

Synod Vice President

Felecia Boone

Lay Leader

Conference:

Central

Congregation Membership:

Calvary Lutheran, Minneapolis

Current Vocation:

Human Resources Learning & Development and Diversity & Inclusion Consultant, Hennepin County

Church Activities and Leadership:

I serve on the council and property and race equity committees at Calvary and the MAS council and executive committees.

Community Activities and Leadership:

I am a volunteer board member of the Urban Arts Academy, serving on the personnel and gala committees. We are an organization that develops vibrant young artists in preschool, afterschool, and summer arts programming. I chair the Crossroads Community Organization, a 501c3 started by Calvary whose mission is to enhance the quality of life for children and adults in the heart of South Minneapolis by undertaking endeavors that empower individuals, families and communities. I am a member of the 2017-2018 cohort of Leadership Twin Cities through the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce working with a project team to understand the issues of homelessness in our region.

What gifts will you bring to the office of Vice-President of the Synod?

I bring gifts of a different perspective as a Black woman in this church. I have grown up in this church and believe in its ability to change and grow into the 21st century and beyond. I want to be a part of building the strategy that will make that happen. I bring big-picture thinking but an ability to also tackle the task at hand.

What is a major priority for the Synod in the next few years?

Inclusion! I think it builds off of what we heard at last year's assembly. This church is not dying, but it is changing and we together need to understand what that means for all of us, not just a few. We need to figure out how to include more people at the table and truly desire and appreciate the gifts they will bring with them to the Lord's table. We may need to learn that nothing is as rigid as we think it is; God is dynamic!