

PROPOSED AGENDA

THE 38TH CONVENTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT, LCMS MAY 10-12, 2018

Thursday, May 10, 2018

- 10:00 AM Registration Opens – Lobby
Exhibit Hall Open – Catawba 1 & 2
- 12:00 PM Prayer Center Open – Catawba 3
- 12:30 PM Floor Committee Open Hearings – Congregational Outreach – Conover 2
Floor Committee Open Hearings – Bylaws – Conover 3
Floor Committee Open Hearings – Theology and Practice – Conover 4
- 1:30 PM Floor Committee Open Hearings – Mission Development – Conover 1
Floor Committee Open Hearings – Stewardship & Finance – Conover 3
- 3:00 PM Orientation for Newly Chartered Congregations – Conover 2
- 5:45 PM Convention Hall Doors Open – Catawba 3-6
- 6:00 PM Call to Order and Welcome – Convention Hall**
Welcome & Introductions – Rev. Dr. John Denninger
- 6:20 PM Report of the Registration Committee
Testing of Electronic Voting System
- 6:40 PM Convention Procedures and Announcements
Adoption of Standing Rules
Adoption of Convention Schedule
- 6:50 PM Call for Nominations for Selected Offices from the Floor
(See Standing Rules for Procedures)
(Close Nominations for President and Lay Members)
- 7:00 PM Listening Prayer: For the Vision of the SED**
- 7:20 PM District President's Report (Part 1) – Rev. Dr. John Denninger
- 7:35 PM Introduction of Presidential Candidates
- 7:45 PM Prayer and Election of the SED President
- 8:00 PM Welcome and Acceptance of the President Elect
- 8:05 PM Open Nominations for Selected Offices from the Floor
(Close Nominations for Vice President)
First Ballot for Board of Directors – Lay Members
- 8:20 PM Service of the Ascension – Convention Hall**
Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, LCMS President, Proclaimer
- 9:15 PM Reception in Exhibit Hall – Catawba 1 & 2



Friday, May 11, 2018

- 8:00 AM Registration Opens – Lobby
- 8:30 AM Convention Hall Doors Open – Catawba 3-6
- 9:00 AM Convention Resumes with Morning Prayer**
- 9:20 AM Call to Order
- Report of the Registration Committee
- Introduction of 2018 Proceedings Review Committee
- Approval of Thursday's Proceedings
- 9:40 AM (Close Nominations for Treasurer, Commissioned Members, District Nominations Committee, Member and Alternate of Synod Nominations Committee)
- 9:45 AM Convention Essayist – Presentation 1 – Rev. Dr. Robert Scudieri
- 10:15 AM Welcome New Ministries – Rev. Dr. John Denninger
- *Ethiopian Evangelical Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church, Cary, NC*
 - *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Midlothian, VA*
 - *Oromo Evangelical Lutheran Church of North Carolina, Cary, NC*
 - *Oromo Lutheran Church of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD*
 - *Oromo Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kensington, MD*
 - *New Hope Lutheran Church, Mooresville, NC*
 - *Trinity Hmong Lutheran Church, Newton, NC*

 - *King of Glory Lutheran Church, New Kent, VA*
 - *Shalom Ethiopian Evangelical Lutheran Church, Alexandria, VA*
- 10:50 AM Greetings from our Partners in Mission
- 10:55 AM Election of Vice Presidents
- Ranking of Vice Presidents
- 11:15 AM Listening Prayer: For the Mission and Ministry of Synod**
- 11:30 AM Synod President's Report – Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison
- 12:20 PM Announcements and Prayer for Meal
- Break for Lunch (Provided)
- 1:30 PM Music to Gather the Saints
- 1:40 PM Q&A with President Harrison
- 2:05 PM Prayer for President Harrison
- 2:10 PM Report from Registration Committee



2:15 PM Election of Secretary
Election of Treasurer
Election of Commissioned Members
Election of Lay Members
Election of District Nominations Committee
Election of Member and Alternate for Synod Nominations Committee

2:50 PM Ratify Slate of Circuit Visitors

2:55 PM Greetings from our Partners in Mission

3:05 PM Listening Prayer: For Mission Eyes as We Do the Work of the Convention

3:20 PM Greetings from our Partners in Mission

3:30 PM Floor Committee: Theology & Practice

4:00 PM Greetings from our Partners in Mission

4:05 PM Floor Committee: Mission Development

4:35 PM Greetings from our Partners in Mission

4:55 PM Floor Committee: Stewardship & Finance

5:25 PM Closing Announcements

Adjourn for Dinner (on own) and Travel to Worship

7:30 PM The Celebration of the Eucharist – Rev. Dr. John Denninger, Proclaimer

St. Stephens Lutheran Church

2304 Springs Rd NE

Hickory, NC 28601

Servant of Christ Awards

Deaconess Faith A. Marburger, Redeemer Lutheran Church,
Fredericksburg, VA

Mrs. Janis G. McDaniels, Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Greensboro, NC

Mr. Stuart H. Nichols, Ascension Lutheran Church, Charlotte, NC

Mrs. Elfrieda R. Ramsay, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Laurel, MD

Mr. Bryce O. Thomas, St. Stephens Lutheran Church, Hickory, NC

Mrs. Deborah L. Willemann, Grace Lutheran Church, Woodbridge, VA

Saturday, May 12, 2018

8:15 AM Convention Hall Doors Open – Catawba 3-6

8:30 AM Morning Devotions

Installation of Circuit Visitors and BOD Members



- 9:00 AM Call to Order
 Report from Registration Committee
 Approval of Friday's Proceedings
 Recognition of Those Completing Their Service
 SED Board of Directors Report – Dr. Dina Vendetti
- 9:15 AM District President's Report (Part 2) – Rev. Dr. John Denninger
- 9:40 AM Convention Essayist – Presentation 2 – Rev. Dr. Robert Scudieri
- 10:00 AM Floor Committee: Bylaws
- 10:30 AM Floor Committee: Mission Development
- 11:05 AM Floor Committee: Congregational Outreach
- 11:35 AM Recognition of Retiring Staff
- 11:50 AM Prayer for Meal
 Break for Lunch (Provided)
- 1:20 PM Music to Gather the Saints
- 1:35 PM Listening Prayer: For the Mission Field of Our Congregations and Schools**
- 1:45 PM Report from Registration Committee
- 1:55 PM Floor Committee: Theology & Practice
- 2:15 PM Floor Committee: Congregational Outreach
- 2:35 PM Closing Prayer and Sending
- 2:35 PM Adjournment of 38th SED Convention**
 Farewell and Godspeed
 Return of Voting Machines

(At the conclusion of the Convention, please return your keypad to the collection boxes at the Convention registration area or the boxes near the exits to the Convention hall.)



THE REV. DR. MATTHEW C. HARRISON



The Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, the 13th man to serve as President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) since its founding in 1847, is the church's chief ecclesiastical officer, supervising the doctrine taught and practiced by its nearly 9,000 ordained ministers; representing the LCMS with its partner church bodies throughout the world; and overseeing all officers, executives and agencies of the LCMS. He was first elected to the office of LCMS President in 2010 and was re-elected in 2013.

Harrison joined the staff at the LCMS International Center in St. Louis in 2001 as the Executive Director of the church's former World Relief and Human Care ministry. During that time, he oversaw the church's multimillion-dollar responses to epic disasters, including Hurricane Katrina, the Asia tsunami and the Haiti earthquake; managed relationships with some 120 LCMS Recognized Service Organizations and other inter-Lutheran social ministry organizations; worked in consultation with LCMS partner/sister churches to build capacity during mercy outreach efforts; and managed the church's global pro-life efforts.

Previously, Harrison served as a pastor at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Westgate, Iowa (1991-1995), and Zion Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana (1995-2001). During his pastorate at Zion in Fort Wayne, his parish embarked on the St. Peter/Zion Project for Neighborhood Renewal, a now nationally recognized neighborhood revitalization effort. Owing to the success of this effort, Harrison later founded Lutheran Housing Support Corporation, a faith-based housing organization headquartered at the LCMS International Center that helps revitalize communities and renew neighborhoods across the country.

Harrison graduated with a bachelor's degree in religious studies from Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, in 1984. Following his graduation, he and his wife, Kathy, spent a year as missionaries in a remote Canadian Cree Indian village with the Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots. Harrison went on to earn a Master of Divinity in 1989 and a Master of Sacred Theology in 1991, both from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. He has pursued additional graduate study at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. In 2011, he received two honorary doctorates: a Doctor of Laws from Concordia University, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and a Doctor of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne.

Before being elected president, Harrison served on a number of boards for church and community organizations. He is a prolific writer whose books include *A Little Book on*



Joy, a devotional-style book about finding delight in living a Christ-centered life in today's society, and *Christ Have Mercy: How to Put Your Faith in Action*, a book urging Christians to consider the innumerable opportunities they have to show mercy to fellow Christians and to anyone God places in their path. He compiled and translated *At Home in the House of My Fathers*, a collection of works by several of the church's founders, and edited *The Lonely Way: Selected Essays and Letters* by Hermann Sasse, a prominent confessional Lutheran theologian in the German ecumenical movement of the early 20th century. Most recently, Harrison revised and edited a new edition of C.F.W. Walther's *The Church and the Office of the Ministry* a seminal writing by the first president of the LCMS, and translated *Letters to Lutheran Pastors — Volume 1, Volume 2 and Volume 3*, an edition of Sasse's correspondence with Lutheran pastors around the world.

Harrison and his wife live in Ballwin, Missouri, and are members of Village Lutheran Church in Ladue, Missouri, where Harrison also serves as assistant pastor. They have two sons. Harrison is an avid banjo player and instrumentalist who makes guitars, banjos and mandolins.



THE REV. DR. ROBERT J. SCUDIERI



Bob Scudieri was born on October 8, 1944 in Queens, New York, where he attended public schools. In 1967 Scudieri married his Concordia, New York college sweetheart, Lynn Gollenberg. Over the years two wonderful children, Nathan and Alison, followed.

After graduating from Concordia Seminary in 1971 he served full time as a Lutheran pastor for thirty-eight years: he was a parish pastor, the Mission Executive for the English District of the Lutheran Church, and for the last eighteen years of his ministry he was the head of missions in North America for his denomination. During that time half of all new church starts were among refugees and immigrants. Many Korean, Indian, Chinese, Hispanic, African, Japanese, blind, deaf, Jewish, Pakistani and Hmong leaders and congregations owe their membership in the Synod to the work of Dr. Scudieri.

He was also one of the founders of the Center for US Missions, an organization that interviews and prepares church planters. He began Open Arms Child Development Centers (starting over 60 Christian day care centers), the Lutheran Society for Missiology (publisher of the journal *Missio Apostolica* – now, *Lutheran Mission Matters*), and a National Missions Advisory Board. During his time as head of national missions, the Transforming Churches organization was begun.

In 1991, he wrote the book, *Apostolic Church: One, Holy, Catholic and Missionary* – a book on missions used by various seminaries. In 2012 a Metropolitan of the Georgian Orthodox Church read a Russian translation of the book and invited Dr. Scudieri to be a presenter at an ecumenical conference in Tbilisi, Georgia.

In 2010 Dr. Scudieri retired, and he and his wife Lynn moved to Florida. For three years Bob served Faith Lutheran Church, Naples, part time, as their Mission Equipping Pastor. In that role he helped start the Muslim mission, Voice of Faith and the Spirit of Naples film production studios. In retirement, Pr. Scudieri continues to serve on several national boards.

In 2014 he began Mission Nation Publishing, a company that gives a voice to missionaries to America. The books published by Mission Nation tell the stories of courageous immigrant leaders who are risking their lives to come to the United States to strengthen the church in America. The website (www.MissionNationPublishing.org) has more than sixty video interviews of missionaries to America, mission books for sale and resources for those with the opportunity to reach refugees and immigrants in the US.



Dr. Scudieri and his wife Lynn love spending time with their two adult children, an incredible daughter in law, and five beautiful grandchildren. He can be reached at MissionPublisher@aol.com.



THE REV. CHRISTOPHER S. ESGET



The Rev. Christopher S. Esget is sixth vice-president and a member of the Praesidium of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). He was appointed to the position in 2015, and was elected at the 2016 convention. He represents the church's East-Southeast Region.

Esget is the senior pastor of Immanuel Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Alexandria, Virginia, and superintendent of Immanuel Lutheran School, where he has served since 2001.

Prior to being called to Immanuel, Esget served as pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church, DuQuoin, Illinois, where he was ordained in 1998. He attended Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he earned a Master of Divinity in 1997 and a Master of Sacred Theology in 2005. He is a member of the Board of Regents for Concordia College—New York.

He is the author of “Saints and Faithful Brothers” and “The Gates of Hell and the Table of the Lord” in *The Gates of Hell: Confessing Christ in a Hostile World* (CPH 2018). Esget's writings have also been published in *The Lutheran Witness*, *Concordia Pulpit Resources*, *The Good Shepherd Institute*, *For the Life of the World*, *Higher Things*, and *Gottesdienst*. He is a 2015 Washington Fellow of the National Review Institute.

Born and raised near Minneapolis, Esget pursued his love of music with classical piano and trombone studies at the University of Minnesota before graduating summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in music from the Berklee College of Music in Boston in 1993.

Esget and his wife, Kassie, live in Alexandria, Virginia. They have one son, James.



BIOGRAPHIES – PRESENTERS AND GUESTS

THE REV. DR. JON D. VIEKER



The Rev. Dr. Jon D. Vieker is Senior Assistant to Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Prior to joining the President's staff in September 2010, Vieker served as Assistant Director for the LCMS Commission on Worship, a position he began in November 1998. In that position, he was involved with all aspects of research, development, editing and production of *Lutheran Service Book* and its core companion volumes.

A native of Livingston, California, Vieker received a B.A. in music from California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, California, and M.Div., S.T.M. and Ph.D. degrees from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. Vieker's area of academic interest is the history of American Lutheranism, specifically as viewed through its hymnals and hymnody and the wider American ecclesial context.

Vieker has served as editor for a number of publications, including *Festschrift* volumes in honor of Norman Nagel and Ronald Feuerhahn and *Through the Church the Song Goes On*, a collection of essays published by the LCMS Commission on Worship. He has also written a variety of articles on Lutheran hymnody and liturgy and is a composer with choral settings and organ preludes published by Concordia Publishing House and Liturgy Solutions.

Prior to serving with the LCMS Commission on Worship, Vieker was a parish pastor for nine years at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, West Bloomfield, Michigan. He has also served as organist and choir director in a variety of settings.

Vieker and his wife, Kim, live in Manchester, Missouri, and are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Des Peres, Missouri, where they serve in the parish choral and instrumental ensembles. They have two grown children.



PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES – A PRIMER

Purpose of Parliamentary Law and Procedure

Parliamentary procedure assists a deliberative and decision-making assembly in carrying out its purpose and aims in an orderly, fair, and expeditious manner.

It is not the purpose of parliamentary procedure to make the conduct of business in an assembly difficult, to entangle an assembly in technicalities, or to provide a channel for individuals to flaunt their parliamentary knowledge.

Parliamentary law protects six basic rights:

- 1) The right of the majority to make a decision;
- 2) The right of the minority to be heard in hopes that it may become the majority;
- 3) The right of absentees to be protected;
- 4) The right of the assembly to be comfortable and to hear;
- 5) The right of the individual member to be honored;
- 6) And the orderly consideration of one subject at a time.

Basic Steps of Handling a Motion

The chairman and members of the assembly should be acquainted with and observe eight basic parliamentary steps to take care of convention business in an orderly and fair manner. They are:

MEMBERS:

- 1) *Address the Chair.* “Mr. Chairman” (or Mr. President)
- 2) *Await recognition by the Chair.*
- 3) *Make the motion.* “I move that...”
- 4) *Second the motion.* (Unless not required)

CHAIR:

- 5) *States the motion.* (Or rules it out of order)
- 6) *Calls for discussion.* (Unless motion is un-debatable)
“Is there any discussion?” or “Are there any remarks?”
Ample opportunity must always be given for expression of opinion and for discussion.



7) *Takes the vote.* (Or “Puts the question”)

First calls for the affirmative vote, then the negative. “Those in favor of the motion say ‘aye’; those opposed say ‘no’.” (A tie vote defeats the motion, since a majority is required to adopt unless the motion requires a 2/3 vote.)

8) *States the results.*

“The ‘ayes’ have it and the motion is carried.” Or, “The ‘no’s’ have it and the motion is lost.” The vote does not go into effect until the results are announced.

Basic Parliamentary Principles for the SED Convention

1. A district delegate convention is a parliamentary assembly called to deliberate and to make decisions. It receives the reports of the District President and the Board of Directors. In addition, the convention deliberates and makes decisions on recommended resolutions of designated floor committees which have considered proposed resolutions (overtures) from congregations.
2. All voting delegates have equal rights, privileges, and obligations.
3. The vote of the majority decides. The will of a district convention is determined by the taking of a vote.
4. Free discussion of every proposition or resolution presented for decision is an established right for all delegates, voting and advisory. To accomplish the closure of debate a delegate must gain the recognition of the chair and, without any comment for or against the pending resolution, say, “I move the previous question.” If seconded, this motion is put to an immediate vote. If adopted by a two-thirds vote, discussion is finished and the pending resolution is put to the assembly without further debate. The convention has the right to decide when it has heard sufficient discussion. This right, however, should be exercised with restraint.
5. Both proponents and opponents of the given proposal have rights which must be safeguarded. The decision belongs to the majority, but the right to discuss, the right to be heard, and the right to oppose should be upheld. A member of the majority on one question is often a member of the minority on another.
6. The simplest and most direct parliamentary procedure for accomplishing a purpose should be followed rather than taking devious routes and multiplying technicalities.
7. Every delegate has the right to know what question is before the convention and what its effect will be, for every action taken by a deliberative body should be taken knowledgeably.
8. Voting delegates are not bound and are not to be bound by previous instructions of their home or neighboring congregations.



PROPOSED STANDING RULES

1. Members of the Convention asking for the floor shall state their names. They also shall state the name of the congregation or the administrative unit they represent.
2. Instead of only a voice vote on motions before the convention, the chair shall ordinarily also call for the raising of the right hand, or the use of an electronic audience response system.
3. Questions of privilege shall ordinarily be addressed in writing to the chair, or its appointee, instead of consuming convention time.
4. Resolutions prepared by the floor committees which are not acted upon by the convention before adjournment die. The subject matter may be reintroduced at the next convention by means of an overture.
5. Unless covered by these standing rules of the convention, parliamentary procedure shall be governed by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.
6. When speaking to the question on the floor, a delegate shall attempt to speak directly for or against the question. When the chair notes that there are many delegates waiting to speak to a given question, the chair may, at his discretion, invoke a three-minute speaking rule. The chair shall notify the assembly when this rule becomes effective.
7. Lay Members of the Southeastern District Board of Directors and the Lay Executives shall be accorded the privilege of voice on the floor of the Convention.
8. All cellular phones and other communication devices that send or receive an electronic signal must be placed in "airplane mode" during elections.
9. The Floor Committee Chairperson or representative may be given opportunity to provide background information or rationale for the respective Floor Committee's work on resolutions prior to presenting the resolution for consideration by the delegates.
10. If a substitute motion is offered and seconded, the presenter shall be offered two minutes to provide the rationale for offering it, after which the convention shall decide by majority vote without debate whether or not to consider the substitute. If the decision is in the affirmative and if the substitute motion is subsequently adopted, the original motion fails. If the substitute motion does not receive favorable action either to consider or to adopt, the original motion is again considered. (This is the so-called "Behnken Rule" for addressing substitute motions.)
11. Nominations from the Floor: A nomination may be made from the floor during specific time periods of the Convention as outlined in the Agenda. Unless the



convention decides to do otherwise by majority vote, only names submitted prior to the published deadline for submission of names (December 18, 2017) will be eligible for nomination from the floor. At the time of nomination, completed consent and biographical data forms must be submitted to the Secretary of the District.



ELECTRONIC VOTING INFORMATION

VOTING DELEGATES PLEASE NOTE...

Electronic Voting Keypads

All voting delegates will be assigned a keypad for the purpose of voting electronically. Delegates will need their keypads beginning with the Call to Order on Thursday, May 10.

When you check in at the SED registration table, you will receive instructions on where to obtain your keypad.

Please keep in mind that these keypads have a replacement value of \$100.00 and the District will be responsible for replacing any lost units. Please use care not to misplace the unit while the keypad is in your possession. Each keypad has a distinctive identifying number. This number will be signed out under your name.

We will review these and the voting procedures thoroughly once the convention has convened on May 10.

(At the conclusion of the Convention, please return your keypad to the collection boxes at the Convention registration area or the boxes near the exits to the Convention hall.)



The Rev. Dr. John R. Denninger

Congregational Membership

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Springfield, VA

Education

D.Min. Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, 2000

M.Div. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, 1980

B.A. Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, IN, 1976

Continuing Education

Pastoral Leadership Institute, Dallas, TX, 2007-2011



Congregational Service

Senior Pastor	Prince of Peace, Springfield, VA	1996 – 2012
Associate Pastor	Prince of Peace, Springfield, VA	1988 – 1996
Campus Pastor	Campus Lutheran, University of NE, Kearney, NE	1984 – 1988
Pastor	Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, NE	1980 – 1984

District Service

SED President, 2012 - Present

SED First Vice President, Central Region, 2006 – 2012

SED Secretary, 2000 – 2006

Delegate, LCMS Synodical Convention (Representing Circuit 9A), 2010

Member, SED Disaster Recovery Task Force, 2006 – 2012

Member, Steering Committee for Ablaze for God's Mission, 2006 – 2009

Advisory Delegate, LCMS Synodical Convention (Representing SED-BOD), 2004

Advisory Delegate, LCMS Synodical Convention (Representing SED Advisory Pastors), 1995

Chair, Washington Pastors' Conference, 1991 – 1993

Synod Service

Administrative Cabinet, Center for US Missions, 2015 – Present

Board of Directors, LCMS Intentional Interim Ministry, 2012 – Present

Board of Regents, Concordia Theological Seminary (Fort Wayne, IN), 2016 – Present

Specialized Pastoral Ministry Recruitment Committee, 2016 – Present

Other Service

Chair, Fairfax County Emergency Preparedness and Response Steering Committee, 2006 – 2012

Executive Committee, Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action, 2006 – 2012

Faith Community Representative of Fairfax County Citizen Corp Council, 2004 - 2012

Board Member, Luther Institute, 2004 – 2006

Pastoral Advisor, Mid-Atlantic Lutherans for Life, 2001 – 2006

Congregation Engagement Committee, Lutheran Immigration Refugee Service, 2015 – 2017



The Rev. Dr. David R. Maack

Congregational Membership

St Paul's Lutheran Church, Glen Burnie, MD

Education

D.Min. Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, PA
MS.ED. Guidance and Counseling, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL
M.Div. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO
B.S. Behavioral Sciences, Concordia College, Bronxville, NY



Continuing Education

Ambassadors of Reconciliation
Marriage and the Family; Covey Leadership Courses
Air Command and Staff College
Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)
Bereavement Resolved Through Sharing (RTS) Counselor Training;
Operational Risk Management (Decision Making Skills for Leaders)
Prepared/Enrich and FOCCUS Trained (Marriage) Counselor
Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)
Family Advocacy & Maltreatment Staff Training
Singles Ministry

Ministry

Executive Director	Lutheran Mission Society of Maryland	2005 – present
Executive Director	LINC Baltimore	2009 – present
Vacancy Pastor	Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Bordentown NJ	2003 – 2005
Chaplain	United States Air Force:	
	McGuire AFB, New Jersey	2003 – 2005
	Little Rock AFB, Arkansas	2000 – 2003
	Deployed 3 tours during the Balkan Wars to Bosnia, Croatia & Macedonia	
	Spangdahlem AB, Germany	1996 – 2000
	Langley AFB, Virginia	1993 – 1996
	Hickam AFB, Hawaii	1990 – 1993
	Chanute AFB, Illinois	1986 – 1990
Pastor	Christ Lutheran Church, Hillsboro, TX	1983 – 1986
Chaplain	Oregon State Penitentiary System, Salem, OR	1981 – 1982

District Service

First Vice President of the Southeastern District LCMS, 2012 – present
Third Vice President of the Southeastern District LCMS, 2009 – 2012



Circuit 4 Circuit Visitor

Specialized Pastoral Ministry Committee Member 2014 – present

LCMS Task Force on Domestic Violence and Child Abuse, Member, 2009 – 2011

LCMS Professional Church Worker Critical Incident Support Team, Member, 2007 – present

Lutheran Disaster Response, Member, 2006 – present

Lutheran Laymen's League District, Pastoral Advisor, 2006 – 2009

SED Disaster Response Team, Member, 2006 – present

LCMS Synodical Convention, Advisory Delegate, 2010, 2013

Other Service

Association of Lutheran Development Executives (ALDE), Member, 2005 – present

Lutheran Services of America, Member, 2005 – present

Lutheran Disaster Response, Member, 2006 – present

Juvenile Action Review Board, Member & Counselor, 2003 – 2005

Family Maltreatment Case Management Team, Board Member & Counselor, 2003 – 2005

Victim Witness Assistance Program, Member, 2003 – 2005

Family Abuse, Counselor, 1987 – 2005

Community Helping Agencies, Chairman, 2000 – 2003

European Lutheran Military Chaplains, Treasurer, 1997 – 2000

Boy Scouts, Leader and Eagle Scout, 1990 – 1993 / 1996 – 2000

Red Cross, Board Member, 1993 – 1996

YMCA, Board Member, 1986 – 1990 / 1993 – 1996

Humanitarian & Mission Work

Mission India, 2015

Hurricane Sandy recovery, Crisfield, Maryland, 2013 – 2014

Food and Clothing for the Poor, Baltimore, MD, 2006 – present

5 New Urban Mission Starts with Lutheran Mission Society, 2006 – present

Unwed Mothers Shelter, Director, Baltimore, MD, 2006 – 2011

Tsunami Relief, Thailand, 2005

Habitat for Humanity, Little Rock, AR, 2002

Orphanage Work, Develop a Visitation Program with US Military, Croatia, 1998

Mount Pinatubo Eruption Evacuation Philippines/Hawaii, 1991

Foreign Mission Work, Bratislava, Slovak Republic, 1997

Haitian/Cuban Refugee Crisis, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, 1994

Hurricane Iniki Relief, Hawaii, 1992



The Rev. Elliott M. Robertson

Congregational Membership

St. James Ev. Lutheran Church, Overlea, MD

Education

M.Div. Concordia Theological Seminary, 1985

B.A. The King's College, Briarcliff Manor, NY 1981

Congregational Service

Martini Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cary, NC

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Chenango Bridge, NY (Eastern District)

1997 – present

1992 – 1997

1985 – 1992

District Service

Secretary, Southeastern District, 2006 – 2012

Circuit Counselor, SED Circuit 3, Baltimore East, 1998 – 2006

Eastern District Convention Floor Committee, 1988

Zone Pastoral Advisor, LLL and LWML, Central NY Region

Member, Alumni Advisory Board, Concordia Theological Seminary (Eastern District)

Other Service

Lutheran Blind Outreach Leadership Board, Baltimore Chapter, 2015 – Present

Board of Directors, The Wyneken Project (LCMS RSO), 2015 – Present

Board of Directors, LINC – Baltimore (early years)

Member, Board of Directors, Baltimore Lutheran High School, 1997 – 1998; 2005 – 2006

Chaplain, Maryland Transportation Authority Police, 1999 – 2004

LCMS Convention Circuit Delegate, 2007

LCMS Convention Floor Committee, 2001

LCMS Convention Circuit Delegate, 2001

Member, South Baltimore Clergy and Professionals Association

Member, South Baltimore Improvement Committee (Community Assn.)

Member, South Baltimore Partnership

Servant Event Leadership (Appalachia, 1995; Baltimore City, 1996, 1997, 1998)

Vacancy Pastor [most recently Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Baltimore (2009 – 2010), Nazareth, Baltimore (2014 – 2016), Christ, Dundalk (2014 – present)]



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – VICE PRESIDENT, NORTHERN REGION

The Rev. Dr. Lloyd D. Gaines Sr.

Congregational Membership

Peace Lutheran Church, Washington DC

Education

D.Min. Andersonville Theological Seminary, 2015

M.Div. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, 1984

Congregational Service

Peace Lutheran Church, Washington DC

Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, Washington DC

St. Phillip's Lutheran Church, Cleveland, OH

District Service

Southeastern District Staff

Other Service

LCMS Urban Task Force, 1998 – 2007

LCMS Mission Planter, 2002 – 2006

Ministry Partner, Deanwood Church Partners, 2016 – present

Board Member, Upon His Shoulders, Inc., 2017 – present



2014 – present

1988 – 1997

1984 – 1988

1997 – 2014



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – VICE PRESIDENT, NORTHERN REGION

The Rev. Dr. John F. Johnson

Congregational Membership

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Washington DC

Education

D.Min. Wesley Theological Seminary, DC, 2011

M.Div. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, 1988

B.A. Concordia College, Bronxville, NY, 1984

Congregational Service

Mount Olivet, Washington DC



Crown in Glory, Salisbury, NC
Mount Calvary, Kannapolis, NC
Redeemer, Newark, NJ

2000 – present
1997 – 2000
1992 – 2000
1988 – 1992

District Service

Coalition of Lutherans in Black Ministry, 1992 –
Secretary of the Southeastern District, 1995 – 2000
Southeastern District Nominating Committee, 2012 – 2015

Other Service

Project DEAR (advocacy group for children with HIV & AIDS), 1990 – 1992
Circuit Counselor, 1990 – 1992
LWML Zone Counselor, 1990 – 1992; 1998 – 2000
District Counselor, Chesapeake District LWML, 2014 –



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – VICE PRESIDENT, NORTHERN REGION

The Rev. Dr. Charles E. Ransdell, Jr.

Congregational Membership

St. John's Lutheran Church, Dover, DE

Education

D.Min. Congregational Mission and Leadership, Luther Seminary, St. Paul

M.Div. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

B.A. Psychology, Michigan State University



Congregational Service

Pastor St. John's Lutheran Church, Dover, DE

2014 – Present

District Service

Lay Deacon Advisory Team, 2015 – Present

Floor Committee Member, 2015 Convention

PCW Conference Planning Team, 2017

Floor Committee Member, 2018 Convention

Other Service

Secretary, Circuit 1

Treasurer, Circuit 1



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – VICE PRESIDENT, NORTHERN REGION

The Rev. Elliott M. Robertson

Congregational Membership

St. James Ev. Lutheran Church, Overlea, MD

Education

M.Div. Concordia Theological Seminary, 1985

B.A. The King's College, Briarcliff Manor, NY 1981

Congregational Service

Martini Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cary, NC

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Chenango Bridge, NY (Eastern District)

District Service

Secretary, Southeastern District, 2006 – 2012

Circuit Counselor, SED Circuit 3, Baltimore East, 1998 – 2006

Eastern District Convention Floor Committee, 1988

Zone Pastoral Advisor, LLL and LWML, Central NY Region

Member, Alumni Advisory Board, Concordia Theological Seminary (Eastern District)

Other Service

Lutheran Blind Outreach Leadership Board, Baltimore Chapter, 2015 – Present

Board of Directors, The Wyneken Project (LCMS RSO), 2015 – Present

Board of Directors, LINC – Baltimore (early years)

Member, Board of Directors, Baltimore Lutheran High School, 1997 – 1998; 2005 – 2006

Chaplain, Maryland Transportation Authority Police, 1999 – 2004

LCMS Convention Circuit Delegate, 2007

LCMS Convention Floor Committee, 2001

LCMS Convention Circuit Delegate, 2001

Member, South Baltimore Clergy and Professionals Association

Member, South Baltimore Improvement Committee (Community Assn.)

Member, South Baltimore Partnership

Servant Event Leadership (Appalachia, 1995; Baltimore City, 1996, 1997, 1998)

Vacancy Pastor [most recently Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Baltimore (2009 – 2010), Nazareth, Baltimore (2014 – 2016), Christ, Dundalk (2014 – present)]



1997 – present

1992 – 1997

1985 – 1992



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – VICE PRESIDENT, CENTRAL REGION

The Rev. Braun C. Campbell

Congregational Membership

St. John's Lutheran Church, Alexandria, VA

Education

M.Div. Concordia Seminary, 2006

A.B. Duke University, 1995

Continuing Education

Pastoral Leadership Institute, Missional Leader, 2015 – 2017



Congregational Service

St. John's Lutheran Church, Alexandria, VA

2006 – present

District Service

Professional Church Worker Conference Planning Team, 2007 – 2014

Constitution and By-laws Review Task Force, 2009 – 2012

Other Service

Fairfax County Clergy and Leadership Council, 2016 – present



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – VICE PRESIDENT, CENTRAL REGION

The Rev. William A. Harmon

Congregational Membership

King of Glory Lutheran Church, Williamsburg, VA

Education

M.Div. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, 1998

B.A. (Judeo-Christian Heritage) Concordia College,
Bronxville, NY, 1994

Baltimore Lutheran High School, Diploma, 1990



Congregational Service

Senior Pastor King of Glory Lutheran Church,
Williamsburg, VA

2008 – Present

Senior Pastor LC of the Resurrection, Garden City, NY

2002 – 2008

Associate Pastor LC of the Resurrection, Garden City, NY
Responsible for: Families, Youth and Children

1999 – 2002

Associate Pastor Community Lutheran Church, Flat Rock, MI

1998 – 1999

Vicar Hope Lutheran Church, Warren, MI

1996 – 1997

District Service

Circuit Counselor – Nassau Circuit, Atlantic District, 2003 – 2008

Long Range Planning Team, Concordia College, Bronxville, NY, 2006

Pastoral Voting Delegate, LCMS Convention, 2007

Chaplain of District Convention, Southeastern District, 2012

Member, Board of Directors, Southeastern District, 2012 – Present

Vice President, Central Region, Southeastern District, 2012 – Present

Other Service

Board of Directors, Long Island Lutheran Middle and High School, Long Island, NY,
2003 – 2008

Founding Director and Executive Board Member, Garden City Community Council on
Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention, 2005 – 2008

Board of Directors, Lutheran Social Service of New York, 2006 – 2008

Board of Directors, Williamsburg Faith in Action: 2008 – 2014

Vice Chair, Board of Directors, Williamsburg Area Faith in Action, 2010

Presenter, Tending the Flame, Southeastern District

Presenter, LCMS National Youth Gathering, 2013, 2016

Presenter, Professional Church Workers Conference, SED



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – VICE PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN REGION

The Rev. P. Gregory Alms

Congregational Membership

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Catawba, NC

Education

STM Concordia Theological Seminary, 2003

M.Div. Concordia Theological Seminary, 1992

B.A. Concordia River Forest, 1986

Congregational Service

Pastor Redeemer, Catawba, NC

Associate Pastor Our Savior, Laurel MD

1996 – Present

1992 – 1996

District Service

Presenter, SED PCW Conference, 10/2017

Presenter, SED Educational Administrators Conference, 2/2017

Circuit Counselor, SED Circuit 16, 2003 – 2015

SED Circuit 16-17 Haiti Mission Planning Group, 2012 – 2014

LWML Zone Pastoral Advisor, 2009, 2000 – 2002

SED Discussion Group on Church and Ministry and on Fellowship, 2001 – 2002

Dean, Camp Linn Haven, 1998

Other Service

Member, Catawba Veterans Parade Committee, 2016 – Present

Delegate and Floor Committee, LCMS Convention, 2016

Online Columnist, Lutheran Witness, 2014 – 2017

Delegate and Floor Committee, LCMS Convention, 2013

Member, Catawba Events and Planning Commission, 2008 – 2012

Member, Catawba Main Street Committee, 2011

Member, Board of Directors, Eastern Catawba Christian Cooperative Ministry, 1997 – 1998



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – VICE PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN REGION

The Rev. William D. Beyer

Congregational Membership

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Clayton, NC

Education

M.Div. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, 1996

B.S. (Chemistry) Virginia Military Institute, 1987



Congregational Service

Senior Pastor	Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Clayton, NC	2012 – Present
Pastor	Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Clayton, NC	2003 – 2012
Mission Developer	Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Clayton, NC	2000 – 2002
Pastor	All Saints Lutheran Church, Charlotte, NC	1996 – 2000

District Service

Member, Professional Church Workers Conference Planning Committee, 2002

Member, Southeastern District Staffing Task Force, 2007 – Present

Member, Lutheran Laymen's League Convention Planning Committee, 2008 – 2009

Circuit Pastoral Voting Delegate, LCMS Convention, 2013

Chaplain, SED Convention, 2015

Third Vice President, Southern Region, Southeastern District, 2012 – 2015

Second Vice President, Southern Region, Southeastern District, 2015 – Present

Other Service

Staff Assistant, United States Senate, 1987 – 1988

U.S. Army Communications Officer, 1988 – 1992

U.S. Army Reserve Chaplain, 1992 – 2004



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – VICE PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN REGION

The Rev. Anton G Lagoutine

Congregational Membership

St. John's Lutheran Church, Conover, NC

Education

M.Div. Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, 2002

B.A. Concordia University Texas, Austin, TX, 1999



Congregational Service

Assistant Pastor St. John's Lutheran Church, Conover, NC 2002 – Present

District Service

Circuit Visitor, Circuit 16, 2015 – Present

Other Service

Chaplain, Conover Police Department, Conover, NC, 2003 – Present

Chaplain, Catawba Fire Department, Catawba, NC, 2008 – Present

Chaplain, Fraternal Order of Police, Catawba County, NC, 2011 – Present



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – VICE PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN REGION

The Rev. Dr. John M. (Mike) Ramey

Congregational Membership

Bethel Lutheran Church of Claremont, NC

Education

D.Theo. (Systematics) Trinity Theological Seminary,
Newburgh, IN, 1988

M.Div. (Systematics) Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO,
1984

B.A. (Church History) Concordia Teachers' College,
Seward, NE, 1980

AA (Religion) Concordia, Austin TX, 1978



Congregational Service

Pastor	Bethel, Claremont NC	2014 – Present
Pastor	St. Matthew, Bel Air MD	2008 – 2014
Mission Planter/Pastor	The Family of Faith, Houston TX	1991 – 2008
Mission Planter/Pastor	Highlands/Risen Savior, Lincoln NE	1987 – 1991
Pastor	Trinity and Zion, Campbell and Upland, NE	1984 – 1987
Vicar/Mission Planter	Shepherd of the Lake, Garrison, MN	1982 – 1993

District Service

Circuit Counselor, Texas District, Circuit #16, 1999 – 2008

Conference Chairman, Texas District Pastoral Convocation, 2000

Circuit Counselor, Southeastern District, Circuit #2, 2009 – 2014

Other Service

Chaplain, US Army National Guard, 1987 – 1997

Instructor, Fifth Army North Regional Officers Academy, 1989 – 1991

Colloquy Instructor, Concordia University of Texas, 1992 – 1995

Chairman, Apple of His Eye – Texas, 1996 – 1998

Board of Directors, LINC-Houston, 1997 – 2000

Chairman, 63rd Synodical Convent of the LCMS, 2007



The Rev. John F. Kassouf

Congregational Membership

Redeemer Lutheran Church Fredericksburg, VA

Education

MTS Concordia Seminary, St. Catharines, Ontario,
 Canada, 1992
M.Ed. Towson University, Towson, MD, 1981
B.A. (Lutheran Teacher) Concordia College, Bronxville,
 NY, 1976

Certifications

Critical Incident Stress Management/Debriefing, Johns
 Hopkins Hospital/State of Maryland
Teacher, MD State Dept. of Education
Teacher, NY State Dept. of Education



Congregational Service

Pastor	Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, VA	2016 – present
Pastor	Risen Christ Lutheran Church & School, Myrtle Beach, SC	2004 – 2016
Sr. Pastor	St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Bel Air, MD	2000 – 2004
Vicar, then Pastor	First Lutheran Church, Huntingtown, MD	1991 – 2000
DCE/Principal	St. Paul Lutheran Church Catonsville, MD	1987 – 1989
Teacher, DCE/Principal	Calvary Lutheran Baltimore, MD	1978 – 1987

District Service

SED Secretary, Board of Directors, 2012 – present
SED Convention, Floor Committee Coordinator, 2012
SED Convention, Nominating Committee Chairman, 2009
“Ablaze for God’s Mission” Campaign Committee
“Tell the Good News About Jesus” District Evangelism Committee
Youth Task Force

Other Service

Pastoral Advisor, LLL Carolinas District, 2010 – 2012
President, Thrivent Chapter, Horry County, SC, 2005 – 2008
Pastoral Advisor, LWML Carolinas District, 2006 – 2010
Pastoral Advisor, LLL Capital District, 2000 – 2004
Board of Directors, Augsburg Lutheran Home, Baltimore, MD, 2002 – 2004
Pastoral Advisor, LWML Chesapeake District, 1996 – 2000
Board of Directors, Lutheran Mission Society of MD, 1995 – 2000
American Red Cross – Heroes committee member, 2008 – 2012
PTA president, Plum Point Middle School, Huntingtown, MD, 1997 – 1999



Chaplain, Calvert Hospice, Calvert County MD, 1995 – 1999
Kiwanis Club, Towson, MD, 1982 – 1986
Volunteer Firefighter, Mt. Vernon, NY, 1972 – 1977
Community Clergy Associations in MD & SC, 1991 – present



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – SECRETARY

The Rev. Kevin W. Martin

Congregational Membership

Our Savior Lutheran Church Raleigh, NC

Education

CQ/MA Concordia Seminary St. Louis, 1992

M.Div. Yale University, 1988

BA Valparaiso University, 1985



Congregational Service

Pastor	Our Savior, LCMS, Raleigh, NC	2000 – present
Pastor	Grace, LCMS, Akron, OH	1994 – 2000
Asst. Pastor	St. John's, LCMS, Pembroke, Ontario	1992 – 1994
Vicar	Zion, LCMS, Belleville, IL	1990 – 1991
Vicar	St. Paul's, ELCA, Arlington, MA	1988 – 1989
Field Worker	Holy Cross, LMCS, Trumbull, CT	1986 – 1988

District Service

Board of Professional Worker Care, 2016 – present

Other Service

Board of Directors, Faith Lutheran School, Raleigh, NC, 2002 – 2004

Board of Directors, Pan Lutheran Ministry, Raleigh, NC, 2008 – 2010

Delegate to 2016 Synodical Convention



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – TREASURER

Mr. Thomas DeMik

Congregational Membership

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Laurel, MD

Education

B.S. (Business Administration) Butler University, IN

Continuing Education

Finance School, US Army

VA/MD Banker's School, University of Virginia

Employment

US Army, White House Communications, Finance Corps



1968 – 1971

Banker, Vice President and Loan Officer, Burke & Herbert Bank, Alexandria, VA

1971 – 2012

Congregational Service

Our Savior, Arlington, VA: Treasurer; Financial Secretary; Board of Elders, Chairman; Vice President; Board of Trustees; and Building Committee

St. John's, Alexandria, VA: Lay Assistant; Finance Committee, Money Counter; Usher Captain; Foundation Board Member; Christmas in April, House Captain; Haiti Mission Trips

Our Savior, Laurel, MD: Team Leader, Mission Trip to Western Maryland; Team Leader, Mission Trips to Haiti; Usher; and Elder

District Service

Treasurer, Board of Directors (present)

LCEF Loan Committee Member (present)

Other Service

Treasurer, Board Member, Lutheran Mission Society (present)

Treasurer, Board Member, Lutheran Deaconess Association

Board Member, Various Committees, Alexandria Kiwanis Club (since 1978)

Board Member, Various Committees, Alexandria Chamber of Commerce

President and Board Member, Alexandria Chapter American Cancer Society

Board Member, Alexandria Chapter Salvation Army

AAL Lamplighter/Trainer

Boy Scout Leader



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – TREASURER

Mr. Kenneth S. Herrholz

Congregational Membership

All Saints Lutheran Church, Charlotte, NC

Education

MBA (Finance) University of Pittsburgh

BS (Business/Accounting) Duquesne University

Employment

Financial Representative, Thrivent Financial (currently and the last 13 years)

Has held various executive positions and has been owner of two companies.

Held position of Principle with Arthur Young and head of DP Audit Group.

Congregational Service

President, Long Range Planning, Chairman for sale of old church and handled move
and purchase of new building

Elder for last 14 years

District Service

Delegate to District Conventions



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – COMMISSIONED MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Dina C. Vendetti

Congregational Membership

St. John's Lutheran Church, Dover, DE

Education

Doctor of Education (Innovation, & Leadership) Wilmington University, New Castle, DE, 2010
 Master of Education (Administrative Specialty Certificate) Towson State University, Towson, MD, 1994
 Bachelor of Science (Music Education/Elementary Education) Concordia College, Bronxville, NY, 1985
 Grades 8- 12 Baltimore Lutheran School, Towson, MD (Concordia Prep)
 Grade 7 Patapsco Middle School, Ellicott City, MD
 Grades K-6 Emmanuel Christian Day School, Baltimore, MD



Congregational Service

School Principal	St. John's Lutheran Church and School, Dover, DE	July 2000 to present
	Middle School Team Teacher	
	Church Music Director and Musician	
Interim Headmaster	Baltimore Lutheran School, Towson, MD (now Concordia Preparatory School)	August 1999 to July 2000
	Middle School Principal	
	Eighth Grade Religion Teacher	
Middle School Principal	Baltimore Lutheran School, Towson, MD (now Concordia Preparatory School)	June 1996 to July 1999
	Eighth Grade Religion Teacher	
MS Assistant Principal	Baltimore Lutheran School, Towson, MD (now Concordia Preparatory School)	June 1994 to June 1996
	Taught Religion 8, Concert Choir, Chorale, and Introduction to Music	
Middle School Teacher	Baltimore Lutheran School, Towson, MD (now Concordia Preparatory School)	August 1989 to June 1994
Sixth Grade Teacher	St. John's Lutheran Church and School, York, PA	August 1985 to August 1989
	Seventh and Eighth Grade Teacher	
	Minister of Music	
Student Teacher	St. John's Lutheran Church and School, York, PA	September 1984
	Martin Luther High School, Queens, New York	



District Service

Board Member, Southeastern District, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, 2006 – 2009, 2013 – present

Vice Chairman, SED Board of Directors, 2006 – 2009

Chair, SED Board of Directors, 2015 – present

Led various workshops at Teacher's Conferences (Southeastern and Florida/Georgia Districts)

Served as an advisor/presenter/mentor with SLED (School Leadership Development)
Southeastern District Schools Ablaze Task Force Member, 2004 – 2006

Other Service

Member, Lutheran Education Association, 2000 – present

Co-Director and Founder, ACTS Retreat Ministry, 1986 – 1999

Music

Served as Music Leader for the International Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, 2007, 2009, 2013, 2015

Led Music and Worship at several district-wide conventions (SEDLAC, SEDLEC, LWML)

Extensive services to St. John's Lutheran Church and School, Dover, DE, including late service organist, choir director, Handbell Choir substitute, Handbell Choir director (past), Sunday School director, (past), and Prayer & Praise Worship Leader (past), 2000 – present

Extensive services to St. John Lutheran Church and School, York, PA, included organist for all church services, choir director, planned music and liturgy for worship services, served as School Board Chairman for one year; served as Congregational Secretary for one year.

Founder, Director, and Member of "In His Name" (An extra-curricular High School Christian Singing Group)

Community

Board Member, Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce, 2016 – present

(Vice President of Community Affairs, executive committee member, beginning July 2017)

Board Member, Leadership Central Delaware, 2004 – present

(Board Chairman, 2006 – present)

Member, Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Business Committee, 2009 – present

Dissertation Committee Advisor and Special Presenter, Wilmington University, 2010 – present

Board Member, Capital City Rotary Club, 2004 – 2015

Member, Rotary International, 2003 – present

Chairperson, Annual Dover Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, 2005 – 2014, and again 2016 – present

Board Member, Foster Grandparents Program, 2007 – 2010

Member, work team with Dover's Caring Community Coalition



Honors and Awards

Chairman's Award for Volunteer of the Year – Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce, 2017

Voted Honorary Mayor of Central Delaware – Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce, 2017

Named Small Business Person of the Year by the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce, 2011

Named Dover's Great Person of the Year by the Dover Post, 2006

Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 1994, 1996, 1998, 1999

High School: National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – COMMISSIONED MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DCE Paula Weiss

Congregational Membership

Messiah Lutheran Church, Charlotte, NC

Education

M.S. (Family Life Science) Concordia, Seward

B.A. (DCE Certification) Concordia, St. Paul

Congregational Service

Messiah, Charlotte, NC

Zion, Alexander, AR

Zion, Manning, IA

St. John's, Scottsbluff, NE



2006 – present

1996 – 2006

1984 – 1996

1982 – 1983

District Service

Programming Committee, 2008 – 2011

District BOD, 2014 – present

Floor Committee for SED Convention, 2015

District Call Committee for Mission Facilitator, 2018

District Task Force, 2016

Other Service

Leadership Training Facilitator, KINDLE, 2016 – 2018



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – COMMISSIONED MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ms. Melissa J. Weldon

Congregational Membership

St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church, Overlea, MD

Education

Completed Colloquy Program, 2007

M.A. (History) University of Richmond, 2003

B.A. (History) Concordia College – NY, 1998

Congregational Service

Teacher Baltimore Lutheran School/Concordia
Preparatory School

Part-time organist St. James Lutheran Church

Organist St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Kingsville, MD

Choir director St. James Lutheran Church



2001 – present

2010 – present

2013 – present

2007 – 2011



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – LAY MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Russell (Russ) L. Boraas

Congregational Membership

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Richmond, Virginia

Education

Juris Doctor Stanford University, 1969
B.A. Magna cum Laude (History), St. Olaf College, 1966

Continuing Education

US Army Command and General Staff College, 1979
LCMS Pre-Delto courses completed, 2003 – 2005



Employment

Legal Counsel, Virginia Department of Corrections	1991 – 2011
Assistant Attorney General, Virginia Attorney General's Office	1980 – 1991
Private Practice of Law in Minnesota	1972 – 1980
Lieutenant Colonel US Army (including Viet Nam)	1969 – 1972
Minnesota Army National Guard	1973 – 1979
Virginia Army National Guard	1980 – 1997

Congregational Service

5 & 6 Grade Sunday School Teacher	2011 – Present
Board of Elders	2009 – Present
Trustee	1982 – 2009
Church Council	2004 – 2009
Deacon/Communion Assistant	1980 – Present
Adult Class Instructor	1997 – Present
Sunday School Teacher (Grades 4&5, High School)	1982 – 1983 & 1990 – 2002
Primary Draftsman, Trinity Lutheran's Constitution & Bylaws	2003 – 2004 & 2008 – 2009
Building Committee member (\$3.6 million addition)	2003 – 2008
Circuit 10 Mission Advocate	2006 – 2010

District Service

SED, LCMS Board of Directors, 2015 – Present
SED District Task Force on Constitutional Review, 2009 – Present

Other Service

LCMS Synod Convention Delegate, 2010 & 2016
President, Oktoberfest of Richmond, Inc., 2010 – 2012
Vice President, Oktoberfest of Richmond, Inc., 2012 – Present
Member, Bd of Directors, Oktoberfest of Richmond, Inc, 2007 – Present



President, Gesangverein Virginia, 2007 – 2008
Committee for Celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the First Germans in America at
Jamestown, Virginia, 2008
Chairman, Construction Law Section, Virginia State Bar, 1986 – 1987



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – LAY MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Ron Bostick

Congregational Membership

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cary, NC

Education

M.S. (Computer Science)

B.S. (Mathematics)

Employment

IBM Programmer

NC National Guard



1969 – 2001

1969 – 1990

Congregational Service

Stephen Ministry Leader

1999 – 2018

Chairperson on Committee to Plant Jordan Lutheran

2003

Team Leader for Uganda Mission Trips

2010 – 2016

LHM Ambassador

2018

PLI Immersion

2015 – 2017

District Service

Member of Committee that identified Peru for SED Support, 2012

Member of Call Committee for Southern Region Facilitator, 2018

SED Peru Coordinator/Liaison, 2013 – 2018

Team Leader for 3 Peru SED Mission Teams, 2013 – 2015

Circuit Mission Advocate, 2001 – 2012

Other Service

On-Call Chaplain at Local Hospital, 2010 – 2018

Triangle Area Stephen Ministry Network Coordinator, 2005 – 2018

THRED Participant (LHM Program)



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – LAY MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Joe Carlin

Congregational Membership

Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church, Ashburn, VA

Education

MBA (Global Strategy) Georgetown University

MSEE Johns Hopkins University

BSCS University of Maryland

BSEE University of Maryland



Employment

Vice President (Ret.), Boeing

President and Board of Directors (Ret.), ArgonST

Congregational Service

Elder / Head Elder

2003 – 2006

Chairman, Board of Governance, OSW Open Arms CCDC

2006 – 2010

President

2011 – 2015

District Service

SED LCEF Loan Committee, 2014 – current

Christ Community Lutheran Church Plant Call Committee, 2015 – current

SED Convention 2015, Floor Committee (Stewardship and Finance), 2015

Other Service

Concordia College Bronxville Board of Regents, Vice Chair, 2016 – current

Concordia College Bronxville Board of Regents, Chair Audit Committee, 2017 – current

Lutheran World Relief – President's Council, 2014 – current

Lutheran World Relief – Ground Up Investment Committee, Vice Chair, 2016 – current

SCAN (Stop Child Abuse in Northern VA), Board of Directors, 2013 – current

SCAN President / Board of Directors Chair, 2015 – 2017



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – LAY MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Russell Edmond

Congregational Membership

Grace Lutheran Church, Concord NC

Education

Institute of Nuclear Power Operations, Catawba Branch

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Concord High School, Concord, NC

Employment

Duke Energy Carolinas-LLC

Senior Reactor Operator-Shift supervisor

Nuclear Instructor Operations



1980 – Present

1992 – 2000

2000 – Present

Congregational Service

Vice Chair, Grace Lutheran Church, Concord NC

District Service

Lay Member, SED Board of Directors, 2006 – 2015

Board of Directors, Open Arms Day Care (A mission of Abundant Life Lutheran Church)

Call Committee for Southern Region Facilitator for Mission Engagement (Present)

Other Service

Vice Chairperson, Coalition of Lutheran in Black Ministry, 1996 – 2016

Volunteer, The Abandon Project, Present

Volunteer, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, Present



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – LAY MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mrs. Elizabeth (Beth) Elgert

Congregational Membership

King of Glory Lutheran Church, Williamsburg, VA

Education

M.Ed. (Administration and School Leadership) Cambridge College, 2008

B.S. (Elementary Education) University of North Dakota

B.A. (Communications) University of the Pacific



Employment

Instructional Technology Resource Teacher,	Newport News Public Schools and New Kent County Public Schools	2006 – Present
Classroom Teacher	Newport News Public Schools	1999 – 2006
Adjunct Professor	Christopher Newport University	2012 – Present

Congregational Service

Council Chair	2012 – 2014
Associate Pastor Call Committee	2013
Congregation President	2010 – 2012
Congregation Vice President, Constitution and Bylaws Committee	2008 – 2010
Congregation Secretary	2007 – 2008
Senior Pastor Call Committee	2006 – 2008
Vacation Bible School Leadership Team	2000 – Present

District Service

Southeastern District Board of Directors, 2012 – Present
iNeighborhood Coach, 2014 – 2016
Lay Delegate to the LCMS Convention, 2016
Presenter, Tending the Flame, 2016



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – LAY MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Frank Gillespie

Congregational Membership

Peace Lutheran Church, Goldsboro, NC

Education

US Dept. of Commerce, N.I.S.T. Weights and Measures
Metrology, 2017

Aircraft Electrician Training Program, US ARMY Logistical
Command, 1985

Employment

Quality Manager, Metrologist, Laboratory Instrumentation at
W.B. Porter & Co, Inc



2004 – present

Congregational Service

Board of Caring Ministry

2002 – 2004

Board of Youth

2004 – 2006

Board of Education

2008 – 2010

Congregational Webmaster

2006 – 2012

Congregational Vice President

2012 – 2018

Board of Elders

2014 – 2018

District Service

Member, Western Wake Mission Committee, 2005 – 2011

Missional Outreach Educator, 2007 – 2011

Other Service

Member, National Conference of Standards Laboratories

Member, North Carolina Beekeepers Association



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – LAY MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Michael R. Handzo

Congregational Membership

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Bel Air, MD

Education

Master's Degree (Business)

Bachelor's Degree (Business)

Associate's Degree (Electrical Engineering)

Employment

US Army Electronic Technician, 3 years

Engineer at Bendix Radio

Logistic Engineer at Westinghouse

Salesman for Snap-On Tools

Project Manager/ Rehabber and Real Estate Investor, current



Congregational Service

Chairman, Board of Elder, present

Member, Celebration (Worship) Ministry Team

Congregational Representative, Lutheran Church Extension Fund

Chair, Christmas Train Garden Project (a Christmas outreach ministry which had 5,000 visitors during this past Christmas season)

Prior Member, Constitution & Bylaws Revision Committee

Former Treasurer and Teacher, Sunday School

Previous Member and Education Chairperson, Council

Assisting with audio wiring during construction of Sanctuary

District Service

Circuit 2 Lutheran Church Extension Fund Representative

Lay Delegate to the SED Convention, 2006, 2015 and 2018

Lay Delegate to the LCMS National Convention, 2010 and 2013

SED Structure and Governance Committee

Other Service

Leader, LCMS Marriage Enrichment Experience

Presenter, Lutheran Marriage Encounter, 18 years

Assists pastor with the worship services held at a local retirement community in Bel Air, MD

Devotion Leader, Lutheran Mission Society Compassion Center, Havre de Grace, MD



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – LAY MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Gary Hankins

Congregational Membership

Trinity Lutheran Church, Cumberland, MD

Education

Attended American University (Administration of Justice), 1970 – 1975

Graduated Metropolitan Police Academy, 1970

Graduated Joint Armed Forces Institute of Information, 1968

Graduated Bladensburg Senior High School, 1966



Congregational Service

Elder, Trinity Lutheran, Cumberland, MD

President, Our Savior Lutheran, Laurel, MD

Member, Church Council, Ascension Lutheran, Landover Hills, MD

2013 – present

District Service

Delegate to Synodical Convention, 2016

Other Service

Chair, D.C. Fraternal Order of Police Labor Committee, 1979 – 1992

President, D.C. Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 1, 1992 – 1994

Vice Chair, Police Federal Credit Union, 1989 – Present

President, Gary Hankins & Associates, 1994 – 2012

President, Association of Retired Police 2002 – Present

Vice Chair, DC Retirement Board (an \$8 billion Fund)



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – LAY MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Arthur R. Marshall

Congregational Membership

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Laurel, MD

Education

M.A. University of Maryland, 1977

B.A. University of Maryland, 1970

Continuing Education

Graduate of Air War College, Montgomery, Alabama, 1985



Employment

Government Contractor, Washington D.C. area

1997 – 2006

United States Air Force (retired Colonel), worldwide assignments

1970 – 1996

Congregational Service

Elder, Our Savior Lutheran Church (OSLC)

2003 – 2005 &

2016 – present

President, OSLC Council

2005 – 2008

Leader, OSLC Weekly Prayer Team

2012 – present

Teacher, OSLC Adult Bible Study

2005 – present

District Service

Lay Delegate to SED Convention, 2006, 2009, 2012, 2015, 2018

Member, SED Floor Committee for Mission, 2006

SED Mission Advocate member, 2009 – 2012

Alternate Lay Delegate (Circuit 7) to LCMS Convention, 2010 & 2016

Other Service

Member of Via de Cristo (VDC) Secretariat (for Washington, Virginia, Maryland area),
2005 – 2008



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – LAY MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mrs. Janis G. McDaniels

Congregational Membership

Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Greensboro, NC

Education

Bachelor of General Studies (Cum laude), University of
Nebraska at Omaha, 1988

Employment

Retired



Congregational Service

Board of Evangelism

2016 – present

Board of Worship

2011 – present

Board for Social Concern

2005 – 2011

Campus Ministry Board Chairman

1990's

Worship Board

Various years

Sunday school teacher, choir member/director, pianist/organist,

VBS teacher/song leader, church council member,

Thrivent Congregational Advocate

Various years

District Service

Southeastern District Board of Directors, 2016 – present

Congregational Outreach Floor Committee, 2012

Convention Delegate, 2012

Area Mission Team, 2011 – 2016

Conversations of Grace Panning Committee, 2005

Circuit 14 LCMS 150th Anniversary Coordinator, 1997

Southeastern District Youth Ministry Task Force, 1993 – 1995

Coalition of Lutherans in Black Ministry, 1993 – present

Atlantic District Board of Directors, 1980 – 1983, 1991 – 1993

Atlantic District Finance Committee, 1980 – 1983

Concordia College Guild (Bronxville), 1980's

LWML Service

National Heart to Heart Sisters Committee Chairman, 2017

National Faith Talk Task Force Chairman, 2007 – 2009

Vice President of National Gospel Outreach, 2005 – 2009

National Mission Ministry-Vision Consultant, 2004 – present

National Nominating Committee Chairman, 2003 – 2005

National Gospel Outreach Committee Chairman, 2001 – 2003

National Assembly of Leaders Task Force

National Bridging Cultures Task Force



National Mission Projects Committee, 1997 – 1999
National Christian Growth Committee, 1993 – 1997
Heart to Heart District Leader, 2017
Vice President of District Servant Resources, 2012 – present
District Heart to Heart Committee , 2012 – present
District Public Relations Director, 2011 – present
District Nominating Committee Chairman, 2008 – 2010
District President, 1998 – 2002
Vice President of District Mission Inspiration, 1994 – 1998
Zone Secretary, 2011 – 2013
Zone President, 2002 – 2006
Zone Vice President, 1980's
Society President, Various years
Society Vice President, Various years

Community Service

Habitat for Humanity Lunch Ministry, 2005 – 2010
Greensboro Urban Ministry Crop Walk, Various years
Greensboro Oratorio Singers Board of Directors, 2013 –
Greensboro Oratorio Singers member, 2012 – present
Glenn Burleigh Concert Choir member, 2012 – present



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – LAY MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Joshua Mize

Congregational Membership

All Saints Lutheran Church, Charlotte, NC

Education

B.A. (English) UNC Charlotte

Employment

Expeditors International of Washington, Inc.

(www.expeditors.com), 11 Years

Regional Account Manager, The Americas



Congregational Service

Board of Worship, Messiah Lutheran Church (Charlotte)

2009 – 2010

Elder, Messiah (Charlotte)

2010

Chair, Board of Elders, Messiah (Charlotte)

2010 – 2012

Capital Campaign Selection Committee, All Saints (Charlotte)

2013

Congregational President, All Saints (Charlotte)

2014 – 2016

Elder, All Saints (Charlotte)

2017 – present

District Service

Lay Delegate, SED Convention, 2012

Lay Delegate, SED Convention, 2018



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – LAY MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mrs. Nancy W. Nolley

Congregational Membership

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Charlotte, NC

Education

(Information Technology) Central Piedmont Community College

(Communications) Queens University

(Computer Science) Durham Business College



Employment

Associate, Thrivent Financial

Baxter Healthcare (30 years)

2001 – Current

Retired, 2001

Congregational Service

Elder

Christian Education

Church Council Secretary, Prince of Peace

Community Outreach and Evangelism

Current position

Current position

2010 – 2011

Current position

District Service

Open Arms Childcare Taskforce, Charlotte, NC, 2007-2008

Other Service

Lutheran Women's Missionary League: District VP, Metrolina Zone President,

Nominating Committee, Mite Box chair, Secretary

Lutheran Church Extension Fund, Loan Approval Committee

Local Ministries, Charlotte, NC: Urban Ministries, Homeless Shelter, CROP Walk



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – LAY MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. A. Paul Norby

Congregational Membership

Fountain of Life Lutheran Church, Kernersville, NC

Education

Certificates (Gov't Admin/Mgmt.) UNC Chapel Hill
M.S. (City/Regional Planning) SIU/Edwardsville
B.A. (Geography) Valparaiso University
South Mecklenburg H.S., Charlotte, NC



Employment

Director of Planning and Development Services, Winston-Salem/Forsyth County, NC

Congregational Service

Congregational President, Grace, Durham, NC	1987 – 1989 & 1997 – 1999
Congregational President, Fountain of Life, Kernersville, NC	2001 – 2003
Elder, Fountain of Life	2004 – 2006
Head Elder, Fountain of Life	2005 – 2006
Chairman, Board of Servant Leaders, Fountain of Life	2008 – 2014

District Service

Task Force on Structure and Staffing, 1989 – 1991
Lay Delegate, Circuit 13, 1995 LCMS Convention
Task Force on District Office Location, 1995 – 1996
Floor Committee, 2012 SED Convention
Task Force on SED LCEF merger, 1998 – 1999
Congregational Renewal Discovery Team
Nominating Committee, 2015 SED Convention

Other Service

Board of Directors, YMCA of Northwest North Carolina, 2007 – 2015
Volunteer Reader, Bolton Elementary School, Winston-Salem, NC, 2005 – present
Member, American Institute of Certified Planners; inducted as a Fellow in 2006



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – LAY MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Barry Post

Congregational Membership

Jordan Lutheran Church, Apex, NC

Education

B.A. (Speech and Communications) North Carolina State University

Certificate (Telephony) Central Carolina Community College



Employment

Co-Owner/President, Communication Partners, Inc. (Business telephone sales and service)

Congregational Service

Acolyte, Our Savior Lutheran, Raleigh, NC	1968
Resurrection Lutheran Church: Board of Christian Education; Congregational Vice President; Congregational President	1986 – 1996
Service at Jordan Lutheran:	
Altar project	2013 – 2014
Facilities and Expansion Team Leader	2015 – 2017
Future Growth Land acquisition team	2017 – present
Usher	2015 – present
Counter	2015 – present
Guitar and percussion ensemble	2015 – present
Choir	2015 – present
Leadership team	2015 – present
Outdoor welcome	2016 – present
Café Jordan bake/buy	2016 – present
Handy People (help with small odd jobs of congregante members)	
Ensemble performance, Christmas tree lighting, Apex, NC, 2015, 2016, 2017	
Float building and Christmas parade, Apex, NC, 2015, 2016, 2017	

District Service

Voting Lay Delegate, 2015 SED Convention
Voting Lay Delegate, Circuit 13W, 2016 LCMS National Convention
iNeighborhood think tank 10/17/17

Other Service

LCEF advocate, 2015 – present
Touched by God's Love advocate, 2017 – present
Planning committee for 500th Reformation Celebration, Raleigh, NC, 2017
Boy Scouts of America, Troop leader, 1988 – 1998



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – LAY MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Joshua Cameron Rystedt

Congregational Membership

Faith Lutheran Church, Eldersburg, Maryland

Education

Pursuing a BA (Theology) Concordia University Wisconsin
Online, January 2016 – Present

Biblical Exposition Program, Moody Bible Institute, August
2010 – October 2013



Employment

Rystedt Creative (online creative content firm), Owner	2017 – Present
Web-development contractor, self-employed	2007 – Present
Mile One Automotive, corporate accounting Deal Processor	2014 – 2017

Congregational Service

Member, Evangelism Board, Faith Lutheran Church	2017 – Present
Small group leader, Faith Lutheran Church	2017 – Present
Youth Director and Technology Director, Westminster Bible Church	2011 – 2015
Youth ministry intern, Westminster Bible Church	2009

Other Service

Vice-Chairman, Maryland Chapter of the American Solidarity Party, 2017
Chairman, Maryland Chapter of the American Solidarity Party, 2016



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – DISTRICT NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (LAY – NORTH)

Mrs. Karen Boyette

Congregational Membership

Peace Lutheran Church, Washington DC

Education

B.A. (Business Administration) The Catholic University of America

Employment

Currently employed part-time for Prince George's County Public Schools as a substitute teacher.



Congregational Service

Board of Discipleship Ministry (governance board)	2017 – present
Lay Reader	2014 – present
Children's Sermon Presenter	2012 – present
Building Committee Procurement Team	2010
Chairperson for the 50 th Jubilee Anniversary	2009 – 2010
Congregation President	2005 – 2007
Greeter/ Heralder for Church Announcements	2004 – 2016
Stewardship Committee	2003

Past volunteer service also includes: Sunday School instructor; Vacation Bible School instructor; First-year Confirmation Class instructor; Chairperson for the Christian Education Committee



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – DISTRICT NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (LAY – NORTH)

Mr. Michael R. Handzo

Congregational Membership

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Bel Air, MD

Education

Master's Degree (Business)

Bachelor's Degree (Business)

Associate's Degree (Electrical Engineering)

Employment

US Army Electronic Technician, 3 years

Engineer at Bendix Radio

Logistic Engineer at Westinghouse

Salesman for Snap-On Tools

Project Manager/ Rehabber and Real Estate Investor, current



Congregational Service

Chairman, Board of Elder, present

Member, Celebration (Worship) Ministry Team

Congregational Representative, Lutheran Church Extension Fund

Chair, Christmas Train Garden Project (a Christmas outreach ministry which had 5,000 visitors during this past Christmas season)

Prior Member, Constitution & Bylaws Revision Committee

Former Treasurer and Teacher, Sunday School

Previous Member and Education Chairperson, Council

Assisting with audio wiring during construction of Sanctuary

District Service

Circuit 2 Lutheran Church Extension Fund Representative

Lay Delegate to the SED Convention, 2006, 2015 and 2018

Lay Delegate to the LCMS National Convention, 2010 and 2013

SED Structure and Governance Committee

Other Service

Leader, LCMS Marriage Enrichment Experience

Presenter, Lutheran Marriage Encounter, 18 years

Assists pastor with the worship services held at a local retirement community in Bel Air, MD

Devotion Leader, Lutheran Mission Society Compassion Center, Havre de Grace, MD



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – DISTRICT NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (LAY – NORTH)

Mr. Gary Hankins

Congregational Membership

Trinity Lutheran Church, Cumberland, MD

Education

Attended American University (Administration of Justice), 1970 – 1975

Graduated Metropolitan Police Academy, 1970

Graduated Joint Armed Forces Institute of Information, 1968

Graduated Bladensburg Senior High School, 1966



Congregational Service

Elder, Trinity Lutheran, Cumberland, MD

President, Our Savior Lutheran, Laurel, MD

Member, Church Council, Ascension Lutheran, Landover Hills, MD

2013 – present

District Service

Delegate to Synodical Convention, 2016

Other Service

Chair, D.C. Fraternal Order of Police Labor Committee, 1979 – 1992

President, D.C. Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 1, 1992 – 1994

Vice Chair, Police Federal Credit Union, 1989 – Present

President, Gary Hankins & Associates, 1994 – 2012

President, Association of Retired Police 2002 – Present

Vice Chair, DC Retirement Board (an \$8 billion Fund)



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – DISTRICT NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (LAY – NORTH)

Mr. George J. Mannina, Jr.

Congregational Membership

The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew, Silver Spring, MD

Education

J.D. Washington College of Law, American University,
1980

B.S. Cornell University, 1971

Congregational Service

Director of Confirmation

Chairman, Board of Youth

Chairman, Board of Education

Sunday School Superintendent

Sunday School Teacher (6th grade, high school, and confirmation)

Member, Church Council



1998 – present

1988 – 1998

1984 – 1988

1980 – 1984

1975 – present

1984 – 1998

Other Service

National Cabinet, For the Sake of the Church, 2002 – 2003



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – DISTRICT NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (LAY – NORTH)

Mr. Larry W. Zimmerman

Congregational Membership

The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew, Silver Spring, MD

Education

Harvard Executive Management Program (Owners and Presidents), 1992 – 1993 (one month each year)

BSCE (Civil Engineering) Valparaiso University, 1970



Employment

Vice President of Arthur Beard Engineers 1977 – 1979

Vice President and Chair of Lewis & Zimmerman Associates, Inc. 1981 – 2004

President and Chair of Construction Dynamics Group 1989 – 2004

Board Chairman of CDG International (England) 1992 – 2004

Vice President of Black & Veatch – Director of Program and CM for Water Division

Congregational Service

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Laurel, MD: Lead 3 capital campaigns and chaired Building Committees. Responsible for the Business Plan for the Open Arms Child Development Center now in their 11th year. (Sanctuary, Child Development Center, and temporary building.) 1976 – 2008

The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew, Silver Spring, MD: Visit and serve communion to shut ins. Substitute Sunday School teacher, on the Futures Committee for planning the next strategic steps for the ministry. On the committee to establish an Endowment Fund for estate giving. Global Ministry committee participant. Co-Chaired the building renovations for the Great Room and for finishing of the Lower Level including Conference Center, SS classrooms, art center, youth lounge, shops and storage. Circuit Representative for the 9 church Circuit. 2008 – Present

All the building programs included interaction with the LCEF. For OSLC, I completed the loan applications and presentations to obtain the needed loans.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Falls Church, VA: Other services when and where needed, Youth Group, and finance committee 1971 – 1975

Ascension Lutheran Church, Landover Hills, MD: This is the church where we attended in my school years. Youth Group Leader. First graduating class of their school as a result of attending kindergarten. Confirmed here. 1951 – 1970

Other Service

President, Bethania Foundation, 2015 – 2018; *Charitable Group caring for 1000 children, women, and special needs people in India. Originally affiliated with LCMS (www.bethaniakids.org)*

Board of Directors, Orphan Grain Train, Norfolk, NE, 2016 – Present; *First out of state Board Member. Group ships goods to need countries.*



National Council for the College of Engineering at Valparaiso University. Chair of the council for the last 7 years and on the Council for 14 years. *Serves as support board for the Dean of the College.*

Executive Committee for Valparaiso University Forever Valpo \$259 million campaign, Presently

Chair, Bethania Foundation Comprehensive Campaign (\$1,000,000)

SAVE International, President of Professional Society, 1991 and 1992 *Lead Strategic Long Range Plan development*



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – DISTRICT NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (ORD – CENTRAL)

The Rev. Timothy P. Bohlmann

Congregational Membership

Bethany-Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waynesboro, VA

Education

M.Div. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, 1992

B.A. Valparaiso University, 1987

Congregational Service

Bethany-Trinity Lutheran Church, Waynesboro, VA

Greenwood Lutheran Mission, Greenwood, SC

Lord of Life Lutheran Mission, Beavercreek, OH

Trinity Lutheran Church, Elmore, OH

2005 – Present

2003 – 2005

1997 – 2002

1992 – 1997

District Service

LWML Zone Counselor, Ohio District, 1993 – 1996

Board of Directors, Bowling Green University Campus Ministry, Bowling Green, OH,
1994 – 1995

Registration Chairman, Ohio District Convention, 1995

Chairman, Board of Directors, Bowling Green University Campus Ministry, Bowling
Green, OH, 1995 – 1997

Circuit Visitor, Ohio District, 2000 – 2002

Conference Planning Committee, Southeastern District, 2006 – 2009

Spiritual Life Team, Southeastern District, 2007 – 2013

Chairman, Conference Planning Committee, Southeastern District, 2009 – 2015

Other Service

Chaplain, United States Naval Reserves, 1989 – 1998

Billy Graham Ministries, Black Mountain, NC, 2003 – 2005

Chaplain, Augusta County Fire and Rescue Company 10, 2008 – Present

Board of Directors, ComfortCare Women's Health Ministry, Augusta County, VA, 2013 –
2016

Chairman, Board of Directors, ComfortCare Women's Health Ministry, Augusta County,
VA, 2016 – Present





NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – DISTRICT NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (ORD – CENTRAL)

The Rev. Richard A. Hase

Congregational Membership

Concordia Lutheran Church, Upper Marlboro, MD

Education

M.Div. Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, IL
B.A. Concordia Teacher's college, River Forest, IL, 1968
ABA St. Paul's College, Concordia, MO, 1965



Congregational Service

Pastor	Concordia Lutheran Church, Upper Marlboro, MD	2015 – Present
IIM	Our Shepherd, Columbia, MD	1999 – 2001
IIM	Concordia, Upper Marlboro, MD	2001 – 2002
IIM	Emmanuel, Baltimore, MD	2003 – 2004
IIM	St. Paul, Annapolis, MD	2005 – 2008
Sr. Pastor	St. Paul's, Glen Burnie, MD	
IIM	Our Savior, Rehoboth Beach, DE	
IIM	Nazareth Lutheran of Highlandtown (full-time organizer for build)	
IIM	Berea Lutheran Church	1979 – 1986
Pastor	Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD	
Vicarage	Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Richmond, VA	
Teacher	Our Shepherd, Birmingham, MI	1968 – 1971

District Service

Chairman, SED Task Force on Urban Ministry, 1978 – 1981
SED Circuit Counselor, Circuit 4

Other Service

President of the Central Arkansas Circuit of the Walther League
Vice President of the Mid-South District of the Walther League
Board Of Directors of the Lutheran Mission Society
President of the Baltimore Pan Lutheran Clergy Association
Baltimore Lutheran High School Board Of Directors
President 4x4 Community Association
Creator of the Baltimore Urban Ministry Coalition
First President of BUMC, Vice-President of Bumc
Served 17 Years as Chaplain on Johns Hopkins Clergy Staff
President of North County Clergy Association
Co-Founder of Winter Relief of North County Churches
Co-Founder of Clergy Program at North Arundel Hospital (now called Baltimore Washington Medical Center)



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – DISTRICT NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (COMM – SOUTH)

Mr. Thomas W. Kolb

Congregational Membership

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cary, NC

Education

Colloquy Concordia College, New York

B.A. (History, Latin minor, Secondary Education-Social
Studies, Honors Program) Valparaiso University

Grades 9-12 Baltimore Lutheran School



Congregational Service

Resurrection Lutheran Church and School: Principal, Athletic
Director, Coach, Bible Class Instructor, Middle School Teacher 2007 – present

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School: Principal, Athletic Director, Coach, Sunday
School Teacher, Youth Leader, Middle School Teacher 1994 – 2007

Baltimore Lutheran School: High School Instructor and Coach 1991 – 1994

District Service

Treasurer, Southeastern District Lutheran Educator's Conference, 1993 – 1996

Various offices including President, Baltimore Area Lutheran Administrator's
Conference, 1995 – 1999

Presenter, SEDLEC, 2017

Other Service

Volunteer Coaching at Recreation Level (during my own children's participation)



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – DISTRICT NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (COMM – SOUTH)

DCE Lamar Stewart

Congregational Membership

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Hickory, NC

Congregational Service

DCE St. Stephen's Lutheran, Hickory, NC
2016 – present

DCE Our Redeemer Lutheran, Augusta, GA
2009 – 2016



District Service

Cluster Coordinator, YFMA (Youth & Family Ministry Association), 2010 – 2016

FLGA District Coordinator, NYG (Nat'l Youth Gathering), 2013, 2016

FLGA Board of Directors, 2015 – 2016



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – DISTRICT NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (COMM – SOUTH)

Mr. William Unverfehrt

Congregational Membership

Concordia Lutheran Church, Conover, NC

Education

M.A. Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

B.S. Concordia, Seward, NE

Congregational Service

University Christian High School

Concordia Lutheran Church & School, Conover, NC

First Lutheran Church & School, Clearwater, FL

Bethany Lutheran Church & School, Detroit, MI



2016 – present

1998 – 2016

1983 – 1998

1978 – 1983

District Service

SED Board of Directors, 2006 – 2015

SED Task Force on Recruitment, Retention of Church Workers, 2002 – 2005

SED Planning Committee for Administrator Conferences, 2002 – 2006

FLGA Chairman, Planning Committee, President's Convocation, 1996



The Rev. Dr. Jon Diefenthaler

Congregational Membership

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Laurel, MD

Education

Ph.D. University of Iowa, 1976
M.A. Washington University, St. Louis, 1970
M.Div. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 1969
B.A. Concordia Senior College, Ft. Wayne, 1965



Congregational Service

Senior Pastor	Our Savior, Laurel, MD	1997 – 2003
Pastor	Bethany-Trinity, Waynesboro, VA	1975 – 1997
Pastor	Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Wellman, IA	1971 – 1972

District Service

SED President, 2003 – 2012
SED First VP, 1994 – 1997, 2000 – 2003
SED Third VP, 2003 – 2004
SED Board of Directors, 1993 – 1997, 2000 – 2012

Other Service

Adjunct Professor, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 2013 – present
Church-Relations Advisor, Lutheran World Relief, 2013 – present
Board of Directors, Wheat Ridge Ministries (We Raise), 2014 – present
Chair of BOD, Faith and Work Enterprises (West Baltimore), 2017 – present
LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relations, 2009 – 2012
LCMS Board of University Education, 2004 – 2009
LCMS Council of Presidents, 2003 – 2012 (Vice Chair, 2009 – 2012)



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – SYNOD NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE – MEMBER

The Rev. Mark Drengler

Congregational Membership

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cary, NC

Education

M.Div. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

B.A. (Psychology) Concordia – St. Paul



Congregational Service

Resurrection Lutheran, Cary, NC

Immanuel Lutheran, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

St. Paul Lutheran, Fremont, WI

Epiphany Lutheran, Stanley, WI

2006 – Present

1997 – 2006

1994 – 1997

1991 – 1994

District Service

Board of Congregational Services, North Wisconsin District, 1997 – 2000

Community Life Leader for Servant Events in North Wisconsin, 1998 – 2004

Chairman, Elections Floor Committee, North Wisconsin Convention, 2000

Chairman, Mission Floor Committee, SED Convention, 2012

Mission Task Force for SED Partnership with Peru, 2011 – 2012

Other Service

Pastoral Representative/Counselor for Lutherans for Life in Wisconsin, 1994 – 1997

Guest Instructor at Lutheran Theological College of Uganda, 2017



The Rev. J. Thomas Foelber

Congregational Membership

Saint James Ev. Lutheran Church, Baltimore, Maryland

Education

- M.A. (Religion) Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN
Saint Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, MD
- B.A. (Education) Concordia College, Bronxville, NY
Bethany College, Lindsborg, KS



Congregational Service

Pastor	St. James Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD	1999 – 2014
Mission Pastor	Greenwood Lutheran Church, Greenwood, SC	1995 – 1998
Pastor	Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, Anderson, SC	1993 – 1998
Pastor	St. Paul's Lutheran Church Hancock, MD	1989 – 1992
Teacher	Baltimore Lutheran High School, Towson, MD	1978 – 1985
Teacher	Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Catonsville, MD	1975 – 1978

District Service

Circuit Counselor, Circuit 19, 1997 – 1999; Circuit 3, 2002 – 2004 and 2015 – 2018
Pastoral Conference Planning Committee, 1997 – 2000

Other Service

Pastoral Advisor, Capital District Lutheran Laymen's League, 1991 – 1992
Director, Anderson Area Medical Center, Clergy Staff, 1995 – 1998
Delegate, Synodical Conventions, 1992, 1995, 1998, 2013
Synodical Convention Floor Committees, 1995, 1998, 2001, 2013
National/District Synodical Relations Task Force, 1999 – 2001
Consensus on Worship Project, Washington, D.C. Area Committee, 2000 – 2001
Synodical Doctrinal Reviewer (assigned to Concordia Publishing House), 1999 – 2002
Director, Baltimore Lutheran High School Association, 1999 – 2012
Vice-President, Baltimore Lutheran High School Association, 2002 – 2009
Pastor in Residence, Wittenberg English Ministry (in Wittenberg, Germany), 2007, 2011
Pastor in Residence, Seminário Concórdia, São Leopoldo, Brasil, 2014
Vice President, Lutherans for Life, Maryland Chapter, 2017 – present



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – SYNOD NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE – MEMBER

Ms. Elizabeth Meschke

Congregational Membership

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Asheville, NC

Education

B.A. Concordia University, Wisconsin

Congregational Service

Emmanuel Lutheran School	2015 – Present
Trinity Lutheran School	1999 – 2015
Bethany Lutheran Church	1993 – 1999

District Service

National Lutheran School Accreditation Team, Southern Illinois District, 2010 – 2015

Other Service

LCMS National Lutheran School Accreditation Team, Synod level, 2011



The Rev. Dr. John Rickert

Congregational Membership

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Newark, DE

Education

D.Min. Gardner-Webb University, Rock Hill, NC

M.Div. Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN

B.A. (Psychology) SDSU, San Diego, CA

Continuing Education Courses (throughout ministry)



Congregational Service

Sole Pastor	Our Redeemer, Newark, DE	2015 – Present
Sole Pastor & Senior Pastor	Lamb of God, Spartanburg, SC	1998 – 2015
Sole Pastor	Our Redeemer, Wilson, NC	1989 – 1998
Bi-Vocational Mission Developer	Holy Cross Lutheran, Midland, TX	1987 – 1989

District Service

SED Circuit 18 Counselor/Visitor, 2010 – 2015

Other Service

Civitans, Officer, BOD

LWML, BOD, Zone, Circuit & District Pastoral Counselor, Retreats

Crisis Pregnancy Center BOD

Hope Station BOD

Special Olympics Mentor

St. Luke's Medical Clinic Chaplain

Crisis Hotline Volunteer

"Released Time" Teacher



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – SYNOD NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE – ALTERNATE

The Rev. Mark Drengler

Congregational Membership

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cary, NC

Education

M.Div. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

B.A. (Psychology) Concordia – St. Paul



Congregational Service

Resurrection Lutheran, Cary, NC

Immanuel Lutheran, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

St. Paul Lutheran, Fremont, WI

Epiphany Lutheran, Stanley, WI

2006 – Present

1997 – 2006

1994 – 1997

1991 – 1994

District Service

Board of Congregational Services, North Wisconsin District, 1997 – 2000

Community Life Leader for Servant Events in North Wisconsin, 1998 – 2004

Chairman, Elections Floor Committee, North Wisconsin Convention, 2000

Chairman, Mission Floor Committee, SED Convention, 2012

Mission Task Force for SED Partnership with Peru, 2011 – 2012

Other Service

Pastoral Representative/Counselor for Lutherans for Life in Wisconsin, 1994 – 1997

Guest Instructor at Lutheran Theological College of Uganda, 2017



Mr. Thomas W. Kolb

Congregational Membership

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cary, NC

Education

Colloquy Concordia College, New York

B.A. (History, Latin minor, Secondary Education-Social
Studies, Honors Program) Valparaiso University

Grades 9-12 Baltimore Lutheran School



Congregational Service

Resurrection Lutheran Church and School: Principal, Athletic
Director, Coach, Bible Class Instructor, Middle School Teacher 2007 to present

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School: Principal, Athletic Director, Coach, Sunday
School Teacher, Youth Leader, Middle School Teacher 1994 – 2007

Baltimore Lutheran School: High School Instructor and Coach 1991 – 1994

District Service

Treasurer, Southeastern District Lutheran Educator's Conference, 1993 – 1996

Various offices including President, Baltimore Area Lutheran Administrator's
Conference, 1995 – 1999

Presenter, SEDLEC, 2017

Other Service

Volunteer Coaching at Recreation Level (during my own children's participation)



The Rev. Dr. David R. Maack

Congregational Membership

St Paul's Lutheran Church, Glen Burnie, MD

Education

D.Min. Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, PA

MS.ED. Guidance and Counseling, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL

M.Div. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

B.S. Behavioral Sciences, Concordia College, Bronxville, NY



Continuing Education

Ambassadors of Reconciliation

Marriage and the Family; Covey Leadership Courses

Air Command and Staff College

Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)

Bereavement Resolved Through Sharing (RTS) Counselor Training;

Operational Risk Management (Decision Making Skills for Leaders)

Prepared/Enrich and FOCCUS Trained (Marriage) Counselor

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)

Family Advocacy & Maltreatment Staff Training

Singles Ministry

Ministry

Executive Director	Lutheran Mission Society of Maryland	2005 – present
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Executive Director	LINC Baltimore	2009 – present
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Vacancy Pastor	Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Bordentown NJ	2003 – 2005
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Chaplain	United States Air Force:	
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McGuire AFB, New Jersey	2003 – 2005
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Little Rock AFB, Arkansas	2000 – 2003
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Deployed 3 tours during the Balkan Wars to Bosnia, Croatia & Macedonia

Spangdahlem AB, Germany	1996 – 2000
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Langley AFB, Virginia	1993 – 1996
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Hickam AFB, Hawaii	1990 – 1993
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Chanute AFB, Illinois	1986 – 1990
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Pastor	Christ Lutheran Church, Hillsboro, TX	1983 – 1986
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Chaplain	Oregon State Penitentiary System, Salem, OR	1981 – 1982
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District Service

First Vice President of the Southeastern District LCMS, 2012 – present

Third Vice President of the Southeastern District LCMS, 2009 – 2012



Circuit 4 Circuit Visitor

Specialized Pastoral Ministry Committee Member 2014 – present

LCMS Task Force on Domestic Violence and Child Abuse, Member, 2009 – 2011

LCMS Professional Church Worker Critical Incident Support Team, Member, 2007 – present

Lutheran Disaster Response, Member, 2006 – present

Lutheran Laymen's League District, Pastoral Advisor, 2006 – 2009

SED Disaster Response Team, Member, 2006 – present

LCMS Synodical Convention, Advisory Delegate, 2010, 2013

Other Service

Association of Lutheran Development Executives (ALDE), Member, 2005 – present

Lutheran Services of America, Member, 2005 – present

Lutheran Disaster Response, Member, 2006 – present

Juvenile Action Review Board, Member & Counselor, 2003 – 2005

Family Maltreatment Case Management Team, Board Member & Counselor, 2003 – 2005

Victim Witness Assistance Program, Member, 2003 – 2005

Family Abuse, Counselor, 1987 – 2005

Community Helping Agencies, Chairman, 2000 – 2003

European Lutheran Military Chaplains, Treasurer, 1997 – 2000

Boy Scouts, Leader and Eagle Scout, 1990 – 1993 / 1996 – 2000

Red Cross, Board Member, 1993 – 1996

YMCA, Board Member, 1986 – 1990 / 1993 – 1996

Humanitarian & Mission Work

Mission India, 2015

Hurricane Sandy recovery, Crisfield, Maryland, 2013 – 2014

Food and Clothing for the Poor, Baltimore, MD, 2006 – present

5 New Urban Mission Starts with Lutheran Mission Society, 2006 – present

Unwed Mothers Shelter, Director, Baltimore, MD, 2006 – 2011

Tsunami Relief, Thailand, 2005

Habitat for Humanity, Little Rock, AR, 2002

Orphanage Work, Develop a Visitation Program with US Military, Croatia, 1998

Mount Pinatubo Eruption Evacuation Philippines/Hawaii, 1991

Foreign Mission Work, Bratislava, Slovak Republic, 1997

Haitian/Cuban Refugee Crisis, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, 1994

Hurricane Iniki Relief, Hawaii, 1992

