

Report to 2006 Central States Synod Assembly

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

CANDIDATES PRESENTED

Synod Council Positions:

<i>Area 2 – Female Clergy</i>	Patricia Reep (B) Kris Bjerke-Ulliman (B)
<i>Area 5 – Male Layperson</i>	Larry Frank (B) Elmer Hoyer (B)
<i>Area 8 – Female Layperson</i>	Kathy Sanley (B)
<i>Area 9 – Male Clergy</i>	Carl Gauck (B) John Kiehl
<i>Area 10 – Male Layperson</i>	David Loesche (B)
<i>At-Large – POC/LOE – Female Layperson</i>	Ellie Pederson
<i>At-Large – Youth – Male</i>	Jacob Fitzhugh (B)
<i>At-Large – Male Layperson</i>	Paul Speckman (B)

(*indicates incumbent)

("B" indicates that biographical information is available)

ELCA Church Council Positions:

<i>Female Clergy (6-year term, 2007-2013)</i>	Beverly-Jo (B.J.) Arnold Janice Kibler Susan Langhauser Debra Leone Kim Osborne Patricia Reep Juel Pierce Lorna Paulus Charlotte Strecker-Baseler Cynthia Schnaath
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Churchwide Assembly Voting Members:

<i>Area 1 – Female Layperson</i>	Lynn Busse
<i>Area 2 – Female Clergy</i>	Patricia Reep (B) Lorna Paulus Kris Bjerke-Ulliman (B)
<i>Area 3 – Male Layperson</i>	Delvin Strecker, TEEM (B)
<i>Area 4 – Male Layperson</i>	Dave Winquist (B) Neil Anderson (B)
<i>Area 5 – POC/LOE Female Layperson</i>	Carlota Ponds (B)
<i>Area 6 – Male Clergy</i>	Elwyn Luber (B)
<i>Area 7 – Male Layperson</i>	Tim Feiertag (B) Robert Schroeder (B) Dick Frohardt (B) Kevin Boatright (B)
<i>Area 8 – Female Clergy</i>	Kim Osborn (B)
<i>Area 9 – Male Layperson</i>	Marv Stuenkel Scott Holste (B)
<i>Area 10 – POC/LOE Male Clergy</i>	Daniel Chong
<i>At-Large – Youth – Male</i>	Josh Rosenberg (B)
<i>At-Large – AIM/Diaconal Minister</i>	Libbie Reinking (B) Marlene Hallstrom (B)
<i>At-Large – Specialized Ministry</i>	Juel Pierce (B)

(*indicates incumbent)

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CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION – Synod Council Positions:

Area 2 – Female Clergy

Nominee: Patricia Reep
Home Congregation: American
City & State: Smith Center, KS
Congregational Activities: Pastor, June 2003-present – American/Smith Center, KS
Pastor, Sept. 2003-present – St. John/Athol, KS
Synodical and Churchwide Activities: Area 2 Associate Dean, 2005-present
Community Activities: President, Smith County Ministerial Assn., Sept. 2004-present
Member, Smith County Drug & Alcohol Council – June 2005-present

Nominee: Kris A. Bjerke-Ulliman
Home Congregation: Trinity
City & State: Great Bend, KS
Congregational Activities: Associate Pastor
Synodical and Churchwide Activities: Area 2 Council
Youth and Family Ministry Team
Community Activities: Barton County Food Bank Board
Barton County Assn. of Churches
(ecumenical Thanksgiving service; Lenten Luncheon; meetings)

Area 5 – Male Layperson

Nominee: Larry Frank
Home Congregation: Reformation
City & State: Wichita, KS
Congregational Activities: Confirmation instruction
Youth Group
Choir
Assisting Minister
Lector
Communion Assistant
Synodical and Churchwide Activities: PMA (11 years)
Served congregations in Otis, Galatia, Great Bend, Newton, Wichita
Currently interim at Good Shepherd/Wichita, KS
Community Activities: Board of Directors, Christian Ministry to Offenders, Sedgwick County

Nominee: Elmer Hoyer
Home Congregation: Christ
City & State: Wichita, KS
Congregational Activities: Worship Committee Chair
Council Member
Assisting Minister
Musical Ensemble
President
Human Needs Chair
Voting Member to Synod Assembly
Synodical and Churchwide Activities: Chair, Missouri-Kansas Transition Team (1986-87)
ALC Central District Council Vice-President (pre-1987)
Community Activities: Wichita CROP Walk Planning Committee
WSU Academy for Effective Teaching
Distribute Commodities

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION – Synod Council Positions (cont'd):

Area 8 – Female Layperson

Nominee: Kathy Sanley
Home Congregation: St John
City & State: Pittsburg, KS
Congregational Activities: Present: Bell Choir
Past: Church Council (including 2 terms as Council President)
Sunday School Teacher
VBS Teacher
Confirmation Teacher
Education, Stewardship, Youth, Ministry Support Committees
Synod Assembly Voting Member
Synodical and Churchwide Activities: PMA Student providing pulpit supply for Friends Home/Savonburg, KS
Call Process Minister
Past Synod Council Member
Past Synod Council Executive Committee Member
Past Communications Team Chair
Past Churchwide Assembly Voting Member
Past Synod Strategic Planning Team Member
Past Youth Team
Past Synod Assembly Steering Committee Member
Community Activities:

Area 9 – Male Clergy

Nominee: Carl Gauck
Home Congregation: St Paul
City & State: Lohman, MO
Congregational Activities: Pastor
Synodical and Churchwide Activities: Dean, Area Ministry 9
Community Activities: Missouri Senate Chaplain
Mission Effectiveness Council Board Member at
St. Mary Health Care Center/Jefferson City, MO
Clinical Ethics Committee Member at SMHCC/Jefferson City, MO
Russellville-Lohman Ministerial Alliance (Treasurer)

Nominee: John Kiehl
Home Congregation: Christ
City & State: Stover, MO
Congregational Activities:
Synodical and Churchwide Activities:
Community Activities:

Area 10 – Male Layperson

Nominee: David Loesche
Home Congregation: Living Lord
City & State: Lake Saint Louis, MO
Congregational Activities: President, Congregation Council
Synodical and Churchwide Activities:
Community Activities:

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION – Synod Council Positions (cont'd):

At-Large – POC/LOE – Female Layperson

Nominee: *Ellie Pederson*
Home Congregation:
City & State:
Congregational Activities:
Synodical and Churchwide
Activities:
Community Activities:

At-Large – Youth – Male

Nominee: *Jacob Fitzhugh*
Home Congregation: Kent Memorial
City & State: Sunrise Beach, MO
Congregational Activities: Youth Group
Acolyte
Dramas
Communion Assistant
Easter Pageant

Synodical and Churchwide
Activities: Synod Youth Convo (two years)
National Youth Gathering (2006)
Community Activities: Camdenton High School dramas
Skills-USA
Concert Band

At-Large – Male Layperson

Nominee: *Paul Speckman*
Home Congregation: St Andrew
City & State: Columbia, MO
Congregational Activities: Church Council President
Worship and Stewardship Committees
Choir
Substitute Organist
Sunday School Teacher
Greeter
Evangelism Visitor

Synodical and Churchwide
Activities: Voting Member at Synod Assembly
Community Activities: Professor of Statistics, University of Missouri at Columbia
Various Campus Committees

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION – ELCA Church Council Positions:

Female Clergy (6-year term, 2007-2013)

<i>Nominee:</i>	<i>Beverly-Jo (B.J.) Arnold</i>
<i>Home Congregation:</i>	LCOT Living Christ
<i>City & State:</i>	Florissant, MO
<i>Congregational Activities: Synodical and Churchwide Activities:</i>	Pastor Call Process Minister Dean, Area Ministry 10 Assistant/Sacristan, Churchwide Assembly
<i>Community Activities:</i>	Board of Directors, Lutheran Ministries Assn. (6 years, 2 as President) Tri-Parish Nurse Ministry Trustee, Fox Lake Home Owners Assn. Support Dog, Inc. (Therapy Program) TEAM and PAKT, emergency ministries
<i>Nominee:</i>	<i>Janice Kibler</i>
<i>Home Congregation:</i>	Atonement
<i>City & State:</i>	Overland Park, KS
<i>Congregational Activities: Synodical and Churchwide Activities:</i>	Candidacy Committee Companion Synod Team Advisory Board, Vocation of First Call Congregations
<i>Community Activities:</i>	Present: ESL Tutor Past: Habitat Builds Homeless Shelter Volunteer
<i>Nominee:</i>	<i>Susan Langhauser</i>
<i>Home Congregation:</i>	Advent
<i>City & State:</i>	Olathe, KS
<i>Congregational Activities: Synodical and Churchwide Activities:</i>	Co-Pastor Co-Chair, Local Arrangements Committee, ELCA Churchwide Assembly (1994) First Call Theological Task Force and Tri-Synodical Education Steering Committee Chair (1998-2002) Leader and Speaker on my book "Blessings and Rituals for the Journey of Life"
<i>Community Activities:</i>	Blue Valley Ministerial Assn Convener Overland Park Police Dept Chaplain Blue Valley Fine Arts Commission Chair
<i>Nominee:</i>	<i>Debra Leone</i>
<i>Home Congregation:</i>	Our Savior
<i>City & State:</i>	Salem, MO
<i>Congregational Activities: Synodical and Churchwide Activities:</i>	Pastor Lutheran Disaster Relief Representative Vision-Based Mission Planning Trainer Have trained other churches for evangelism
<i>Community Activities:</i>	Speaking on Parenting to a group of representatives for alcohol and drug treatment Speaking at Missouri Baptist College on Women in Ministry Coordinating and Ecumenical Youth Group for Blue Island

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION – ELCA Church Council Positions (cont'd):

<i>Nominee:</i>	<i>Kim Osborne</i>
<i>Home Congregation:</i>	St Paul
<i>City & State:</i>	Nevada, MO
<i>Congregational Activities: Synodical and Churchwide Activities:</i>	Pastor Natural Church Development Coach Resolutions Committee Credentials Committee
<i>Community Activities:</i>	Nevada Regional Medical Center Chaplain Vernon County Ministerial Alliance Officer Cottey College Chaplain
<i>Nominee:</i>	<i>Patricia Reep</i>
<i>Home Congregation:</i>	American
<i>City & State:</i>	Smith Center, KS
<i>Congregational Activities: Synodical and Churchwide Activities:</i>	Pastor Dean, Area Ministry 2 Pastoral and lay leadership in two different synods
<i>Community Activities:</i>	Smith County Ministerial Assn Pee Dee Regional Association Against Domestic Violence (Counselor) Smith County Drug and Alcohol Council Kiwanis Club
<i>Nominee:</i>	<i>Juel Pierce</i>
<i>Home Congregation:</i>	First
<i>City & State:</i>	St Joseph, MO
<i>Congregational Activities: Synodical and Churchwide Activities:</i>	Candidacy Committee Churchwide and Synod Assembly Service International Student Coordinator – Wartburg theological Seminary Voting Member at Churchwide Assembly Deployed Staff in Region 4
<i>Community Activities:</i>	River Bluffs Regional Library Board Community-based introductory Spanish Language Classes
<i>Nominee:</i>	<i>Lorna Paulus</i>
<i>Home Congregation:</i>	
<i>City & State:</i>	
<i>Congregational Activities: Synodical and Churchwide Activities:</i>	
<i>Community Activities:</i>	
<i>Nominee:</i>	<i>Susan Rights</i>
<i>Home Congregation:</i>	Hosanna!
<i>City & State:</i>	Liberty, MO
<i>Congregational Activities:</i>	Interim Pastor, Lawrence, KS and Rockport, MO Adult Education Forum Leader Pastoral Support Team
<i>Synodical and Churchwide Activities:</i>	Missionary, Central America Urban Ministry, Reading, PA Town/Country Ministry in rural KS and MO Spanish Liaison for Urban Church GRAIL, reading, PA Bible and Group Leader for Synod retreats of Youth and WELCA
<i>Community Activities:</i>	

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION – ELCA Church Council Positions (cont'd):

<i>Nominee:</i>	<i>Cynthia Schnaath</i>
<i>Home Congregation:</i>	Advent
<i>City & State:</i>	Olathe, KS
<i>Congregational Activities:</i>	
<i>Synodical and Churchwide Activities:</i>	Synod Event Planner Churchwide Assembly service Lutheran Assn of Christian Educators (LACE) Association of Lutheran Resource Centers (ALRC) Planning Committee, ELCA Communicators Convention, 2006 Christian Education and Evangelism Gatherings, 2002, 2004, 2005
<i>Community Activities:</i>	Metropolitan Lutheran Ministry Board (Treasurer) Hollis Renewal Center Board Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council
<i>Nominee:</i>	<i>Charlotte Strecker-Baseler</i>
<i>Home Congregation:</i>	Faith
<i>City & State:</i>	Oberlin, KS
<i>Congregational Activities:</i>	Pastor Shared Time Interim at St John/Bird City, KS
<i>Synodical and Churchwide Activities:</i>	Dean, Area Ministry 1 Synod Council Member
<i>Community Activities:</i>	Decatur County Stand Against Violence Task Force Oberlin Arts & Humanities Member Community Service Team Director for Smoky Hill Chapter 30332 of Thrivent Thrivent Decatur County Lutherans Heartland SHARE Relay for Life/American Cancer Society Oberlin Chapter Judge at the high school speech tournament and other events

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION – Churchwide Assembly 2007 Voting Members:

Area 1 – Female Layperson:

Nominee: Lynn Busse
Home Congregation:
City & State:
Congregational Activities:
Synodical and Churchwide Activities:
Community Activities:

Area 2 – Female Clergy

Nominee: Patricia Reep
Home Congregation: American
City & State: Smith Center, KS
Congregational Activities: Pastor
Synodical and Churchwide Activities: Dean, Area Ministry 2
Pastoral and lay leadership in two different synods
Community Activities: Smith County Ministerial Assn
Pee Dee Regional Association Against Domestic Violence (Counselor)
Smith County Drug and Alcohol Council
Kiwanis Club

Nominee: Lorna Paulus
Home Congregation:
City & State:
Congregational Activities:
Synodical and Churchwide Activities:
Community Activities:

Nominee: Kris A. Bjerke-Ulliman
Home Congregation: Trinity
City & State: Great Bend, KS
Congregational Activities: Associate Pastor
Synodical and Churchwide Activities: Area 2 Council
Youth and Family Ministry Team
Community Activities: Barton County Food Bank Board
Barton County Assn. of Churches
(ecumenical Thanksgiving service; Lenten Luncheon; meetings)

**CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION – Churchwide Assembly 2007 Voting Members
(cont'd):**

Area 3 – Male Layperson

<i>Nominee:</i>	<i>Delvin Strecker</i>
<i>Home Congregation:</i>	Our Savior
<i>City & State:</i>	Norway, KS
<i>Congregational Activities:</i>	TEEM Confirmation Lay Ministerial Assn Sunday School Teacher Organist/Choir Director
<i>Synodical and Churchwide Activities:</i>	CSS Committee for the New Hymnal
<i>Community Activities:</i>	School teacher Debate coach Hospital Board

Area 4 – Male Layperson

<i>Nominee:</i>	<i>Dave Winqvist</i>
<i>Home Congregation:</i>	Salem
<i>City & State:</i>	Axtell, KS
<i>Congregational Activities:</i>	Church Council
<i>Synodical and Churchwide Activities:</i>	
<i>Community Activities:</i>	
<i>Nominee:</i>	<i>Neil Anderson</i>
<i>Home Congregation:</i>	First
<i>City & State:</i>	Manhattan, KS
<i>Congregational Activities:</i>	Teacher Council Stephen Ministry Scriptwriter for 125 th Anniversary Year text and video
<i>Synodical and Churchwide Activities:</i>	LCA Commission on Women in Church and Society, 1985-1987 Synod Assembly Voting Member
<i>Community Activities:</i>	Lions Club

**CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION – Churchwide Assembly 2007 Voting Members
(cont'd):**

Area 5 – POC/LOE Female Layperson

<i>Nominee:</i>	<i>Carlota Ponds</i>
<i>Home Congregation:</i>	Emanuel
<i>City & State:</i>	Hutchinson, KS
<i>Congregational Activities:</i>	Lector Greeter Usher Sunday School Teacher Vacation Bible School Assistant Good News Bearers Congregational Health Ministry Team Christian Education Committee ChristCare Group Leader Mexico Mission Trip (2005)
<i>Synodical and Churchwide Activities:</i>	Area Ministry 5 gatherings
<i>Community Activities:</i>	NAACP Altrusa Boys and Girls Club Board Wheatbelt Council Girl Scouts Board Reno County Community Corrections Board Communities that Care Board

Area 6 – Male Clergy

<i>Nominee:</i>	<i>Elwyn Luber</i>
<i>Home Congregation:</i>	First
<i>City & State:</i>	Topeka, KS
<i>Congregational Activities:</i>	Pastor Stephen Ministry Leader
<i>Synodical and Churchwide Activities:</i>	MIST Synod Council
<i>Community Activities:</i>	Valeo Behavioral Health Care Board of Directors Let's Help Capital Campaign

**CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION – Churchwide Assembly 2007 Voting Members
(cont'd):**

Area 7 – Male Layperson

<i>Nominee:</i>	<i>Tim Feiertag</i>
<i>Home Congregation:</i>	St James
<i>City & State:</i>	Kansas City, MO
<i>Congregational Activities:</i>	Church Council Choir Membership Committee Chair
<i>Synodical and Churchwide Activities:</i>	Churchwide Voting Member CSS Task Force on Sexuality Issues ELCA Fund for Leaders in Mission Scholarship Recipient
<i>Community Activities:</i>	Lutherans Concerned/North America Bridging the Gap Missouri Children's Division 1993-2005
<i>Nominee:</i>	<i>Robert Schroeder</i>
<i>Home Congregation:</i>	Atonement
<i>City & State:</i>	Overland Park, KS
<i>Congregational Activities:</i>	Financial Secretary (Redeemer/Shawnee, KS, 1992-2003)
<i>Synodical and Churchwide Activities:</i>	Chair, Synodical Resolutions Committee, 2004-present ELCA Church Council ELCA Division for Ministry Board Synodical Representative, ELCA Constituting Assembly Board of Faith and Life Forum
<i>Community Activities:</i>	Board of Publications, Society of Quality Assurance
<i>Nominee:</i>	<i>Dick Frohardt</i>
<i>Home Congregation:</i>	Kaw Prairie
<i>City & State:</i>	Shawnee Mission, KS
<i>Congregational Activities:</i>	Kaw Prairie Community Church core team Church Council ALPHA Program at Overland Park Lutheran Church
<i>Synodical and Churchwide Activities:</i>	PMA since 1999 BridgeBuilder Outreach Team Natural Church Development Consultant
<i>Community Activities:</i>	Safehome Board of Directors Hollis Renewal Center Board of Directors Jackson County United Way Board Overland Park Lutheran Church Transition Homes

**CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION – Churchwide Assembly 2007 Voting Members
(cont'd):**

Nominee: Kevin Boatright
Home Congregation: Trinity
City & State: Lawrence, KS
Congregational Activities: Board Member and Secretary, KU Lutheran Campus Ministry
Local Group Discussion Leader, Proposed ELCA Social Statement on Education
Trinity Stewardship Committee
Matins Choir
Lector/Cantor

Synodical and Churchwide Activities: Campus Ministry Task Force
Board Member and Chair, ELCA Division for Ministry
Member and Chair, ELCA Theological Education Coordinating Committee
Board Member and Treasurer, LCM of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan
Past ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member and Advisory Member
Representative Panel, ELCA Churchwide Organizational Structure Consultation

Community Activities: Leadership Lawrence
Lawrence Chamber of Commerce
Board Member, Friends of the Lied Center for the Performing Arts, KU
United Way Committee, KU
Local Volunteer, March of Dimes

Area 8 – Female Clergy

Nominee: St Paul
Home Congregation: Nevada, MO
City & State: Pastor
Congregational Activities: Natural Church Development Coach
Resolutions Committee
Credentials Committee

Synodical and Churchwide Activities: Nevada Regional Medical Center Chaplain
Vernon County Ministerial Alliance Officer
Cottey College Chaplain

Community Activities: St Paul

Area 9 – Male Layperson

Nominee: Marv Stuenkel
Home Congregation:
City & State:
Congregational Activities:
Synodical and Churchwide Activities:
Community Activities:

Nominee: Scott Holste
Home Congregation: Our Savior
City & State: Jefferson City, MO
Congregational Activities: Stewardship Chair
Education Chair
Confirmation Teacher

Synodical and Churchwide Activities: Synod Council Member
Synod Assembly Voting Member
Area Ministry 9 Lay Chair

Community Activities: Mid-Missouri Public Relations Society

**CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION – Churchwide Assembly 2007 Voting Members
(cont'd):**

Area 10 POC/LOE Male Clergy

Nominee: Daniel Chong
Home Congregation:
City & State:
Congregational Activities:
Synodical and Churchwide Activities:
Community Activities:

At-Large – Youth – Male

Nominee: Josh Rosenberg
Home Congregation: Peace
City & State: Manhattan, KS
Congregational Activities: Tech Support for Sunday Evening Contemporary Service
Youth at Peace member
Synodical and Churchwide Activities: K-State Lutheran Campus Ministry volunteer
Camp Tomah Shinga volunteer
Community Activities: Fort Riley Spiritual Rangers
School Sports
Ministry for the needy (Crisis Center) at Christmas

At-Large – AIM/Diaconal Minister

Nominee: Libbie Reinking
Home Congregation: St Thomas-Holy Spirit
City & State: St Louis, MO
Congregational Activities: Called Diaconal Minister, focus on spiritual formation and community development
Synodical and Churchwide Activities: Leadership Development Team
Advisory Board of Lutheran Asian Ministry
Faith Place Advisory Board
Leadership Team for Diaconal Community
Community Activities:

Nominee: Marlene Hallstrom
Home Congregation: Reformation
City & State: Wichita, KS
Congregational Activities: Director of Parish Music Ministries
Organist
Choir Director
Worship Planner
Children's Music Leader/Teacher
WELCA
Synodical and Churchwide Activities: Renewing Worship team leader
Association of Lutheran Church Musicians
Workshop leader for worship planning
Community Activities: Big Brothers and Big Sisters
Refugee resettlement
Habitat for Humanity

**CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION – Churchwide Assembly 2007 Voting Members
(cont'd):**

At-Large – Specialized Ministry

<i>Nominee:</i>	<i>Juel Pierce</i>
<i>Home Congregation:</i>	First
<i>City & State:</i>	St Joseph, MO
<i>Congregational Activities: Synodical and Churchwide Activities:</i>	Candidacy Committee Churchwide and Synod Assembly Service International Student Coordinator – Wartburg theological Seminary Voting Member at Churchwide Assembly Deployed Staff in Region 4
<i>Community Activities:</i>	River Bluffs Regional Library Board Community-based introductory Spanish Language Classes