

## **2018 ENGLISH DISTRICT NOMINATION REPORT**

### **District President**

Synod Bylaw 4.3.1 requires the election of a District President by each District:

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Synod Bylaw 4.7.1 permits Districts to develop their own nominating process in harmony with the provisions of the Synod Bylaws:

Each district may adopt regulations for the nomination and election of its president; the nomination, selection, election, ranking, and succession in case of vacancies of its vice-presidents; and the nomination or selection of any regional officers or regional board of directors members, as long as these provisions do not conflict with the Bylaws of the Synod.

The *Corporate Operations Manual* of the English District outlines the nominating process for District President:

- A. With regard to candidates for the office of the President:
  - 1. Send a letter six months prior to the District convention to the constituent congregations of the District listing the qualifications for the presidency;
  - 2. Request each congregation to submit up to two nominations in writing;
  - 3. Secure from each nominee a statement in writing of his willingness to serve if elected, accompanied by a description of the nominee's experience and qualification;
  - 4. Present to the convention a slate of up to five candidates who receive the highest number of nominations.

Following this nominating process, each congregation of the English District had opportunity to nominate two members of the clergy roster of the Synod to serve as District President. Forty-four congregations submitted nominating ballots for District President by the February 19, 2018 deadline. Seven congregations submitted nominating ballots after the deadline; those were not counted within the tally of nominations.

Individuals nominated for District President are listed below with the number of nominations each received:

Rev. Ben Eder	2
Rev. Michael Frese	1
Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy	39
Rev. J. Derek Mathers	1
Rev. R. Wayne Morton	2
Rev. Dr. Robert Roegner	1
Rev. Robert Rogers	3
Rev. David Thiele	1

The slate of candidates for District President is limited to the five individuals who receive the highest number of nominations and consent to stand for election. Of the eight individuals receiving nominations, two gave consent to stand for election. Because no floor nominations are permitted for this office, these are the two candidates for District President, in alphabetical order:

Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy  
Rev. Robert Rogers

## CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT

### THE REV. DR. JAMISON HARDY

College/University: Concordia, Mequon, WI	Grad Yr/Degree: 1996/BS-Ed
Seminary: Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne	Grad Yr/Degree: 2000/MDiv
Grad School: Walden University	Grad Yr/Degree: 2009/MPA
Other Degrees: Walden University	Grad Yr/Degree: 2012/DBA

### Congregations Served:

Peace, McMurray, PA	Year(s): 2008-present
Our Savior, Pittsburgh, PA (became Peace, merger)	Year(s): 2000-2008
Hope, Upper St. Clair, PA (became Peace, merger)	Year(s): 2000-2008

### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: District President, 2015-present; Vice President Eastern Region, 2009-2015; Board of Directors; Circuit Visitor/Counselor, Pittsburgh Circuit; Vice President/Treasurer, Pittsburgh Pastoral Conference; Mission Action Council, Eastern Region of Eastern District; 30 Year Mission Study Committee; Chairman of District Convention Floor Committee #1 on Structure, Nominations Committee.

Synod: LCMS World Relief & Human Care - Kenya, South Africa, Sudan; Convention Delegate 2004, 2010, 2016; Vice Chair, Committee #11 on Structure for Synod convention; Vice Chair, Committee #3 on Structure; Vice Chair, Task Force Future Seminary Education; Council of Presidents

Other (church, community, etc.): Board of Directors, Concordia Lutheran Ministries (CLM); Chairman, Personnel Committee, CLM; Co-chair, Fire Relief Committee, CLM; Executive Committee, CLM; Chairman, Pittsburgh Reformation Rally; President, Mt. Lebanon, Lions Club; President and Vice President, McMurray Rotary Club; Board of Directors, District 14b Lions Club International; Non-profit Caucus Pennsylvania State Senate; Board of Directors, Elected Member of the School Board of Directors for Peters Township, PA; Wrestling coach; Youth Commission, Charente County Committee

Experience with Policy-Based Governance Boards: I have worked with policy based governance as a member of the board of directors of the English District. Additionally, I have studied policy based governance as a doctoral student in business administration.

*It has been an absolute honor and privilege to serve as English District Bishop/President. It is even a greater honor and privilege that so many congregations have nominated me once again to serve in this office. I have personally believed, as well as taught, that we should always be prepared and open to what God might ask of us. This is clearly seen in 1 Samuel 3:10, "speak for Thy servant is listening". I daily ask our Lord to call on me and I daily listen for His command to go and present the Gospel to all people. To love thy neighbor as thyself. This has been one of the great pleasures in my life in the English District and over the last three years I have watched our district grow in the love of*

*the neighbor. Having brothers and sisters in Christ who have that same desire to follow where the Lord calls. Isaiah 6:8, "Then I heard the voice of the lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'" I believe that the Lord has called and I am ready to continue faithfully to follow His call. I believe in the English District and what it brings to the overall synod. I believe we have become relevant once again in Synod. I give thanks for all of you, my brothers in sisters in this district and for the mission heart of faith we share together. Thy will be done Father, not mine.*

**THE REV. ROBERT A. ROGERS**

College/University: Concordia University Texas

Grad Yr/Degree: 1986/BA

Seminary: Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Grad Yr/Degree: 1990/MDiv

Seminary: Louisville Presbyterian Theol. Seminary, Louisville, KY

Grad Yr/Degree: NA

**Congregations Served:**

Trinity, Villa Park, IL

Year(s): 2005-present

Our Savior, Louisville, KY

Year(s): 2002-2004

Messiah, Seattle, WA

Year(s): 1990-2002

**SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –**

**District:** English District - Midwest Regional Vice President, 2014-present; Circuit Visitor, Chicago Central Circuit; Northwest District - Board of Youth Ministry; Olympic Zone Counselor, LWML

**Synod:** Convention Delegate for Chicago North Circuit, 2007

**Other (church, community, etc.):** District Representative and Trustee, Lutheran Child and Family Services of IL; Board of Directors, Lutheran Child and Family Services of IL; Chamber of Commerce, Villa Park, IL; Puget Sound Youth Board

*If I am elected Bishop/President of the English District, I will do my very best to continue the current Bishop's mission to center the English District in the love of God and the love of neighbor that flows from the love of God. I will continue strongly advocating for good financial management particularly of the Endowment Fund from whence flows some of our ability to show our love for our neighbor. I also will strive to connect the English District with ministries that serve our most overlooked and undervalued people by encouraging our congregations to seriously turn their attention outside of themselves and go into all nations, not only geographically but culturally as well. To thrive, we must understand, appreciate and engage new cultures, new ways of being and new expressions of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am not satisfied with the status quo of surviving. The LCMS has been a sleeping giant for too long and who better than the English District to bring the giant awake? Finally, as our current Bishop is doing, so will I continue empowering our Circuit Visitors and Vice-Presidents to lead wherever they are and to be my eyes and ears to the district.*

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District Bylaw IV.A.3 requires the election of a Vice-President from each region of the District:

One Vice-President from each of the four regions shall be elected by the delegates. The convention shall determine their rank.

The *Corporate Operations Manual* of the English District outlines the nominating process for District Vice-Presidents:

- B. With regard to the candidates for the office of vice-president, request each District congregation to nominate up to two pastors from its area six months prior to the electing convention. The three pastors receiving the highest number of votes in each area shall be the nominees.

Following this nominating process, each congregation of the English District had opportunity to nominate two members of the clergy roster of the District residing in its region to serve as District Vice-President. Forty congregations submitted qualifying nominating ballots for District Vice-President by the February 19, 2018 deadline (Eastern Region - 10; Lake Erie Region - 10; Midwestern Region - 6; Western Region - 14). Four congregations submitted nominating ballots after the deadline; those were not counted within the tally of nominations.

Individuals receiving qualifying nominations for District Vice-President are listed below with the number of nominations each received:

***Eastern Region***

Rev. Ben Eder	8
Rev. Dr. Jamison Hardy	2
Rev. Dr. Douglas Spittel	2

***Midwestern Region***

Rev. Jonathan Gruen	1
Rev. James Huenink	1
Rev. Robert Rogers	1

***Lake Erie Region***

Rev. Ryan Beffrey	1
Rev. Michael Frese	1
Rev. Daniel Grams	1
Rev. J. Derek Mathers	1
Rev. Jeffrey Miskus	7

***Western Region***

Rev. Todd Arnold	8
Rev. John Berg	1
Rev. Peter Ledic	1
Rev. R. Wayne Morton	1
Rev. Daniel Pezzica	4
Rev. James Thelen	1

The slate of candidates for District Vice-President is limited to the three ordained ministers from each region who receive the highest number of nominations and consent to stand for election. No floor nominations are permitted for this office.

In the ***Eastern Region***, three ordained ministers received nominations; one consented to stand for election. In the ***Lake Erie Region***, five ordained ministers received nominations; three consented to stand for election. In the ***Midwestern Region***, three ordained ministers received nominations; two consented to stand for election. In the ***Western Region***, six ordained ministers received nominations; two individuals consented to stand for election, one of them became ineligible to be elected due to accepting a call outside of the District.

The following ordained ministers, listed in alphabetical order by region, have consented to serve if elected:

**Eastern Region**

Rev. Ben Eder

**Lake Erie Region**

Rev. Ryan Beffrey  
 Rev. Daniel Grams  
 Rev. Jeffrey Miskus

**Midwestern Region**

Rev. James Huenink  
 Rev. Robert Rogers

**Western Region**

Rev. Todd Arnold

## CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT – EASTERN REGION

### THE REV. BEN EDER

College/University: UW-Green Bay, WI

Grad Yr/Degree: 1979/BA-Humanities

Seminary: Concordia Theol. Seminary, Ft. Wayne

Grad Yr/Degree: 1985/MDiv

### Congregations Served:

Pilgrim, Kenmore, NY

Year(s): 1993-present

Incarnate Word, Florence, SC

Year(s): 1985-1993

### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: Vice President - Eastern Region, 2015-present; Circuit Visitor, 1997-2006; Board of Directors, 2012-2015

Synod: Pastoral delegate to Synod Convention; frequent contributor to "The Lutheran Witness."

Other (church, community, etc.): Volunteer Hospital Chaplain; member and former president, Lions Club of Kenmore; former Rotarian; member, Kenmore Village Improvement Society; graduate, Kenmore Police Citizens Police Academy; active in sharing the Gospel through social media; monthly radio program for local station called "Lutheran 3-0"

Experience with Policy-Based Governance Boards:

Other Experience/Qualifications:

*It has been a privilege and joy to serve the English District and the Church in various capacities and I am willing to serve for as long as the Lord permits it.*

## CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT – LAKE ERIE REGION

### THE REV. RYAN BEFFREY

College/University: Concordia, Ann Arbor

Grad Yr/Degree: BA/Comm/Journalism/2008

Seminary: Concordia Theol. Seminary, Ft. Wayne

Grad Yr/Degree: MDiv/2012

### Congregations Served:

Epiphany, Dorr, MI

Year(s): 2017-present

Mt. Olive, Cleveland Heights, OH

Year(s): 2012-2017

### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: Circuit Visitor, Circuit #9, 2015-2017; Committee on Constitutions and Membership, 2015-present; Worship Committee, 2015-present

Synod: LCMS Stewardship Ministry national training, 2014 & 2015

Other (church, community, etc.): Bible Study leader, Lutheran High School East, Cleveland Heights, OH, 2012-2017; LWML Zone counselor, English District Western Michigan, 2018-present; North Allegan County Right to Life

*I have been humbled to serve as a pastor in Christ's Church and in the Lake Erie Region of the English District for six years. Having served in two different parts of this region, I have been able to see our District at work in these places. If I am elected, it would be my honor to work with the Bishop in serving the pastors, congregations, schools, and service organizations of this region as we seek to continue to teach the faithful and reach the lost, seeing that the Lord has placed each in unique situations, each with their own unique, God-given gifts and challenges.*



## CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT – LAKE ERIE REGION (CONT.)

### THE REV. DANIEL GRAMS

College/University: Concordia, Ann Arbor, MI      Grad Yr/Degree: 1998/BA-Religious Studies  
Seminary: Concordia Theol. Seminary, Ft. Wayne      Grad Yr/Degree: 2002/MDiv

#### Congregations Served:

Ascension of Christ, Beverly Hills, MI	Year(s): 2013-present
St. Paul, Luxemburg, WI	Year(s): 2010-2013
Holy Trinity, Garfield, NJ	Year(s): 2002-2010
Trinity, Palo Alto, CA (vicarage)	Year(s): 2000-2001

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: Circuit Visitor, SELC Eastern Circuit 2009-10; Circuit Visitor Detroit North, 2015-present; SELC District Nominations Committee, Outreach Committee; Michigan District Nominations Committee; Chair, English District Committee on Constitutions and Membership

Synod: Convention Delegate 1998, 2016; Floor Committee on Seminaries, 2016

Other (church, community, etc.): Board of Directors, Loaves & Fishes Interfaith Food Pantry; Fire Department Chaplain; Board of Directors, Care Net Pregnancy Information Center of Berkley/Detroit; Interim Principal, St. Paul Lutheran School; Campus Ministry Vicar at Stanford University; NJ District LWML Zone Counselor; Theological Educator, Ev. Lutheran Church in South Sudan/Sudan; Participant, 2018 Spring Foro Dominican Republic Lutheran Mission; Graduate of the Inaugural Class of Doxology, 2009

Experience with Policy-Based Governance Boards: Executive Secretary, Eritrean Evangelical Lutheran Synod, 1994-2003; Chairman of the Task Force on drafting a new constitution in the process of the unification of the Evangelical Synod and The Lutheran Church of Eritrea, 1995-2002; Secretary of the Eritrean Interfaith Dialogue for Peace and Reconciliation during the Eritrea/Ethiopia border conflict, 1998-2000; Founding Member of FECCLAHA, (Fellowship of Churches and Church Councils of the Horn of Africa ) on Peace and Reconciliation, 2000 -2003, Nairobi Kenya.

*If selected by the convention it would be an honor to serve alongside our President/Bishop to support his vision that congregations and church workers of our district be known by their love of of Jesus and their neighbors. My service to congregations located in diverse geographic (east, west, midwest) and ministry settings (urban, rural with school, suburban, and campus) would be helpful in our non-geographic district. I believe congregations want to know that district leaders understand the anxieties they face as many struggle with challenging ministry circumstances. It is also important for congregations to view the district as being helpful to them in developing strategies for sustaining viable Word and Sacrament ministry for the future.*

## CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT – LAKE ERIE REGION (CONT.)

### THE REV. JEFFREY MISKUS

College/University: University of Windsor

Grad Yr/Degree: 1990/BA-Maj Psych

Seminary: Concordia Luth Theol Sem, St. Catharines

Grad Yr/Degree: 1994/MDiv-Exegetics

### Congregations Served:

St. Mark, Mississauga, ON

Year(s): 2000-present

St. John's, Warman, SK

Year(s): 1994-2000

Peace, Martensville, SK

Year(s): 1994-2000

### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: Circuit Visitor, 2002-2010; Secretary/Board of Directors Member, Canada Corporation (Canadian Church Extension Fund), 2010-present; Regional Vice President, English District, 2016-present; Chair, Organizing Committee for Lake Erie Fall Regional Conference, 2015-present

Synod: EIIT Mentor, 2012-2016; SMP Mentor, 2013-present

Other (church, community, etc.): Community Fun Fair Board Member (raising funds for 2 Christian food banks in the city of Mississauga); past soccer and hockey coach; Chair, Charity Dinner for Flooding in Mozambique

### Experience with Policy-Based Governance Boards:

Member/Secretary, Board of Directors of Canada Corporation (Canadian Church Extension Fund) which manages the investments made to the fund, sets interest rates, and considers loan requests from congregations in Canada seeking to borrow funds for capital projects. 4th Vice President of the English District - Advisory Member of the English District Board of Directors. This board directs the President/Bishop in his ministry and oversight of the English District.

*It has been an honor to serve our beloved English District as 4th Vice President over the past 3 years. I thank our Lord Jesus for the opportunity he gave me to serve you. I am willing to continue to serve the Lord's Church in these capacities. It is a great privilege.*

## CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT – MIDWEST REGION

### THE REV. JAMES HUENINK

College/University: Concordia, Mequon, WI  
Seminary: Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Grad Yr/Degree: 2003/BA-Pastoral Ministry  
Grad Yr/Degree: 2008/MDiv

### Congregations Served:

Concordia, Berwyn, IL  
St. James, Chicago, IL

Year(s): 2013-present

Year(s): 2008-2013

### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: Circuit Visitor, Chicago-South, 2015-present; Planning committee, Midwest Fall Regional Conference, 2015-2017

Synod: Delegate, LCMS Convention, 2016; Supervisor for Deaconess Field Work Student, Concordia University Chicago

Other (church, community, etc.): Member, ministerial association in Berwyn; Committee member, Berwyn Development Corporation; Committee member, Scout Troop; Group leader, Chicago Area Runners Association

*I am happy to serve if chosen.*

## CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT – MIDWEST REGION (cont.)

### THE REV. ROBERT ROGERS

College/University: Concordia University Texas

Grad Yr/Degree: 1986/BA

Seminary: Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Grad Yr/Degree: 1990/MDiv

Seminary: Louisville Presbyterian Theol. Sem., Louisville, KY

Grad Yr/Degree: NA

### Congregations Served:

Trinity, Villa Park, IL

Year(s): 2005-present

Our Savior, Louisville, KY

Year(s): 2002-2004

Messiah, Seattle, WA

Year(s): 1990-2002

### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: English District - Midwest Regional Vice President, 2014-present; Circuit Visitor, Chicago Central Circuit; Northwest District - Board of Youth Ministry; Olympic Zone Counselor, LWML

Synod: Convention Delegate for Chicago North Circuit, 2007

Other (church, community, etc.): District Representative and Trustee, Lutheran Child and Family Services of IL; Board of Directors, Lutheran Child and Family Services of IL; Chamber of Commerce, Villa Park, IL; Puget Sound Youth Board

*If I am elected Vice-President of the Midwest Region, I will continue supporting our Bishop in his mission to make the people of the English District beacons of God's love among Christians. I will do whatever I can with the congregations of the Midwest Region to encourage the intentional proclamation of God's love in both word and deed. In addition, I will strive to be a pastor to our pastors, giving them someone to turn to when in need of a listening friend who is outside their own personal system, and consoling them with God's healing Word. Finally, I will continue to seek to improve our endowment fund, which will eventually enable us to commit to ministry that has been only a dream heretofore.*

## CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT – WESTERN REGION

### THE REV. TODD ARNOLD

College/University: North Central College                      Grad Yr/Degree: 1979/BA-Chem/Biology  
Seminary: Concordia Seminary, St. Louis                      Grad Yr/Degree: 1996/MDiv  
Other Degrees: Advanced pastoral studies, San Francisco Theol. Seminary, San Anselmo, CA

### Congregations Served:

Risen Savior, Green Valley, AZ	Year(s): 2016-present
West Portal Church and School, San Francisco, CA	Year(s): 2009-2016
Shepherd of the Pines, Payson, AZ	Year(s): 1996-2008

### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: Vice President-Western Region, 2015-2018; Board of Directors, 2015-2018; Western Regional Fall Pastors Conference host committee & host church

Synod: Circuit coordinator, His Love - Our Response; Circuit Coordinator, *Ablaze*; Delegate to 2 Conventions

Other (church, community, etc.): Alpha Pregnancy Center (SF) Board of Directors; New Beginnings Crisis Pregnancy Center, (Payson) Board of Directors; Parks and Rec soccer and basketball coach; Little League Baseball coach

Experience with Policy-Based Governance Boards: English District Board of Directors; New Beginnings CPC Board of Directors, Payson, AZ; Alpha Pregnancy Center Board of Directors, San Francisco, CA - I was on both of these boards for several years and served as Chairman of both for 2 years.

### Other Experience/Qualifications:

*It has been a pleasure to serve this past triennium as 2nd Vice-President representing the Western Region. I have now served as pastor in three of the region's circuits and have developed a lot of helpful relationships. I would be honored to serve another term.*

## 2018-2021 Circuit Visitor Election Report

Synod Bylaw 5.2.2 establishes the process by which Circuit Visitors are selected for each Visitation Circuit within the Synod:

- 5.2.2 The circuit visitor shall hold his position by virtue of his selection by the circuit forum and ratification by the district convention.
- (a) Circuit forums shall meet at the call of their circuit visitors to select their circuit visitors no later than the time established by the district. When in-person meetings are burdensome (e.g., geographically large circuits), a circuit may select another manner of meeting (e.g., e-meeting technologies) that is suitable and made available to all participants, taking into consideration the need to provide for an open and fair exchange of ideas and secure, private, and confidential voting.
  - (b) Prior to the day of the circuit forum, nominations for candidates for the office of circuit visitor may be submitted by a voting congregation of the circuit and suggested by the district president, in consultation with the praesidium of the district.
  - (c) Each circuit may adopt procedures and methods that will insure efficiency and accuracy, including the use of mechanical, electronic, or other methods of casting, recording, or tabulating votes. The privilege of voting shall be exercised by the representatives from each member congregation of the circuit, who shall have been selected in the manner prescribed by the congregation (Bylaw 5.3.2).
  - (d) All nominated pastors serving congregations and emeriti pastors whose names were nominated prior to the day of the circuit forum shall be eligible for election in accordance with section 4.3 of these Bylaws.
    - (1) Following presentations of pertinent information regarding each pastor as listed in Bylaw 3.12.3.6 (c) and circuit visitor responsibilities as provided hereafter in this bylaw, each voter shall submit the names of two pastors on the initial ballot.
    - (2) The three pastors (or more in case of a tie vote) who receive the highest number of votes in this preliminary ballot shall be placed on the next ballot. Each voter shall vote for only one candidate.
    - (3) Balloting shall continue with the lowest candidate being removed from each succeeding ballot until one pastor shall have received a simple majority of all votes cast, who shall be declared the nominee.
  - (e) Immediately following the circuit forum, the circuit visitor shall report in writing the results of the selection process to the secretary of the district in preparation for ratification by the district convention.
  - (f) In the event that a circuit visitor has not been selected by a circuit forum or has been selected but is no longer available to serve, thus resulting in no circuit visitor selection being included on the convention slate of circuit visitors for a circuit, the district president shall make the selection, which selection shall then be included on the convention slate of circuit visitors.
  - (g) The convention shall have the right to alter the slate by amendment.
  - (h) The convention shall then ratify the slate of circuit visitors, which ratification shall constitute election.

A February 19, 2018 deadline was set for Circuit Forums to be held by each Visitation Circuit. 14 circuits submitted results of elections. Where Circuits did not hold elections, an election of a Circuit Visitor did not occur, or no report was submitted, the District President selected the Circuit Visitor.

The following is the slate of Circuit Visitors to be ratified at the District Convention:

**Circuit 1 - New York/New Jersey**

Rev. Dr. Martin Erhardt

**Circuit 2 - Philadelphia**

Rev. Adam Koontz

**Circuit 3 - Florida**

Rev. William Douthwaite

**Circuit 4 - Georgia**

Rev. David Miller

**Circuit 5 - Buffalo**

Rev. Dwayne Hendricks

**Circuit 6 - Pittsburgh**

Rev. Brian Westgate

**Circuit 7 - Canada-East**

Rev. Dusan Toth

**Circuit 8 - Canada-West**

Rev. Jason Kouri

**Circuit 9 - Cleveland-Akron**

Rev. James Gau

**Circuit 10 - Cleveland**

Rev. Joshua Moldenhauer

**Circuit 11 - Detroit-South**

Rev. Bradford Scott

**Circuit 12 - Detroit-North**

Rev. Daniel Grams

**Circuit 13 - Western Michigan**

Rev. Eric Forss

**Circuit 14 - Indiana**

Rev. Chad Trouten

**Circuit 15 - Chicago-North**

Rev. Anthony Oliphant

**Circuit 16 - Chicago-South**

Rev. James Huenink

**Circuit 17 - Milwaukee**

Rev. Fred Reaman

**Circuit 18 - St. Louis**

Rev. Theodore Laesch

**Circuit 19 - Arizona-North**

Rev. Nicholas Wirtz

**Circuit 20 - Arizona-South**

Rev. Dr. Vernon Schindler

**Circuit 21 - Nevada/Utah**

Rev. Travis Lauterbach

**Circuit 22 - San Diego**

Rev. Steven Duescher

**Circuit 23 - Los Angeles**

Rev. Daniel Pezzica

**Circuit 24 - San Francisco**

Rev. John Berg

**2018 ENGLISH DISTRICT NOMINATION REPORT**  
**Secretary, Board of Directors, Endowment Fund Board of Managers,**  
**and Committee on Nominations**

Each District of the Synod is required to elect a Secretary (Synod Bylaw 4.3.1), a Board of Directors (Synod Bylaw 4.5.1), and a Committee on Nominations (Synod Bylaw 4.7.2). These requirements are fulfilled by the District, as it elects a Secretary from the clergy roster of the District; a Board of Directors with ordained ministers, commissioned ministers, and laypersons elected from each region or combination of regions (District Bylaw VII.A); and a Committee on Nominations with ordained ministers and commissioned ministers or laypersons elected from each region (District Bylaw II.D).

Additionally, Districts may elect other officers, boards, and commissions as are required for execution of the business of the District (Synod Constitution XII.4). Using that authority, the English District has established a Board of Managers for its Endowment Fund. Managers are elected from each region (Endowment Fund Governing Documents 5.3.1).

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The *Corporate Operations Manual* of the English District outlines the nominating process for these positions:

- C. With regard to the other positions, prepare a slate of at least two candidates for each position to be filled by the elections at the District convention. Nominations from the floor may be made by any delegate; but the delegate making such nomination must present the District secretary with the written consent of the person whose name is being placed in nomination, in order to assure the convention that the nominee is able and willing to serve if elected.

Following that procedure, congregations of the District, members of the District, and members of District congregations had the opportunity to nominate individuals for election as Secretary, Directors of the District, members of the Committee on Nominations, and Managers of the Endowment Fund. This process began in September 2017; the deadline for submitting nominations was February 19, 2018.

Nominations received were submitted to the Committee on Nominations for it to review and prepare a slate of candidates for election by the Convention Delegates. The slate of candidates are listed alphabetically on the following pages.



**SECRETARY**

The Rev. Luke Zimmerman

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**ORDAINED (Eastern/Lake Erie)**

Rev. Mark Braden  
Rev. R. Wayne Morton  
Rev. Michael Scheer  
Rev. Dr. Douglas Spittel  
Rev. Robert Tauscher  
Rev. Robert Weldon, Sr.

**ORDAINED (Midwestern/Western)**

Rev. Thomas Engler  
Rev. Theodore Laesch  
Rev. Justin Laughridge  
Rev. Michael Morehouse

**COMMISSIONED (Eastern/Lake Erie)**

Deaconess Sara Bielby

**COMMISSIONED (Midwestern/Western)**

Albert Amling  
Christy Wood

**LAY (Eastern)**

Michael Coffey  
Jane Duffy  
Carol George  
Bill Magill

**LAY (Lake Erie)**

Terry Leu

**LAY (Midwestern)**

Chris Cassel  
Charles Porter

**LAY (Western)**

Shirley Holle  
Kristin Wellik

**LAY (At-Large)**

*This slate of candidates will be announced at the District Convention. All candidates not elected to a Lay Regional Board of Directors position shall form the ballot for the two Lay At-Large Board of Directors positions.*

**ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD OF MANAGERS**

**EASTERN REGION**

Michael Coffey

**LAKE ERIE REGION**

Rev. Ray Kirk

**MIDWESTERN REGION**

Gregory Collins  
Rex Toepke  
Alan Zacharias

**WESTERN REGION**

Rev. Fred Gerlach  
Thomas Schlitt  
Paul Sticha  
Rev. Nicholas Wirtz  
Christy Wood

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**

**ORDAINED (Eastern)**

Rev. Robert Kieselowsky, Jr.  
Rev. David Miller  
Rev. Brian Westgate

**ORDAINED (Lake Erie)**

**ORDAINED (Midwestern)**

**ORDAINED (Western)**

Rev. Travis Lauterbach

**COMMISSIONED/LAY (Eastern)**

Connor Hagey

**COMMISSIONED/LAY (Lake Erie)**

**COMMISSIONED/LAY (Midwestern)**

**COMMISSIONED/LAY (Western)**

Thomas Honebrink  
James Rawlings

## CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY

### THE REV. LUKE ZIMMERMAN

College/Univ.: Central Michigan Univ., Mt. Pleasant, MI

Degree/Field/Year: BS/Geography & Political Science/1999

Seminary: Concordia Theol. Seminary, Ft. Wayne

Degree/Field/Year: MDiv/Historical Theology/2003

#### Congregations Served:

Calvary, Mechanicsburg, PA

Year(s): 2008-present

St. John's, Casey, IA/Zion, Dexter, IA

Year(s): 2004-2008

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: English District – Secretary, 2015-present; Committee on Constitutions (2009-2015); Philadelphia Circuit Visitor, 2014; Committee on Nominations, 2015

Synod: Delegate, Synod Convention, 2007, 2010, 2013; 2016 Res. 11-10 LCMS Task Force on Nominations & Elections

Other (church, community, etc.): Board of Directors, Philadelphia Lutheran Ministries, 2014-2017; LWML Zone Pastoral Counselor, 2006-2008; Contributing Author - *Concordia Pulpit Resources*; Contributor - *Treasury of Daily Prayer*; Regular Guest – KFYO-AM Morning Show (“His Time”/“Sharper Iron”)

Other Relevant Experience/Qualifications: Historical Theology Department Assistant, Concordia Theological Seminary (2003-2004 Academic Year).

Statement concerning candidacy: *During my ten years as a pastor within the English District, I have had the privilege of being selected for various leadership roles that require service to its congregations and their members. It is an honor to have both fellow ministers and laity entrust those duties to me. Should the delegates at the District Convention deem it wise to have me serve another term as District Secretary, I will endeavor to fulfill that office to the best of my abilities.*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ORDAINED

### *EASTERN / LAKE ERIE REGIONS*

#### **THE REV. MARK BRADEN**

College/University: Concordia Univ., Ann Arbor	Degree/Field/Yr: BA/Human Res/1988
College/University: Eastern Michigan Univ.	Degree/Field/Yr: MS/Hosp Mgt/Educ/1995
Seminary: Concordia Theol Sem, Fort Wayne	Degree/Field/Year: MDiv/2003
Seminary: Concordia Theol Sem, Fort Wayne	Degree/Field/Year: STM/2011
Other Degrees: AA/Culinary Arts/1987	

#### Congregations Served:

Zion, Detroit, MI	Year(s): 2009-present
Zion, Cleghorn, WI	Year(s): 2004-2008
St. Paul, Modena, WI	Year(s): 2004-2008
St. Paul, Steinke Valley, WI (monthly pulpit relief)	Year(s): 2004-2008

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: Chairman, Church & Theology Floor Committee, 2018; North Wisconsin District Scholarship Committee, 2005-2008; Spanish Teacher, Eau Claire Lutheran School, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, 2004-2007; Spanish Teacher, Emmanuel Lutheran School, Dearborn, Michigan 2009-2011

Synod: Adjunct Faculty, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, 2003-2004, 2006-present; Adjunct Faculty, Concordia University Ann Arbor, 2013 & 2014; Pastoral Delegate, Synodical Convention, 2007 & 2010; Office of International Missions - Multiple international trips to teach theology, 2006-present

Other (church, community, etc.): International Fellow, Luther Academy, 2014-present; Host Pastor and Conference Administrator, Saint Michael Liturgical Conference, 2009-present; Departmental Editor, Gottesdienst Magazine, 2014-present; Lutheran Center Association, Board of Directors, 2013-present, currently Chairman of Board; Keynote Presenter, St. Andrew Theological Conference, 2014 & 2015; Keynote Presenter, St. Mark Theological Conference, 2017; Past Board Member, Lutheran City Ministries, Trinity Lutheran Church, Detroit; Past Member, Board of Directors of Chamber of Commerce, Dearborn, MI; Director, Fairlane Music Guild (Chamber Music Series), 1994-1997

Other Relevant Experience/Qualifications: 18 years of professional experience as a Director, Area Manager, Manager and Supervisor at state universities, extensive background in committee service, financial management, budgeting, facilities administration, union negotiations and training and development

Statement concerning candidacy: I am honored to be nominated for a position on the English District Board of Directors. I believe that my experience as a pastor, a theological educator, an administrator, in human resources and training and development, can be effectively brought to bear to the benefit of our District Board of Directors, and of the congregations of the District. I

speak Spanish, teach Biblical Greek, have taught extensively internationally, am experienced in urban ministry, urban renewal, facilities and property management, and community relations. Inasmuch as it is according to God's will, I believe I can effectively serve the District in this leadership role to accomplish the goals and mission of the English District.

Prior service on a board of directors: Board of Directors, Lutheran Center Association, 2013-present, currently Chairman of Board; Board of Directors, City of Dearborn Chamber of Commerce, past member; Board of Directors, Lutheran City Ministries, Trinity Lutheran Church, Detroit, MI, past member

**THE REV. R. WAYNE MORTON**

College/University: Grove City College	Degree/Field/Year: BS/Math/1975
Seminary: Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne	Degree/Field/Year: Grad Asst/ D. Missiology Student/1992-92
Seminary: Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne	Degree/Field/Year: MDiv/1994

Congregations Served:

Shepherd of the Mountains, Pinetop, AZ	Year(s): 1994-2018
Shepherd of the Mountains, Pinetop, AZ (Vicar)	Year(s): 1993-1994

Work Experience (Employer/Position Held):

Standard Oil of Ohio	Service Station Supervisor	Year(s): 1975-1979
Travelers Insurance	Commercial Linea Underwriter	Year(s): 1979-1989

SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: Member/Chair, Board of Directors, 2015-present; Chair, Committee on Nominations; Chair, Elections Committee; Circuit Visitor; Regional Vice-President; Acting Missions Council Chair; Presented Small Church Ministry workshop at a District Professional Church Workers Conference (with Rev. Todd Arnold)

Other (church, community, etc.): Blue Ridge Unified School District Site Council; Pinetop-Lakeside 2020 Vision Committee; Pinetop-Lakeside People's Vision Committee; Navopache Regional Hospital Chaplain

Statement concerning candidacy: It would be my privilege to continue serving the English District through its Board of Directors.

Prior service on a board of directors: Advisory member (regional Vice President) and Chair, English District Board of Directors, 2009-present.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ORDAINED

### *EASTERN / LAKE ERIE REGIONS (CONT.)*

#### **THE REV. MICHAEL SCHEER**

College/University: Miami University Oxford, OH	Degree/Field/Year: BS/Engineering/1989
Grad. School: Baldwin Wallace College	Degree/Field/Year: MA/Education/1991
Seminary: Concordia Theol. Sem., Ft. Wayne	Degree/Field/Year: MDiv/2002
Other Degrees: Kent State University	Degree/Field/Year: ABD
PhD/Education	

#### Congregations Served:

Holy Cross, Cleveland, OH	Year(s): 2017-present
Concordia University - Portland	Year(s): 2016-2017
All Saints, Slippery Rock, PA	Year(s): 2002-2015

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: Circuit Visitor, 2009-2012

Synod: Board of Regents Concordia University – Portland, 2013-2016; Board of Directors, Concordia Lutheran Ministries, Cabot, PA, 2012-2015

Other (church, community, etc.): Slippery Rock School Board, 2004-2016, Board President, 2006-2014

Other Experience/Qualifications: The experience of being Director of Church Relations for Concordia University - Portland expanded my understanding of how our synod strives and sometimes struggles to walk together, and I learned a great deal working with a wide array of congregations and unique ministries from another district.

Statement concerning candidacy: I have been a member of the English District for 15 of my 16 years in ministry and understand both the unique nature of our district and the challenges we face being non-geographic and so vastly spread out across the continent. Through my service on a number of boards within the synod and in public education I believe that God has provided me with a strong foundation to serve in this position on the Board of Directors as it works to support the many congregations, schools, and outreach ministries of the district.

Prior service on a board of directors: My primary experience comes from serving as a director for the Slippery Rock Area School District Board of Education. This is a public school board that I served on for 12 years and through three election cycles. For seven of those 12 years I was the board president and worked closely with the superintendent during that time. As a board member I served on and chaired every committee available, including Personnel, Athletics, Educational Programming, and Operations. I was also the representative to our local vocational high school board of directors. In addition I conducted two superintendent searches and chaired the committees for two contract negotiations.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ORDAINED

### *EASTERN / LAKE ERIE REGIONS (CONT.)*

#### **THE REV. DR. DOUGLAS SPITTEL**

College/University: Concordia, Ann Arbor  
Seminary: Concordia Theol. Sem., Ft. Wayne  
Grad. Sch./Sem.: Pittsburgh Theol. Seminary  
Grad. Sch./Sem.: Duquesne University

Degree/Field/Year: BA/Sociology/1986  
Degree/Field/Year: MDiv/Past. Theol./1990  
Degree/Field/Year: DMin/Spir. Form./2007  
Degree/Field/Year: ABD PhD/Sys. Theol.

#### Congregations Served:

First Trinity, Pittsburgh, PA  
John Huss, Arnold, PA

Year(s): 1998-present  
Year(s): 1990-1998

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: English District, Worship Committee Chairman, 2017 – present; Eastern District: Pittsburgh Southwest Circuit Visitor, 2009 – 2016; SELC District: Secretary, Central Circuit, 1996-1998

Other (church, community, etc.): Missionary, Holy Cross Lutheran Mission, Pittsburgh, PA. 2017-present; Pastoral Advisor, Lutherans for Life – Pittsburgh; 2009-present; Executive Board, Pittsburgh Pastoral Conference (LCMS); 1991-present; Mission Facilitator or Initiator: Pittsburgh Lutheran Campus Ministry, 1998; Pittsburgh Lutheran Center for the Blind, 1999; Augsburg Academy of Pittsburgh, 2000; First Trinity Homeless Ministry, 2008; and Pittsburgh Lutheran Deaf Ministry, 2015

Other Experience/Qualifications: International Conference of Police Chaplains, 2006-2009; American Institute of Parliamentarians, 1995-present; several certifications and publications; (see [linkedin.com/in/douglas-spittel-7360862a](https://www.linkedin.com/in/douglas-spittel-7360862a))

Statement concerning candidacy: I am the Senior Pastor of First Trinity Lutheran Church and as such have initiated and advise our several outreach missions including those to the campus, blind, deaf, and homeless. I hold a doctorate specializing in spiritual direction and formation. I have experience in service on the Board of Directors of LCMS Recognized Service Organizations including Concordia Lutheran Ministries and Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries. I have served in financial and personnel capacities with both RSOs. I have also served our local LCMS Pastoral Conference for many years on their executive board. I am committed to serving the English District for the extension of the Gospel ministry and to the greater glory of Christ.

Prior service on a board of directors: Concordia Lutheran Ministries (LCMS RSO) Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, CLM Foundation Board, CLM of Pittsburgh Board, Mission and Ministry Committee, Nominating Committee Chairman, Personnel and Chaplaincy Committee Chairman, 2013-present; Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries (LCMS RSO) Board of Directors, President, Treasurer, Urban Ministries Director, 1999-2002; 2016-present

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ORDAINED

### *EASTERN / LAKE ERIE REGIONS (CONT.)*

#### **THE REV. ROBERT WELDON, SR.**

College/University: Purdue University	Degree/Field/Year: Engineering
College/University: Indiana University	Degree/Field/Year: BA/GS-Psych
Seminary: Concordia Theol. Sem., Ft. Wayne	Degree/Field/Year: MDiv
Seminary: Concordia Theol. Sem., Ft. Wayne	Degree/Field/Year: Working on DMin
Other degrees: AS degree from Kentucky Polytechnic in Architectural Design; also attended University of Louisville for Engineering	

#### Congregations Served:

Grace, Elyria, OH	Year(s): 6 years
Hope, Smyrna, TN	Year(s): 1 year
Holy Trinity, Bowling Green, KY	Year(s): 8 years

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: Pastoral Advisor, LWML

Synod: Pastoral delegate at 3 Synod Conventions; Director, Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ, Indiana/Kentucky circuit

Other (congregation, community, etc.): VP of Operations, Southern Indiana Habitat for Humanity; Lorain County Habitat for Humanity; church council; construction committee and general contractor; Auxiliary Chaplain, Medical Center, Bowling Green, KY; Elder, Grace Lutheran Church

Other Relevant Experience: I have merged two sets of congregations together, one a merger of two churches that chartered Hope Lutheran Church and at my current congregation merging Trinity Lutheran Church into Grace Lutheran; President/CEO, RFW Design, Inc. for 15 yrs.; Advisory Board, Prosser Vocational School; Advisory Board, Louisville Technical School; various committees for Southern Indiana Home Builders Association, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) series 7 and series 63 licensed.

Statement concerning candidacy: I am a second career pastor who owned a successful architectural and industrial design company for 15 years until I entered the seminary. I have always been active in the community as well as the leadership of my home congregation. I feel with my experience in business, working with Habitat, and serving on advisory boards, I am qualified and have the tools to serve on the Board. In addition, my experience of merging congregations gives me additional insights to help the board with the challenges faced in our churches today.

Prior service on a board of directors: Vice president of operation for Southern Indiana Habitat for Humanity, responsible for all the construction management of Habitat projects.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ORDAINED

### *MIDWESTERN / WESTERN REGIONS*

#### **THE REV. THOMAS ENGLER**

College/University: University of Nebraska-Lincoln Degree/Field/Year: BA/Chemistry/1986

Seminary: Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Degree/Field/Year: MDiv/1990

Seminary: Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Degree/Field/Year: STM/OT Exegesis/1999

#### **Congregations Served:**

Prince of Peace, Menomonee Falls, WI Year(s): 2014-present

St. Mark's, Ridley Park, PA Year(s): 2009-2014

Calvary, Havertown, PA/St. John, Springfield, PA Year(s): 2002-2007/2005-2007

Oksudong, Seoul, Korea (Asst to Pastor) Year(s): 1995-2001

St. John, Staten Island, NY Year(s): 1990-1994

#### **SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –**

**District:** Mission Developer, LCMS-Eastern District, 2002-2005; Executive Director, Philadelphia Lutheran Ministries, 2004-2007, 2009-2014; Member, Missions Council, English District, 2014-present

**Synod:** Missionary to Korea, 1994-2001; Assistant Professor, Luther (Theological) University, 1998-2001; Korean Lutheran Hour Director, 1997-2001; Urban Strategist for Philadelphia, LCMS World Mission, 2007-2009; LCMS Board for National Missions, 2010- 2014

**Statement concerning candidacy:** My greatest desire is to see the English District grow in missions and I would hope the Board of Directors members would direct all toward this goal. Mission is the Lord's work. His authority is behind it. Mission is pleasing to God because through it Christ establishes His Church and brings His Kingdom.

**Prior service on a board of directors:** Member of the Board for National Missions (BNM) of the LCMS - policy based governance; Writing and amending of the policies for the Office of National Missions; Executive Director of Philadelphia Lutheran Ministries, a RSO of the LCMS, and worked closely with a dedicated Board of Directors using policy based governance

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ORDAINED

### *MIDWEST / WESTERN REGIONS (cont.)*

#### **THE REV. THEODORE LAESCH**

College/University: Concordia University, River Forest, IL Degree/Field/Year: BA/1993  
Seminary: Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Degree/Field/Year: MDiv/1998  
Seminary: Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Degree/Field/Year: STM/1999

#### **Congregations Served:**

Chapel of the Cross, St. Louis, MO Year(s): 2005-present  
Christ the Life, San Jose, CA Year(s): 1999-2005

#### **SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –**

**District:** CNH District - Stewardship Committee; English District - Human Care and Disaster Response Committee

**Other (congregation, community, etc.):** Board of Trustees, Lutheran High School Association of St. Louis, 2012-present; Board of Directors, The Lutheran Hope Center of Ferguson, 2016-present

**Statement concerning candidacy:** We live in a world which is in desperate need of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The congregations of the English District have the responsibility and the opportunity to be the light of Christ to a world darkened by sin and to bring that Gospel of Jesus to His children throughout our nation and world. It would be a privilege to serve on the Board of Directors of the English District as we work to strengthen, support, and encourage new and existing congregations and ministries to reach the lost for Christ.

**Prior service on a board of directors:** I currently serve on the Lutheran High School of St. Louis (LHSA) Board of Trustees. LHSA provides college preparatory education through two high schools in the St. Louis area. The Board of Trustees meets regularly to set policy, plan strategically for the future of Lutheran secondary education in the St. Louis area, and monitor progress on those goals. I have also served on call committees and strategic planning committees as part of my service with the LHSA. I also currently serve on the Board of Directors of The Lutheran Hope Center of Ferguson. The mission of the Hope Center is to give the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ to a broken and hurting community in words and acts of mercy.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ORDAINED

### *MIDWEST / WESTERN REGIONS (cont.)*

#### **THE REV. DR. MICHAEL MOREHOUSE**

College/University: University of Michigan

Degree/Field/Yr: ROTC (Signal Corps)/1985

College/University: Adrian College

Degree/Field/Yr: BBA/Mgt/German/1987

Seminary: Concordia Theol. Sem., Ft. Wayne

Degree/Field/Yr: MDiv/History/1998

Grad. Sch./Sem.: Trinity Ev. Div. School

Degree/Field/Yr: DMin/Pastoral Min./2017

#### Congregations Served:

Catalina, Tucson, AZ

Year(s): 1998-present

Christ Lutheran Mission, Marana, AZ

Year(s): 1999-2006

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: Vice-President, University of Arizona Campus Christian Center Board of Directors, 2006-present; Interim Circuit Visitor, Arizona South Circuit, 2015

Synod: Operation Barnabas Advisory Group, St. Louis, MO, 2007-present; Board of Regents, Concordia University Irvine, CA, 2010-2016;

Other (congregation, community, etc.): Interim Chaplain/Supervisor, LCMSU U of AZ, 2014-2015; AZ South Lutheran Servanthood School Instructor, 1999-present; Supervisory Chaplain, US Army, Army National Guard, 1999-2006; Saddlebrooke Rotary, 1999-2002; Officiant/Preacher, Annual Catalina Community Veterans' Day Memorial Service, 2011-2017

Other Relevant Experience/Qualifications: I served as an Army Staff Officer in Battalion and Brigade level units for twelve years. These positions provided oversight of various specialized areas and staff members served to advise commanders in their military decision-making process. The model of governance used in those settings is most readily compared to a not-for-profit advisory board.

Statement concerning candidacy: I am willing to serve if elected. Catalina Lutheran Church council and voters' assemblies both support my nomination.

Prior service on a board of directors: As a member of the U of AZ Campus Christian Center CCC Board of Directors, a not-for-profit entity, I served as an English District pastoral voting representative, and for several years, as Vice-President. We use a management team model of governance blended with a cooperative governance model. As a member of the Board of Regents of CUI, I served as the LCMS Synod-elected pastor voting representative. A policy board model of governance was used during my tenure.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS – COMMISSIONED

### *MIDWESTERN / WESTERN REGIONS*

#### **ALBERT AMLING**

College/University: Concordia, Mequon, WI

Degree/Field/Year: MS/1991

College/University: Concordia, Seward, NE

Degree/Field/Year: BS/1981

Present Congregation: Hales Corners, Hales Corners, WI

#### Congregations/Schools Served:

Hales Corners, Hales Corners, WI (Teacher/Principal)

Year(s): 1995-present

Trinity, Mequon, WI (Principal/Teacher)

Year(s): 1986-1995

St. John's, Orange, CA (Teacher/Assistant Principal)

Year(s): 1982-1986

Trinity, Grand Island, NE (Teacher)

Year(s): 1981-1982

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: South Wisconsin District – Superintendents Cabinet, Teacher of the Year committee chairman, Principals Conference chairman, Salary Committee, Board of Directors and Program Committee, Lutheran Special School; English District – Accreditation Commission, Board of Directors, 2005-2006, Board of Directors, 2009-present

Synod: LEA - Convocation Steering Committee, 1993, 2013

Other (congregation, community, etc.): Lay Worship Assistant; Bible class leader; Coach

Other Relevant Experience/Qualifications: God has provided me opportunity in the past to provide vision for the future of the organizations that I serve. I would be honored to continue working with the Board of Directors in the future.

Prior service on a board of directors: Hales Corners Lutheran has been policy based for the past 20 plus years. In my role as principal, I am directly involved in this process from a staff position. I have worked in policy-based governance as a leader in our church since 1995 as well as a district board member for 11 years.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS – LAY**

***EASTERN REGION***

**MICHAEL COFFEY**

College/University: Cornell University

Degree/Field/Year: BS/Agri./1963

Present Congregation: Trinity, Scarsdale, NY

Occupation: Retired

Work Experience (Employer/Position Held):

Owner, C & C Moving & Storage

Year(s): 25 years

Councilman, City of White Plains

Year(s): 1974-1993

SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: Delegate, 5 District Conventions

Synod: Delegate, 2 LCMS Conventions; Floor Committee, LCMS Convention

Other (congregation, community, etc.): President and Elder, Trinity Lutheran Church; also served as Property Manager and Treasurer

Other Relevant Experience/Qualifications: President and Member, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans; Councilman, 20 years experience with federal community development funds for various city projects (as both grants and gifts)

Statement concerning candidacy: I am pleased to serve my Lord and my Church in any way possible.

Prior service on a board of directors:

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS – LAY

### *EASTERN REGION (CONT.)*

#### **JANE DUFFY**

College/University: Rutgers University

Degree/Field/Year: BA/Economics/1986

Present Congregation: Martin Luther Chapel, Pennsauken, NJ

Occupation:

#### Work Experience (Employer/Position Held):

General Accident Insurance, accountant

Year(s): 1989-1993

Prudential Insurance, accountant

Year(s): 1986-1989

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: Lay Member, English District Board of Directors 2012-present; Convention Delegate - 2018, 2015, 2012, 2009, 2003

Synod: Convention Delegate 2013, 2010 and Member of Elections Floor Committee, 2010 Convention

Other (congregation, community, etc.): Business Administrator/Treasurer, Martin Luther Chapel and Christian School, 1999-present; Member, Board of Christian Education, 1997-present; Treasurer and Member of Executive Board, Philadelphia Lutheran Ministries, 2010-2012; Treasurer, Metro-Camden Habitat for Humanity, 1994-1998; Executive Board Member and Treasurer Haddon Township Crew Club, 2012-2017

Statement concerning candidacy: I believe it is important to have Board members of varying perspectives and experience in different settings. The church that I attend and serve is in a changing/urban neighborhood and our school shares the love of Christ with a multi-cultural population.

Prior service on a board of directors: I am currently serving as a member of the English District Board of Directors and have served as a Board Member of the Philadelphia Lutheran Ministries (PLM).

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS – LAY

### *EASTERN REGION (CONT.)*

#### **CAROL GEORGE**

College/University: University of Pittsburgh Degree/Field/Year: BA/Political Science/1975  
Grad. School: Edinboro University of Penns. Degree/Field/Year: MA/Rehab Counseling/1982

Present Congregation: Trinity, Erie, PA

Occupation: Rental Property Owner/Manager

#### Work Experience (Employer/Position Held):

Carol Properties Corp. - owner/manager	Year(s): 2006-present
George Gulf Properties I, LLC - owner	Year(s): 2000-present
George Properties - owner/manager	Year(s): 1984-present
Serenity Rehabilitation Center - counselor	Year(s): 1983-1984
Sarah Reed Children's Home - counselor	Year(s): 1982-1983

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: English District Board of Directors, 2015-present; District Stewardship Committee, 2013-present; Convention Delegate, 2000, 2003, 2009, 2012, 2015 and 2018

Synod: Convention Delegate, 2010, 2016; National Stewardship Leadership Conference, 2014

Other (congregation, community, etc.): Call Committee, Trustee (previously Head Trustee), Stephen Ministries/Stephen Ministry Leader, Chairman/Member of Scholarship Committee, Music Coordinator, VBS Music Volunteer and several other church committees; LWML Zone Delegate 2005 Convention, Previous board positions: Lake Erie Ballet Board of Directors; Search Committee for Lake Erie Ballet Executive Director; Erie Day School Board of Directors, President of Parent Board of Erie Day School and Search Committee of Erie Day School

Statement concerning candidacy: It would be an honor to continue my service on the Board of Directors of the English District. I have been a member of an English District congregation for over 40 years. Baptized and raised in the LCMS, I follow several generations of service to our Synod. I am well informed about the District's work, and I endorse its mission. I recently returned from Hong Kong and Thailand where I visited with LCMS missionaries at our mission churches. I believe in the importance and value of our English District, and I am grateful for this opportunity to serve our Lord and His Church.

Prior service on a board of directors: For the past three years, I have been a member of the Board of Directors of the English District, served on several task forces, and have attended every quarterly meeting. My service on this board and on the boards of other non-profit organizations has included revising bylaws, establishing mission and vision statements, drafting job descriptions, allocating resources, promoting communications, recruiting

leadership, delegating responsibilities and creating collaborative relationships with other boards and industries.

**WILLIAM MAGILL**

Present Congregation: Celebration, St John's, FL

Occupation: Company Owner

Work Experience (Employer/Position Held):

Drive Line Service of Jacksonville - Owner	Year(s): 1989-present
Neapco, Inc - National/International Sales Manager	Year(s): 1982-1989
Edbro, Inc – VP North American Operations	Year(s): 1979-1982
Florig Equip. Co. – Sales Manager	Year(s): 1964-1979

SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: Board of Directors

Other (congregation, community, etc.): President, Elder/Head Elder, Director of Mercy Works Ministry, Call Committees - Celebration Lutheran Church; Team Leader, South Africa Mission Trips; President and Board of Directors, Truck Body & Equipment Association (national association of truck equipment manufacturers and distributors); President and Board of Directors, Secret Oaks Homeowners Association

Statement concerning candidacy: I see my nomination to serve on the English District Board as an honor and privilege. I look forward to being a part of the good work being accomplished by the English District in expanding God's kingdom. The Lord has blessed me with an abundance of gifts and opportunities throughout my life. If any of my talents are viewed as beneficial to the English District, I would appreciate the opportunity to put them to good use.

Prior service on a board of directors: English District Board of Directors; Board Member and Past President, Truck Body & Equipment Association – Governing Board; Homeowners Association, Working Board



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS – LAY

### *LAKE ERIE REGION*

#### **TERRY LEU**

College/University: Ashland College

Degree/Field/Year: BS/Elem Ed/1978

Present Congregation: Prince of Peace, Medina, OH

Occupation: Retired - Self-employed, retail sales

#### Work Experience (Employer/Position Held):

Terleu Enterprises, DBA Rolston Poultry

Year(s): 1992-2016

Leu Brothers Meats

Year(s): 1978-1992

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: Member, District Board of Directors, 2012-present; Board Representative to Endowment Fund Board of Managers, 2016-present

Synod: Lay Delegate, Synodical Conventions, 2001, 2004, 2013; Advisory Delegate, Synodical Convention, 2016

Other (congregation, community, etc.): Currently - Youth Director, Confirmation teacher, high school Bible class teacher; Formerly - Executive Director, Assistant Director, Head Elder, Elder, Trustee, many other boards and committees

Other Relevant Experience/Qualifications: I am a lifelong Lutheran actively involved in many different ministries of my local congregation and circuit. I have organized and led youth mission trips, retreats and Bible studies. Owning and operating my own business has given me sound decision-making skills. Being retired has given me time to serve.

Prior service on a board of directors: As a member of the English District Board of Directors, I have served on a variety of task forces when asked. I have worked with all parts of our congregation's government, and as a leader, I am active in policy making and goal setting.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS – LAY

### *MIDWESTERN REGION*

#### **CHRISTOPHER CASSEL**

College/Univ.: Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln

Degree/Field/Year: BS/Bus Admin/Mgmt  
1990

College/Univ.: Concordia Univ., Mequon, NE

Degree/Field/Year: MBA/Mgmt Info Sys  
2013

Present Congregation: Redeemer, Lincoln, NE

Occupation: Software Development Manager

#### Work Experience (Employer/Position Held):

Assurity Life Insurance/Software Development Manager	Year(s): 6
Nebraska Dept. of Educ./Director, Neb. Student & Staff Record Sys	Year(s): 8
University of Nebraska/Data Warehouse Analyst	Year(s): 3
Lucent Technologies/Senior Software Developer	Year(s): 1
Electronic Data Systems/Software Developer Manager	Year(s): 10

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: English District Board of Directors, 2015-present; Lay Delegate, English District Convention, 2015; English District Nominating Committee, 2015

Other (congregation, community, etc.): Redeemer Board of Elders, 2009-present (Chair, 2013-2015); Redeemer Foundation Inc., Board of Directors, 2015-present (President, 2016-present); Redeemer Personnel Committee, 2009-present (Chair, 2013-2015); Redeemer Church Council, 2009-present; Redeemer Budget Study Committee, 2009-2011 (Chair, 2011); Redeemer Board of Ushers, 2002-present; Facilitator, Financial Peace University at Redeemer, 2007-2008; Leader, DivorceCare at Redeemer, 2010-2011; Concordia University, Seward, NE, Weller Society for Leadership, 2014-present

Other Relevant Experience/Qualifications: My professional experience involves supervision and leading large software development and integration projects. The opportunities to serve Redeemer, Lincoln and the English District continue to reinforce the notion that the skills and practices developed during my professional life might be considered warm-up for application more directly to left-hand activities of our church bodies. Examples include job description and salary administration as well as leading the effort to switch from percentage-based tuition assistance model to an amount per student to more effectively budget congregational expenditures.

Statement concerning candidacy: The English District Board of Directors is a wonderful opportunity for a layperson to serve the Body of Christ. I am constantly reminded of how blessed the English District is to have congregations across the United States and Ontario, Canada, bringing the same Gospel of Jesus Christ to such varied and unique circumstances.

The Board should continue holding its regular meetings at member congregations, which enables Board members, District staff, pastors, and laypersons to encourage each other and see firsthand how His Word does not return to him empty.

Prior service on a board of directors: My board experience includes the English District and Redeemer Foundation, Inc., my congregation's charitable foundation. I currently serve as a lay member of the English District Board of Directors representing the Midwest Region and assisted in crafting this triennium's End Statements. As President of Redeemer Foundation, Inc., I led efforts to implement a Gift Acceptance Policy, Investment Policy, and Spending Policy as well as host an LCMS Foundation "Lifetime Plan for Giving"© event.

### **CHARLES PORTER**

Present Congregation: Greenfield Park, West Allis, WI

Occupation: Tool and Die Maker

#### Work Experience (Employer/Position Held):

Strattec Security Co., Tool & Die Maker

Year(s): 1986-present

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: Trained Reconciler; Convention lay delegate; lay delegate, Circuit Forum, 2014

Synod: Trained Reconciler; lay delegate, Synod Convention

Other (congregation, community, etc.): Greenfield Park: Service Team, 1990-present; Congregation chair, 1995-2004; Nurture Team, 1990-1995; Board of Public Works, City of Franklin; Executive board member (Trustee, Sergeant at Arms), United Steel Workers, Local 2-232

Other Relevant Experience/Qualifications: Member of exploratory team, mission to Panama; various positions at pack and troop level, Boy Scouts of America;

Statement concerning candidacy: It is a true honor to be nominated to serve in this position. If elected, I pledge, with God's guidance, to use my gifts and talents to serve as needed.

Prior service on a board of directors: Local union executive board member for 12 years, plus other duties; Board of Public Works member for 7 years. Both these and other positions I have served on over the years require guidance and fiscal responsibility.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS – LAY

### *WESTERN REGION*

#### **SHIRLEY HOLLE**

College/Univ.: Western Illinois University

Degree/Field/Year: BS/Math Ed/1973

College/Univ.: Florida International University

Degree/Field/Year: BS/Computer Sci/1980

Present Congregation: Catalina, Catalina, AZ

Occupation:

#### Work Experience (Employer/Position Held):

Realtor, Long Realty

Year(s): 2000-present

Personal Assistant, Dillard Group Real Estate

Year(s): 1992-2000

Holle Computer Consultant, Self-employed

Year(s): 1981-1992

Lutheran HS of South Florida/teacher, basketball coach

Year(s): 1973-1977

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: English District Board of Directors, 2015-present; LWML English District President, 2010-2014; LWML English District VP of Christian Life, 2002-2008

Other (congregation, community, etc.): Congregation: Member of Bell Choir, VBS Teacher, Sunday School Teacher, Women’s Bible study leader; LWML: Zone President, Bylaws, and VP of Christian Life, same at Society Level

Statement concerning candidacy: I believe that helping church workers pay off student educational debt is very important and also for congregations to be aware of the need for Church Workers to have a decent salary. It is important to encourage people to be active in the life of the Church and in their communities - Loving their neighbor.

Prior service on a board of directors: English Board of Directors; Board of Education for Lutheran HS of South Florida; National LWML Board of Directors, 2010-2014

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS – LAY

### *WESTERN REGION (CONT.)*

#### **KRISTIN WELLIK**

College/Univ.: University of Arizona                      Degree/Field/Year: BA/Marketing/1987

Present Congregation: Ascension, Tucson, AZ

Occupation: Financial Planning

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

Other (congregation, community, etc.): Ascension Lutheran Church: Congregational President, 2 terms; Confirmation teacher, 6 years; High School Youth Coordinator, 3 years; Congregation Secretary, 5 years; VBS teacher; LCMS-U at U of AZ: Board Secretary, 4 years

Other Relevant Experience/Qualifications: Boy Scouts of America Catalina Council: District Membership Chair, 4 years; Pack Trainer, 3 years; Den Leader, 6 years; Junior League of Tucson: President, Secretary, Fund Development Director, Chair; Board positions provided opportunities to participate in Association conferences and training conferences; currently a sustaining member; Sigma Kappa Sorority: Chapter President (college) (included participation at national conference); Corporation Board President (after graduation)

Statement concerning candidacy: Volunteer service has always been a part of my adult life. I possess leadership, communication, organizational, problem-solving and creative skills. I value volunteerism and have had the privilege to serve on different types of boards and have attended many conferences. I am one of those people who enjoy meetings. Through travels and our son's pursuit of becoming a LCMS pastor, I have had the opportunity to visit many churches and interact with many pastors. I am passionate about the LCMS and welcome the opportunity to serve at the district level.

Prior service on a board of directors: Ascension Lutheran Church: I served as secretary during the process of moving from a board system to the Carver Governance Model. I participated in the writing of a new Constitution/Bylaws, and the creation and evaluation of policies. Once we became a governance board, I served as secretary and as president. Junior League of Tucson: time served on the board was under a board and council system. All of my board experiences have been with non-profit organizations and have used Robert's Rules of Order at meetings.

## ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD OF MANAGERS

### *EASTERN REGION*

#### **MICHAEL COFFEY**

College/University: Cornell University

Degree/Field/Year: BS/Agri./1963

Present Congregation: Trinity, Scarsdale, NY

Occupation: Retired

#### Work Experience (Employer/Position Held):

Owner, C & C Moving & Storage

Year(s): 25 years

Councilman, City of White Plains

Year(s): 1974-1993

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: Delegate, 5 District Conventions

Synod: Delegate, 2 LCMS Conventions; Floor Committee, LCMS Convention

Other (congregation, community, etc.): President and Elder, Trinity Lutheran Church; also served as Property Manager and Treasurer

Other Relevant Experience/Qualifications: President and Member, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans; Councilman-20 years of experience with federal community development funds for various city projects (as both grants and gifts)

Statement concerning candidacy: I am pleased to serve my Lord and my Church in any way possible.

Related endowment fund work experience/gifts: Thrivent Financial for Lutherans—board member and chapter president; point person to oversee reconstruction of church (outside roof, dormers, porch, steeple work) in excess of \$400,000. Redoing outside grounds (\$35,000). Supporter of various mission projects, Wartburg Home, Concordia, Bronxville, Lutheran World Relief, two seminary students (one from each seminary) for past several years.

## ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD OF MANAGERS

### *EASTERN REGION (CONT.)*

#### **CONNOR HAGEY**

College/University: Shippensburg University Degree/Field/Year: BS/Bus. Mktg./2003

Present Congregation: Redeemer, Oakmont, PA

Occupation: Director of Retirement Living

#### Work Experience (Employer/Position Held):

Concordia Lutheran Ministries/ Director of Retirement Living Year(s): 2013-present

PNC Bank, N.A./multiple investment operations positions Year(s): 2005-2013

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

Other (congregation, community, etc.): Current Director, Redeemer Lutheran School Board of Directors; Current Chairman, Redeemer Lutheran Church Board of Christian Education; Former Vice President, Redeemer Lutheran Church; Former Chairman & President, Redeemer Lutheran School Board of Directors; Former Chairman, Redeemer Lutheran School Call Committee

Statement concerning candidacy: I consider it to be both a blessing and honor to be considered for a role within the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, English District. Should the Lord see fit to have me serve the English District in any capacity, I will do so with joy and commitment to His glory and honor.

Related endowment fund work experience/gifts: I currently sit on three different endowment fund boards: Concordia Lutheran Ministries (CLM) Foundation; Rebecca Residence Foundation (CLM subsidiary); Redeemer Lutheran School (RLS) Finance Committee, Committee Chair (oversees RLS endowment fund)

## ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD OF MANAGERS

### *LAKE ERIE REGION*

#### **THE REV. RAY KIRK**

College/Univ.: Concordia College, Bronxville, NY Degree/Field/Year: AA/Liberal Arts/1966

College/Univ.: Concordia Sr. College, Ft. Wayne, IN Degree/Field/Year: BA/Liberal Arts/1968

Seminary: Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Degree/Field/Year: MDiv/Theology/1972

Present Congregation: Retired

#### Congregations Served:

Hope, Kitchener, ON (Intentional Interim) Year(s): 2017-present

Trinity, Syracuse, NY Year(s): 1999-2010

St. Matthew, Scarborough, ON Year(s): 1982-1998

Lutherwood Children's Mental Health Centre, Waterloo, ON Year(s): 1977-1982

St. Paul's & Zion, Indian Head/Wolseley Year(s): 1972-1977

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: English District: Canada Circuit Visitor, 1985-1994; Endowment Fund Board of Managers, 2013-present; Eastern District: Circuit Visitor, Central/New York North, 2002-2006; Mission Board, 2004-2006; Manitoba-Saskatchewan District: Director of Public Relations, 1974-1977

Other (congregation, community, etc.): Pastoral Care Committee, Chair, Scarborough General Hospital, 1984-1991; Board Member, The practices of Ministry in Canada Journal (PMC), 1984-1988; Board member, Kitchener-Waterloo Social Planning Council, 1981-1982

Related endowment fund work experience/gifts: My previous experience as a Public Relations Director and in public relations and development at a Lutheran children's mental health center as well as a promoter of stewardship principles in parishes has provided me with experience to offer the Endowment Fund Managers ways to promote contributions to this significant Fund. As a parish pastor I can bring that perspective to reviewing and recommending grant proposals.



## ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD OF MANAGERS

### *MIDWESTERN REGION*

#### **GREG COLLINS**

College/Univ.: Univ. of North Dakota                      Degree/Field/Year: Journalism/Political Science

Present Congregation: Hope, Hastings, MN

Occupation: Financial Advisor

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District:

Synod:

Other (congregation, community, etc.): Congregational President; Past President, Noontime Kiwanis; Past Vice President, Black Dirt Theater Association; Past Board Member, Chamber of Commerce

Other Relevant Experience/Qualifications: Currently own and operate Collins Wealth Management, financial advisory firm managing over \$60 million in assets

Statement concerning candidacy: I have over 25 years experience in active asset management and my firm currently manages Minnesota South LCMS Endowment Fund and understands the concerns and needs a board member has.

Related endowment fund work experience/gifts: Over 25 years experience in active asset management which gives me special insight into grant applications in addition to understanding how each investment class is impacted by markets and interest rates.

## ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD OF MANAGERS

### *MIDWESTERN REGION (CONT.)*

#### **REX TOEPKE**

College/Univ.: Illinois State Univ., Normal, IL Degree/Field/Year: BS/Educ.

College/Univ.: Joliet Jr. College, Joliet, IL Degree/Field/Year: Acct & Programming

Present Congregation: Trinity, New Lenox, IL

Occupation: Retired

#### Work Experience (Employer/Position Held):

Northern Trust Company/2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Trust tax Year(s): 16 yrs.

Other Community Banks Year(s): 27 yrs.

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

Other (congregation, community, etc.): Trinity Lutheran Church: Treasurer, 6 yrs; Council President, 6 yrs; Boy Scouts of America, Assistant Leader and Chaplain, 7 yrs

Other Relevant Experience/Qualifications: Board member, New Lenox School District, 12 yrs

Statement concerning candidacy: With my background in banking (accounting, tax and finance), I have a set of skills and talents that I wish to share with the district.

Related endowment fund work experience/gifts: My time as a school board member and on our church council has given me the experience of working with fellow members of a board to make positive decisions. My banking experience in investing and taxation provides an understanding of the markets and products for investing.

## ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD OF MANAGERS

### *MIDWESTERN REGION (CONT.)*

#### **ALAN ZACHARIAS**

College/Univ.: Murray State University      Degree/Field/Year: Mktg & Journalism/1984  
College/Univ.: Dominican University      Degree/Field/Year: MBA/Mktg & Finance/1999  
College/Univ.: University of Missouri      Degree/Field/Year: ABD (PhD)/Ed. Leadership  
Other Degrees/Educ.: Higher Education Leadership Program, Harvard University, 2000

Present Congregation: Redeemer, Elmhurst, IL

Occupation: Development Consultant

#### Work Experience (Employer/Position Held):

Alan Zacharias Assoc., LLC/President	Year(s): 1999-present
Gonser Gerber/Consultant	Year(s): 2004-2009
SE Missouri State Univ./VP, University Advancement	Year(s): 2000-2004
Concordia Univ. Chicago Foundation/President	Year(s): 1995-2000
Concordia Univ. Irvine/VP, University Advancement	Year(s): 1988-1995

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: Endowment Fund Board of Managers

Synod: Stewardship Project Coordinator, LCMS Department of Stewardship

Other (congregation, community, etc.): Although my work travel makes it difficult to be integrally involved in congregational leadership, I am a committed member of the LCMS and my congregation.

Other Relevant Experience/Qualifications: As a consultant working with numerous Lutheran Christian organizations, I am able to bring to the Endowment Committee clarity around best practices and procedures, and how to help the Endowment Fund grow.

Statement concerning candidacy: I am a lifelong Lutheran with a long history of helping Lutheran organizations achieve their highest potential. It is an honor to serve on the Board of Managers, and to use the experiences and the gifts that God has given me to help advance the mission of the English District.

Related endowment fund work experience/gifts: Executive Director, Concordia University Irvine Foundation; President, Concordia University Chicago Foundation; Executive Director, Southeast Missouri State University Foundation; Advisor, Lutheran Legacy Foundation/Clara and Spencer Werner Foundation

## ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD OF MANAGERS

### *WESTERN REGION*

#### **THE REV. FRED GERLACH**

College/University: Pace University Degree/Field/Year: BBA/Pub. Accting/1979

College/University: Concordia Seminary, St Louis Degree/Field/Year: MDiv/2005

#### Congregations Served:

Family of Christ, Phoenix, AZ Year(s): 2018

Bethany, Ewing, NJ Year(s): 2005-2018

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: Endowment Fund Board of Managers, 2013-present

Other (congregation, community, etc.): While serving at Bethany in Ewing, NJ, I was a member of the Ewing Drug and Alcohol Alliance supporting initiatives promoting the prevention of substance abuse. I also belong to Trenton Health Team, a faith-based state organization promoting and supporting programs to benefit various members of the community that provide access to various health programs, supported community safety and overall health of the citizens of our community.

Other Relevant Experience/Qualifications: After graduating Pace University, I was employed by the investment banking firm Solomon Bros., was a real estate broker and worked 16 years in the mortgage banking industry.

Statement concerning candidacy: Bethany Lutheran in NJ is a mission congregation to Liberian immigrants and other ethnic groups in the community. Serving on the board gives me the opportunity to help other congregations to reach out to various groups of people to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Related endowment fund work experience/gifts: Having served in a mission church for 13 years, I have developed understanding of what is required to evangelize in a multi-cultural community. My finance and practical experience as a pastor in the mission field gives me knowledge to evaluate the proposals that come before board, to offer insights as to the challenges mission congregations encounter and to encourage congregations to seek ways to reach the lost in creative and productive ways.

## ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD OF MANAGERS

### *WESTERN REGION (CONT.)*

#### **THOMAS SCHLITT**

Coll./Univ.: Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Degree/Field/Year: BBA/Mgmt Inf Sys/1980

Grad. Schl: Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Degree/Field/Year: MS/ Mgmt Inf Sys/1988

Occupation: Retired

Present Congregation: Risen Savior, Green Valley, AZ

#### Work Experience (Employer/Position Held):

Firstar Information Services Corp-Information Services Officer Year(s): 1981-2000

Firstar Trust Co-Trust Accounting & Operations-Assistant VP Year(s): 1965-1981

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: Endowment Fund Board Manager, 2013-present

Other (congregation, community, etc.): Risen Savior: Member of Endowment Fund Board, 2009-2015, 4 years as Chairman; Appointed to Endowment Fund Board as Chairman, Feb. 2018; Stewardship Team, 2008-2016; Also involved in S.O.U.L. lunch program and ushering; Volunteer tax preparer for 14 years; Faith, Germantown, WI: Congregational VP, President, Member of Stewardship Team, and Usher

Statement concerning candidacy: I love serving the Lord and His Church. I desire to use the spiritual gifts that God has given me to further the work of the Church through the Endowment Fund. I want to prudently invest the funds God has provided by carefully selecting and employing investment management firms at reasonable fees. I also believe I can carefully review ministry grant requests with the goal of maximizing the effectiveness of each dollar invested in projects.

Related endowment fund work experience/gifts: I believe that I have the qualifications and God-given abilities to be an effective member of the Endowment Fund Board of Managers. I have years of experience with investment securities dating back to 1965 and, more recently, as a member of the Risen Savior Lutheran Church Endowment Fund and chairman for four years. When I worked in Information Technology, I managed a project to reengineer a Bond Portfolio Analysis System. As a member of the Stewardship Team at Risen Savior, I have been involved in the promotion of stewardship.

## ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD OF MANAGERS

### *WESTERN REGION (CONT.)*

#### **PAUL STICHA**

Coll./Univ.: Univ. of Wisconsin-Whitewater Degree/Field/Year: BBA/Economics/1976  
Grad. School: Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison Degree/Field/Year: MS/Actuarial Science/1981  
Other: Fellow of the Society of Actuaries (FSA)/1989

Present Congregation: Catalina, Catalina, AZ

Occupation: Retired

#### Work Experience (Employer/Position Held):

Sentry Insurance - Actuary Year(s): 33 years

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

Other (congregation, community, etc.): St. Paul, Stevens Point, WI: Member, 1985-2014;  
Catalina, Catalina, AZ: Member, 2014-present

Other Relevant Experience/Qualifications: St. Paul, Stevens Point, WI: Financial Secretary, 8 years, Stewardship Board, 10 years; Sentry Credit Union Board of Directors, 15 years.

Statement concerning candidacy: I have a life-long commitment to analyzing financial information and making sound financial decisions.

Related endowment fund work experience/gifts: I was an actuary for an insurance company for 33 years. My work involved developing mathematical models and making projections to assist management in making sound financial decisions. I have no direct experience in marketing, investment decision-making or working with grants.

## ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD OF MANAGERS

### *WESTERN REGION (CONT.)*

#### **THE REV. NICHOLAS WIRTZ**

College/Univ.: Concordia, Portland, OR

Degree/Field/Year: BA/Beh. Sci./1985

College/Univ.: Concordia Theol. Sem., Ft. Wayne

Degree/Field/Year: MDiv/Missions/1994

#### Congregations Served:

Faith, Overgaard, AZ

Year(s): 2013-present

Highland Park, Los Angeles, CA

Year(s): 1999-2013

Lamb of God, Ontario, CA

Year(s): 1996-1999

St. Paul, West Point, NE

Year(s): 1994-1996

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: Circuit Visitor, Arizona North Circuit, 2017-present; Circuit Visitor, Los Angeles Circuit, 2007-2013

Synod: Missions Floor Committee, LCMS Convention, 2001

Other (congregation, community, etc.): Overgaard: Secretary, Citizen's Emergency Response Team; Chaplain, American Legion Riders Post 86; Advisory Board Member, Overgaard Salvation Army; Secretary, Zane Grey Community Clubhouse; Columnist, Mogollon Rim News.

Other Relevant Experience/Qualifications: While experience with financial management is limited to pastoral observance and advice to congregation councils and boards, experience in communication, publication and promotion is extensive, going back more than 40 years.

Statement concerning candidacy: Again, while my financial management experience has been mostly advisory, I have always learned well "on the job". As promoting the Fund is part of the job description, I am well qualified to jump right in in that area. I would be honored to serve this district however I can.

Related endowment fund work experience/gifts: I have already addressed "promotion" above. As for "overseeing investments", as a de facto member of every church council and board I have served, I have had almost 25 years of observing and advising congregations regarding faithful stewardship. Review and recommendation for "grants" has been a constant part of my job for the last 25 years, as we look at how to help the needy, which missions to support, and support of seminary students and missionaries.

## COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS – ORDAINED

### *EASTERN REGION*

#### **THE REV. ROBERT KIESELOWSKY, JR.**

College/Univ.: Philadelphia Biblical Univ.

Degree/Field/Year: BS/Bibl. studies/2000

College/Univ.: University of Virginia

Degree/Field/Year: ME/Educ Social Found/  
2007

Seminary: Concordia Theol. Sem., Ft Wayne, IN

Degree/Field/Year: MDiv/2011

#### Congregations Served:

Philadelphia Lutheran Ministries, Executive Director

Year(s): 2012-present

St. John, Springfield, PA

Year(s): 2012-present

Immanuel, Alexandria, VA

Year(s): 2011-2012

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: Circuit Visitor, 2015-present

#### **THE REV. BRIAN WESTGATE**

College/University: Martin Luther College

Degree/Field/Year: BA/Pre-Sem/2004

Seminary: Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

Degree/Field/Year:

Seminary: Concordia Theol. Sem., Ft Wayne, IN

Degree/Field/Year: MDiv/2011

#### Congregations Served:

Redeemer, Oakmont, PA

Year(s): 2016-present

Faith, Butler, PA

Year(s): 2011-2016

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: Circuit Visitor; Human Care-Disaster Relief Coordinator; Committee on Nominations

Other (congregation, community, etc.): English District Representative on the Board of Directors of Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries, 2013-2016, 2017-present, serving as president for most of that time, and as Secretary for a short period in 2017; Secretary, Pittsburgh Pastoral Conference of the LCMS, 2017-present

Statement concerning candidacy: It will be an honor to serve on this committee again in 2021.



## COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS – COMMISSIONED/LAY

### *EASTERN REGION*

#### **CONNOR HAGEY**

College/University: Shippensburg University      Degree/Field/Year: BS/Bus. Mktg./2003

Present Congregation: Redeemer, Oakmont, PA

Occupation: Director of Retirement Living

#### Work Experience (Employer/Position Held):

Concordia Lutheran Ministries/ Director of Retirement Living      Year(s): 2013-present

PNC Bank, N.A./multiple investment operations positions      Year(s): 2005-2013

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

Other (congregation, community, etc.): Current Director, Redeemer Lutheran School Board of Directors; Current Chairman, Redeemer Lutheran Church Board of Christian Education; Former Vice President, Redeemer Lutheran Church; Former Chairman & President, Redeemer Lutheran School Board of Directors; Former Chairman, Redeemer Lutheran School Call Committee

Statement concerning candidacy: I consider it to be both a blessing and honor to be considered for a role within the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, English District. Should the Lord see fit to have me serve the English District in any capacity, I will do so with joy and commitment to His glory and honor.

Related endowment fund work experience/gifts: I currently sit on three different endowment fund boards: Concordia Lutheran Ministries (CLM) Foundation; Rebecca Residence Foundation (CLM subsidiary); Redeemer Lutheran School (RLS) Finance Committee, Committee Chair (oversees RLS endowment fund)

## COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS – COMMISSIONED/LAY

### *WESTERN REGION*

#### **THOMAS HONEBRINK**

College/University: Concordia, St. Paul      Degree/Field/Year: BA/Environ. Science/1989

Present Congregation: Catalina, Tucson, AZ

Occupation: Deacon/Teacher

#### Work Experience (Employer/Position Held):

Casas Christian School/Middle School Science Teacher	Year(s): 1 yr.
Catalina Lutheran Church/Deacon and Assistant	Year(s): 7 yrs.
Oro Valley Pediatrics/Administrator	Year(s): 7 yrs.
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency/Rule Coordinator	Year(s): 5 yrs.
United States Peace Corps/Conservation Officer	Year(s): 2 yrs.

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: Committee on Nominations, 2012-present; Convention Lay Delegate, 2006

Other (congregation, community, etc.): Deacon of Music, Bell Choir Director, Bible Study Leader, Elder, VBS and Sunday School Teacher, School Board Chair, Pregnancy Center Board Member, Town Parks and Recreation Board Chair, Concordia-St. Paul Alumni Council, Little League Coach

Other Relevant Experience/Qualifications: Participant at Institute on Liturgy, Worship and Church Music

Statement concerning candidacy: I enjoy serving God in whatever avenues and through whatever means He provides.

## COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS – COMMISSIONED/LAY

### WESTERN REGION (CONT.)

#### **JAMES RAWLINGS**

College/University: Concordia, River Forest Degree/Field/Year: BA/Sec. Educ., Math/1972

Grad School: Barry College Degree/Field/Year: MS/Admin-Super/1976

Present Congregation: Risen Savior, Green Valley, AZ

Occupation: Retired

#### Work Experience (Employer/Position Held):

Wisc Valley Luth HS, Mosinee, WI – Admin, Teacher	Year(s): 2003-2008
Lutheran HS, San Antonio, TX – Principal	Year(s): 2001-2003
Lutheran HS, Little Rock, AR – Asst. Principal, Teacher	Year(s): 1998-2001
Christ, Little Rock, AR - Principal, Teacher, AD	Year(s): 1986-1998
St. Martins, Clintonville, WI – Principal, Teacher, AD	Year(s): 1977-1986
Holy Cross, North Miami, FL – Teacher, AD	Year(s): 1972-1977

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: Mid-South District: Elections Committee; Committee for Teachers Conference and District Principals Conference; Mid-South and North Wisconsin Districts: National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) Committee

Synod: Advisory Delegate, LCMS Convention; Board Member, National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA); visiting team member at numerous schools for NLSA

Other (congregation, community, etc.): Member, various congregational boards; Member, Board for SAFE Lutheran (a scholarship organization for Lutheran schools in Arizona); Member, Lutheran High School Exploratory Committee; Member, men’s Bible study; Member, Founding Committee for Gracepoint (now Crosspoint) Lutheran Church, Sahuarita, AZ

Other Relevant Experience/Qualifications: Experience in reading resumes and qualifications as an administrator of Lutheran schools

Statement concerning candidacy: I am willing and able to serve on the Nominations Committee to find the best qualified candidates for our District offices.

**2018 ENGLISH DISTRICT NOMINATION REPORT**  
**SYNOD COMMITTEE FOR CONVENTION NOMINATIONS**

Synod Bylaws 3.12.3.1, 3.12.3.2, and 3.12.3.3 establish the process by which the Synod Committee for Convention Nominations is elected:

- 3.12.3.1 In preparation for a convention of the Synod, one-half of the districts shall elect through their regular election procedures at the district convention one member to the Committee for Convention Nominations and an alternate:

Atlantic	Nebraska
California-Nevada-	North Wisconsin
Hawaii	Northern Illinois
Central Illinois	Northwest
Florida-Georgia	Oklahoma
Indiana	SELC
Iowa West	South Dakota
Minnesota South	Southern
Missouri	Wyoming

- 3.12.3.2 In preparation for the following convention, the remaining districts shall elect in the same manner:

Eastern	New Jersey
English	North Dakota
Iowa East	Ohio
Kansas	Rocky Mountain
Michigan	South Wisconsin
Mid-South	Southeastern
Minnesota North	Pacific Southwest
Montana	Southern Illinois
New England	Texas

- 3.12.3.3 One-half of the electing districts shall be designated by the Secretary of the Synod to elect a professional church worker and the other half a layperson, with roles reversed every six years.

In a July 2017 memo from Synod Secretary John Sias, the English District was informed of its duty to elect a layperson to serve on the Synod Committee for Convention Nominations, as well as an alternate. Congregations of the District had opportunity to nominate a layperson for this role. This process began in September 2017; the deadline for submitting nominations was February 19, 2018.

Nominations received were submitted to the District Committee on Nominations for it to review and prepare a slate of candidates for election by the Convention Delegates. The slate of candidates is listed alphabetically below:

Rick Crain  
Roni Grad  
Connor Hagey  
Thomas Honebrink

## SYNOD COMMITTEE FOR CONVENTION NOMINATIONS

### **RICHARD CRAIN**

College/University: DeVry University  
College/University: Franklin University

Degree/Field/Year: BS/Comp Info Sys/2000  
Degree/Field/Year: BS/Comp Science/2006

Present Congregation: Peace, McMurray, PA

Occupation: Software Developer

#### Work Experience (Employer/Position Held):

MARC USA/Sr. Programmer-Analyst	Year(s): 2011-present
Focus on the Family/Sr. Business Reports Developer	Year(s): 2008-2011
Sogeti USA/Sr. Consultant	Year(s): 2006-2008
vSync/Sr. Software Developer	Year(s): 1999-2006

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District:

Synod:

Other (congregation, community, etc.): Head Elder; Church Council; Technology Director; Confirmation Teacher; Call Committee; Elder

Statement concerning candidacy: I would be honored to serve the Lord in this capacity.

## SYNOD COMMITTEE FOR CONVENTION NOMINATIONS (CONT.)

### **RONI GRAD**

College/University: Boston University

Degree/Field/Year: BA/MD/1982

Present Congregation: Catalina, Tucson, AZ

Occupation: Retired Physician

#### Work Experience (Employer/Position Held):

U of AZ Pediatrics faculty Year(s): 2008-2016

UAB Pediatrics faculty Year(s): 1998-2008

Private Practice, San Antonio Year(s): 1995-1997

U of NM Pediatrics faculty Year(s): 1991-1995

U of AZ Pediatrics faculty Year(s): 1988-1991

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: Chair, Reformation 500 Committee

Synod: Member, Resolution 13-01A Task Force, 2017-present; Delegate, Synodical Convention, 2016; Member, Floor Committee 5: Theology and Church Relations, Synodical Convention, 2016

Other (church, community, etc.): Catalina Lutheran Church: Deacon in Training, Chair of Education, Usher, Building Committee, Music Planning Committee, Church Council (all present); AZ South Circuit: Vice President of Circuit Forum (present), Co-Chair, Reformation 500 Events Planning Committee, 2017; Faculty advisor LCMSU at UA, 2009-16

#### Other Relevant Experience/Qualifications:

Statement concerning candidacy: Synod is richly blessed through outstanding leadership on all levels. I am thankful to God for the work of past Synod Nominating Committees, and if elected, am looking forward, God willing, to helping identify leaders to continue to maintain and strengthen our Confessional witness.

## SYNOD COMMITTEE FOR CONVENTION NOMINATIONS (CONT.)

### CONNOR HAGEY

College/University: Shippensburg University Degree/Field/Year: BS/Bus. Mktg./2003

Present Congregation: Redeemer, Oakmont, PA

Occupation: Director of Retirement Living

#### Work Experience (Employer/Position Held):

Concordia Lutheran Ministries/ Director of Retirement Living Year(s): 2013-present

PNC Bank, N.A./multiple investment operations positions Year(s): 2005-2013

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

Other (congregation, community, etc.): Current Director, Redeemer Lutheran School Board of Directors; Current Chairman, Redeemer Lutheran Church Board of Christian Education; Former Vice President, Redeemer Lutheran Church; Former Chairman & President, Redeemer Lutheran School Board of Directors; Former Chairman, Redeemer Lutheran School Call Committee

Statement concerning candidacy: I consider it to be both a blessing and honor to be considered for a role within the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, English District. Should the Lord see fit to have me serve the English District in any capacity, I will do so with joy and commitment to His glory and honor.

Related endowment fund work experience/gifts: I currently sit on three different endowment fund boards: Concordia Lutheran Ministries (CLM) Foundation; Rebecca Residence Foundation (CLM subsidiary); Redeemer Lutheran School (RLS) Finance Committee, Committee Chair (oversees RLS endowment fund)



## SYNOD COMMITTEE FOR CONVENTION NOMINATIONS (CONT.)

### THOMAS HONEBRINK

College/University: Concordia, St. Paul      Degree/Field/Year: BA/Environ. Science/1989

Present Congregation: Catalina, Tucson, AZ

Occupation: Deacon/Teacher

#### Work Experience (Employer/Position Held):

Casas Christian School/Middle School Science Teacher	Year(s): 1 yr.
Catalina Lutheran Church/Deacon and Assistant	Year(s): 7 yrs.
Oro Valley Pediatrics/Administrator	Year(s): 7 yrs.
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency/Rule Coordinator	Year(s): 5 yrs.
United States Peace Corps/Conservation Officer	Year(s): 2 yrs.

#### SERVICE/POSITIONS HELD –

District: Committee on Nominations, 2012-present; Convention Lay Delegate, 2006

Other (congregation, community, etc.): Deacon of Music, Bell Choir Director, Bible Study Leader, Elder, VBS and Sunday School Teacher, School Board Chair, Pregnancy Center Board Member, Town Parks and Recreation Board Chair, Concordia-St. Paul Alumni Council, Little League Coach

Other Relevant Experience/Qualifications: Participant at Institute on Liturgy, Worship and Church Music

Statement concerning candidacy: I enjoy serving God in whatever avenues and through whatever means He provides.