

Augsburg Corporation Governing Board

Dcn. Lauren Morse-Wendt

Demographics:

Minister of Word & Service; Female;
Caucasian

Congregation/Conference:

Edina Community Lutheran Church in
Edina; Crosstown Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Mission & Ministry Developer, Edina
Community Lutheran Church

About Lauren:

“Having previously served on the Minneapolis Area Synod’s Candidacy Committee, Synod Council, and Global Companion Table, Lauren is excited to continue to serve our region through the Augsburg Corporation Governing Board. Lauren’s wife, Michelle, is a graduate of Augsburg and she looks forward to more deeply learning about the values and goals of this ELCA University.”

Mr. Paul Erdmann

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Male; White

Congregation:

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eden
Prairie; Southwest Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Youth and Family Minister, Immanuel
Lutheran Church

About Paul:

“Before I attended seminary, I spent two years working with Lutheran Volunteer Corps. I have served as Youth and Family Minister at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie since 2003. I have also served with the Minneapolis & St. Paul Area Synod Children, Youth & Family Leadership Team for 10 years.”

Consultation Committee

Rev. Dr. Yolanda Denson-Byers

Demographics:

Minister of Word & Sacrament;
Female; African American (Black)

Congregation/Conference:

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
in Edina; Crosstown Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Senior Pastor

About Yolanda:

"I am a pastor and professional writer; most of my writing has been done for Augsburg Press and Media 1517. My Bachelors is in African-American Studies/Religious Studies (Wesleyan University), Masters is in Divinity (Harvard University) and my doctorate is in Congregational Mission and Leadership (Luther Seminary). I have expertise in: worship, pastoral care and counseling, teaching, evangelism, and community organizing."

Mr. Michael Seide

Demographics:

Lay leader; Male; Bi-Racial (Haitian & Finnish)

Congregation:

Grace Lutheran Church in Andover;
Rum River Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Nextern (medical device
manufacturing) in Maple Grove, MN

About Michael:

"I love to be outdoors. I try to focus on issues that matter the most."

Mr. David Scherer

Demographics:

Lay leader; Male; White

Congregation:

Redeemer Lutheran Church in
Minneapolis; North Minneapolis
Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Self-employed

About David:

"Taught intercultural development at Luther Seminary for 8 years. One half of JUSTmove: Antiracism education through the arts."

Discipline Committee

Mr. Tom Struwve

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Male; White

Congregation/Conference:

Cross of Hope Lutheran Church in Ramsey, Rum River Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Retired

About Tom:

"Long time music minister and liturgist, composer, accompanist, and director. Active in other ministry and council areas. Prior to retirement, worked in the semiconductor and aerospace industries as a software engineer and technical manager."

Aym McGrew

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Non-Binary; White

Congregation/Conference:

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Plymouth, 394 Corridor North Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Multi-careering as Lead Associate with InterServe Ministries providing transitional leadership and discernment process for church's children's, youth and intergenerational ministries; Program Director at a non-profit; and retail Pharmacy Technician & Training Coach.

About Aym:

"With 25+ years of church leadership experience, Aym has been on staff in small to mega-size churches, as well as at non-profits, who come alongside students and leaders in children's and youth ministry. Aym is a trained spiritual director whose recent growing edge and volunteer involvement has been in the area of personal and congregational equity and intercultural competence."

Synod Council

Ms. Osa Hanneman

Demographics:

Lay leader; Female; White; Youth (15-17)

Congregation/Conference:

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Edina; Crosstown Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Student

About Osa:

"I am 16 and a sophomore at Hopkins High school. I have been at Shepherd of the Hills for 12 years and have been a part of many things there. I used to be a part of the children's choir when I was in elementary school, then moved up to confirmation. I now attend youth group every Wednesday night to get together with other high school youth in my church."

Mr. Tim Nelson

Demographics:

Lay leader; Male; Caucasian

Congregation:

Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church in Braham; Northern Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Chief Deputy Isanti County Attorney, in Cambridge.

About Tim:

"I previously served as an officer on my church council in Braham, in the congregation where I was raised, and I am currently serving on the Bishop's Election Committee. I also currently serve on the Board of Trustees at the Initiative Foundation, a community and economic development organization serving 14 counties and 2 native nations in Central Minnesota."