



Synod Assembly 2024

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A. SYNOD COUNCIL

UPSTATE NEW YORK SYNOD COUNCIL 2024 (Current)

Bishop Lee M. Miller II
Mr. Thomas Madden, Vice-President
Rev. Debi Turley, Secretary
Mr. Todd Eames, Treasurer

Ms. Pamela Donovan (Central Crossroads)
Ms. Melissa Bedell (Foothills)
Mr. Gary Roller (Genesee Finger Lakes)
Rev. Andrew Tobias Nelson (Hudson Mohawk)
Rev. Kwame Pitts (Niagara Frontier)
Judy Guerin (Southern Tier)
Rev. Timothy Hoyer (Southwestern)

Dean Representative
Rev. Jonathan Deibler (Genesee Finger Lakes Conference)

At Large Members
Mr. Atif Dean (PCL)
Mr. Ryan Hunneshagen (Young Adult)
Open Seat (LGBTQIA2S+ Representative)
Open Seat (PCL)

- There are two (2) Synod Council positions being elected this year:
 - At large seat for a LGBTQIA representative
 - At large seat for a Person of color or whose primary language is other than English (PCL)
 - Term is for four (4) years
- The person(s) nominated can be a lay person or rostered minister
- Nominations can be received from the floor of the Synod Assembly
- Voting may be by written ballot (dependent upon number of nominees)
- Persons who are nominated, should complete the Nominations form that has been provided, so that information is published in the 2024 Synod Assembly, Pre-Assembly booklet.

Position Description

Qualities and Eligibility

Nominees for the Synod Council should be deeply committed to the life and ministry of Christ's Church, especially as expressed through the Upstate New York Synod of the Evangelical

Lutheran Church in America, regular in their worship attendance, and charitable with their gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Each person elected to the Synod Council shall be a voting member of a congregation of this synod, with the exception of ordained ministers on the roster of this synod who reside outside the territory of this synod.

Nomination, Election, and Term of Office

Conferences nominate for election by the Synod Assembly lay and clergy members to the Synod Council to terms of four years in accordance with the bylaws of this synod. Additional nominations may not be made from the floor of the Synod Assembly. Background checks and screening shall be required and completed for persons nominated to the Synod Council prior to their election, if possible, or as soon as practical after their election. Members of the Synod Council are eligible for nomination and election to no more than two consecutive terms. The term of office for members of the Synod Council commences at the close of the Synod Assembly at which they were elected.

Functions

The Synod Council functions as the board of directors of this synod and serves as its interim legislative authority between meetings of the Synod Assembly. The functions of the Synod Council include:

- Exercise trusteeship responsibilities on behalf of this synod.
- Recommend program goals and fiscal proposals to the regular meetings of the Synod Assembly.
- Carry out the resolutions of the Synod Assembly.
- Provide for an annual review of the roster of ordained ministers and of other official rosters.
- Receive and act upon appropriate recommendations regarding those persons whose status is subject to reconsideration and action under the constitution and bylaws of the ELCA.
- Issue letters of call to ordained Ministers of Word and Sacrament and letters of call to Ministers of Word and Service, as authorized by the constitution and bylaws of the ELCA.
- Report its actions to the regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.
- Perform such other functions as are set forth in the bylaws of this synod, or as may be designated to it by the Synod Assembly.

Responsibilities

Synod Council members must prepare for, attend and participate in regular and special meetings of the Synod Council and the Synod Assembly. In so doing, they must:

- Study carefully the issues on the agenda of the Synod Council.
- Listen to and participate thoughtfully in debate during meetings.

- Examine wisely possible amendments to proposals.
- Consider with insight resolutions or new business.
- Nominate and elect with care apt persons to serve on the boards and committees of this synod.
- Seek prayerfully the guidance of God’s Spirit in all matters, and act conscientiously for the sake of the unity and well-being of this synod, this church and the whole Church.

Privileges and Accountability

A member of the Synod Council:

- Serves as a voting member of the Synod Assembly with the privilege of voice and vote.
- May serve on committees of this synod as appointed or elected.
- May serve on their conference’s executive committee, according to the custom and discretion of their respective conference.
- Is accountable to the synodical vice president in consultation with the bishop and deans.

Other

- Nominees for Synod Council should preferably have experience functioning in board, council, or committee settings. Previous leadership in these capacities is highly desirable.
- No elected member of the Synod Council shall receive compensation for such service.
- Synod Council members are financially responsible for a portion of the expenses associated with their attending meetings of the Synod Council and the Synod Assembly.

Nominees

REV. JOSH EVANS, Hudson Mohawk (*Bio Included*)

REV. ERNIE VARGA

B. SYNOD COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE MEMBER

- We currently have twelve (12) members that comprise a 50/50 clergy/lay split.
- There are four (4) positions that will be available for the Synod Discipline Committee, due to term limits.
 - They are two (2) Rostered Ministers and two (2) Lay persons.
- The term for this position is six (6) years.
- Members whose terms are coming to conclusion are not eligible for re-election.
- Nominations can be received from the floor of the Synod Assembly
- Persons who are nominated, should complete the Nominations form that has been provided, so that information is published in the 2024 Synod Assembly, Pre-Assembly booklet.
- Voting for these seats may be by written ballot (dependent upon number of nominations)

Position Description

Qualities and Eligibility

Nominees for the Synod Committee on Discipline should be deeply committed to the life and ministry of Christ's Church, especially as expressed through the Upstate New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, regular in their worship attendance, and charitable with their gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Each person elected to the Committee on Discipline shall be a voting member of a congregation of this synod.

Nomination, Election, and Term of Office

The Nominating Committee of the Synod Council nominates clergy and lay members for election by the Synod Assembly to the Synod Committee on Discipline. Additional nominations may be made from the floor of the Synod Assembly.

A member of the Committee on Discipline serves for one term of six years and is not eligible for consecutive reelection. The term of service for members of the Committee on Discipline commences at the close of the Synod Assembly at which they were elected.

Functions and Responsibilities

The Committee on Discipline, consisting of six clergy and six lay members, serves to render decisions in matters referred to it by the Synod Consultation Committee concerning formal ecclesiastical discipline involving a rostered person or a congregation.

When such matters are referred, a panel is formed of three clergy and three lay members from the Synod Committee on Discipline, appointed by the synodical vice president, and six members of the Churchwide Committee of Discipline appointed by the vice president of the ELCA. This

panel meets with and hears from the parties involved in the matter and renders a decision. If the allegations are sustained, the panel will impose a discipline appropriate to the situation.

Privileges and Accountability

- Persons elected to the Committee on Discipline may simultaneously serve on other structures of the synod if they are so selected or elected.
- The Committee on Discipline is accountable to the synodical vice president, the vice president of the ELCA, and the synodical bishop.

Other

- Nominees for the Committee on Discipline should be persons of maturity and good judgment, who can function with discretion and fairness, and able to handle confidential information.
- The bishop of the synod is not a member of the Committee on Discipline.

Nominees

KATHY BRUNT

REV. JUDY CONVERSE, Hudson Mohawk (*Bio Included*)

DUANE KEELER

REV. DARCY TILLMAN, Niagara Frontier (*Bio Included*)

C. CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

- We currently have eight (8) members that comprise a 50/50 clergy/lay split.
- There are four (4) positions that will be available for the Synod Consultation Committee due to term limits.
 - They are two (2) Rostered Ministers and two (2) Lay persons.
 - In addition, there are two (2) additional Lay person positions available due to vacancies, and two (2) additional Rostered Minister positions available due to vacancies.
 - That brings a total of four (4) positions (4 Rostered Ministers, four (4) Lay persons) available for nomination and eventual election.
- The term for this position is six (6) years.
- Members whose terms are coming to conclusion are not eligible for re-election.
- Nominations can be received from the floor of the Synod Assembly
- Persons who are nominated, should complete the Nominations form that has been provided, so that information is published in the 2024 Synod Assembly, Pre-Assembly booklet.
- Voting for these seats may be by written ballot (dependent upon number of nominations).

Position Description

6-year term

2 clergy/2 lay to be elected

(Nominations may be made from the floor)

Qualities and Eligibility

Nominees for the Synod Consultation Committee should be deeply committed to the life and ministry of Christ's Church, especially as expressed through the Upstate New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, regular in their worship attendance, and charitable with their gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Each person elected to the Consultation Committee shall be a voting member of a congregation of this synod.

Nomination, Election, and Term of Office

The Nominating Committee of the Synod Council nominates clergy and lay members for election by the Synod Assembly to the Synod Consultation Committee. Additional nominations may be made from the floor of the Synod Assembly.

A member of the Consultation Committee serves for one term of six years and is not eligible for consecutive reelection. The term of service for members of the Consultation Committee commences at the close of the Synod Assembly at which they were elected.

Functions and Responsibilities

The Consultation Committee, consisting of six clergy and six lay members, serves primarily in an advisory role to the office of the synodical bishop and assists the bishop to investigate situations that are potentially matters of formal ecclesiastical discipline of a rostered person or a congregation. When such a situation arises, the Synod Council appoints from this committee three ordained and two lay members to serve as a special Consultation Committee to consider the issue.

The special Consultation Committee meets with the parties involved in an effort to resolve the situation. If, as a result of the consultation, the allegations are withdrawn, no further proceeding is required. Otherwise, the special Consultation Committee must then submit a written report to either the synodical bishop or the Committee on Discipline depending on whether disciplinary action may result.

Privileges and Accountability

- Persons elected to the Consultation Committee may simultaneously serve on other structures of the synod if they are so selected or elected.
- The Consultation Committee meets at the request of and is accountable to the office of the bishop.
- The bishop of the synod shall be a member of the Consultation Committee in addition to the twelve elected members.

Other

- Nominees for the Consultation Committee should be persons of maturity and good judgment, who can function with discretion and fairness, and are able to handle confidential information.
- The bishop of the synod shall be a member of the Consultation Committee in addition to the twelve elected members.

Nominees

KATHY BRUNT

REV. WENDY COOK, Foothills (*Bio Included*)

GARY ROLLER, Genesee Finger Lakes (*Bio Included*)

LINDSAY STANNARD

D. CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBER

- We are allocated 10 voting members by the ELCA formula, 6 lay and 4 clergy/deacons
- The breakdown is as follows:
 - 1 – Bishop, male, clergy
 - 1 – Synod Vice President, male
 - 3 – Clergy/Deacon (one male and two female, or two male and one female)
 - 5 – Lay (two male, three female)
 - A minimum of one of the ten above must be a person of color or whose primary language is other than English.
 - A minimum of one of the ten must be a youth or young adult (attained the age of 18) at the time of election.
- We also are allocated one each **additional** voting member seat for a person of color or whose primary language is other than English, **and** one additional youth/young adult. These may be lay or clergy/deacon, except if a youth is elected, they are by default lay.
- Voting for these positions will be conducted throughout the Synod Assembly. Voting may be by written ballot, dependent upon the number of nominations received for each position.

Position Description

Qualities and Eligibility

Nominees for voting member of the ELCA Churchwide Assembly should be deeply committed to the life and ministry of Christ's Church, especially as expressed through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Upstate New York Synod, regular in their worship attendance, and charitable with their gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Each person elected to serve as a Churchwide Assembly voting member shall be a voting member of a congregation of this synod.

Nomination, Election, and Term of Service

Each triennium, conferences nominate individuals for election by the Synod Assembly as voting members of the Churchwide Assembly in accordance with the bylaws of this church and guidelines set forth by the Synod Council. Elected voting members serve in their role at the Churchwide Assembly next occurring following their election.

Functions

Voting members of ELCA congregations gather triennially to serve in the Churchwide Assembly as representatives not only of their own congregations and synods but also on behalf of all the people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Nourished by Word and Sacrament, they are called in assembly to make decisions and seek the well-being of this whole church.

Responsibility of the Assembly

The Churchwide Assembly is the highest legislative authority in the ELCA. The assembly deals with the purposes, functions, and directions of churchwide ministries, and addresses issues that affect the life of our whole church.

The Churchwide Assembly must:

- Review the work of the churchwide officers, receive reports from them and act on business proposed by them.
- Review the work of the churchwide units, receive reports from them and act on business proposed by them.
- Receive and consider proposals from synod assemblies.
- Establish churchwide policy.
- Adopt a budget for the churchwide organization.
- Elect officers, board members, and other persons as provided in the constitution and bylaws.
- Establish churchwide units to carry out the functions of the churchwide organization.
- Have the sole authority to amend the constitution and bylaws. Fulfill other functions as required in the constitution and bylaws.
- Conduct such other business as necessary to further the purposes and functions of the churchwide organization.

Responsibilities

Voting members individual responsibilities are to:

- Attend the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly held July 28 through August 2, 2025, in Phoenix, Arizona.
- Represent the interests of this whole church to facilitate its mission and ministry.
- Seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit and approach the Churchwide Assembly's work with reflection and prayer.
- Participate in orientation, both that provided by the synod and that provided by the churchwide organization.
- Be present during the entire Churchwide Assembly, attending plenary sessions, worship, hearings, and other assembly-related activities.
- Study in advance the Pre-Assembly Report, particularly the reports of officers and the matters on which the Churchwide Assembly will take action.
- Listen to presentations and discussion and be prepared to participate responsibly.
- Exemplify servant leadership in words, life-style, and manner of leadership, recognizing accountability to the Triune God, the whole Church, each other, and to the Churchwide Assembly as a whole.
- Provide reports about the Churchwide Assembly to congregations and others within the synod.

Other

- Nominees for Churchwide Assembly voting member must be available to attend the scheduled Churchwide assembly, typically over five days during the month of August.
- Nominees should preferably have experience functioning in board, council, or committee settings. A basic understanding of Parliamentary Procedure is helpful.
- Voting members attend an assembly orientation workshop held at a central location in Upstate New York.
- The bishop of this synod is an ex officio voting member of the Churchwide Assembly.
- The vice president of this synod serves as a voting member of the Churchwide Assembly.
- No elected voting member of the Churchwide Assembly shall receive compensation for such service.

Expenses associated with serving as a Churchwide Assembly voting member are substantially covered by the ELCA. Voting members may be personally responsible for certain incidental expenses.

Churchwide Assembly - Person of Color or Primary Language other than English Nominees

REV. SOHAIL AKHTAR, Niagara Frontier (*Bio Included*)
ATIF DEAN, Hudson Mohawk (*Bio Included*)
MAGAN RUSS

Churchwide Assembly Rostered Minister Nominees

REV. SOHAIL AKHTAR, Niagara Frontier (*Bio Included*)
REV. WENDY COOK, Foothills (*Bio Included*)
REV. KATE DREFKE
REV. JOSH EVANS, Hudson Mohawk (*Bio Included*)
REV. RAHEL HAHN, Hudson Mohawk (*Bio Included*)
REV. JOHANNA REHBAUM, Genesee Finger Lakes (*Bio Included*)
REV. SUSAN SALOMONE, Central Crossroads (*Bio Included*)
REV. DR. KEN SIMURRO, JR., Foothills (*Bio Included*)
● **ONE POSITION IS FILLED BY THE BISHOP**

Churchwide Assembly - Lay Nominees

MELISSA BEDELL, Foothills (*Bio Included*)
ATIF DEAN, Hudson Mohawk (*Bio Included*)
KAREN LASHER, Hudson Mohawk (*Bio Included*)
TAMARA LIPKE, Genesee Finger Lakes (*Bio Included*)
JUDY MICA-GUERIN, Southern Tier (*Bio Included*)

CHRISTINE NASH, Hudson Mohawk (*Bio Included*)

JULIE OWEN

WILL PLATNIK, Hudson Mohawk (*Bio Included*)

MAGAN RUSS, Niagara Frontier (*Bio Included*)

GLENN SOTHERDEN, Central Crossroads (*Bio Included*)

LINDSAY STANNARD

- **ONE POSITION IS FILLED BY THE VICE PRESIDENT.**

E. NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES

(Listed in alphabetical order.)

In the “Biographical Information Addendum” you will find the biographies of each candidate nominated for a seat/position in the 2024 election.

Biographies within this addendum have been listed in alphabetical order for ease of reference.

Important information:

All biographies that were received by the Synod Office have been included in this report. All nominees must provide their biographical form before our election to be included on the ballot.



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Clergy Lay	Synod Council Churchwide Voting Member Discipline Committee	Consultation Committee Person of Color and/or Person whose Primary Language is other than English
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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA FORM FOR NOMINEES FOR ELECTION: This form must be completed by all nominees for election. Committee nominations are to be forwarded to admin@upstatenysynod.org directly. Synod Council nominations are forwarded to your Dean, who forwards the form to admin@upstatenysynod.org.

Name: Rev. Sohail Akhtar
 DOB: 08-14-1966
 Address: 439-Delta Rd. Apt: 1 Amherst, NY Zip: 14226
 Phone: 716-208-7851 Email: PastorSohailAkhtar@gmail.com
 Cell phone (not required): _____ Gender: Male
 Your ELCA congregation of the Upstate NY Synod: 7D
 Your Upstate NY Synod Conference: Niagra Buffalo Frontier

It would be helpful to the Synod Assembly voters if you would list up to three Congregation, Conference, Synod and/or ELCA, and Community/Volunteer activities that have engaged you during your faith journey:

- 1) Congregation
 1. First English Lutheran Church Lockport NY, Pastor
 2. St. Paters Lutheran Church Medina NY, Pastor
 3. South Asian Worship Community - Mission
- 2) Conference
 1. Attend activities of the Conference
 2. _____
 3. _____
- 3) Synod/Churchwide/ELCA
 1. Synod Candidacy Committee Member
 2. Mission developer
 3. _____
- 4) Community or Volunteer activities
 1. Board of Director - Seafarer International
 2. _____
 3. _____



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Name: Melissa m. Bedell
 DOB: 3/8/72
 Address: 57 W Pine Street Glensville, NY Zip: 12078
 Phone: (518) 752-9317 Email: lutheranlch12078@icv.com
 Cell phone (not required): — Gender: female
 Your ELCA congregation of the Upstate NY Synod: Grace Lutheran Johnstown NY
 Your Upstate NY Synod Conference: Foothills

It would be helpful to the Synod Assembly voters if you would list up to three Congregation, Conference, Synod and/or ELCA, and Community/Volunteer activities that have engaged you during your faith journey:

- 1) Congregation
 1. Vicar (pastor in training) - TEEM Candidate ^{Current}
 2. Former ~~ELCA~~ Parish Deacon
 3. Outreach and interfaith ministries
- 2) Conference
 1. Former Conference youth leader
 2. Former Conference Deacon
 3. TEEM candidate food/winger ministries
- 3) Synod/Churchwide/ELCA
 1. Synod Council Member
 2. Synod hunger Team member
 3. Synod racial justice team member
- 4) Community or Volunteer activities
 1. Sing with Mohawk Valley Chorus
 2. Mohawk Valley Chorus Board of directors
 3. NOAH Meals - community meal program
 4. Fulton/Montgomery Counties Inkyouth committee co-president



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Name: Judith R. Converse

DOB: 12/07/1957

Address: 6264 Empire Avenue, Schenectady, NY Zip: 12306

Phone: n/a Email: judyconverse@gmail.com

Cell phone (not required): 978 808 6780 Gender: F

Your ELCA congregation of the Upstate NY Synod: F i r s t / A l b a n y

Your Upstate NY Synod Conference: Hudson/ Mohawk

It would be helpful to the Synod Assembly voters if you would list up to three Congregation, Conference, Synod and/or ELCA, and Community/Volunteer activities that have engaged you during your faith journey:

1) Congregation

1. **p a s t o r** _____
2. Confirmation class teacher
3. Stewardship team

2) Conference

1. **led weekly pericope discussions** _____
2. attended/ led monthly clergy meetings
3. supported the conference treasurer

3) Synod/Churchwide/ELCA

1. Synod Secretary/ Executive Committee
2. Voting member - Churchwide Assembly 2007
3. Stewardship Team for the Synod

4) Community or Volunteer activities

1. **school volunteer** _____
2. food pantry
3. volunteer driver



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Name: Wendy Cook
 DOB: August 21, 1956
 Address: 109 Anthony Circle, Cobleskill, NY Zip: 12043
 Phone: 612-554-7295 Email: wcook001@luthersem.edu
 Cell phone (not required): same Gender: Female
 Your ELCA congregation of the Upstate NY Synod: Zion St. John's, Seward
 Your Upstate NY Synod Conference: Foothills

It would be helpful to the Synod Assembly voters if you would list up to three Congregation, Conference, Synod and/or ELCA, and Community/Volunteer activities that have engaged you during your faith journey:

- 1) Congregation *I came late to ordained ministry (age 55), so I spent many years in lay church activities in Minneapolis*
 1. Served on church council, including a term as president
 2. Taught Sunday school
 3. Served on many committees and boards
- 2) Conference
 1. Prep at Minneapolis Area Synod assembly
 2. Hosted retired clergy dinners for Foothills & Hudson Mohawk confer
 3. Hosted Foothills clergy for ministerium summer picnic
- 3) Synod/Churchwide/ELCA
 1. Voting delegate to churchwide assembly in 2012
 2. Served on the Minneapolis Area Synod Consultation committee
 3. _____
- 4) Community or Volunteer activities
 1. Literacy tutor
 2. Emergency children's shelter volunteer
 3. Cobleskill Police Department Citizen Advisory Board (current chair person)
 4. Parent advocacy for child care
 5. I am a former social worker & have a master degree in social work



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Name: Atif Dean
 DOB: 03/18/1983
 Address: 6 Saybrook Drive, Apt. A, Latham, NY Zip: 12110
 Phone: (518) 725-2832 Email: atifdean@icloud.com
 Cell phone (not required): 11 Gender: Male

Your ELCA congregation of the Upstate NY Synod: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Loudonville, N.Y.
 Your Upstate NY Synod Conference: Hudson-Mohawk

It would be helpful to the Synod Assembly voters if you would list up to three Congregation, Conference, Synod and/or ELCA, and Community/Volunteer activities that have engaged you during your faith journey:

- 1) Congregation
 1. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Loudonville, N.Y. / 2011
 2. member since September 1998
 3. _____
- 2) Conference
 1. Hudson-Mohawk Conference since ^{September} 1998
 2. _____
 3. _____
- 3) Synod/Churchwide/ELCA
 1. Synod Council member since June 2019
 2. _____
 3. _____
- 4) Community or Volunteer activities
 1. Church Council from Jan 2018 - Jan 2024
 2. CROP Walk Team Captain from March 2020 to
 3. Synod Council Member from ² June 2019 to present. elected for a 2nd term at the Synod Assembly in June 2023.



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Name: The Rev. Josh Evans (he/they)

DOB: 07/24/1989

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Phone: 708.341.0760 Email: pastorjosh@stjohnsalbany.org

Cell phone (not required): same Gender: male

Your ELCA congregation of the Upstate NY Synod: St. John's Lutheran Church, Albany

Your Upstate NY Synod Conference: Hudson Mohawk

It would be helpful to the Synod Assembly voters if you would list up to three Congregation, Conference, Synod and/or ELCA, and Community/Volunteer activities that have engaged you during your faith journey:

1) Congregation

1. Pastor (solo), St. John's Lutheran Church, Albany, NY (present)
2. Pastor (solo), St. Philip Lutheran Church, Glenview, IL (2020-2023)
3. Pastor (co-/associate), UNITY Lutheran Church, Brookfield, WI (2018-2020)

2) Conference

1. Co-Dean, Northeast Conference, Metropolitan Chicago Synod (2022-2023)
2. Dean, Waukesha Conference, Greater Milwaukee Synod (2019-2020)
3. _____

3) Synod/Churchwide/ELCA

1. Synod Assembly Planning Team, Upstate New York Synod (present)
2. Director of Communications, Metropolitan Chicago Synod (2021-2022)
3. Coordinator for Global Service, Global Mission Unit, ELCA (2018)

4) Community or Volunteer activities

1. Volunteer, Albany Maritime Ministries (present)
2. Member, Proclaim/Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries (present)
3. _____



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Name: Judith Mica Guerin

DOB: March 22, 1955

Address: 51 Fairview Drive, Windsor, NY, NY Zip: 13865

Phone: 607 761 7199 Email: savoyard1972@gmail.com

Cell phone (not required): 607 761 7199 Gender: Female

Your ELCA congregation of the Upstate NY Synod: Redeemer Lutheran, Binghamton

Your Upstate NY Synod Conference: Southern Tier

It would be helpful to the Synod Assembly voters if you would list up to three Congregation, Conference, Synod and/or ELCA, and Community/Volunteer activities that have engaged you during your faith journey:

1) Congregation

1. Creating, maintaining, evolving and leading our Adult Sanctuary Service
2. PASST Church tour – engaging people on the tour about our church and faith
3. "Ashes To Go" – providing ashes and bagged lunch to people who aren't able to attend church

2) Conference

1. Hartwick Seminary Summer Institute of Theology from 2009 - 2023
2. Spring/Fall Conference meetings
3. Various classes offered conference wide

3) Synod/Churchwide/ELCA

1. SAM duties – sermon prep/research, worshipping with others at various churches
2. Synod Assemblies
3. Synod Council

4) Community or Volunteer activities

1. 'Meet & Greet' events on the street
2. Monthly food pantry distribution
3. Volunteering at Food Bank of the Southern Tier food truck distribution



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Name: Rev. Dr. Rachel L. C. Hahn

DOB: 10-05-1958

Address: 198 Waterbury Rd., Schoharie, NY Zip: 12157

Phone: 740 751 7467 Email: rlchahn@mac.com

Cell phone:

Gender: N/A

Your ELCA congregation of the Upstate NY Synod **Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit**

Your Upstate NY Synod Conference: **Hudson Mohawk**

It would be helpful to the Synod Assembly voters if you would list up to three Congregation, Conference, Synod and/or ELCA, and Community/Volunteer activities that have engaged you during your faith journey:

- 1) Congregation
 1. worship life
 2. Farmers' Market in the neighborhood
 3. Fall festival in the neighborhood
- 2) Conference
 1. joint worship services (ALT Albany Lutherans Together)
 2. ALT cultivating relationships among congregations and building up collaboration
- 3) Synod/Churchwide/ELCA
 1. Gender Justice Task Force, Discipline Committee
 2. Various retreats, workshops (eco justice, land acknowledgments), conferences (SBL, AAR)
 3. Various engagements in food ministries,
- 4) Community or Volunteer activities
 1. participation in urban community-wide events _____
 2. participation in rural neighbor and school events _____



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Name: Karen Lasher

DOB: 09-13-1950

Address: 50 Mountain View Drive, Valatie, NY Zip: 12184

Phone: 518.784.2032 Email: karenalasher@gmail.com

Cell phone (not required): 518.965.5862 female Gender: _____

Your ELCA congregation of the Upstate NY Synod: St. Luke's, Valatie, NY

Your Upstate NY Synod Conference: Hudson-Mohawk Conference

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1) Congregation

- 1. Currently: Council, Parish Board, choir, altar guild, offering counter, worship assistant (liturgical and preaching), WELCA group,** _____
- Formerly: youth group advisor, confirmation class assistant

2) Conference

- 1. Former Conference Treasurer** _____
- Former confirmation camp assistant _____
- Former Licensed Lay Leader, now know as Synodically Authorized Ministry _____

3) Synod/Churchwide/ELCA

- Voting member at numerous Synod Assemblies since 1982
- Voting member at Churchwide Assemblies 1987, 1997, 2003, 2022
- Served on Synod Committee for Reference and Council 2017 (?) and Planning Committee 1994

4) Community or Volunteer activities

- 1. Former EMT on Valatie Rescue Squad** _____
- Retired High School Science Teacher.

Clergy	Synod Council	Consultation Committee
X Lay	X. Churchwide Voting Member	Person of Color and/or Person whose Primary Language is other than English
	Discipline Committee	

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Name: **Christine Nash**

DOB: 11/09/1944

Address: 20 Lindbergh Avenue, Rensselaer, NY Zip: 12144-1022

Phone: 518-286-3445 Email: storytellerchris@yahoo.com

Cell phone (not required): 518-852-7808

Gender: Female

Your ELCA congregation of the Upstate NY Synod: Hope Lutheran Church, Troy (North Greenbush)

Your Upstate NY Synod Conference: Hudson Mohawk

It would be helpful to the Synod Assembly voters if you would list up to three Congregation, Conference, Synod and/or ELCA, and Community/Volunteer activities that have engaged you during your faith journey:

- 1) Congregation
 1. Church council at St. Paul's and Trinity
 2. Recording secretary for council
 3. Bible study leader
- 2) Conference
 1. Deacon Advisory Committee _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
- 3) Synod/Churchwide/ELCA
 1. 20 years recording secretary for Synod Deacon Committee
- 4) Community or Volunteer activities
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____



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Name: William Platnick
 DOB: 6/25/1982
 Address: 122 Elm St Saratoga Springs, NY Zip: 12866
 Phone: _____ Email: wplatnick@gmail.com
 Cell phone (not required): 5185959455 Gender: Male
 Your ELCA congregation of the Upstate NY Synod: St. Andrews S Glens Falls
 Your Upstate NY Synod Conference: Hudson Mohawk

It would be helpful to the Synod Assembly voters if you would list up to three Congregation, Conference, Synod and/or ELCA, and Community/Volunteer activities that have engaged you during your faith journey:

- 1) Congregation
 1. Ran Alpha Small Groups at Prince of Peace Clifton Park and Zion Clarence Center
 2. Created a Spiritual Gifts database to facilitate getting people hooked into the ministries they have gifts and talents for
 3. Facilitated several adult education series around topics such as Christian Spirituality
- 2) Conference
 1. Former Conference Deacon for Niagara Frontier Conference
 2. Former Conference Deacon for Southwestern Conference
 3. Member of an ad-hoc finance committee for Hudson Mohawk Conference
- 3) Synod/Churchwide/ELCA
 1. I am a Certified Synodically Authorized Minister for the Upstate NY Synod.
 2. Served on IT team at ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX
 3. Served on tech team for multiple Upstate NY Synod Assemblies
- 4) Community or Volunteer activities
 1. Volunteer with the YouVersion Bible App.
 2. Volunteer with the American Bible Society and United Bible Societies on the Digital Bible Library.
 3. I am a Grief Recovery Specialist.



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Name: Johanna Rehbaum

DOB: July 12, 2024

Address: 240 Somershire Dr. Rochester, NY Zip: 14617

Phone: 530-210-7072 Email: pastorjohanna@stpaulspittsford.org

Cell phone (not required): Same as above Gender: female

Your ELCA congregation of the Upstate NY Synod: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Pittsford

Your Upstate NY Synod Conference: Genesee Finger Lakes Conference

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1) Congregation

1. Creating and running "Family Faith Nights" – faith formation events for the whole family
2. Learning this year about housing justice, including book study, discussion groups, and intergenerational volunteering for Family Promise of Greater Rochester
3. Weekly preaching, bringing the Word into people's day-to-day lives in meaningful, relevant ways

2) Conference

1. Chaplain for Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) Winter Weekend (2019)
2. Regularly attend (and sometimes lead/host) conference clergy text study and monthly ministerium
3. Helped congregations interpret and use Congregational Vitality Assessment tool (2014-15)

3) Synod/Churchwide/ELCA

1. Chaplain for Upstate NY Synod candidacy retreats (caring for candidates, planning/leading worship)
2. Board member, Lutheran Chautauqua Association (Chautauqua Institution)
3. Faculty at LCLC for confirmation camp; 2024 chaplain

4) Community or Volunteer

1. Singer and board member (secretary), Concentus Women's Chorus
2. Volunteer at my kids' schools (e.g. teaching about the oboe, sharing nativity story with PreK)
3. Service projects we can do with our kids (e.g. Family Promise, Mothers in Need of Others)



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Name: Gary Roller

DOB: July 1949

Address: 158 Lida Lane, Rochester, NY Zip: 14616

Phone: 585-621-8985 Email: gwr67@frontier.com

Gender: Male

Your ELCA congregation of the Upstate NY Synod: Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Your Upstate NY Synod Conference: Genesee Finger Lakes

It would be helpful to the Synod Assembly voters if you would list up to three Congregation, Conference, Synod and/or ELCA, and Community/Volunteer activities that have engaged you during your faith journey:

1) Congregation

1. Congregation Council **(President of Council several times)**
2. Altar Guild President
3. Served as Committee Chairman for Worship and Music, Christian Education, Finance Committee

2) Conference

1. Serve on the Genesee Finger Lakes Conference Council
- 2.
- 3.

3) Synod/Churchwide/ELCA

1. Serving second term on Synod Council
2. Serve on Synod Constitution Committee, Synod Assembly Planning Team, Synod Scholarship Committee, MIT Team
3. Volunteer Coordinator for the Upstate NY Synod Lutheran Disaster Response Team

4) Community or Volunteer activities

1. Boy **Scouts of America (Troop Committee Chairman) (30 years, now retired)**
2. Monroe County Critical Incident Stress Management Response Team (Team Chairman, 15 years) (Now retired)



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Clergy Lay

- Synod Council
- Discipline Committee
- Youth (Voting member of a congregation under age 18)
- Person of Color and/or Person whose Primary Language is other than English

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Name:

DOB:

Address: , NY Zip:

Phone: Email:

Cell phone (not required): Gender:

Your ELCA congregation of the Upstate NY Synod:

Your Upstate NY Synod Conference:

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1) Congregation

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2.
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2) Conference

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2.
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3) Synod/Churchwide/ELCA

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4) Community or Volunteer activities

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Name: **Susan Salomone** _____

DOB: **6/3/63** _____

Address: **913 Broad Street, Syracuse,** _____, NY Zip: **13210** _____

Phone: **(315) 729-3361** _____ Email: **pastorsusan@stmichaelscamillus.org** _____

Cell phone (not required): **See above** _____ Gender: **female** _____

Your ELCA congregation of the Upstate NY Synod: **St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Camillus** _____

Your Upstate NY Synod Conference: **Central Crossroads** _____

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1) Congregation

1. **Council member/president -8 yrs.** _____
2. **Head Counter (10 yrs.+), Altar Guild (10yrs. +), Worship Assistant,** _____
3. **FEL Food Pantry & Clothing Closet – (5+ yrs.), Ten Tons of Love (each time we did this)** _____

2) Conference

1. **Dean – elect Spring 2024** _____
2. _____
3. _____

3) Synod/Churchwide/ELCA

1. **Human Sexuality Taskforce Member – 7 yrs. - Churchwide** _____
2. **Ad Hoc Member of Reference and Counsel Committee @ 2023 USNY Synod Assembly** _____
3. _____

4) Community or Volunteer activities

1. **Camillus Ecumenical Clergy Group** _____
2. **Syracuse Pride Committee – Key Note Speaker** _____
3. **Atonement Food Pantry** _____



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Name: Rev. Dr. Kenneth G. Simurro, Jr.

DOB: 6/10/57

Address: P.O. Box 0 Hobart, NY Zip: 13788

Phone: (917) 572-8200 Email: ksimurro@msn.com

Cell phone (not required): _____ Gender: Male

Your ELCA congregation of the Upstate NY Synod: Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
Albany, NY

Your Upstate NY Synod Conference: Foothills (dean)

It would be helpful to the Synod Assembly voters if you would list up to three Congregation, Conference, Synod and/or ELCA, and Community/Volunteer activities that have engaged you during your faith journey:

- 1) Congregation
 1. Ecumenical call to 2 Presbyterian congregations
 2. Launched outreach ministry by organizing and holding a regional healthfair
 3. Facilitating the organic merger of 2 congregations with the approval of the denominational executive
- 2) Conference
 1. Dean
 2. Participant in ecumenical Ministeria
 3. _____
- 3) Synod/Churchwide/ELCA
 1. Working as a dean on the bishop's staff
 2. Formerly a co-convener of the Racial Justice Task Force UNYS
 3. Member of the Discipline Committee UNYS
- 4) Community or Volunteer activities
 1. Life member and current participant of the Oneonta chapter NAACP
 2. _____
 3. _____



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Name: Glenn A. Sotherden

DOB: February 24, 1947

Address: 8179 Maple Road Clay, New York, Zip: 13041

Phone: 315-699-3568 Email: sprinkleman24@hotmail.com

Cell phone (not required): 315-480-6760 Gender: Male

Your ELCA congregation of the Upstate NY Synod: Immanuel Clay

Your Upstate NY Synod Conference: Central Crossroads

It would be helpful to the Synod Assembly voters if you would list up to three Congregation, Conference, Synod and/or ELCA, and Community/Volunteer activities that have engaged you during your faith journey:

1) Congregation

1. Served 3 terms on the council
2. Church president for two terms, chairman of remodeling committee 200th Anniversary Comm. Constitution comm.
3. Took 7 teens to Atlanta for Convo

2) Synod/Churchwide/ELCA

1. attended as a voting member for four Synod Assembly

3) Community or Volunteer activities

1. **Chaplain for the American Legion for 30 years. Charter member of V.F.W.**
2. Cub Scout leader
3. Treasurer of Pine Plains Cemetery



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<u>Clergy</u>	Synod Council	Consultation Committee
Lay	Churchwide Voting Member	Person of Color and/or Person whose Primary Language is other than English
	<u>Discipline Committee</u>	

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Name: Pastor Darcy Tillman

DOB: March 20, 1965

Address: Lord of Life 1025 Borden Road, NY Zip: 14043

Phone: 716.668.8000 x 202 Email: pastordarcy@lordoflife.us

Cell phone (not required): 703.283.9531 Gender: female

Your ELCA congregation of the Upstate NY Synod: Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Your Upstate NY Synod Conference: Niagara Frontier

It would be helpful to the Synod Assembly voters if you would list up to three Congregation, Conference, Synod and/or ELCA, and Community/Volunteer activities that have engaged you during your faith journey:

1) Congregation

1. Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Depew, NY – Pastor President
2. Lutheran Church of the Covenant, Dale City, VA - Pastor
3. Nativity Lutheran Church, Alexandria, VA - Pastor

2) Conference

1. Dean Fairfax Conference (Metro DC Synod)
2. Dean Potomac Conference (Metro DC Synod)
3. _____