

Central States Synod 2022 Synod Assembly

June 9 – 11, 2022

2022 Nominations for Central States Synod

Introduction

Each year the voting members of the Synod Assembly elect people who have been nominated to various positions, such as members of the Synod Council. Ultimately, the voting members of the Assembly are responsible for the nominations, but they are assisted by members of congregations, area ministry leaders, and the Nominating Committee. There are two stages to the nominating process, one before the assembly and one at the assembly. All Synod Council positions (except the youth positions) require a background check and therefore nominees need to submit a disclosure form along with the [nomination form](#).

Pre-Assembly

Early in the calendar year, the Nominating Committee works with conferences to fulfill its responsibility as described in the synod bylaws (S9.03.04). Nomination forms are to be submitted to the synod office no later than April 15, 2022. The chair of the Nominating Committee is Pat Bjuland, Atonement Lutheran Church, Overland Park, KS.

Phone: 816-674-0828. E-mail: pbjuland@sbcglobal.net.

At the Assembly

Nominations may also take place at the assembly as described in the synod bylaws (S9.03.05). People nominated from the floor need to provide information requested on the biographical form and in some cases, a disclosure form.

Participating in the Process

Whether you are a voting member of the assembly or not, if you have questions about how you can participate in the nominating process or would like to suggest someone for nomination, please contact your pastor, the chair of the Nominating Committee, Pat Bjuland, or Tim Anderson at the synod office (913-948-9701, tanderson@css-elca.org).

Helpful information:

Responsibilities for Synod Council members:

- Be the board of directors for the synod and serve as its interim legislative authority between meetings of the Synod Assembly.
- Carry out the resolutions of the assembly.
- Attend council meetings, ordinarily three times a year.
- Interpret the work of the synod through their conferences and across the synod.

The term "persons of color and/or person whose primary language is other than English" (PC/L*) is understood to mean African American, Black, Arab, and Middle Eastern, Asian and Pacific Islander, Latino, Native American, and Alaska Native people.

The term "youth" means a voting member of a congregation who has not reached the age of 18 at the time of election.

The term "young adult" means a voting member of a congregation between the ages of 18 and 30 at the time of election.

It is the goal of this synod that at least 10 percent of the voting members of the Synod Assembly, Synod Council, committees, and organizational units of this synod be youth and young adults. (S6.04.B09. Adopted by 2009 Churchwide Assembly)

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Pre- Assembly Nominations 2022

The Nominating Committee offers the following nominations:

Synod Council Members (3-year term except where noted)

At Large – Female, POC	Tullia Brown-Hamilton
Deacon (incumbent eligible)	Mindy Tillberg*
At Large – Youth/Young Adult (incumbent eligible)	Joanie Saltzman*
At Large – Male Lay (incumbent eligible)	William Meyerkord Dallas Rakestraw*

*** Incumbent**

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Biographical Information—Nominees

Synod Council Members

Position: At Large Female, POC **Name:** Ms. Tullia Brown-Hamilton
Congregation membership: Bethel, University City, MO
Congregational Activities: Worship Committee, Lector, Transition Team
Synodical/Churchwide Activities:
Community Activities: EarthDance Farm (board member), West End Neighborhood Association.
YOUTH: No **YOUNG ADULT:** No **POC/LOE:** Yes

Position: Deacon **Name:** Ms. Mindy Tillberg
Congregation membership: Immanuel, Salina, KS
Congregational Activities: Deacon of Youth & Education and Office Administration
Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Currently serving on Synod Council in Deacon position, Synod Coordinator for ELCA Youth Gathering (multiple cycles), volunteer Property Manager for Synod Day at the ELCA Youth Gathering (multiple cycles), member of the ELCA Youth Ministry Network, member of the Synod Youth Ministry Band of Leaders (SYMBOL).
Community Activities: Ell-Saline Elementary Community-Parent-Teacher Association, Ell-Saline Middle/High School Booster Club, Central Kansas District 4-H volunteer.
YOUTH: No **YOUNG ADULT:** No **POC/LOE:** No

Position: At Large, YA **Name:** Mx. Joanie Saltzman
Congregation membership: St. Mark Hope and Peace, Kansas City, MO
Congregational Activities: Worship Team
Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Synod Council, Churchwide Voting Member
Community Activities: Community support for adults with mental illness
YOUTH: No **YOUNG ADULT:** Yes **POC/LOE:** No

Position: At Large, Male Lay **Name:** Mr. William Meyerkord
Congregation membership: Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Florissant, MO
Congregational Activities: Assisting Minister, Head Usher, Past Council/Congregational President, Past Elder, Retired Youth Minister, Youth Counselor, Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School Teacher.
Synodical/Churchwide Activities
Community Activities: Deliver Meals on Wheels, Leadership Team for Feed My Starving Children.
YOUTH: No **YOUNG ADULT:** No **POC/LOE:** No

Position: At Large, Male Lay **Name:** Mr. Dallas Rakestraw
Congregation membership: Reformation Lutheran, Wichita, KS
Congregational Activities: Youth and Adult Sunday School Teacher, Learning Board Member, Council Member (past), PMA
Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Synod Council (Executive Committee)
Community Activities: Board of Directors at Camp Wood YMCA, Board of Directors Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County, Wichita Bar Association Ethics Committee.
YOUTH: No **YOUNG ADULT:** No **POC/LOE:** No

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2022 Nomination Biographical Information

Anyone accepting nomination for a Synod Council position must have a background check and therefore fill out a disclosure form.

Conference _____

Position Nominated for: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Congregational membership (include city/state): _____

Congregational activities: _____

Synodical/churchwide activities: _____

Community activities: _____

Person of color/language other than English?	___ yes	___ no
Youth (younger than 18 years old)	___ yes	___ no (DOB _____)
Young Adult (between 18 & 30 years old)	___ yes	___ no (DOB _____)

Nominated by:

_____ (name and contact information)

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Disclosure Form

DISCLOSURE

As part of the election process for Synod Council members, except for youth, the Central States Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, is required by continuing resolution S9.12.A08 to obtain a background check of all nominees. Please return this form directly to Rev. Dave Whetter, Bishop’s Associate by e-mail to dwhetter@css-elca.org. (Those nominated to the Discipline and Consultation Committees do NOT need a background check.)

AUTHORIZATION

During the nominating and election process and at any time during the tenure of any position as a synod officer or Synod Council member to which I may be elected, I hereby authorize First Advantage Background Services, Corporation, P.O. Box 105292, Atlanta, GA 30348, 1-800-845-6004, on behalf of the Central States Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to verify my social security number and do a check of the national criminal data base for any convictions. I understand that I may request a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of the background verification.

Nominee Name (Please print and include middle name)

Address

Nominee Signature

Date

Social Security Number *

Date of Birth

*For Identification Purposes Only