

In what capacity do you feel called to serve? (Please note a position or area of interest.)

Clergy representative from the COW Conference to the Synod Council

Name

Rev. Richard Strait

Age

Over 35 years old

Gender (Required according to our bylaws)

Male

Congregation & Location

Bethel/Christ, Avoca

Conference

Conference Out West

Occupation

Pastor

Education:

BA Hanover College, Psychology 1966
MS Indiana University, Education 1968
M Div Seminary of the Southwest 1986

Certifications, Ordination, and/or Licenses:

Ordained Deacon in UMC 1983

Ordained Elder in UMC 1986

Expertise: (Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Social Ministry
- Teaching

Congregational Involvement: (Past and Present)

Assistant to the Pastor Gethsemane ELCA, Austin, TX 1976-80

Pastor, Southwest Tx Conference of UMC, 1980-97

Pastor, Wisconsin Conference of UMC, 1997-2012

Visitation Pastor, Univ UMC, Austin, TX 2014-2017

Interim Pastor, Bethel/Christ ELCA, Avoca 2017-present

Synod/Churchwide Involvement: (Past and Present)

District Committee on Ordained Ministry, 1999-2004

Chair, Conference Board of Ordained Ministry 2004-2012

Community Involvement: (Past and Present)

President, Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry, Victoria, TX 1993-1997

Brookfield Ecumenical Interfaith Network 2006-2012

Stamford Clergy Alliance 2017-present

