

**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA
SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2019**

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 1-10: 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.

S9.06. The Synod Council shall nominate at least one person for Secretary only if there is an incumbent; otherwise the Synod Council shall nominate at least two persons for Secretary. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

TICKET 1: SECRETARY (One to be elected for a term ending 2023; nominated by the Synod Council; one nominee required if incumbent, otherwise at least two required)

NAME	CONGREGATION
Rev. Karl M. Richard	St. Matthew, Springfield

The Synod Assembly may make nominations from the floor.

TICKET 2: SYNOD COUNCIL, CLERGY (Three Ministers of Word and Sacrament to be elected for terms ending 2022)

NAME	CONGREGATION
Rev. Gwendolyn S. King	Calvary, West Chester
Rev. Dwight Mason	Good Shepherd, Philadelphia
Rev. Kris Chandler	Trinity, Fort Washington
Rev. Joseph Klinger	Redemption, Philadelphia

The Synod Assembly may make nominations from the floor.

S9.08.01.b. Representatives of congregations in each conference shall meet prior to the annual meeting of the Synod Assembly and shall nominate at least one lay person from their conference for the Synod Council, one nominee per conference to be elected by the assembly at the annual meeting. These lay seats assigned to conferences shall alternate every six years (or two terms) between male and female Council members. The Nominating Committee shall receive these nominations from the conferences to include in its reports. Voting members at the annual meeting of the assembly may nominate from the floor persons from the assigned conferences for election to the Synod Council

TICKET 3: SYNOD COUNCIL, DELAWARE CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVE, LAY MALE (One lay male to be elected for a term ending 2022)

NAME	CONGREGATION
Mr. David Ehret	Grace, Broomall

The Synod Assembly may make nominations from the floor. Persons not elected on this ballot will be added to Ticket 8.

TICKET 4 - SYNOD COUNCIL, NORTHEAST/NORTHWEST PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVE, LAY MALE (One lay male to be elected for a term ending 2022)

NAME	CONGREGATION
Mr. Adam Clark	Zion, Olney

The Synod Assembly may make nominations from the floor. Persons not elected on this ballot will be added to Ticket 8.

TICKET 5: SYNOD COUNCIL, UPPER MONTGOMERY CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVE, LAY FEMALE (One lay female to be elected for a term ending 2022)

NAME	CONGREGATION
Ms. Cheryl Detweiler	Grace, Pottstown
Sister Jane Roper	St. James, Pottstown

The Synod Assembly may make nominations from the floor. Persons not elected on this ballot will be added to Ticket 9.

TICKET 6: SYNOD COUNCIL, AT LARGE REPRESENTATIVE, LAY MALE, YOUNG ADULT (One lay male, young adult to be elected for a term ending 2022)
(A young adult is a person between ages of 18 and 30 at time of election or appointment)

NAME	CONGREGATION
Mr.	

The Synod Assembly may make nominations from the floor. Persons not elected on this ballot will be added to Ticket 8.

TICKET 7: SYNOD COUNCIL, AT LARGE REPRESENTATIVE, LAY FEMALE, YOUNG ADULT (One lay female, young adult to be elected for a term ending 2022)
(A young adult is a person between ages of 18 and 30 at time of election or appointment)

NAME	CONGREGATION
Ms.	

The Synod Assembly may make nominations from the floor. Persons not elected on this ballot will be added to Ticket 9.

TICKET 8: SYNOD COUNCIL, AT LARGE REPRESENTATIVE, LAY MALE (One lay male to be elected for a term ending 2022)

NAME	CONGREGATION
Mr. William Graham	Prince of Peace, Philadelphia

The Synod Assembly may make nominations from the floor.

TICKET 9: SYNOD COUNCIL, AT LARGE REPRESENTATIVE, LAY FEMALE (One lay female to be elected for a term ending 2022)

NAME	CONGREGATION
Ms. Lisa Hand	Good Shepherd, King of Prussia
Ms. Karen Daley	St. Petri-Hope, Philadelphia

The Synod Assembly may make nominations from the floor.

TICKET 10: SYNOD COUNCIL, AT LARGE REPRESENTATIVE, LAY MALE, YOUTH (One lay male, youth to be elected for a term ending 2021)
(A youth is a person who is under the age of 18 at time of election or appointment)

NAME	CONGREGATION
Mr.	

The Synod Assembly may make nominations from the floor.

TICKET 10: SYNOD COUNCIL, AT LARGE REPRESENTATIVE, LAY FEMALE, YOUTH (One lay female, youth to be elected for a term ending 2021)
(A youth is a person who is under the age of 18 at time of election or appointment)

NAME	CONGREGATION
Ms. Taylor Garges	Advent, Harleysville

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION



CHANDLER, KRIS (F-W) Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Fort Washington. Diploma of Nursing from St. James Hospital School of Nursing, BA from Eastern College. M.Div. from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Bishop's Convocation planning team under Bp. Almquist, Vitality Team; Board of Directors for two condo associations; Board of Directors of Interfaith Housing Association in Ambler; helping churches at risk find new ways to do ministry and building relationship with community partners, and working with organizations that provide services for homeless families and food security.

Spiritual and/ or Personal Gifts: faith in God, who loves us deeply and provides, discernment – seeing possibilities, weighing options, and choosing a path, leadership – identifying other's gifts, guiding, and celebrating their contributions to a common goal, hospitality – reflecting the acceptance and welcome God gives us, healing – acknowledging the hurt, empathizing, and finding ways to meet other's needs.

The gifts that I have identified have served me well as a nurse, businesswomen, and pastor. They have given me the opportunity to work with people to accomplish things that I am not solely able. We can strive to do bold and great things when we acknowledge the vision and gifts of others. We are in this life and work together. God never meant for us to be alone or go through life alone. As the Church, we need to keep this in mind. No longer can churches be islands unto ourselves. God is with us always, and God provides a vast community to share the Good News and care for all of God's creation.



CLARK, ADAM (M-W) Computer Technical Support. Member of Zion, Olney. Studied engineering at Drexel University and math at the Community College of Philadelphia. SEPA synod council, Zion church council, evangelism director, Bible study leader, Sunday van driver, Christmas caroler, attended prayer meetings and active in Zion's choir. Tutoring, aiding elderly with shopping, installing and replacing appliances, feeding the homeless, transporting people to polling places and places of work.

Spiritual and/ or Personal Gifts: Discernment, teaching, service, exhortation, and evangelizing.



DALEY, KAREN (F-W) Disability Processing Specialist, Social Security Administration. Member of St. Petri-Hope, Philadelphia. B.S. From Penn State University. St. Petri-Hope Congregational Council, twice as council president, chair of visioning committee, Eucharistic minister. Formation Committee and Board of God's Grace Lutheran Community; Volunteered with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society at the Philadelphia Flower Show and served as a judge for City Gardens Contest, greeter at the Wall That Heals (traveling replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall).

Spiritual and/ or Personal Gifts: *1. I love Jesus Christ. I've lived through some hard times in the last 5 years. But having Jesus Christ at my side and the promise of eternal life got me through those times 2. I am always seeking knowledge. I attend weekly Bible Study. No matter how many times you read the Bible, life experiences always bring a fresh perspective as does study with others. 3. I am empathetic. I try to put myself in someone else's shoes, to see their point of view. I am always ready to listen. 4. After 36+ years in government service, I understand and see the need for rules and order. I also see the need to think outside the box and to work within the rules to try something new and different. The United States in 2019 is radically different from the United States in 1957 when I was baptized. The Lutheran Church needs to be radically different too in order to grow. We need to find a way to reach out and engage our neighbors, especially those who may have little or no faith background. 5. I have time. I will retire at the end of September 2019 and will have time to serve on committees and attend meetings. After graduating from the 2 year diakonia training program, I was commissioned a congregational deacon. I assist with worship on a regular basis. I have preached. I try to maintain a life filled with grace towards others just as I have received God's grace. When I worked directly with the public, I often saw people at the worst times in their lives. I tried to remember Jesus' words in Matthew 25 "just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." I would say a silent prayer and do my best to help them through the benefit process.*



DETWEILER, CHERYL (F-W) Director of Consumer Band Operations and Customer Service, Univest. Member of Grace, Pottstown. Associate Degree, American Institute of Banking. Member of Grace congregation council; currently Council President, Finance Committee, Congregation delegate and voting member at past Synod Assemblies; Current Synod Council member as Lay Female representative for Upper Montgomery Conference; supports Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities, supports Operation Backpack Ministry in Pottstown, Served on Habitat For Humanity work team; Relay for Life team member in Pottstown; active in Harleysville Jaycees

Spiritual and/ or Personal Gifts: 1. Compassion to help and serve others 2. Leadership 3. Good listener 4. Strong sense of faith 5. Well organized

I have been actively involved in my congregation for over 20 years. I began serving my congregation as a Sunday School and VBS teacher and eventually assisted with our youth group. I used my leadership skills and faith to expand our children's knowledge of the bible as well as teaching and working with them to do God's work and to serve others. During the past 9 years I have been very active with our church council serving on various committees as well as being part of our Executive Committee for at least 7 of those years. During this time our congregation has been in transition twice. I utilize my leadership to work with our council and congregation members to see that the mission of our congregation continues in an efficient and effective manner as possible. As situations arise, I objectively utilize my listening skills so that we can effectively work through the situation.



EHRET, DAVID (M-W) Information Security, JP Morgan Chase. Member of Grace, Broomall. Current treasurer; past council president; Worship and Music committee; current Synod Council member; interested in feeding the homeless, supports Boy Scouts.

Spiritual and/ or Personal Gifts: 30 years personal investment portfolio, business management, information security, financial controls experience, deep belief in serving my fellow man and respect for God's planet

I set up financial controls for Grace Broomall and the nursery school, was treasurer and lead for annual audit, I cook for the homeless on the months assigned to our church, I travel to 63rd St location to serve food to those in need and served 3 years on the synod council investment committee (chair).



GARGES, TAYLOR (F-W) Student, Souderton Area High School. Member of Advent, Harleysville. Part of SEPA youth team; youth voting member of 2018 SEPA assembly; frequently plays music for congregations; experiences in 4-H, and twice worked in a 4 Hands 4 Hours Project.

Spiritual and/ or Personal Gifts: Listening to people's ideas, working with them to find the best solution. Loves music and loves playing during church services. Strong public speaker and extremely organized. Helping other people is her passion.

I use these gift in the SEPA youth group as we plan different events and coordinate different activities. I also use these gifts as my church planned and went to Houston [for the youth gathering]. Working throughout my church is where I love to use these gifts to help other people learn and grow.



GRAHAM, WILLIAM (M-W) Regional Director growth management, US Postal Service. Prince of Peace, Philadelphia. BA in Labor Relations, La Salle University. Member of Prince of Peace congregation council; President of Prince of Peace congregation council; Currently church Treasurer; Voting member of past Synod assemblies; currently member of Synod council; Chair of Administration Committee; Member of Lawncrest Ministerium; North East Interfaith Hospitality Member; Member of Northeast Conference; Member of Vietnam Veterans Against the War; Member of American Legion.

Spiritual and/ or Personal Gifts: 1. Worked with finances in the Postal Service, purchasing equipment and supplies 2. Worship Leader at Prince of Peace 3. Bible Study leader and continually learning about my religion and how it applies to our current world 4. Good listener. Able to hear all sides on a problem before making a final decision 5. Overseeing property matters and working with contractors

I am Treasurer of Prince of Peace, Worship leader, and active in all forms of preparing for worship, a Bible study leader, and on many committees on finding better ways to better our world through study of the Bible. I listen to all sides at Prince of Peace before giving my opinion - very useful when I was a member of Prince of Peace council and when I was President of council. I was the Property Committee Chairman, working with outside contractors.



HAND, LISA (F-W) Dean of Students with Socially and Emotionally Disturbed/Behaviorally Disordered Students (K-8). Martin Luther School in Plymouth Meeting. Member of Good Shepherd, King of Prussia. B.S. Physical Education and Health Lock Haven University; Master of Education, Psycho-Social Interactions and Children's Play and Elementary Principal Certification, Temple; Doctoral Candidate, School of Administration (On hold at this time) Widener University. Member and President of Good Shepherd King of Prussia congregation council; Currently Worship Assistant; Chancel Choir and Chancel Ringers member; Voting member of past Synod assemblies; currently member of Synod council: member of the Finance Committee; former member of the Synod

Executive Committee. Habitat for Humanity; Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth Citizens advisory committee.

Spiritual and/ or Personal Gifts: 1. Educational and Spiritual Leader 2. Worship Assistant/ Leader at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church King of Prussia 3. Continuing to strengthen my faith through participation in church activities and services 4. Patient, Good listener, good role model....authentic and truthful 5. Overseeing different issues and concerns and leading our council to resolutions and fixes in a timely manner.

I serve as the President of Church Council Good Shepherd, as Worship Assistant/ Leader and active in all forms of preparing for worship, as a member of the Alter Guild, Chancel Choir and Chancel Ringers. I am patient, Good listener, good role model....authentic and truthful. I oversee different issues and concerns and leading our council to resolutions and fixes in a timely manner.



KING, GWENDOLYN (F-P) Pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church, West Chester. B.A. Gettysburg College, Biology and Religion; M. Div. in Religion and Counseling from Howard University School of Divinity; USAF Air University, Air War College. SEPA Synod Council for six months; Elected Churchwide Executive Board of Women of the ELCA, 6 years (Chair); Constitutional Review Committee for W/ELCA, 6 years; NCCC Governing Board, 6 years; Co-Chair Women's Caucus NCCC, 3 years; Elected National Lutheran Campus Ministry Inc. Board ELCA, 9 years; Elected Board; Higher Education and Schools ELCA, 4 years; Chaplain-US Air Force Reserves (Retired Colonel), 30 years; Initial Interviewer Candidacy Committee SEPA Synod; Lutheran/Episcopal

Dialogue and Implementation Committees, New England Synod, 9 years, Board for Mission New England Synod, 6 years; Member/Trainer for SEPA Synod Anti-Racism Team; Board Member and server for "Feast Incarnate" (Meals for HIV/AIDS, Homeless, and Food Insecure persons); Chaplain I Attendant for Good Fellowship Ambulance Corp, West Chester, PA; Protestant Worship Leader (part-time) Wesley Enhanced Living Mainline (formerly Martin's Run) Broomall, PA; Below Five Degree Shelter for Homeless, Webster, MA; Church Shelter for Homeless Women, West Chester, PA.

Spiritual and/ or Personal Gifts: Insight, enthusiasm for life and the Lord, encouragement of others are some of my gifts.

I can often see the larger picture, while listening to others and discern a possible direction. I have an ear and a heart for justice and an openness to the Holy Spirit. I use these gifts daily as a servant of God in various capacities, along with my openness to God's people in need, with the help of the Holy Spirit. I will often walk with people, offer help and/or lead where or/if necessary, while sharing stories along the journey. Having served within all expressions of the

church, ecumenically and in interfaith settings, my knowledge base is broad and my perspective and insight can be seen as helpful. I have high energy and my years working with/among young adults is considered an asset.



KLINGER, JOSEPH (M-W) pastor of Redemption, Philadelphia. B.A. in History at Thiel College, M.Div. from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Trinity Lutheran Church (SWPA Synod) Lay Church Council Member 2007-2009; Thiel College - NWPA Synod - Various Leadership roles in Lutheran Student Movement 2009-2013; LTSP - SEPA Synod - Senior Sacristan 2015-2016; LTSP Alumni Board; SEPA Synod - Member and Vice President - 2018 to Present; Leadership for Faithful Innovation Participant 2018-Present. Weekly volunteer at Rhawnhurst Turing Point in Northeast Philadelphia (homework help center); involved in various service opportunities ranging from fund raisers to protests;

passionate about making sure all are welcomed to the table and all are treated equally.

Spiritual and/ or Personal Gifts: Administrative understanding, discernment about the future, service to others, hospitality, and faith in action.

The gifts of administration and discernment have helped me in my first year as a Pastor. The gifts of service and hospitality have helped me understand my neighbor and create a welcoming space for those in need. My faith has compelled me into action to serve those around me.



MASON, DWIGHT (M-P) pastor, Good Shepherd Lutheran, Philadelphia. Music Major, Temple University. M. Div. The Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia. SEPA Synod Council; SEPA Vitality Team, Bishop's Convocation Task Force, Board Member of URBAN Seeds, Feast of Justice Board Member, Part-Time Pastor of Grace Lutheran of Mantua, SEPA Synod Assembly Worship Team; Phil Abundance Food Service through Grace Lutheran weekly, Drexel University and Dornsife Center Community Board.

Spiritual and/ or Personal Gifts: gifts of leadership (corporate, pastoral, and personal), excellent people skills, team player, music player, and organizational skills.

These I have already exhibited prior to and within my first term on the SEPA Synod Council. If I am elected at the 2019 Synod Assembly, I will continue to show these skills and serve as I have done in my 1st term. All of these skills I have used especially in the last 10 years as the pastor of

Good Shepherd Lutheran of Mayfair and within the NEW Conference. I have also used these skills to pastor and serve Grace Lutheran Church of Mantua for the past 3 years within the church and the Central Conference.

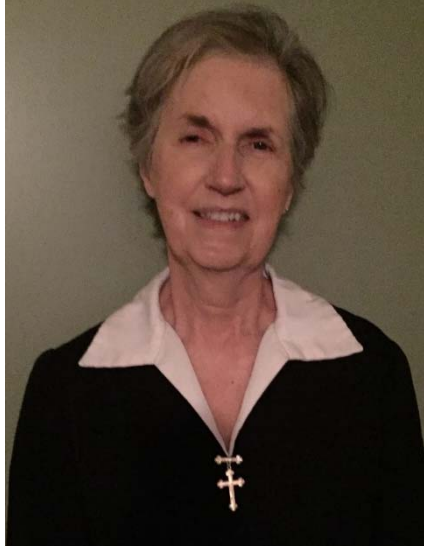


RICHARD, KARL (M-W) Senior Pastor at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Springfield. AS from Herkimer County Community College, BS from SUNY College/Syracuse University. M. Div. from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. SEPA Synod Secretary 2015 – Present; SEPA Synod Council May 2010 – Present; SEPA Finance Committee, June 2010 – May 2015 (Chair January 2014 – May 2005); Dean, Upper Bucks Conference, SEPA Synod, November 1997 – October 2003 (2 terms); LTSP Alumni/ae Board, May 2005 – May 2011; member and former convener, Quakertown Area Lutheran Churches, November 1995 – December 2007. Member, Springfield Ministerium (ecumenical group) 2008 – present; Charter Organization Officer, Troop 503, BSA, 2008 – present; Member and former treasurer, Quakertown Ministerium (ecumenical group) 1995 – 2007; Member, Ethics Committee,

Phoebe Richland Facility 2001 – 2007.

Spiritual and/or Personal Gifts: 1. Teaching 2. Interpreter of Theology 3. Interpersonal Climate 4. Participation in the Larger Church 5. Administration.

I have a deep love for, and faith in, Jesus and his Church. I am a strong teacher of biblical and theological concepts, with the ability to present them in a way that average people can understand and apply to their lives. I understand the necessity of good processes, and can interpret these steps to others for the effective functioning of the church. I prefer to work collegially, eliciting the comments of others in the broader conversation, and striving to ensure each has the ability to be heard. I have been entrusted with various leadership positions in a variety of settings, both Lutheran and Ecumenical, and appreciate the importance of listening to different voices as we interpret the Spirit's movement. I have been privileged to have used my gifts for the past 4 years as Secretary of our Synod, and would be pleased and honored to be able to continue to do so.



ROPER, JANE (F-W) Hospice Chaplain at Liberty Lutheran. B.S in Business Administration from Johns Hopkins, M.A.R in Family Systems at the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Chaplain Certificate from Geisinger Medical Center. Previous Synod Council; 2 terms on the Administration Committee; delegate to Church Wide Assembly; Chair of Synod Task Force in Specialized Ministries; Member of Bishop's Misconduct Task Force, Deaconess Community ELCA/ELCIC and committees, chaired two Deaconess Assemblies, served on Task Force for restructuring of staff and systems of the working community. Active participant helping the homeless in Pottstown; Leader of Bereavement Workshops; Medical decisions and overseer of an elderly Deaconess in nursing home; Lifelong learner; reading historical novels; playing piano and bell choirs; supporter of first responders in the Pottstown community.

Spiritual and/ or Personal Gifts: Steadfast, authentic, faithful, and trustworthy to my Calling, i.e. The Church at Large, Synod and my Deaconess Community and its ministries. Enthusiastic for the Social Ministries Organization and the work they do helping those most vulnerable. Sensitive to being open, changing self and envisioning a newness to the needs within our church. Ardent study of Scriptures and enrich prayer life.

All of the above has interfaced with our Church, Synod and Deaconess Community. They also have manifested within my interactions with our Pottstown Community.... checking on several elderly neighbors, making sure they have warmth and food. Responding to the needs of people as I see it or brought to my attention. Being mindful of the importance of the synod's work as never before. One of our Pastors once referred to me as the "Ever faithful Sister Jane" and for that I was honored and humbled. Yes, indeed it describes what I desire to be in my calling from Jesus.