

**Report of the
Nominating
Committee**

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1. Nominations from the floor shall be made at the time of the first report of the Nominating Committee during the first business session of the Synod Assembly for all positions to be elected at this assembly.
2. A person making a nomination from the floor must immediately present to the Synod Secretary, or to the Assembly office, a clearly printed copy of the nominee's biographical information.

TICKETS 1-8: To elect Representatives to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Council, which functions as the board of directors of the synod and as an interim legislative authority between meetings of the Synod Assembly.

TICKET 1, Synod Council – Clergy (Three to be elected for terms ending 2017; the Nominating Committee shall nominate at least three nominees)

Stephen Keiser, Holy Communion, Philadelphia
Thomas Lang, New Hanover, Gilbertsville
Tina Mackie, St. Matthew, Chester Springs
Jane Marston, Tabor, Philadelphia

The Synod Assembly may make nominations from the floor.

TICKET 2, Synod Council – Lay Man at Large (One to be elected for a term ending 2017; the Nominating Committee shall nominate at least one nominee; additional nominations may be made from the floor)

Wynne Fisher, St. Michael, Sellersville

The Synod Assembly may make nominations from the floor. This ticket may also include those not elected on Tickets 4, 5, and 8.

TICKET 3, Synod Council – Lay Woman at Large (One to be elected for a term ending 2017; the Nominating Committee shall nominate at least one nominee; additional nominations may be made from the floor)

Lucille Hall, St. Mark, Philadelphia

The Synod Assembly may make nominations from the floor. This ticket may include those not elected on Tickets 6 and 7.

TICKET 4, Synod Council – Chester Conference Representative (Lay, Man) (One to be elected for a term ending 2017; at least one nominee required)

Rod Rothermel, St. Luke, Devon

The Synod Assembly may make nominations from the floor. Those not elected on this ticket shall be added to the nominees on Ticket 2.

TICKET 5, Synod Council – Lower Bucks Conference Representative (Lay, Man) (One to be elected for a term ending 2017; at least one nominee required)

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The Synod Assembly may make nominations from the floor. Those not elected on this ticket shall be added to the nominees on Ticket 2.

TICKET 6, Synod Council – Lower Montgomery Conference Representative (Lay, Woman) (One to be elected for a term ending 2017; at least one nominee required)

Sue Massey, Living Word, Roslyn

The Synod Assembly may make nominations from the floor. Those not elected on this ticket shall be added to the nominees on Ticket 3.

TICKET 7, Synod Council – Youth Representative (Lay, Woman) (One to be elected for a term ending 2016; at least one nominee required)

Emily Fowler, New Hanover, Gilbertsville

The Synod Assembly may make nominations from the floor. Those not elected on this ticket may be added to Ticket 3.

TICKET 8, Synod Council – Young Adult Representative (Lay, Man, Person of Color and/or Whose Primary Language Is Other Than English) (One to be elected for a term ending 2016; at least one nominee required)

Emmanuel Alves, Holy Communion, Philadelphia

The Synod Assembly may make nominations from the floor. Those not elected on this ticket may be added to Ticket 2.

TICKETS 9-11: To elect members of the Consultation Committee of this synod. The Consultation Committee shall consist of at least six persons and not more than 12 persons, of whom half shall be ordained ministers and half shall be lay persons, who shall each be elected by the Synod Assembly for a term of six years without consecutive reelection (+S11.02). When there is a disagreement among actions within a congregation on a substantive issue that cannot be resolved by the parties, members of a congregation shall have access to the synodical bishop for consultation after informing the chair of the Congregation Council of the intent. If the consultation fails to resolve the issue(s), the Consultation Committee of this synod shall consider the matter. If the Consultation Committee of this synod shall fail to resolve the issue(s), the matter shall be referred to the Synod Council, whose decision shall be final (+S17.11).

TICKET 9, Consultation Committee – Clergy (Four, five, or six to be elected to terms ending 2020)

The following clergy are ineligible for re-election because of the one consecutive term limit: the Reverends Sandra Brown, Cornelius Eaddy, Cynthia Krommes, Thomas Lang, Dolores Littleton, and Larry Smoose.

Marie Caron, Christ, Pipersville
George Detweiler, University, Philadelphia
Gerald Faust, Immanuel, Norwood
Regina Goodrich, Mediator, Philadelphia

TICKET 10, Consultation Committee – Lay Women (Two or three to be elected for terms ending 2020)

The following lay women are ineligible for re-election because of the one consecutive term limit: Dr. Addie Butler and Ms. Dawn Stewart.

Mary Julia McKenzie, Emmanuel, Souderton
Margie Pendarvis-Wright, St. Peter, Philadelphia

TICKET 11, Consultation Committee – Lay Man (Two or three to be elected for terms ending 2020)

The following lay men are ineligible for re-election because of the one consecutive term limit: Mr. Garry Brown, Mr. Barry Stock, and Mr. John Ungerman.

Robert Hensil, Holy Spirit, Secane

TICKETS 12-14: To elect the members of the Committee on Discipline of this synod. The Committee on Discipline of this synod shall consist of 12 persons of whom six shall be ordained ministers and six shall be lay persons, who shall each be elected by the Synod Assembly for a term of six years without consecutive reelection. The terms of committee members shall be staggered so that the terms of four committee members (two clergy and two lay) expire every two years. The Synod Council shall fill vacancies on the Committee on Discipline for any unexpired term (+S11.03). The ELCA Constitution sets forth in its bylaws a process of discipline governing officers, ordained ministers, diaconal ministers, associates in ministry, deaconesses, congregations, and members of congregations. The disciplinary process is the responsibility of the synod on behalf of the ELCA and jointly with it – see ELCA Constitution, Chapter 20.

The Synod Council established the following rule for the 2014 Synod Assembly regarding the election of members of the Committee of Discipline:

After the presiding officer declares the two clergy, one lay man, and one lay woman elected for terms ending 2020, the next runners-up shall be declared elected to the available positions; the total number of votes received by the nominees determining their length of term. As such, the clergy receiving the third and fourth most votes shall be declared elected to terms ending 2018, the clergy receiving the fifth most votes shall be declared elected to a term ending 2016, the lay man receiving the second most votes shall be declared elected to a term ending 2018, the lay man receiving the third most votes shall be declared elected to a term ending 2016; and the lay woman receiving the second most votes shall be declared elected to a term ending 2016. If a nominee declines election, the nominee with the next most votes on that particular ticket shall be declared elected for the stated term.

TICKET 12, Committee on Discipline – Clergy (Two to be elected for terms ending 2020)
The following clergy are ineligible for re-election because of the one consecutive term limit: the Reverends Marcia Bell and Susan Ericsson. The Reverend Nancy Wiseman (term ending 2016) already serves on the Committee on Discipline.

Charles Leonard, St. Mark, Philadelphia
Paul Sorcek, Advent, Richboro
Janice Vogt, Grace, Norristown
Donna Wright, St. John, Melrose Park

TICKET 13, Committee on Discipline – Lay Woman (One to be elected for a term ending 2020)

Sister Sally Kerr is ineligible for re-election because of the one consecutive term limit. Sister Jane Roper (term ending 2018) already serves on the Committee on Discipline.

Joyce Brown Adams, Faith Immanuel, East Lansdowne
Susan Pursch, University, Philadelphia

TICKET 14, Committee on Discipline – Lay Man (One to be elected for a term ending 2020)
Peter Duskey, Saints United, Philadelphia
John Ungerman, St. James, Pottstown

In addition, two clergy positions for terms ending 2018, one clergy position for a term ending 2016, one lay woman position for a term ending 2016, one lay man position for a term ending 2018, and one lay man position for a term ending 2016 are open. Because the Synod Assembly did not elect persons to fill these positions when the terms expired, the Synod Council has the authority to elect persons to fill these positions until the terms expire.

March 24, 2014

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

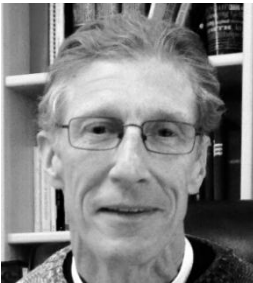
ALVES, EMANUEL (M-P): IT Services, Mobile Specialist. B. A. from DeVry University. Holy Communion, Philadelphia. Worship Assistance; Lector; Crucifer; Current Council Member; Youth Ministry Leader; Young Adult Ministry; Servant Trips; Feed Homeless Service; Interested in growing the faith to our existing and new youth members, and learn more about the works and regulations of the ELCA.

I hold onto an ambition to help the one body in Christ. I'm dedicated in volunteering work to promote excellent interpersonal acceptance and global relations. One of my passions is the evolution of state of the art technology, and the impact it holds for our future. To me, this passion is a key factor to the future which creates a network of people to work as one.



BROWN ADAMS, JOYCE (F-P): Retired. B. A. from Temple University; M. S. from University of Illinois –Champaign Urbana. Faith-Immanuel Lutheran Church, East Lansdowne. Synod Council, Congregation Council President; Congregation Council Vice President; Altar Guild President; Creative Art Workgroup, Teacher/Coordinator; Benefit Bank Site Coordinator/Counselor; Life Skills Trainer.

CARON, MARIE (F-W): Pastor. B. A. from Rutgers University. M. Div. from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Past: Northwest Parish Philadelphia Executive Committee; Committee on Elections; Worship Committee, SEPA Synod; Upper Bucks Conference Rostered Leaders Program Coordinator; Upper Bucks Executive Committee; Chaplain; Volunteer, Doylestown Hospital 2000- present; Pastor Care Board Committee, Doylestown Hospital, 2004-2013; Board, Tincum Health Ministry Project, Pipersville, PA 1999- Present; and Chair 2006- Present.



DETWEILER, L. GEORGE (M-W): Interim Pastor. B. A. from Thiel College. M. Div. from Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. D. Min from Princeton Theological Seminary. Upper Dublin Lutheran Church, Ambler. Interim Pastor, University Lutheran Church of the Incarnation, Philadelphia.



DUSKEY, PETER (M-W): Retired. B. S. from University of Illinois. M. S. from University of Illinois. Saints United Lutheran Church, Philadelphia. NE Conference Executive/Coordinating Committee. 2000-2013; Chair, Finance Committee, Saints United, 2008-present; Acting Treasurer, 2013-present; Chair, Call Committee, 2013-present; Synod Council 2004-2010; Volunteer, Feast of Justice Food Bank, 2006-present.

FAUST, GERALD (M-W): Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norwood. B. S. from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. M. Div. from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. DelCo Conference Executive Board; Former Synod Youth Committee; Synod Youth activities; Harvey Cedars Planning Team; JYG Fall Retreat Planning Team; Lutheran Community at Telford Board; Boy Scouts of America; Sellersville and currently Interboro Ministerium (Facilitator); Volunteer Chaplain at Taylor Hospital.



FISHER, WYNNE (M-W): Broker, Sonstein Financial Group. B. A. from Drexel University. St. Michael Lutheran Church, Sellersville. Communications/Tech Team- Synod Assembly (2002 – present); FLY Gatherings (2002-2006); Audio-Visual Worship Tech-Congregational, 2013 – present; SEPA Youth Servant Trip – Chicago 2005; Quakertown Food Pantry – Volunteer 2012-2013.

I bring experience of the church from the perspective of a Young Adult with longtime involvement in the church. My education in political science and my experiences in the church provide me with an understanding of the systems of the wider church and an ability to think outside the box in an effort to help the church fulfill its mission.



FOWLER, EMILY (F-W): Student, Boyertown Area Senior High School. New Hanover Lutheran Church, Gilbertsville. LYO Board; Rainbow of Hope-An organization I started to raise money for children with disabilities; Sr. LYO at New Hanover Lutheran Church; Rejoicing Spirits.

I will bring a positive attitude and a willingness to learn, serve others, grow in my faith, and help others grow in their faith. I work well with others and have good communication skills. I will represent the youth in the best way possible.

GOODRICH, REGINA (F-P): Pastor, Mediator Lutheran Church, Philadelphia M.S.W. from Wayne State University. B. A. from William Penn University. Synod Council.



HALL, LUCILLE (F-P): President/CEO, Image Consulting. St. Mark Lutheran Church, Philadelphia. Current: Lector; Minister in Song; Seminar Organizer; Facebook Administrator; Chairman Internship Committee; Chairman Youth Scholarship Committee; Past: Homeless Feeding Ministry; Prayer Ministry; Current: PR & Special Events Organizer; Past: Chairman of Employee Volunteerism Committee (GMAC Mortgage Corp); Elected Official Committee Person 17th Ward Div. 3.

Spiritual Gifts: Evangelism, Prophecy, Teaching, Serving, Word of Wisdom, Administration. Personal gifts: Unwavering love for Christ/His People. Unshakable integrity, prior board experience (Public & Private Sector), PR, Business Analyst, Interpersonal Skills Seminar/Conference Organizer. These gifts will be utilized in carrying out God's will in conjunction with ELCA/SEPA Synod Council Mission.



HENSIL, ROBERT (M-W): User Support Technician, The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. B. S. E. from Drexel Institute of Technology. M. B. A. from Drexel University. Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Secane. Chair Bishop Election Committee 2006 & 2012; Congregation Council; Council President, Synod Council; Synod Council Executive; Temple Lutheran Praise Band and assisting Minister; Board of Directors Delaware County Youth Orchestra; Past member and treasurer of Lansdowne Symphony Orchestra.

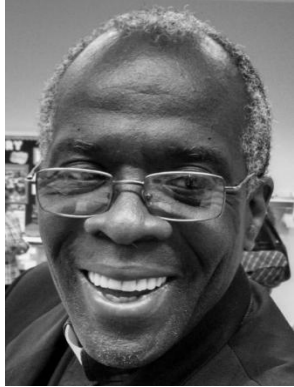
KEISER, STEPHEN (M-W): Pastor, Holy Communion Lutheran Church, Philadelphia. B. A. Wheaton College. M.Div. The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. S.T.M. from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Taught lay theological education programs at LTSP and SEPA Diakonia; Interviewer for SEPA Candidacy Committee; Mission Resource Institute; Treasurer; Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries, Secretary; Philadelphia Liturgical Institute, Board Member; I am a member of Amnesty International; the American Civil Liberties Union, and the Center City Residents Association. Beyond congregational ministry, I seek to be an advocate for human rights, justice, and the needs of vulnerable members of society.

In addition to my skills as a pastor, I bring skills in finance and accounting. My primary spiritual gifts include: pasturing, teaching, verbal communication, and intercession.



LANG, THOMAS (M-W): Pastor, New Hanover Lutheran Church, Gilbertsville. B. A. from Gettysburg College. M. Div. from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. Planning Team for North American Association of the Catechmenate (2013-present); Coach Apprentice for the ELCA Faith Practices Coaching Initiative (Current); Transformational Ministry Coach (SEPA) Current; Synodical Mission Interpreter (2005); F.L.Y. Planning Team (2003-2005); Network of Biblical Storytellers International Board Member (2005-2006); International Workshop Leader on Biblical Storytelling (1995-Present); Member Tri-County Community Network, Pottstown serving on Environmental Health & Safety Committee (2011- Present); Member 228th Forward Support Battalion Community Support Committee, Sellersville (2005-2006); Founding Member Upper Bucks Alliance for Creative Expression, Quakertown (2004-2005); Founder/Coordinator Pennridge Area Healthy Communities/Healthy Youth Initiative (1999-2006).

Engaging people in the discernment of God's purpose and guidance through asking powerful, provocative questions. Also committed to encouraging clearly focused, healthy and productive group process. And I bring wisdom of 34+ years experience in a broad variety of ministry settings allowing me to articulate the current work of ministry in a broad narrative context.



LEONARD, CHARLES (M-P): Pastor, St. Mark Lutheran Church, Philadelphia. B. S. from Pennsylvania State University. M. Div. from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Th. M. from Princeton University. D. Min from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. M.Ed. and Ed. D. from Columbia University. Synod Council; Interviewer for Mission Development; Co-Facilitator for West Oak Lane Concerned Citizens.

MACKIE, TINA (F-W): Senior Pastor, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Chester Springs. B. A. from Grove City College. M. S. from Rutgers University. M. Div. from Palmer Seminary and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Sr. Pastor, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Chester Springs, May 2013 – Present; Associate Pastor, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Chester Springs, June 2003 – May 2013; Volunteer Hospital Chaplain; First Responders Chaplain; Literacy Tutor.

I am good at getting things done. I work best on teams that think creatively and will experiment and try new and different ways of doing things. I am a conceptual thinker and not detailed oriented. I'm a thoughtful listener.

MARSTON, JANE (F-W): Pastor, Tabor Lutheran Church, Philadelphia. B. A. from Dickinson College. M. A. from York University. M. Div. from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Lay delegate to New England Synod Assembly; Congregational Liaison for Harvard Square Homeless Shelter; Currently serving as Chaplain to the Candidacy Committee; City of Cambridge (MA) Bicycle Committee; Tutoring at St. Vincent's Learning Lab; Tabor Youth Development Center.

I was baptized as an adult, so I've experienced the church as an outsider and newcomer as well as insider. I grew up in suburban Chester County and now serve as pastor of an urban multicultural congregation. I believe the Holy Spirit calls us to collaborate in ministry and besides, it's more fun.



MASSEY, SUE (F-W): Account Manager, First Union/US Bank. A. A. from Grays Harbor CC. B. A. from Central WA University. Living Word Lutheran Church, Roslyn. Worship Leader and Treasurer, Living Word, Roslyn 2011 - Present; Lay Representative Lower Montgomery SEPA 2011 – Present; Relay for Life participant; Feast of Justice Volunteer, St. John Lutheran Church, Mayfair.

If elected, I will bring my gifts of understanding and respect for the diversity of all people. The love for the church and Jesus Christ in all things. The hope to strengthen the communications between congregation and the Synod.



MCKENZIE, MARY JULIA (F-W): Chaplain, Penn Foundation for Behavioral Health. B. A. from USC. M. B. A. from USC. M. A. R. from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Souderton. Synod Council under Bishop Burkat and formerly under Bishop Almquist; Congregation Council : St. Paul, Lansdale/St. Michael, Sellersville/Emmanuel, Souderton; Constitution Committee; Committee on Community Life and Board of Directors: Deaconess Community, ELCA; Volunteer Chaplain: Grandview Hospital, Sellersville; Blood Donor: PA Red Cross; Crisis Management First

Responder: Mennonite Conference/Penn Foundation; Volunteer House Chaplain: Steeley Funeral Home, Sellersville; Sellersville Fire House Booster; Godly Play Facilitator/Biblical Storytelling.



PURSCH, SUSAN (F-W): Director of Development, Cancer Support Community. A. A. from Waldorf College. B.A. from Augsburg College. M.S.W. from University of Pennsylvania. University Lutheran Church, Philadelphia. Chair, SEKOMU Committee for 7 years; Synod Council. Computer instruction – Runnemede, NJ; small raw dog food business.



ROTHERMEL, RODMAN (M-W): Retired. B. A. from Haverford College. St. Luke Lutheran Church, Devon. SEPA Synod Council; St. Luke Lutheran Church, Devon Congregational Council for three separate terms for total of 16 years as President (2) and Christian Education Chairman; Catechetical Teacher; various committees as member and chairman; led the rebuilding of St. Luke after a fire in 2003; Muhlenberg College Board of Directors; Marple Newtown School District Board of Directors; Christian Camp Counselor.

My spiritual gift is simply a desire to respond to God's love and grace in whatever way and service I can. My professional gifts include leadership for and turn around of three corporations and a strong knowledge of organization, good governance, and improvement of operations.



SORCEK, PAUL (M-W): Pastor, Advent Lutheran Church, Richboro. B. A. from Valparaiso University. S. T. M., M. Div. from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. D. Min. from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Synod Council 2013; Co-Chair Committee of Deans 2010-2013; Dean of Lower Bucks Conference 2007-2013; some year ago: Chair of the Committee on American Missions; Member of Discipline Committee; Fire Company and Crisis Intervention Team

Chaplain; Active in Lutheran Conference and in Ministerium.

UNGERMAN, JOHN (M-W): Wealth Advisor, Thrivent Financial. B. A. from Drexel University. St. James Lutheran Church, Pottstown. Currently serving on Synod Council; Have served numerous terms on church council-I've been secretary, treasurer, president, I led 2 building campaigns; served as a voting delegate to the 2007 Churchwide Assembly in Chicago; Currently serving in the Upper Pottsgrove Planning Commission since 2006; I am active in our industry association (NAIFA).

VOGT, JANICE (F-W): Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church, Norristown. B. A. from St. Joseph's College. M. Div. from Yale Divinity School. S. T. M. from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Synodical: Christian Education Committee, Worship Committee, Dean of Northeast Conference, Member of the Conference Executive Committee; Board Member at Silver Springs Martin Luther School; Board Member of Community Interfaith in Norristown; Literacy Tutor; Friend of the Library (Warminster).

WRIGHT, DONNA (F-W): Interim Pastor, St. John Melrose Park. B. A. from Indiana State. J. D. from Washington University School of Law. M. Div. from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. Division for Ministry Board, 1993-1999; ELCA Committee on Discipline, 1999-2006; Candidacy Committee, Deaconess Community of the ELCA and ELCIC, 2000-2008; SEPA Synod Assembly Worship Planning Team, 2013 – Present; SEPA Synod Interim Pastors Workshop Planning Team, 2012- Present; Interim Ministry Network Annual Conference Planning Team, 2013 – Present.



WRIGHT, MARGIE P. (F-P): Retired. B.S. from Clafin College. St. Peter Lutheran Church, Philadelphia. Synod Executive Committee; Synod Council; Synod Candidacy Committee; St. Peter's Finance Committee; St. Peter's Property Committee; Worship/Music Committee; Women's Day Chair 5 years; All Saint's Choir; Youth Advocate; Political Campaign Volunteer.