process, shall be presented as an alternative to a specific category named by the Nominating Committee and shall therefore meet the same criteria as the persons against whom the nominee is nominated. In the materials provided in advance to each member of the assembly, the Nominating Committee shall set forth the criteria applicable to each category that must be met by persons nominated from the floor.

Board of Trustees of 1517 Media *(continued)*

Positions [11 to 15]

[At least one person is to be nominated for each position.]

Minister of Word and Sacrament

A. _____

Minister of Word and Sacrament

A. _____

Lay Female

A. _____

Lay Female

A. _____

Lay Female

A. _____

Lay Female

A. _____

Lay Female

A. _____

Lay Male

A. _____

Lay Male

A. _____

Lay Male

A. _____

Lay Male

A. _____

Lay Male

A. _____

Full Communion

Full Communion

Churchwide Committee on Appeals

Current members

Minister of Word and Sacrament

- *Pr. Paul J. Blom, Georgetown, Texas (4E) [2019]
- Pr. Cheryl M. Hausman, Fleetwood, Pa. (7E) [2022]
- *Pr. Christine A. Timm, Lake Ann, Mich. (6B) [2019]

Minister of Word and Sacrament (YA)

- Pr. Fritz E. Fowler, Philadelphia, Pa. (7F) [2022]

Lay Female (PC/L)

- *Ms. Lesley M. Houston, Suffolk, Va. (9A) [2019]

Lay Male

- Mr. Kevin D. Anderson, Gaithersburg, Md. (8G) [2022]
 - *Mr. George K. Rahdert, St. Petersburg, Fla. (9E) [2019]
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* Members elected by the Church Council in 2017 are eligible for re-election according to continuing resolution **20.64.A16**. below.

Departing members

Minister of Word and Sacrament

- Pr. Julie A. Ebbesen, Minneapolis, Minn. (3G)
- Pr. Mark R. Ramseth, Bozeman, Mont. (1F)

Lay Female

- Ms. Kristina D. Garabedian, Fresno, Calif. (2A)

Lay Male

- Mr. Mark E. Johnson, Sammamish, Wash. (1B)
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Restrictions: Departing members are not eligible for nomination.

Needs: Four ministers of Word and Sacrament, two lay females and two lay males. At least two persons of color or whose primary language is other than English.

Preferences: Regions 1, 2 and 3. At least one young adult.

Summary

Six ministers of Word and Sacrament and six laypersons make up the Committee on Appeals. Its members meet only as needed.

The 2011 Churchwide Assembly elected two ministers of Word and Sacrament, one lay female and one lay male to a six-year term that ended in 2017. In accordance with continuing resolution **20.64.A16**. (below), at its Spring 2017 meeting, the Church Council elected the Rev. Paul J. Blom, the Rev. Christine A. Timm, Ms. Lesley M. Houston and Mr. George K. Rahdert to serve on the Committee on Appeals until the 2019 Churchwide Assembly. These individuals are eligible for re-election to a full term by the assembly without opposition, having served less than half of a six-year term.

The 2019 Churchwide Assembly will elect eight members of the committee, and the 2023 Churchwide Assembly will elect four members of the committee.

- 19.11.02.** ... In the case of re-election, if authorized, or for nominees from church bodies with which this church is in a relationship of full communion, only one person need be nominated. ...
- 20.61.** **There shall be a Committee on Appeals to which may be referred appeals from disciplinary proceedings and petitions for the recall of an officer. The Church Council shall appoint three members from the Committee on Appeals who shall recommend rules of procedure for the performance of its duties. The rules shall become effective when ratified by the Church Council.**
- 20.62.** **The Committee on Appeals shall be comprised of six ministers of Word and Sacrament and six laypersons, elected by the Churchwide Assembly for a term of six years, without consecutive re-election.**
- 20.62.A16.** *In the event that the term of any member of the Committee on Appeals expires before that member's successor is elected, the Church Council may elect an individual in the same category—minister of Word and Sacrament or layperson—to serve on the Committee until the next Churchwide Assembly. A member elected by the Church Council who serves less than one-half of a term shall be eligible for election to a full term by the Churchwide Assembly.*

Churchwide Committee on Appeals *(continued)*

Positions [8]

Rostered Minister

- A. _____
- B. _____

Rostered Minister

- A. _____
- B. _____

Rostered Minister

- A. _____
- B. _____

Minister of Word and Service

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Female

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Female

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Male

- A. _____
- B. _____

Lay Male

- A. _____
- B. _____

Churchwide Committee on Discipline

Continuing members

Minister of Word and Sacrament

Pr. Paul E. Lutter, Virginia, Minn. (3E)
Pr. Christine M. Bellefeuille, Stillwater, Minn. (3H)

Minister of Word and Sacrament (PC/L)

Pr. Linda Boston, Oakland, Calif. (2A)
Pr. Yehiel Curry, Riverdale, Ill. (5A)

Minister of Word and Service

Sr. Clare Josef-Maier, Eugene, Ore. (1E)

Lay Female

Ms. Robin B. Kaelin, Hamilton, Ohio (6F)

Lay Male

Mr. Joel T. Kangas, Fargo, N.D. (3B)
Mr. Thomas W. Salber, Philadelphia, Pa. (7F)

Departing members

Minister of Word and Sacrament

Pr. Jay E. Denne, Sioux City, Iowa (5E)
Pr. Michael A. Dubsy, Sykesville, Md. (8F)
Pr. Robert R. Henderson, Chagrin Falls, Ohio (6E)
Pr. David J. Klawiter, Owatonna, Minn. (3I)
Pr. John D. Kreidler, Kearney, Mo. (4B)
Pr. Laurie A. Natwick, Moorhead, Minn. (3D)
Pr. Duane C. Pederson, Oxford, Conn. (7B)
Pr. JoAnn A. Post, Manchester, Conn. (7B)
Pr. Rebecca R. Richie, Canfield, Ohio (6E)
Pr. Vicki A. Taylor, Deer River, Minn. (3E)
Pr. Rita G. Tweed, Palm Harbor, Fla. (9E)
Pr. Deanna M. Wildermuth, Mercer Island, Wash. (1B)

Minister of Word and Sacrament (PC/L)

Pr. Dinah E. Dutta, Lawrence, Kan. (4B)

Minister of Word and Sacrament (Y/YA)

Pr. Megan L. Torgerson, West St. Paul, Minn. (3H)

Departing members (continued)

Lay Female

Sr. Sylvia S. Countess, Knoxville, Tenn. (9D)
Ms. Kathy Patrick, Bellaire, Texas (4F)
Ms. Nancy M. Reed, Luray, Va. (9A)
Ms. Cheryl G. Stuart, Tallahassee, Fla. (9E)

Lay Female (PC/L)

Ms. Kathleen V. Elliott Chillison, Los Angeles, Calif. (2B)

Lay Female (Y/YA)

Ms. Anna K. Helgen, White Bear Lake, Minn. (3H)
Ms. Hannah L. Knauss, Martinsburg, Pa. (8C)

Lay Male

Mr. John Emery, Fond du Lac, Wis. (5I)
Mr. Kevin K. Fitzgerald, Pasadena, Calif. (2B)
Mr. Ronald C. Gubrud, Dallas, Texas (4D)
Mr. Henry Harms, Springfield, Ill. (5C)
Mr. William R. Lloyd Jr., Somerset, Pa. (8C)

Lay Male (PC/L)

Mr. Todd A. Perkins, Detroit, Mich. (6A)

Lay Male (Y/YA)

Mr. Josh S. Tatum, Indianapolis, Ind. (6C)

Restrictions: Departing members are not eligible for nomination.

Needs: Eight ministers of Word and Sacrament, four lay females and four lay males.

If ministers of Word and Service are not counted among the laity, seven rostered ministers, at least one of whom is a minister of Word and Service, five lay females and four lay males.

At least two persons of color or whose primary language is other than English and at least two young adults.

Preferences: Regions 4, 8 and 9.

Summary

The Committee on Discipline has a range of 24 to 36 members; half are ministers of Word and Sacrament. Its members meet only as they are named to serve on a discipline hearing committee.

The continuing membership of the committee, after the 2019 Churchwide Assembly, will consist of four ministers of Word and Sacrament, two lay females and two lay males. If the assembly is to complete the transition to a triennial election cycle, electing half of the committee's members, it may elect eight ministers of Word and Sacrament, four lay females and four lay males.

20.21.08. A discipline hearing committee shall be convened to conduct a hearing. The voting members of this committee shall be composed of 12 persons of whom six shall be selected by the Synod Council's Executive Committee from the Committee on Discipline of the synod and six shall be selected from the churchwide Committee on Discipline....

20.21.11. The Churchwide Committee on Discipline shall consist of 24–36 members, half of whom should be ministers of Word and Sacrament and half of whom should be laypersons, elected by the Churchwide Assembly for a term of six years. Each member will serve until a successor is elected, without consecutive re-election, and will serve as needed on a discipline hearing committee in any of the synods in this church.

Churchwide Committee on Discipline *(continued)*

Positions [16]

Rostered Minister

A. _____
B. _____

Rostered Minister

A. _____
B. _____

Rostered Minister

A. _____
B. _____

Rostered Minister

A. _____
B. _____

Rostered Minister

A. _____
B. _____

Rostered Minister

A. _____
B. _____

Minister of Word and Service

A. _____
B. _____

Lay Female

A. _____
B. _____

Lay Female

A. _____
B. _____

Lay Female

A. _____
B. _____

Lay Female

A. _____
B. _____

Lay Female

A. _____
B. _____

Lay Male

A. _____
B. _____

Lay Male

A. _____
B. _____

Lay Male

A. _____
B. _____

Lay Male

A. _____
B. _____

Churchwide Nominating Committee

Continuing members

Minister of Word and Sacrament

Pr. Kathryn A. Tiede, Saint Paul, Minn. (3H)

Minister of Word and Sacrament (PC/L)

Pr. Nathan V.A. Luong, Saint Peter, Minn. (3F)

Lay Female

Ms. Joyce D. Adams, East Lansdowne, Pa. (7F)

Lay Male

Mr. Louis Moehlman, Garden Grove, Calif. (2C)

Mr. Bryan L. Penvose, Valley City, Ohio (6E)

Lay Male (Y/YA)

Mr. Samuel P. Swenson-Reinhold, Fairfax, Va. (8G)

Restrictions: Departing members are not eligible for nomination.

Needs: At least one person of color or whose primary language is other than English. At least one youth or young adult.

Preferences: Lay females. Regions 4, 5 and 9, if more than eight members are to be elected.

Summary

The Church Council nominates individuals for possible election to the Nominating Committee by the Churchwide Assembly. The committee has a range of 12 to 18 members. At least one but no more than three members must be from any of the nine regions of this church. Members serve one six-year term (or until a successor is elected) and are not eligible for re-election.

The 2019 Churchwide Assembly may complete the transition to a triennial election cycle and elect half of the committee's members. The regional requirement will make it more important for the Church Council to identify nominees by region.

12.51.03. Nominating Committee. A Nominating Committee, elected by the Churchwide Assembly, shall nominate at least one person for each position for which an election will be held by the Churchwide Assembly in accordance with Chapter 19 of this constitution.

19.21.01. There shall be a Nominating Committee consisting of 12–18 members elected by the Churchwide Assembly. Each member shall be elected to one six-year term and shall serve until a successor is elected. Members of the Nominating Committee shall not be eligible for consecutive re-election. The Church Council shall place in nomination the names of two persons for each position. The committee shall consist of at least one member but no more than three members from any region. Nominations from the floor shall also be permitted, but each floor nomination shall be presented as an alternative to a specific category named by the Church Council and shall therefore meet the same criteria as the persons against whom the nominee is nominated. In the materials provided in advance to each member of the assembly, the Church Council shall set forth the criteria applicable to each category that must be met by persons nominated from the floor.

Departing members

Minister of Word and Sacrament

Pr. Eric Carlson, Clive, Iowa (5D)

Pr. Stephen A. Keiser, Philadelphia, Pa. (7F)

Minister of Word and Sacrament (PC/L)

Pr. Tiffany C. Chaney, Montgomery, Ala. (9D)

Lay Female

Ms. Susan M. Berg, Bothell, Wash. (1B)

Lay Female (PC/L)

Ms. Linda M. Chinnia, Baltimore, Md. (8F)

Ms. Stacy D. Kitahata, Seattle, Wash. (1B)

Ms. Vernetta I. Wilson, Tulsa, Okla. (4C)

Lay Female (Y/YA)

Ms. Emily Isensee, Vancouver, Wash. (1C)

Lay Male

Mr. Jordan Krey, Quincy, Mass. (7B)

Mr. Tommie L. Robinson Jr., Washington, D.C. (8G)

Churchwide Nominating Committee *(continued)*

Positions [8]

Region 1

- A. _____
- B. _____

Region 2

- A. _____
- B. _____

Region 3

- A. _____
- B. _____

Region 4

- A. _____
- B. _____

Region 5

- A. _____
- B. _____

Region 6

- A. _____
- B. _____

Region 7

- A. _____
- B. _____

Region 8

- A. _____
- B. _____

Region 9

- A. _____
- B. _____

SAMPLE OF ONLINE BIOGRAPHICAL FORM

Biographical Form - General Use

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE POSSIBLE NOMINEE

* indicates required data

To be considered for :*

Specify which Board or Churchwide Committee

1.* Please provide full, legal name

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<small>* Title</small>	<small>* First name</small>	<small>Middle name</small>	<small>* Last name</small>	<small>Suffix</small>

NOTE: TO SATISFY ELCA CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS ON NOMINATIONS, THE FOLLOWING SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL PRECLUDE CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATION.

A. Gender: B. *Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy): C. *Primary language English:

D. *Ethnic/Racial Group :

E. *Are you a rostered minister? Yes No
If yes, provide your Rostered Leader Key:
If yes, by which synod:

F. *Are you willing to serve, if elected? Yes No

G. *Are you related to an ELCA churchwide staff member? Yes No
If yes, print name here:
If yes, by what relationship:

H. *If you are a nominee for the Board of Pensions (Portico Benefit Services), are you a member or potential recipient of benefits in any form of the pension plan? Yes No

2.* Preferred Mailing Address

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<small>* Street Address, P.O. Box, c/o, etc.</small>	<small>Apartment number, unit, floor, etc.</small>	<small>* Type</small>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<small>* City</small>	<small>* State</small>	<small>* ZIP Code</small>	<input type="text"/>	<small>Country</small>

3. Residence: if different from Preferred Mailing Address

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<small>Street Address</small>	<small>Apartment number, unit, floor, etc.</small>	<small>City</small>	<small>State</small>	<small>Country</small>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<small>City</small>	<small>State</small>	<small>ZIP Code</small>	<input type="text"/>	<small>Country</small>

4.* Telephone: (Preferred) *

(Alternate)

5.* E-mail:

(Confirmation will be sent to the e-mail address above.) Type

6.* Are you a member of an ELCA Congregation ? Yes No

Congregation name (partial) : State :

Tip: Enter one word from the congregation's name (ex. Paul for St Paul Lutheran Church) and the state abbreviation before clicking "Search."

Congregation Membership :

TO BE COMPLETED ONLINE BY THE POSSIBLE NOMINEE AT WWW.ELCA.ORG/NOMINATIONS BY APRIL 1, 2019

TO BE COMPLETED ONLINE BY THE POSSIBLE NOMINEE AT www.ELCA.org/nominations BY APRIL 1, 2019

7. Educational Institutions:

a. From to
Degree

b. from to
Degree

c. from to
Degree

8. Employer
(current or most recent): * Name * City * State
Start Date : * (mm/dd/yyyy) End Date : (mm/dd/yyyy)
Position/Title : *
Date retired (if applicable): (mm/dd/yyyy)

Previous Employment:

a. from to
b. from to

9.* List current or past congregational, synodical, or churchwide service activities: *(include the year of service)*

a. from to
b. from to
c. from to

10.* In two or three brief paragraphs, describe your sense of God calling you into mission and service in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America through the work of this board or committee. What are the gifts, skills, experiences and areas of expertise that you would bring to this work? *(1000 characters max, 1000 characters remaining ...)*

11. If you are not nominated to serve on the board or committee for which you have applied, would you consider serving on another? If so, which one(s) ?

12. Please give us the name of someone who can speak to your skills and attributes related to your previous congregational, synodical, or churchwide service activities:

Name: Phone number: Email:
What is your relationship to this person?

Thursday, January 04, 2018 10:50 AM
(if desirable, please print before Submitting)

TO SUGGEST A POSSIBLE NOMINEE, SEND THAT PERSON'S FULL NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION TO NOMINATIONS@ELCA.ORG