



Nominees for Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly 2017

Elected at Conference Assemblies

At Conference Assemblies on February 26, 2017, the following persons were elected by their conferences:

Nominating Committee – 3 year term

1. Ms. Nette Boyd Timpe, 394 Conference, Lyndale Lutheran (2nd term)
2. Rev. Melissa Pohlman, Central Conference, Central Lutheran (2nd term)
3. Rev. Mark Tiede, South Minneapolis Conference, St. John's Lutheran (2nd term)
4. Mr. Larry Kounkel, Western Waters, Trinity Lutheran, Monticello (1st term)

Conference Dean – 3 year term

1. Rev. Siri Strommen, Bloomington Conference, Lutheran Church of the Atonement
2. Rev. Pamela Stalheim Lane, Northwest Hennepin, Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran Church

Elections at Synod Assembly

The following elections will take place during this Assembly. Nominee biographies are available for each person.

Synod Council

The Synod Council functions as the Board of Directors of the synod and as an interim legislative authority between meetings of the Synod Assembly. It meets 5-6 times each year. The Council consists of 4 officers and 9-11 additional members; 3-year terms, each person may serve 2 consecutive terms – officer terms are 4 years; bishop's term is 6 years.

| Name of Person Who is Eligible for 2nd Term | Description |
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| Rev. Joseph Crippen | Mount Olive, Central Conference |
| Rev. Doug Mork | Cross of Glory, Northwest Hennepin |
| Rev. Valerie Brown-Greenly | Peace Lutheran, Coon Rapids, Rum River |
| Name of Nominated Clergy Female (for 1 position) | |
| Rev. Brenda Froisland | Bethel, South Minneapolis |
| Rev. Diane Goulson | Redeemer, Henderson, Southwest |
| Rev. Kaitlyn Forster | St. John's, Mound, Western Parks & Lakes |
| Rev. Gale Reitan | Spirit of Joy, Western Waters |
| Name of Nominated Lay Female (for 1 position) | |
| Ms. Rebecca Bithow | St. James, Northwest Hennepin |
| Ms. Emma Kasiga | MN Swahili Congregation, South Minneapolis |
| Name of Nominated Youth (for 1 position) | |
| Mr. Nicholas Menth | Cross of Hope, Rum River |

Consultation Committee: Openings for 2 clergy female, 3 clergy male.

The Consultation Committee is convened as needed to form a panel to work on behalf of the bishop and/or synod council to resolve disputes among congregations or leaders, or to investigate whether certain allegations are cause for discipline. The term is 6 years.

| Name of Person Who is Nominated | Description |
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| Rev. Randy Romsdahl | St. James, Northwest Hennepin |
| Rev. Mark Vinge | House of Hope, Northwest Hennepin |
| Rev. Jason Wahlstrom | Holy Nativity, Northwest Hennepin |
| Rev. Amy Chalupnik | Lord of Life, Ramsey, Rum River |
| Rev. Susan Engholm | Trinity, Watertown, Southwest |

Augsburg Corporation Governing Board– 8 representatives from the Minneapolis Area Synod.

The Augsburg College Corporation Governing Board meets to elect members of the Board of Regents, the Nominating Committee, and other committees as needed. Its objective is to strengthen Augsburg College spiritually and academically, to promote the college in appropriate forums, and provide assistance as it deems feasible. The term is 2 years.

| Name of Person Who is Eligible for 2nd Term | Description |
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| Rev. Kjell Ferris | Peace Lutheran, Plymouth, 394 |
| Rev. Jane Buckley-Farlee | Trinity Congregation, Central |
| Ms. Christine Anderson | First Lutheran, Columbia Heights, North Minneapolis |
| Ms. Joyce Peterson | Holy Trinity, Minneapolis, South Minneapolis |
| Rev. Matthew Bersagel | Crown of Glory, Southwest |
| Ms. Patricia Cina | Trinity Lutheran, Monticello, Western Waters |
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| Name of Person Who is Nominated | |
| Ms. Rebecca Bithow | St. James, Northwest Hennepin |
| Rev. Diane Goulson | Redeemer, Henderson, Southwest |