



Report of the Nominating Committee

Nominations

Nominations from the floor will be accepted by the nominating committee until the completion of its report on May 21, 2010. A person willing to serve shall be nominated by one seated voting member and seconded by at least one additional seated voting member. The following information must be provided: name, address, telephone number, email, congregation, conference, status (clergy/lay) and position for which being nominated.

Voting Instructions on Ballots with Multiple Elections

On those ballots where more than one person is to be elected, assembly voting members are instructed to vote for the number of candidates equal to the number to be elected. A candidate is elected upon being named on a majority of ballots cast. Should more than the number to be elected receive a majority, those with the highest majority will be declared elected.

Elected at Conference Assemblies

Paul Maeyaert, synod council representative, *St. Andrew's, Mahtomedi*
The Rev. John Hogenson, Churchwide Assembly, *St. Andrew's, Mahtomedi*
Pam Hults, Churchwide Assembly, *House of Prayer, Oakdale*
Michael Johnson, Churchwide Assembly, *Trinity, Stillwater*
The Rev. Pam Stofferahn, Churchwide Assembly, *Redeemer, White Bear Lake*
Jerry Neilson, nominating committee, *Zion, Cottage Grove*
Judy Thompson, Churchwide Assembly, *Amazing Grace, Inver Grove Heights*
The Rev. Megan Torgerson, Churchwide Assembly, *Augustana, West St. Paul*
The Rev. Steve Schwartz, dean, *St. Mark's, Randolph*
Maria Tarpinian, Churchwide Assembly, *Farmington, Farmington*
The Rev. Chris Beckman, Churchwide Assembly, *Highview Christiania, Farmington*
The Rev. Diane Sponheim, Churchwide Assembly, *Shepherd of the Valley, Apple Valley*
Terry Gallagher, Churchwide Assembly, *Prince of Peace, Burnsville*
Ben Schori, Churchwide Assembly, *Easter, Eagan*
Jenna Rogness, Churchwide Assembly, *St. James, Burnsville*
The Rev. Roberta Flood, dean, *Living Waters, Lino Lakes*
Jon Christianson, synod council representative, *Church of the Resurrection, Roseville*
Tammy Pust, Churchwide Assembly, *Roseville, Roseville*
The Rev. Ryan Brodin, Churchwide Assembly, *Abiding Savior, Mounds View*
Ronald Peterson, Churchwide Assembly, *Galilee, Roseville*
The Rev. Hans Dahl, Churchwide Assembly, *Gustavus Adolphus, St. Paul*
Andrew Stevens, Churchwide Assembly, *St. Paul-Reformation, St. Paul*
Renee Patterson, nominating committee, *Hosanna, Forest Lake*
Christy Olson, AiM, Churchwide Assembly, *St. Paul, Wyoming*
The Rev. Eyglo Bjarnadottir, Churchwide Assembly, *Chisago Lake, Center City*

Nominating committee

The Rev. John Keller, *St. Andrew's, Mahtomedi, chair*; Mark Hollabaugh, *St. Paul-Reformation, St. Paul*; the Rev. Duane Paetznick, *Shepherd of the Valley, Apple Valley*; the Rev. Sara Vanderpan, *Resurrection, Woodbury*; Luella Zibell, *Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Roseville*; Roberta Olson, *synod council representative, St. James, Burnsville*; Bishop Peter Rogness; Beth Helgen, *staff*

Nominees for Election

Synod Council Treasurer

Elect one to a four-year term.

Carol Hood, *Mount Calvary, Eagan*

Synod Council Member at Large

Lay, PCL, Elect one to a three-year term.*

Joy Tkachuck, *Arlington Hills, St. Paul*

Committee for Consultation

Clergy. Elect one to a six-year term.

The Rev. Ralph Baumgartner, *Galilee, Roseville*

The Rev. Julie Rogness, *Christ, Lake Elmo*

Committee for Consultation

Lay. Elect one to a six-year term.

Tom Bulger, *Redeemer, White Bear Lake*

Lori Rosenkvist, *Lutheran Church of Peace, Maplewood*

Churchwide Assembly Voting Member at Large

Lay Female. Elect One.

Christine Roen, *Memorial, Afton*

Sarah Sevcik, *St. Luke, Cottage Grove*

Lynne Moratzka, *Elim, Scandia*

Lori Rosenkvist, *Lutheran Church of Peace, Maplewood*

Audrey Fairchild-Ehm, *Prince of Peace, Roseville*

Carol Hood, *Mount Calvary, Eagan*

Churchwide Assembly Voting Member at Large

Lay Male. Elect Two.

Howard Juni, *Christ the King, White Bear Lake*

Stanley Harpstead, *Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Roseville*

Larry Biermeier, *North Emmanuel, St. Paul*

Mark Thompson, *Immanuel, St. Paul*

Jerry Neilson, *Zion, Cottage Grove*

Mark Rogosheske, *St. Stephen's, West St. Paul*

Churchwide Assembly Voting Member at Large

Lay Male PCL. Elect One.

Vatou Her, *Hmong Central, St. Paul*

Churchwide Assembly Voting Member at Large

Lay Female PCL. Elect One.

Jacqueline Belzer, *St. Stephen's, West St. Paul*

Churchwide Assembly Voting Member at Large

Clergy. Elect two.

The Rev. Julie Rogness, *Christ, Lake Elmo*

The Rev. Steve Schwartz, *St. Mark, Randolph*

The Rev. Paul Tidemann, *Gloria Dei, St. Paul*

The Rev. Mark Woeltge, *First Evangelical, Taylors Falls*

The Rev. David Wrightsman, *St. Philip's, Hastings*

***PCL:** Person of color or person whose first language is other than English. ELCA governing documents (5.01.g.) mandate that at least 10 percent of the members of assemblies, councils, committees, boards, or other organizational units shall be persons of color and/or persons whose primary language is other than English.

Biographical Information

Synod Council Treasurer

Elect one to a four-year term.

Carol Hood, *Mount Calvary, Eagan*

Non-profit business and finance director

Involvement in the life of the Saint Paul Area Synod or wider church: Treasurer, Metropolitan New York Synod for ten years and the Saint Paul Area Synod for four years; chair, synod finance committee; Churchwide Assembly voting member twice.

Involvement in your congregation: Served as council president, vice president, and as chair of a variety of committees; Sunday school superintendant, Grace Lutheran, Uniondale, New York; serve as assisting minister and usher and occasionally sing in the choir.

Involvement in your community: Several churches in Eagan including Mount Calvary and Easter Lutheran saw a need in the community for a food shelf. The Eagan Resource Center was created and now provides food help to more than 4,000 families per year. I serve as the president of the board.

Synod Council at Large Representative

Lay, PCL, Elect one to a three-year term.*

Joy Tkachuck, *Arlington Hills, St. Paul*

Telehealth/telemedicine program manager

Involvement in the life of the Saint Paul Area Synod or wider church: Voting member at conference assemblies and synod assembly; currently serving as appointed synod council at large representative; participant in various synod programs.

Involvement in your congregation: Served as church council president, 2008, 2009, and interim vice president, 2008; church council, 2006-; mission profile committee, 2006; call committee, 2006; participation in numerous boards and activities; serve as communion coordinator.

Involvement in your community: Board member, Maplewood Housing and Redevelopment Authority; Gladstone Neighborhood task force; board member, Saint Mary's University Alumni; chair a committee that sponsors and coordinates donation drives for the community where our offices are located; employee awareness campaigns on fitness, environmental awareness (Earth Day events), Paint-a-thon, etc.; fundraisers for community programs.

Committee for Consultation

Lay. Elect one to a six-year term.

Tom Bulger, *Redeemer, White Bear Lake*

CPA

Involvement in the synod and wider church: ISAIAH week-long training.

Involvement in your congregation: Council president; chair, administrative support ministry team; call committee; facilitated adult education series on faith and politics and another entitled "Living the Questions," which presented thoughts from contemporary church leaders; assisting minister; Lent and Advent messages; chair of year-round stewardship ministry.

Involvement in your community: Area Young Life advisory board.

Lori Rosenkvist, *Lutheran Church of Peace, Maplewood*

Editor/writer of resources for Christian education and worship

Involvement in the life of the Saint Paul Area Synod or wider church: Every Council Visits, 2009; served on communication committee, Northeastern Minnesota Synod, 1990-1995; attended ELCA Youth Gatherings as a chaperone, 1982, 1985, 1991.

Involvement in your congregation: Participant in worship and education opportunities; council president, 2010; volunteer worker for congregation's Twins concessions team, 2009; chair, call committee, 2009; work with team to organize small group ministries, 2007-; church council representative for evangelism, 2003-06; chair of evangelism committee, 2003-09.

Involvement in your community: Attend school plays and musicals; Get Out the Vote volunteer, 2008; secretary for neighborhood association board, 2007-2009.

Committee for Consultation

Clergy. Elect one to a six-year term.

The Rev. Ralph Baumgartner, Galilee, Roseville

Pastor

Involvement in the life of the Saint Paul Area Synod or wider church: Mission developer, St. Paul, 1988-1995; Saint Paul Area Synod staff, 1995-2008; First Ring Suburban Pastors' Conversation.

Involvement in your congregation: Pastor, Galilee, 2008-.

Involvement in your community: Leader of ISAIAH, 1993-.

The Rev. Julie Rogness, Christ, Lake Elmo

Pastor

Involvement in the synod and wider church: Synod assembly planning team; Iringa task force; assistant companion congregation coordinator; trained clergy coach for other clergy and associates in ministry.

Involvement in your congregation: I serve as pastor.

Involvement in your community: Member of the emergency fund committee for Valley Outreach.

Churchwide Assembly

Voting Member at Large

Lay Female. Elect One.

Carol Hood, Mount Calvary, Eagan

Non-profit business and finance director

Involvement in the life of the Saint Paul Area Synod or wider church: Treasurer, Metropolitan New York Synod for ten years and the Saint Paul Area Synod for four years; chair, synod finance committee; Churchwide Assembly voting member twice.

Involvement in your congregation: Served as council president, vice president, and as chair of a variety of committees; Sunday school superintendant, Grace Lutheran, Uniondale, New York; serve as assisting minister and usher and occasionally sing in the choir.

Involvement in your community: Several churches in Eagan including Mount Calvary and Easter Lutheran saw a need in the community for a food shelf. The Eagan Resource Center was created and now provides food help to more than 4,000 families per year. I serve as the president of the board.

Audrey Fairchild-Ehm, AiM, Prince of Peace, Roseville
Youth minister

Involvement in the synod and wider church: Synod coordinator, ELCA Youth Gathering for five years; Local Mission Partners committee; mentor, youth ministers; coordinator for synod youth gatherings for four years; member Twin Cities Urban Youth Ministry Network; co-founder of VIBE Urban Youth Ministries.

Involvement in your congregation: Strive to engage young members in full ministry of the church; lead adult education to be intentional about members knowing what is happening with youth ministry in the ELCA, our synod, and congregation;

Involvement in the community: Serve people with mental handicaps and mental illness for the last 32 years; adult foster care in my home for two persons for 23 years; strive to integrate handicapped persons into the congregation; involved in work to end poverty in Minnesota; and work with VIBE to educate young people to receive the support and education required to gain a post-secondary education to assist them in choosing a vocation with a living wage job; work to educate about care of God's creation

Lynne Moratzka, *Elim, Scandia*

Donor relations

Involvement in the synod and wider church: Synod council and executive committee, 1992-2000; hospitality co-chair, 2009 Churchwide Assembly; A Minnesota without Poverty, 2007-; 10,000 Leaders leadership team, 2004-08.

Involvement in your congregation: Worship music coordinator, 1980-92; choir; Christian education director, 1989-93; 150th anniversary task force; stewardship.

Involvement in the community: Museum director, 1986-; school activities with children.

Christine Roen, *Memorial, Afton*

Copywriter, marketing communications consultant

Involvement in the synod and wider church: Saint Paul Area Synod assembly, 2005.

Involvement in your congregation: Served on two call committees; founded, chaired, and serve on congregation's communication subcommittee; choir; sexuality discussion task force to facilitate congregational discussion; 125th anniversary committee; research, wrote, and coordinated printing of Memorial church history, *Goodly Heritage*.

Involvement in your community: Meals on Wheels; blood-mobile; former Girl Scout leader; highway clean-up; various volunteer projects.

Lori Rosenkvist, *Lutheran Church of Peace, Maplewood*

Editor/writer of resources for Christian education and worship

Involvement in the life of the Saint Paul Area Synod or wider church: Every Council Visits, 2009; served on communication committee Northeastern Minnesota Synod, 1990-1995; attended ELCA Youth Gatherings as a chaperone, 1982, 1985, 1991.

Involvement in your congregation: Participant in worship and education opportunities; council president, 2010; volunteer worker for congregation's Twins Concessions Team, 2009; chair, call committee, 2009; work with team to organize small-group ministries, 2007-; church council representative for evangelism, 2003-06; chair of evangelism committee, 2003-09.

Involvement in your community: Attend school plays and musicals; Get Out the Vote volunteer, 2008; secretary for neighborhood association board, 2007-2009.

Sarah Sevcik, *St. Luke, Cottage Grove*

Community program specialist and intervention coordinator

Involvement in the synod and wider church: ELCA Young Adult in Global Mission volunteer, Cairo, Egypt, 2005-06; counselor at Flathead Lake Bible Camp, Lakeside, Montana, 2005, 2006

Involvement in your congregation: Sunday school teacher; youth leader; mission trip volunteer; small group leader for high school students; member of building and land team committee; global mission team; initiated quilting ministry with St. Luke and St. Andrew's, Cairo, Egypt; member of adult choir.

Involvement in community: Member of Minnesota Evaluation Association board; 2009-; volunteer teacher, Minnesota Literacy Council, 2007-; advocate and volunteer, Transit for Livable Communities, 2009-; sexual health educator, Annex Teen Clinic, 2007-; program evaluator, Skits Outreach Services, a teenage drama troupe, 2009; public health volunteer, Minnesota International Health Volunteers, 2009.

Churchwide Assembly Voting Member at Large

Lay Male. Elect Two.

Larry Biermeier, *North Emmanuel, St. Paul*

Mostly retired

Involvement in the synod and wider church: Synod assembly voting member

Involvement in your congregation: Transformational ministries; mission renewal; synod benevolence support; outreach, children's programs; council member; council president; lector; served on or chaired various committees; communion assistant; preached three times in the last 18 months; stewardship leader; co-leader, Bible study; promoting free community breakfasts; council secretary.

Involvement in your community: Volunteer, CTV 15 video director.

Howard Juni, *Christ the King, White Bear Lake*

Pharmacist

Involvement in your congregation: Administration and finance commission; member of committee developing a constitution and re-writing bylaws and continuing resolutions; worship assistant: reader, communion server; greeter, and usher.

Involvement in your community: Participant for the past 10 years with Holy Hammers Habitat for Humanity project; Second Harvest food bank volunteer; board member, Chain of Lakes YMCA, 1999-2007; City of Lino Lakes economic development advisory committee, 1999-2005; board member, Minnesota Pharmacists Association Foundation, 2008-; past president and board member, Minnesota Pharmacists Association and Minnesota Board of Pharmacy; past member of University of Minnesota Alumni Association National Board of Directors.

Stanley Harpstead, *Church of the Resurrection, Roseville*

President and chief technical officer of a small medical device company

Involvement in the synod and wider church: Crossing Bridges steering committee; voting member to synod assemblies.

Involvement in your congregation: Assistant minister; choir member; Sunday school teacher; treasurer; member of the church council; primary dishwasher at congregational gatherings.

Involvement in your community: Since 2007, mayor of Arden Hills; co-chair of the jobs and economic development task force for the Regional Council of Mayors; board member for 15 years for Plymouth Christian Youth Center, a local non-profit in north Minneapolis.

Jerry Neilson, *Zion, Cottage Grove*

Bookseller

Involvement in synodical or churchwide efforts: Augsburg College governing board; reference and counsel (five years); committee for discipline (two years); nominating committee (three years); voting member Churchwide Assembly, 2003, 2005, 2007; voting member Saint Paul Area Synod assembly, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2005, 2009, 2010; synod assembly page, 2004.

Involvement in congregation: Zion men's fellowship; lector; greeter; church council (six years, two as president); public relations coordinator (13 years); chair, Christian outreach committee (five years); chair, adult forum task force (four years); mutual ministry committee (four years); ushering captain, Greater Twin Cities Billy Graham Crusade,

Involvement in community: Respect 2000 steering committee; board member, Friends in Need Food Shelf.

Mark Rogosheske, *St. Stephen's, West St. Paul*

Senior administrative assistant

Involvement in the life of the Saint Paul Area Synod or wider church: Chair of the Ending Poverty initiative for the synod, 2005-2009; voting member at the 2009 Churchwide Assembly; co-chair of A Minnesota Without Poverty statewide organization.

Involvement in your congregation: Chair, memorial committee and ongoing member of the evangelism committee; member of land use planning committee; past president, vice president, treasurer, and chair, stewardship committee.

Involvement in your community: Liaison with Dakota County Human Services department on issues dealing with poverty.

Mark Thompson, *Immanuel, St. Paul*

Internal management consultant

Involvement in the synod and wider church: Voting member, Saint Paul Area Synod assembly.

Involvement in your congregation: Currently serving as council president; past vice president (1 year); treasurer (6 years); member at large (1 year); social action chair (2 years).

Involvement in your community: Board of directors and legislative chair, Minnesota Lyme Action support group, which is working to pass a bill this session to protect doctors who aggressively treat Lyme disease; committee chair, Boy Scouts of America, Troop 90, St. Paul; PTA president, Randolph Heights Elementary; coordinated the funding (\$90K) and installation of a new playground.

Churchwide Assembly Voting Member at Large

Lay Male PCL. Elect One.

Vatou Her, Hmong Central, St. Paul

Insurance sales

Involvement in your congregation: Former chair at Hmong Central; treasurer.

Involvement in your community: Serve as chair of non-profit.

Churchwide Assembly Voting Member at Large

Lay Female PCL. Elect One.

Jacqueline Belzer, St. Stephen's, West St. Paul

Ministry coordinator, Pueblo de Fe

Involvement in the life of the Saint Paul Area Synod or wider church: Member of synodical Latino Strategy; member, Local Mission Partners; Comprehensive Immigration Reform task force; ecumenical relationships and strategies with Santo Niño Episcopalian church in St Paul.

Involvement in your congregation: Pueblo de Fe Lutheran Church youth, family and ministry coordinator; overview ministries, organize sacraments, and leadership within the church; development of cell groups in areas where needed; connect leaders with partners churches in synods.

Involvement in your community: Connecting with organizations serving Latino community in St Paul area; Casa de la Sabiduría, Wilder Foundation, and as a trainer for Latinas (Latino women), WSCO org. Joining youth groups of different organizations to serve community; member of ISIAIH.

Churchwide Assembly Voting Member at Large

Clergy. Elect two.

The Rev. Julie Rogness, Christ, Lake Elmo

Pastor

Involvement in the synod and wider church: Synod assembly planning team; Iringa task force; assistant companion congregation coordinator; trained clergy coach for other clergy and associates in ministry.

Involvement in your congregation: I serve as pastor

Involvement in your community: Member of the emergency fund committee for Valley Outreach.

The Rev. Steve Schwartz, St. Mark, Randolph

Senior pastor

Involvement in the synod or wider church: South conference dean; volunteer at 2009 Churchwide Assembly; Samuel Service Project.

Involvement in congregation: Five years as pastor at St. Mark's; organize work with Feed My Starving Children.

Involvement in your community: Worship leadership at nursing homes; Faith column in *Northfield News*; stage hand and performer for hospital auxiliary fundraising Celebrity Night.

The Rev. Paul Tidemann, Gloria Dei, St. Paul

Retired pastor

Involvement in the synod and wider church: Voting member 2009 Churchwide Assembly; synod representative to program commission, Minnesota Council of Churches; member, Crossing Bridges team for future leaders to raise funds for seminarians; member, synod consultation committee; Every Council Visit representative, 2009.

Involvement in your congregation: Leader of justice and advocacy efforts at Gloria Dei; member of the chancel choir and play in the brass choir; member of adult education planning team; communion assistant and occasional preaching; search committee for director of music and organist.

Involvement in your community: Planning team, Saint Paul Interfaith Network; co-coordinator, Guyana Mission Network, supporting the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana; president and French horn player, Northeast Orchestra, Fridley; class agent for Gustavus Adolphus College Class of 1960; board member, Cammack Marshall Fund for Children in Ramsey County; member of the medical home committee, Park Nicollet Medical Center, St. Louis Park.

The Rev. Mark Woeltge, *First Evangelical, Taylors Falls*
Pastor

Involvement in the synod and wider church: Ministeriums and assemblies; World Council of Churches, Harare, Zimbabwe; ecumenical partnerships, St. Croix Valley churches; D.Min. work in congregational mission and leadership; consulting and presenting material to churches and conferences.

Involvement in your congregation: Preach, teach, lead, visit, counsel, baptize, marry, bury, play, etc.

Involvement in the community: Vice chair advisory board, Good Samaritan Home home health care start-up; Together with Friends, summer ecumenical ministry to the children of Taylors Falls; Samaritan Fund ministry initiative; motorcycle ministry among the Hell's Angels and other area clubs; Chisago Lakes Hockey Association volunteer; magic/gospel magic for a variety of organizations.

The Rev. David Wrightsman, *St. Philip's, Hastings*

Associate pastor

Involvement in the synod or wider church: Director, metro-wide congregational youth basketball league, 1992-; co-director of metro-wide Moonlight Madness youth ministry events, 1990-.

Involvement in congregation: Bethel Bible Series teacher; Word and Sacrament; administrative; evangelism; youth; communications; spiritual growth.

Involvement in your community: President, Hastings Area Ministerium.