**MINNEAPOLIS AREA SYNOD
2016 NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES**

**Ms. Felecia A. Boone**

Synod Council, ELCA Church Council; Female/Lay

**Current Vocation:** Employee Development Consultant, Hennepin County

**Congregation:** Calvary Lutheran Church

**Conference:** Central

**Church Activities/Leadership:** Church Council and Executive Committee, Secretary; Property Committee; Lay Reader; Sacristan

**Community Activities/Leadership:** Crossroads Community Organization, Chair; Urban Arts Academy Board

**Other Information:** “I am a learner of many things, home improvement projects, crafts, new methods,

self-improvement, etc. I am feeling called to do work in the church and in my personal and professional life in the area of racial justice.”

**Mr. Stuart R. Deuring**

Synod Council; Male/Lay (2nd Term)

**Current Vocation:** Attorney

**Congregation:** Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Minnetonka Campus

**Conference:** South/Western Parks & Lakes

**Church Activities/Leadership:** Congregational Secretary; Past Congregation Council President; Lay Worship Assistant; Choir; Past Sunday School Teacher; Past Liaison to Boy Scout and Cub Scout Units

**Community Activities/Leadership:** Treasurer and Member, Governing Council, Elder Law Section, Minnesota State Bar Association; Pro Bono Volunteer, Cancer Legal Line of Minnesota

**Other Information:** “I’m currently reading Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammed Cross the Road, by Brian McLaren, about the tension between having constructive relationships with other faiths and being true to a vigorous Christian faith. I enjoy the outdoors, music and reading. It’s a great blessing to be in the vineyard with so many faithful Lutherans, and I’m excited at the chance to help our Synod fulfill God’s good plans for us.”

**Mr. Ross Eichelberger**

Synod Council; Male/Lay

**Current Vocation:** Portico Benefit Services, Vice President of Service Delivery

**Congregation:** St. Andrew Lutheran Church

**Conference:** Southwest

**Church Activities/Leadership:** Church Council (Vice President – 2013, President – 2014)

**Community Activities/Leadership:** Volunteer Opportunities – Feed My Starving Children

**Other Information:** “I seek ways to grow my faith through involvement in the Church and its many great ministries.”

**Ms. Audrey J. Erickson**

Discipline Committee; Female/Lay

**Current Vocation:** Feed My Starving Children, Receptionist

**Congregation:** Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

**Conference:** North Minneapolis

**Church Activities/Leadership:** Church Council, Vice President; Choir; Lector; Worship & Music Committee

**Community Activities/Leadership:**

**Other Information:** “While on church staff, we had an incident that required discipline of an employee, and I’ve always felt the employee was not treated well. I feel a desire to assure, when needed that actions are taken appropriately, and with grace. It is however, my sincere desire that I will never be called to duty!”

**Mr. Josue Gonzalez**

Synod Council; Male/Lay

**Current Vocation:** Handyman/Mechanic

**Congregation:** Tapestry

**Conference:** Crosstown

**Church Activities/Leadership:** Leadership Team; Musician; Bible Study Leader; Visiting Preacher; ELCA Global Mission Table

**Community Activities/Leadership:** Peer Recovery Coach; Youth Mentoring; Music Teacher (Percussion)

**Other Information:** “I’m excited about my future in the Lutheran fellowship, and I’m thankful for Luther Seminary and the brothers and sisters in Christ.”

**Rev. Diane Greve**

Synod Council; Female/Rostered

**Current Vocation:** Retired Chaplain, Fairview CPE

**Congregation:** University Lutheran Church of Hope

**Conference:** Central

**Church Activities/Leadership:** Adult Forum Committee, Chair; Worship Assistant

**Community Activities/Leadership:** Danish American Center Board; Lutheran Deaconess Conference (Lutheran Deaconess Association – Valparaiso); Fairview Association Advisory Council

**Other Information:** “I have provided leadership at the national and regional level for the ELCA regarding ministries of chaplaincy, pastoral counseling and clinical education. I previously served on the synod council of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, and was a voting member of the 1991 Churchwide Assembly.”

**Rev. Chris Hagen**

Consultation Committee; Male/Rostered

**Current Vocation:** Interim Pastor

**Congregation:** Light of Christ Lutheran Church

**Conference:** 394 Corridor

**Church Activities/Leadership:** Trainer of interim pastors and church leaders (Discerning God’s Mission); Constitution Review Committee for St. Paul Area Synod; Interim Pastors Colleague Group; Workshops in Southeastern Minnesota Synod on Leadership and Missional Discernment

**Community Activities/Leadership:** Great Northern Union Men’s Chorus

**Other Information:** “As pastor and interim pastor for over 20 congregations in Minnesota, Chicago, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland, I have addressed many types of issues and situations. Quickly assessing and intentionally planning a means of response is essential for effectively resolving problems.”

**Rev. Joel Quie**

Discipline Committee; Male/Rostered

**Current Vocation:** Pastor

**Congregation:** Prairie Lutheran Church

**Conference:** Southwest

**Church Activities/Leadership:** Lead Pastor

**Community Activities/Leadership:** Annual Interfaith Worship Service; PROP Food Shelf; Sharing and Caring Hands; Our Saviour’s Shelter.

**Other Information: “**I have served for 20 years at Prairie Lutheran Church and love my congregation. My interests include long distance running, writing, painting, grand-parenting, and traveling.”

**Ms. Debi Selle**

Discipline Committee; Female/Lay

**Current Vocation:** Best Buy, Inc., Executive Assistant to Executive Vice President and General Counsel

**Congregation:** Lyndale Lutheran Church

**Conference:** Western Waters

**Church Activities/Leadership:** Past Council President; Executive Committee; WELCA Treasurer; Sunday School Teacher and Coordinator; Confirmation Mentor

**Community Activities/Leadership:** Past Boy Scout Leader; College Alumni Board; Food Shelf Volunteer

**Mr. Wade Wacholz**

Discipline Committee; Male/Lay

**Current Vocation:** Attorney, Seminary Student/Intern

**Congregation:** Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church of Edina

**Conference:** Crosstown

**Church Activities/Leadership:** Past President/V. President, Council member; Choir; Confirmation Mentor; Student at Luther Seminary (M. Div.) since 2008, currently in internship at Valley of Peace Lutheran, Golden Valley

**Community Activities/Leadership:** Minnesota State Bar Association Business Law Section Council, MSBA Partnerships/LLC Committee Co-Chair; Pro bono work for Northwest Hennepin Family Services Collaborative and Apple Tree Dental

**Other Information:**  Love preaching and teaching the Bible. Enjoy golf, travel, cooking, Twins baseball, Gopher football and Blackhawks hockey.