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Ms. Carolyn Davis

Demographics:

Lay leader; Woman; African American

Congregation/Conference:

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church in Brooklyn Park; Northwest Hennepin Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Retired

About Carolyn:

"Prior to retirement and relocation to Georgia, I served as the Southeastern Synod Executive Assistant to Bishop Strickland. As a member of Cross of Glory, I serve as a lay reader, communion assistant, and member of the Prayers of the People team. I am active in WELCA and am a member of the Minneapolis Area Synod's Reference and Counsel Committee."

Rev. Lydia Svenulski

Demographics:

Minister of Word and Sacrament; Woman; Caucasian

Congregation/Conference:

Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Hopkins; Western Parks and Lakes

Vocation/Employment:

Associate Pastor at Gethsemane Lutheran Church

About Lydia:

"I have made a transition from serving as a Deacon to now serving as an

associate pastor in order to more authentically live into the call I have for the church and the world.

Currently I am in first call as a pastor and serve as the Dean for the Western Parks and Lakes Conference of the Minneapolis Area Synod."

Mr. Doug Jones

Demographics:

Lay leader; Male; White

Congregation/Conference:

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Anoka; Rum River Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Middle school teacher in a public school currently. Will be retired by the time of the 2025 Assembly.

About Doug:

"I am a career middle school social studies teacher, who will be retired by the time of the 2025 assembly. My church involvement has included church council and congregational president, call committee and call committee chair, youth ministry volunteer, adult small group and Bible study leader, choir member, and so on. I have been a voting member at many synod assemblies, currently serve as conference secretary, and have been a voting member at three previous Churchwide Assemblies."

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Rev. Kristina Hill

Demographics:

Minister of Word and Sacrament;
Woman; White

Congregation/Conference:

Cross of Hope Lutheran Church in
Ramsey; Rum River Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Pastor of Cross of Hope Lutheran
Church

About Kristina:

"I am a Ph.D. student studying systematic theology at Luther Seminary. I am an advocate for LGBTQ+ inclusivity in the church and am involved with the Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing (MICAH, Anoka County Chapter). I also enjoy spending time with my spouse and two kids, reading, and playing on a co-ed hockey team."

Mr. Eric Howard

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Man; Latino

Congregation/Conference:

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in
Minneapolis; South Minneapolis
Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Project Manager with Hennepin
County

About Eric:

"I came to the Lutheran church in my 20s when I first worked in camping ministry and was active in my Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northern AZ University. I moved to Minnesota in 2011 for Lutheran Volunteer Corps, where I became active in social justice and civic engagement as a faith-based community organizer. Today, I'm on community boards and, in connection with people of faith, take on various leadership roles to advance equity and justice in Minnesota."

Ms. Felecia Boone

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Female; Black

Congregation/Conference:

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church
in Minneapolis; Central Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
consultant for Hennepin County

About Felecia:

"I currently serve the ELCA as the vice president of the Minneapolis Area Synod, as a member of the Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church, and as a member of the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event core team for a second cycle. I am serving a second term as a regent for Wartburg College."

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Rev. Elizabeth Felt

Demographics:

Minister of Word and Sacrament;
Female; Caucasian

Congregation/Conference:

Advent Lutheran Church in Maple
Grove; Northwest Hennepin
Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Senior Pastor at Advent Lutheran
Church

About Elizabeth:

"I enjoy traveling, especially when I can travel to see my three children and their families who live in Seattle, WA, Ventura, CA, and Madrid, Spain. I've recently worked with Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services), and I currently serve as a member of the Steering Committee for the ELCA Larger Church Conference."

Rev. Eric Hoffer

Demographics:

Minister of Word and Sacrament;
Male; White/Caucasian

Congregation/Conference:

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church in
Minneapolis; North Minneapolis
Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Pastor at Salem Evangelical Lutheran
Church in North Minneapolis

About Eric:

"I value community above all, and love to gather around food, music, and shared a passion for justice. I think collaboration is essential to being church and community together, so I am involved in my local neighborhood organization, EcoFaith Network organizing team, and Synod Council. I would bring a commitment to community and collaboration to my participation in the Churchwide Assembly."

Ms. Anna Amundson

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Female; White

Congregation/Conference:

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Iglesia Luterana San Pablo in
Minneapolis; Central Conference

Vocation/Employment:

History Instructor

About Anna:

"I have been active in ELCA congregations in Florida, South Dakota, and Minnesota, and have served as church council president at two congregations. I am a council member at St. Paul - San Pablo."

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Mr. Matthias Bergstrom

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Male; White, Young Adult (18-30)

Congregation/Conference:

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Waconia; Southwest Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Student

About Matthias:

"I am an involved youth member at my church and have taken a pilgrimage with my church to Taizé. I also am a Sunday Custodian at my church and am involved in many activities such as singing in the choir."

Rev. Rory Philstrom

Demographics:

Minister of Word and Sacrament; Male; Caucasian

Congregation/Conference:

Christ the King Lutheran Church in Bloomington; Bloomington Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Lead Pastor

About Rory:

"I am a husband and father of two miraculous and energetic preschoolers. I am the Lead Pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Bloomington, MN and the Dungeon Master Pastor for Roll for Joy, a project

combining ministry with tabletop roleplaying games. I am also enrolled at United Theological Seminary of St. Paul in the DMin in Spiritual Direction program."

Rev. Tyler Strom

Demographics:

Minister of Word and Sacrament; Male; White

Congregation/Conference:

Word of Peace Lutheran Church in Rogers; Western Waters Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Pastor

Rev. Yolander Denson-Byers

Demographics:

Minister of Word and Sacrament; Male; African American

Congregation/Conference:

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Edina; Crosstown Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Senior Pastor

About Yolanda:

"I am a full-time senior pastor, pastoral, counselor, and professional writer. Most of my writing has been with Augsburg Press and 1517 Media. I have been ordained for over 25 years."

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Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

Demographics:

Minister of Word and Sacrament;
Female; White

Congregation/Conference:

Diamond Lake Lutheran Church in
Minneapolis; South Minneapolis
Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Pastor of Diamond Lake Lutheran
Church

About Andrea:

“Andrea Roske-Metcalf pastors alongside the people of Diamond Lake Lutheran Church. In her spare time, she teaches workshops on the craft of storytelling to congregational groups and other organizations. She lives in south Minneapolis with her husband, 2 daughters, and a few more houseplants than she can reasonably manage.”

Mr. John Feidt

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Male; White

Congregation/Conference:

Lutheran Church of the Atonement in
Bloomington; Bloomington
Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Retired

About John:

“Member of Atonement for about 30 years. Past board member and president. I have been on many committees, including our last call committee.”

Rev. Laura Laughlin

Demographics:

Minister of Word and Sacrament;
Female; White/Caucasian

Congregation/Conference:

Crown of Glory Lutheran Church in
Chaska; Southwest Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Pastor of Worship and Music at Crown
of Glory Lutheran Church

About Laura:

“I was called to Crown of Glory Lutheran Church in 2019 as the Pastor of Faith Formation and in November 2023, I transitioned to the call of Pastor of Worship and Music. I am a mom, wife, musician, writer, and lover of the North Woods and North Shore of MN. I am delighted and honored by the possibility of attending the Churchwide Assembly and representing the Southwest Conference of the Minneapolis Area Synod in 2025.”

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Ms. Suzanne (Suzi) Starks

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Female; Black

Congregation/Conference:

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church in Minneapolis; Central Conference

Vocation/Employment:

IT Professional at HealthPartners

About Suzanne:

"I am a lifelong Lutheran, who deeply cares about community and relationship with all people. I am interested in helping to find ways to make the ELCA a truly welcoming community where God's light and love is shown through us, where we love like Jesus loved, without judgement of those that may be different than we are."

Ms. Madisen Noreen

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Female; Caucasian, Youth (15-17)

Congregation/Conference:

Our Saviour's Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Bethel; Northern Conference

Vocation/Employment:

High School Student; Employed part time at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

About Madisen:

"Involved in many band related activities at school - concert band, pep band, marching band, honor bands; I am a section leader for marching band. Also enjoy being part of the Robotics team. I love my job at church; it has helped me gain confidence!"

Ms. Alicia Noreen

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Female; Caucasian

Congregation/Conference:

Our Saviour's Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Bethel; Northern Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Registered Nurse - Risk Director

About Alicia:

"At church: Served as HR committee chair, served on Healthcare advisory committee during COVID, support as many youth activities as possible - so important to keep them engaged and knowing that our church is there for them! In community: serve on two parent-organized booster clubs and support our high school bowling team."

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Ms. Abby Shea

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Cis Woman/Female;
Caucasian/White, Young Adult (18-30)

Congregation/Conference:

Faith Lutheran Church of Coon Rapids;
Rum River Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Minnesota Department of Health
Drinking Water Protection

About Abby:

"I am involved in my church's Creation Care Team and am the Secretary of the Church Council. I am also active in our young adult group that we have in coordination with another local congregation, as well as all ages small groups. This past fall, I watched my confirmation students get confirmed after teaching them for over 4 years, which was such a beautiful moment for me!"

Ms. Genesis Lopez de Navarro

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Female; Latine

Congregation/Conference:

Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church in Minneapolis; South Minneapolis Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church -
Building Manager

About Genesis:

"It fills me with joy to be able to be accompany new families coming to Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church."

Rev. Hieraal Osorto

Demographics:

Minister of Word and Sacrament;
Male; Multiracial Latine

Congregation/Conference:

St. Paul's-San Pablo Lutheran Church
in Minneapolis; Central Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Senior Pastor, St. Paul's-San Pablo
Lutheran Church

About Hieraal:

"Since 2021 I have had the joy of serving as the Senior Pastor at St. Paul's-San Pablo Lutheran Church, predominantly immigrant-led bilingual congregation in the heart of south Minneapolis. In the Minneapolis Area Synod I have been honored to steward the bishop election process as the Chair of the Bishop Election Committee and to serve on the synod's Mission Table. I am an advocate for the needs of the Twin Cities Latine immigrant community and serve on a variety of boards, including Banyan Community in the Midtown Philips

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Neighborhood. Over the past two years I have also served as a Teaching Fellow at United Seminary of the Twin Cities, co-leading a certificate program for pastors to integrate social justice into their ministry context.”

Mr. Donny Chillstrom

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Male; Caucasian Scandinavian

Congregation/Conference:

Elim Lutheran Church in Robbinsdale; Northwest Hennepin Conference

Vocation/Employment:

self employed owner/partner at Lightspeed equipment as a fabricator and I work part time at the local ACE hardware

About Donny:

“I’m involved with my community with the Lions club, Chamber of Commerce and politically (former Mayor). At Elim I try and help out wherever I can and have been on the church council and am a past and current council president.”

Ms. Jessica Cook

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Female; White

Congregation/Conference:

Lyndale Lutheran Church in Maple Plain; 394 Corridor North Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Owner of JLC Remodel Consulting & Interior Design

About Jessica:

“Lyndale is a small but vibrant congregation that offers lot of opportunities to be involved, both with Sunday services, but also with our numerous outreach initiatives. I currently teach Sunday School as well and will be attending the Gathering in New Orleans this year with some of our youth.”

Mr. Curtis Coats

Demographics:

Lay leader; Male; African American

Congregation/Conference:

Redeemer Lutheran Church in Minneapolis; North Minneapolis Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Federal public servant - Information Security

About Curtis:

Community organizer, diversity and inclusion advocate, global mission, church council and community leader,

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and lover of Christ. Lifelong learner. Married with children and grandchildren.

Ms. Karen Wain

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Female; White

Congregation/Conference:

Word of Peace Lutheran Church in Rogers; Western Waters Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Certified Genetic Counselor; Head of Operations, Medical Affairs, GeneDx

About Karen:

"I have worked as a genetic counselor in laboratory, clinical, and research capacities to support and care for children and families impacted by rare genetic disorders and neurodevelopmental disorders for nearly 20 years. I am also the mother of three boys, ages 10, 13, and 15. In June 2023, I began studies in the MDiv program at Luther Seminary as a part-time learner, leaning heavily toward Word & Sacrament."

Mr. Bruce Bousu

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Male; Caucasian

Congregation/Conference:

Lyndale Lutheran Church in Maple Plain; 394 Corridor North Conference

Vocation/Employment:

I am partially retired. I contract part-time as a trainer for the University of Minnesota for Emergency Response, primarily related to hazardous waste. I also work part-time as a driver for the elderly, contracted with a company who provides rides to adult day services, etc.

About Bruce:

"I have been active as a lay leader in ELCA churches for many years. I have served on church councils, various ministry teams and task forces - from faith formation and youth ministry to building and facility maintenance. I have been a confirmation small group leader. I presently lead a men's food and fellowship ministry and teach Sunday school. I also help record our worship services. I love the Lord, our church and its people."

Mr. Kyle Bresin

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Male; White

Congregation/Conference:

Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Hopkins; Crosstown Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Systems Engineer, EasyPost

About Kyle:

"Former Council Member. Sing in Choir."

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Mr. Rolf Fiebiger

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Male; Caucasian

Congregation/Conference:

Edina Community Lutheran Church in Edina; Crosstown Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Attorney - Fiebiger Law, LLC

About Rolf:

"My day job is an attorney representing employees who've been discriminated against because of who they are. I just finished a term on my home church's personnel committee, including two years as chair. I get joy from taking things from wherever they're at and trying to improve them, whatever that looks like."

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Ms. Natalie Francois

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Woman; White

Congregation/Conference:

Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in Plymouth; 394 Corridor North Conference

Vocation/Employment:

English Language (EL) teacher, Nellie Stone Johnson School, Minneapolis

About Natalie:

"I am a lifelong Lutheran who has served in various capacities throughout my life. I served on my synod's youth leadership board in high school, I was a camp counselor in college, I served in Cameroon for a year in my 20's, and since then I have been active in music ministry as well as social and racial justice ministry groups in the different churches that I have been a part of. I care deeply about the church and its people and would love to have the opportunity to be a delegate."

Mr. Joel Legred

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Man; Caucasian

Congregation/Conference:

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Excelsior; Western Parks and Lakes Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Retired

About Joel:

"I recently retired after 34 years as the Executive Director of Luther Park Bible Camp and Retreat Center in Danbury, Wisconsin."

Rev. Rebecca Gamble

Demographics:

Minister of Word and Sacrament; Female; Caucasian

Congregation/Conference:

Normandale Evangelical Lutheran Church in Edina; Crosstown Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Pastor of Congregational Care & Outreach at Normandale Lutheran Church

Mr. Richard Steege

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Man; White

Congregation/Conference:

Peace Lutheran Church of Coon Rapids; Rum River Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Retired

About Richard:

"I have had various leadership and serving roles within my congregation, including congregation president,

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council, garden board chair, and confirmation teacher. Currently am a trained Stephen minister, preschool treasure, and finance committee member. Professionally was a manager of computer design teams.”

Dcn. Savannah Olaphson

Demographics:

Deacon; Female; White

Congregation/Conference:

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie; Southwest Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Deacon of Service and Justice Ministries at Immanuel Lutheran Church

About Savannah:

“I grew up in the ELCA attending various churches in Montana and Washington States before moving out to Minnesota with my husband two years ago. I served as a YAGM in Cambodia in 2016-2017 which eventually led to my call to Diaconal ministry and my passion for exploring how we live our faith outside the walls of the church. Currently I serve as the Deacon of Service and Justice Ministries at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie. I love hiking, traveling, reading, and spending time with my little cockatiel named Tuna!”

Rev. Trevor Skorburg

Demographics:

Minister of Word and Sacrament; Cis Male; White; Young Adult (18-30)

Congregation/Conference:

Zion Lutheran Church in Buffalo; Western Waters Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Associate Pastor at Zion Lutheran Church

About Trevor:

“My primary roles include visitation, children & family, and social outreach. Our social ministry serves as a hub of resources for the community including a no-cost clothing closet, reduced-cost food distribution, and a partnership with the local food pantry.”

Rev. Ashley Osborn

Demographics:

Minister of Word and Sacrament; Female; White

Congregation/Conference:

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church in Golden Valley; Northwest Hennepin Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Lead Pastor at Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

About Ashley:

“I currently serve as the Dean of the

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NW Hennepin Conference. I also invest in relationships with colleagues and appreciate the opportunity to have strong mentors and mentor other rostered leaders.”

Ms. Judith Hedman

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Female; Northern European

Congregation/Conference:

Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis; Central Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Office Manager, Metropolitan Alliance of Connected Communities

About Judith:

“A little about myself. My past and current employment has been with church-related organizations (Augsburg Fortress, Luther Seminary) and my current employer is a social-service non-profit. I have two part-time jobs as well: ushering at Minnesota Orchestra and an election judge in the city of Minneapolis.

At church, I love singing in the choir and serve as music librarian. I was on the planning groups for the church’s 100th anniversary and other limited-scope projects. I coordinate volunteer hosts/greeters for funerals and special events (Augsburg Vespers, Luther Seminary

commencement). When requested, I give tours of the church or up the six-flights to the carillon in the bell tower.

My volunteer activities outside of church are issue-related calling and advocacy – environment, affordable housing, marriage equality – to name a few.

I love to travel – have been to most of the US States, have switched from tent camping to camper-cabins, and plan for a trip to Europe in June next year to the Estonian song festival. I like to try new hobbies, but I have always enjoyed birdwatching, astronomy, reading (non-fiction), and writing (poetry).”

Mr. Luke Friendshuh

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Male; Human Race

Congregation/Conference:

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in New Prague; Southwest Conference

Vocation/Employment:

System Modeling Institute

About Luke:

“Former Council President, Finance committee member, Church lead representative in a Luther Seminary grant called ‘Congregations in a Secular Age.’”

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Rev. Joseph Orner

Demographics:

Minister of Word and Sacrament;
Male; White

Congregation/Conference:

Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church in
Bloomington; Bloomington
Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Associate Pastor

About Joseph:

"I am the Dean of the Bloomington
Conference of the Minneapolis Area
Synod."

Ms. Melissa Sjolander

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Female; White

Congregation/Conference:

Elim Lutheran Church in Robbinsdale;
Northwest Hennepin Conference

Vocation/Employment:

HR and Compliance at Hennepin
Partners LLC

About Melissa:

"I am an assisting minister,
congregation council member, and an
active audit committee member. I am
also active in the sober community."

Ms. Wubitu Ayana Sima

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Female; Black

Congregation/Conference:

Our Redeemer Oromo Evangelical
Lutheran Church in Minneapolis;
South Minneapolis Conference

Vocation/Employment:

African Economic Development
Solutions

About Wubitu:

"At present I am President of our
church."

Ms. Emily Johnson

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Female; Caucasian

Congregation/Conference:

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in
Anoka; Rum River Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Senior Software Engineer, Surescripts

About Emily:

"I currently am an active member of
the choir and bell choir at Zion as well
as the young family ministries with my
husband and children. I have served
on the church council and executive
committee as secretary and member
at large, and many other committees
including call committee and the
worship, music, and arts committee. I
have participated in or led many
service-oriented projects as well,

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including starting up a Fare For All site at Zion and working with youth at Global Health Ministries and Feed My Starving Children.”

Rev. Justin Lind-Ayres, M.Div

Demographics:

Minister of Word and Sacrament;
Male; Caucasian

Congregation/Conference:

Grace University Lutheran Church in
Minneapolis; Central Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Co-Pastor at Grace University
Lutheran Church

About Justin:

“I’m currently engaged in ISAIAH work and have served on various committees in the Minneapolis Area Synod. I also volunteer as a Little League baseball coach.”

Ms. Marcia Craig

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Female; White

Congregation/Conference:

Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church in
Bloomington; Bloomington
Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Retired

About Marcia:

“When living in New Jersey, I served on their Synod Council for 6 years; plus served in congregational leadership roles. Since relocating to Minnesota, I continue to teach Sunday school and lead the Sunday school music program.”

Mr. Kpere Kitabili Sr.

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Male; Black

Congregation/Conference:

Lutheran Church of Christ the
Redeemer in Minneapolis; South
Minneapolis Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Building maintenance at Marsden

About Kpere:

“I am the usher, Church Council member, second reading reader in French.”

Rev. Sheryl Bousu

Demographics:

Minister of Word and Sacrament;
Female; White

Congregation/Conference:

Lyndale Lutheran Church in Maple
Plain; 394 Corridor North Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Solo Pastor at Lyndale Lutheran
Church

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About Sheryl:

"I am a second career pastor. I served 20+ years in educational leadership (M.A. Luther Seminary) and children, youth and family ministry before completing my master's of divinity. My current congregation is very diverse politically. I have learned much about sharing our call to work for justice and embrace diversity and to do so while claiming the reality that always what we have in common (Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior) is or ought to be greater than our differences, hopefully, allowing my voice to be one that can be heard in this place where I believe I am called to serve in such a time as this."

Rev. Sara Spohr

Demographics:

Minister of Word and Sacrament;
Female; Caucasian

Congregation/Conference:

Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church in
Minneapolis; South Minneapolis
Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Pastor at Lake Nokomis Lutheran
Church

Rev. Dr. Brenda Legred

Demographics:

Minister of Word and Sacrament;
Female; Caucasian

Congregation/Conference:

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in
Excelsior; Western Parks & Lakes
Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Pastor

About Brenda:

"Served as pastor for Mount Calvary,
Excelsior, MN and Servant of Christ,
Champlin, MN, and intern pastor for
Elim Lutheran, Robbinsdale, MN."

Mr. Dean Funk

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Male Caucasian

Congregation/Conference:

First Lutheran Church of Crystal in
Brooklyn Park; Northwest Hennepin
Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Retired

About Dean:

"I am a retired General Mills R&D
Engineer. Grew up on a dairy farm in
SW MN. I am President of First
Lutheran of Crystal. I do Respite Care. I
do classic car and truck restoration."

Ms. Brenda DeSchepper

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Female; White

Congregation/Conference:

St. Luke's Lutheran Church in

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Bloomington; Bloomington
Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Retired

About Brenda:

"I have been actively involved in Church Communities my entire life through Committees, Councils, Musical Groups, Bible Studies, and education for all ages. I love seeing people grow in their faith, and share it with others."

Ms. Suzan Pederson

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Female; European

Congregation/Conference:

Christ the King Lutheran Church in
Bloomington; Bloomington
Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Retired

About Suzan:

"A lifelong Lutheran in both the US and Europe. I have served on two church councils fulfilling my terms and two terms on the Minneapolis Synod council. I enjoy sharing my beliefs for the betterment of the church and with others."

Ms. Christa Olson

Demographics:

Lay Leader; Female; Caucasian

Congregation/Conference:

Central Lutheran Church in
Minneapolis; Central Conference

Vocation/Employment:

Data entry at Xigent Solutions

About Christa:

"I grew up in the Lutheran church as a pastor's kid, but now I'm raising my own children in the church. In my current congregation, I've served on the nominating committee and call committee, taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, participated in young adult ministry, and served as voting member for numerous synod assemblies. I have never served as a voting member at churchwide assembly, but have attended in the past as a visitor. It was a very moving experience simply attending and I imagine that voting would also be an incredible experience."