

## Augsburg Corporation Governing Board

### Rev. Erica Bryerwell

#### Demographics

Minister of Word and Sacrament,  
Female, Caucasian

#### Congregation/Conference

Holy Nativity Lutheran Church,  
Northwest Hennepin Conference

#### Vocation/Employment

Associate Pastor

#### About Erica

I am an Augsburg Alumnus who was active in many ways as a student. I recently started my first call as a pastor, and would love to support my alma mater to continue being a great place for an active and diverse student body.

### Larye Pohlman

#### Demographics

Lay Leader, Male, White

#### Congregation/Conference

Central Lutheran Church, Central  
Conference

#### Vocation/Employment

IT Manager at Target

#### About Larye

I graduated from Augsburg with a Math & Physics Degree. In addition, I was in student government and a leader in Campus Ministry. At Central Lutheran, I bring peace, love and Jesus by being a confirmation teacher and helper with our High School youth group.

### Rev. Mike Pancoast

#### Demographics

Minister of Word and Sacrament,  
Male, White

#### Congregation/Conference

Zion Lutheran Church, Rum  
River Conference

#### Vocation/Employment

Associate Pastor

#### About Mike

I serve as one of the pastors at Zion-Anoka, specifically as Pastor for Adult Education. My spouse Kari is also clergy, serving two congregations in the Northeastern Minnesota Synod. I have served calls in the the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, Western North Dakota, Southwestern Minnesota, and Northeastern Minnesota Synod, serving in a variety of synodical and churchwide capacities, including churchwide voting member, synod council, St. Cloud State campus ministry board, and Concordia College's Corporation Board. We have 4 young adult children--Olsen (who serves on staff as the High School & Young Adult Ministry Coordinator), Laura, Anna, and Eleanor, all Concordia-Moorhead grads or students. I enjoy bicycling, cooking, and reading.

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### Jon Laursen Roesler

#### Demographics

Lay Leader, Male, White/Caucasian

#### Congregation/Conference

Redeemer Lutheran Church,  
North Minneapolis Conference

#### Vocation/Employment

I am an adjunct faculty member teaching a graduate course in public health at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota and providing epidemiologic/scientific consultation for the Medical University of South Carolina.

#### About Jon

I have experience in board governance (including serving as an officer) over many years, including (but not limited to): Thrive Kenya (2025-present), Christ's Children Ministries (1996-2011), MIGIZI Communications (1994-2004), Brain Injury Association of Minnesota (2002-3), Park Avenue Foundation (1995-2000), and the American Diabetes Association, North Dakota Affiliate (1987-89); I have a sense of the role of board members and the importance of governance.

I also have experience with higher education and am familiar with some of the challenges currently confronting higher education.

At the beginning of my career, I served with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship for 2+ years, which allowed me to interact with undergraduate students; this provided me with a broader and better sense of students' challenges and perspectives of higher education.

### Rev. Ashley Osborn

#### Demographics

Minister of Word and Sacrament, female, white

#### Congregation/Conference

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church,  
Northwest Hennepin Conference

#### Vocation/Employment

Pastor at Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

#### About Ashley

I've served in ordained ministry for ten years, including seven in my current role. My calling is rooted in creating safe, welcoming spaces where all can experience belonging and authentic connection. In every setting, I strive to welcome others in God's name and foster Christ-centered community.

### Rev. Ian McConnell

#### Demographics

Minister of Word and Sacrament, Male, European Descent

#### Congregation/Conference

Fabric, South Minneapolis Conference

#### Vocation/Employment

Lead Pastor at Fabric - Minneapolis

#### About Ian

I'm Rachel's husband and Rollie and Sigrid's dad... lucky me! I serve on the ELCA Youth Gathering's Mass Gathering Team, and am so excited to be working right now to get ready for the 2027 Gathering here in Minneapolis. I love playing with the kids, cooking tasty food, and Lynx & Timberwolves basketball.

## Synod Council

### Michon True Smith

#### Demographics

Lay Leader, Female, White

#### Congregation/Conference

Nativity Lutheran Church, North Minneapolis Conference

#### Vocation/Employment

Interfaith Institute at Augsburg University

#### About Michon

I have worked in the non-profit sector for close to 20 years, telling the stories of organizations and people served, and raising funds through grant writing and events. I have supported organizations making a difference in an array of community needs, including education, housing, equitable services for people with disabilities and immigrants. Prior to my current role, I served as the co-chair of Human Services day for Leadership Saint Paul (LSP), a program of the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce. Most recently I have been a member of the Faith Practices and Neighboring Practices (FPNP) cohort through the synod.

### Rev. Laura Laughlin

#### Demographics

Minister of Word and Sacrament, Female, White/Caucasian

#### Congregation/Conference

Crown of Glory Lutheran Church, Central Conference

#### Vocation/Employment

Pastor of Worship and Music at Crown of Glory Lutheran Church, Chaska

### Andrew Peterson

#### Demographics

Lay Leader, Male, White

#### Congregation/Conference

Family of God Lutheran Church, Northwest Hennepin Conference

#### Vocation/Employment

Decking Purchaser at ABC Supply Co. Inc. in Coon Rapids

#### About Andrew

I have been part of Family of God's livestream rotation and a frequent Lector for the past three years. I have also served one term on the church's council and been a member of their Faith Practices and Neighboring Practices team.

### Emma Jorstad

#### Demographics

Lay Leader, Female, Caucasian

#### Congregation/Conference

Salem English Lutheran Church, Central Conference

#### Vocation/Employment

State of MN, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension; Manager, Enterprise Planning and Portfolio

#### About Emma

My husband and I met as camp counselors, and our church community has always been important to us. I've served on various committees over the years. I'm also a runner and a Co-owner of 3 local Moms on the Run franchises, and proud Girls on the Run coach.

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### Daykell Navarro

#### Demographics

Lay Leader, Youth, Male, Venezuelan

#### Congregation/Conference

Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church, South Minneapolis Conference

#### Vocation/Employment

I am a student

#### About Daykell

I was a children's leader in my church and studied at Roosevelt high where I volunteer hours, I always support my community and help them a lot.

### Lizete Vega

#### Demographics

Lay Leader, Female, Mexican

#### Congregation/Conference

St. Paul's - San Pablo, Central Conference

#### Vocation/Employment

Family Engagement Coordinator at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

#### About Lizete

My faith is very important to me and guides everything I do. I am very active in my community, I currently serve on the board of the Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, and advocate for various initiatives that support youth. I enjoy finding different ways to connect my community with the resources they need to thrive and not just survive.