



Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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To: Rostered Leaders, Congregations, Synod Council Members, and Executive Officers of Synod Related Social Ministry Organizations, Agencies, and Institutions

From: Joyce Brown Adams, Chair, Nominating Committee, Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod

Re: Nominations for 2016 Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly

Date: Updated January 22, 2016

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod's Nominating Committee is asking for your help in identifying gifted and qualified persons, both clergy and lay, to serve as nominees for election at the **Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly on May 6-7, 2016.**

Every year the Synod Assembly elects members of the **Synod Council**, which serves as "the board of directors of the synod" and "its interim legislative authority between meetings of the Synod Assembly." The 2016 assembly will elect the following:

- One clergy Consultation Committee term ending 2020

For Synod Council:

- Three clergy for terms ending 2019
- One lay male representative from the Delaware Conference for a term ending 2019
- One lay male representative from the Northeast Conference for a term ending 2019
- One lay female representative from the Upper Montgomery Conference for a term ending 2019
- One lay male at large for a term ending 2019
- One lay female at large for a term ending 2019
- One female young adult for a term ending 2019
- One lay male young adult for a term ending 2019
- One lay female youth representative for a term ending 2018
(A youth is defined as "a voting member of a congregation who has not reached the age of 18 at the time of election or appointment for service.")

Representatives from the congregations in the conferences specified may supply at least one nominee for their respective conference representative positions.

Please use the synod's nominating form, available at the synod website or by request, to suggest one or more persons for the positions under consideration for the Synod Council. You may make additional copies of the nominating form if necessary. Please submit names of prospective nominees as soon as possible, but before February 15, 2016.

The Nominating Committee requires all nominees submit a digital photo of themselves and respond to the following questions – (1) List your top five spiritual gifts and/or personal gifts you would bring to the position if elected, and (2) How have you used these gifts in service to the church and your work? Please answer in 50 words or less

A digital photo and response to the questions are required for a nominating form to be considered completed. Nominating forms submitted without the required information will not be accepted and will not be placed in nomination.

Completed nominating forms, and answers to the “spiritual and personal gifts” question, should be sent to:

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Digital photos must be sent to:

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Please note:

- Those nominated must be active members of congregations of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod.
- As always, we seek a diversity of candidates.
- Before suggesting a person, ask whether the person is willing to serve if elected.
- The Nominating Committee is not required to place in nomination the name of any person suggested.
- Except for the congregations of the officers and the youth and young adult representatives, two people from the same congregation may not serve on the Synod Council at the same time. The Synod Council may make exceptions to this requirement in order to promote greater diversity and/or inclusivity.