



## 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
2. Rev. Melissa Pohlman, Central Conference, Central Lutheran (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
3. Rev. Mark Tiede, South Minneapolis Conference, St. John's Lutheran (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
4. Mr. Larry Kounkel, Western Waters, Trinity Lutheran, Monticello (1<sup>st</sup> 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.

<b>Name of Person Who is Eligible for 2<sup>nd</sup> Term</b>	<b>Description</b>
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
<b>Name of Nominated Clergy Female (for 1 position)</b>	<b>Description</b>
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
<b>Name of Nominated Lay Female (for 1 position)</b>	<b>Description</b>
Ms. Rebecca Bithon	St. James, Northwest Hennepin
Ms. Emma Kasiga	MN Swahili Congregation, South Minneapolis
<b>Name of Nominated Youth (for 1 position)</b>	<b>Description</b>

**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.

<b>Name of Person Who is Nominated</b>	<b>Description</b>
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.

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