



# NOMINATIONS

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South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Synod Assembly 2018

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## 2018 SYNOD ASSEMBLY NOMINATIONS

***Nominations for all positions will be taken at the opening of the assembly only.***

*NO nominations will be received after nominations are closed. Any positions remaining open following synod assembly will be appointed by synod council.*

### SYNOD VICE PRESIDENT – 4 year term

Name: Jane Cahill Wolfgram  
Home  
Congregation: Christ Lutheran, DeForest  
Occupation: Semi-Retired Public Affairs & Training  
Consultant  
Age: 66+  
Education: Associate Business Degree, Social Work,  
Nonprofit Corporate Planning Certificate



Congregation & Community: President of Church Council, Vice President, Chair Call Committee for Senior Pastor and for Associate Pastor, Cameroon, West Africa-volunteer & contributor, several years, schools and village water systems, Director of Community Services

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Consultation Committee, Participated in a wide range of Synod training programs and 5 Assemblies

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### SYNOD SECRETARY – 4 year term

Name: Brad Pohlman  
Home  
Congregation: Luther Memorial, Madison  
Occupation: Senior Pastor  
Age: 46-65  
Education: BA St. Olaf; MDiv Yale Divinity School



Congregation & Community: Numerous congregational groups and organizations, Lutheran Campus Ministry, past board member, Madison Area Jail Ministry; past board member, Samaritan Counseling Center; past board member

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Synod Finance Committee; current member and Diakonia teacher; current

## SYNOD COUNCIL LAY FEMALE – 3 year term

Name: Debi Peters  
Home  
Congregation: Our Savior's -Sun Prairie  
Occupation: Business Analyst/Project Manager Development Center  
Age: 45-65  
Education: Associate Degree - MATC

Congregation & Community: Synod Council, Sunday School Mentor, Confirmation Teacher, & Director of Education

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Synod Assembly Representative

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## SYNOD COUNCIL CLERGY FEMALE – 3 year term



Name: Lisa Nelson  
Home  
Congregation: Faith Lutheran  
Occupation: Pastor  
Age: 45-65  
Education: M.Div.—Luther Northwestern Seminary  
B.A.—Fresno State University

Congregation & Community: Oblate at Holy Wisdom Monastery (14 years), Sun Prairie Youth and Family Commission (5 years); Synod Lay School of Ministry instructor (10 years); synod missional discovery journey (3 years); tutor for Schools of Hope in Sun Prairie.

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: SCSW Assistant to the Bishop for Youth and Family Ministry (2005- 2006) Synod Council (3 years)

## SYNOD COUNCIL LAY MALE – 3 year term

Name: Gary Engelke  
Home  
Congregation: First English, Platteville  
Occupation: Realtor  
Age: 66+  
Education: 3 years college

Congregation & Community: President of church council, Hospitality Committee, board member of Platteville Golf Club, & President of Optimist Club

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Synod conference & local panel at Wartburg Seminary to assist Interns

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## SYNOD COUNCIL CLERGY MALE – 3 year term



Name: Chris Enstad  
Home  
Congregation: Good Shepherd, Madison & Verona  
Occupation: Lead Pastor  
Age: 30-45  
Education: B.A. Gustavus M. Div. Luther Seminary

Congregation & Community: Leadership Development for staff and members, Stewardship Practice-year-round conversation, Worship designing and Leading, & Learning how to incorporate story into how we "do" church

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Conference Dean-Minneapolis Area Synod & Voting member to one National Assembly

## CONSULTATION COMMITTEE – 6 YEAR TERM

1 position open: 1 clergy female

### CLERGY FEMALE

Name: Mae Jean Zelle  
Home  
Congregation: First, Janesville; Interim  
Occupation: Interim Lead Pastor  
Education: M. Div.



Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Care of Creation Committee

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## DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE – 6 YEAR TERM

3 positions open: 1 lay female or male, 1 clergy female, 1 clergy male

No Nominations Have Been Received for this committee.

## **2019 Churchwide Voting members** **YOUTH OR YOUNG ADULT**

### **LAY MALE**

Name: Jessie Hodgson  
Home  
Congregation: First English Lutheran, Platteville  
Occupation: student  
Age: 18-29  
Education: attending UW-Platteville



Congregation & Community: Assisting minister, President of Lutheran Campus Ministries - UW Platteville, Organist - Hope Lutheran, Mineral Point, & Choir member - First English, Platteville

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### **LAY MALE**

Name: Trevor Thom  
Home  
Congregation: Immanuel Evangelical - Watertown  
Occupation: Worship Materials Specialist at Trinity Church - United Methodist  
Age: 18-29  
Education: College Student

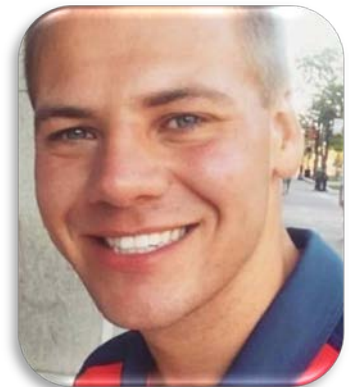
Congregation & Community: Congregation Council member, Evangelism Chair, Worship Leadership, & Online and Print Communications

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Synod Council member, 2018 Bishop Election Task Force member

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### **LAY MALE**

Name: Tyler Gold  
Home  
Congregation: Good Shepherd, Madison & Verona  
Occupation: Employed at Zimbrick European  
Age: 18-29  
Education: Earning a BBA at University of Wisconsin-Whitewater



Congregation & Community: Stewardship Committee, Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Reservation, Finance Committee, High School Small group leader

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: National Youth Gathering & Volunteering at the Synod office



## ***2019 Churchwide Voting members*** **YOUTH OR YOUNG ADULT**

### **LAY FEMALE**

Name: Emily Larson  
Home  
Congregation: Good Shepherd, Madison & Verona  
Occupation: Speech Pathology Assistant & Zimbrick  
European BDC Rep  
Age: 18-29  
Education: Earning a BS in Communicative Sciences  
and Disorders at UW-Madison



Congregation & Community: Worship Leader, Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Reservation, Summer Intern program, & Church camp volunteer

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: NYG New Orleans 2012 and Detroit 2015

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### **LAY FEMALE**



Name: Sadie Cordova  
Home  
Congregation: Bethel Lutheran Church - Madison  
Occupation: College Student  
Age: 18-29  
Education: Edgewood College

Congregation & Community: Young Adult Leader, Youth Group  
Mission Trips and Retreats, Local chapter president Proud Theater,  
Program Coordinator-Bethel Horizon camps

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering Synod Day Emcee

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## **2019 Churchwide Voting members**

### **PERSON OF COLOR OR NON-ENGLISH PRIMARY LANGUAGE**

#### **CLERGY FEMALE**

Name: Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfield  
Home  
Congregation: St. Paul/Atonement  
Occupation: Intentional Interim Pastor  
Age: 46-65  
Education: M.Div. McCormick Theological Seminary



Congregation & Community: Soup Lunch Ministry Volunteer, Nursing Home Visitation for Holy Days, Spiritual Growth Ministries, Racial Justice work in community

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Co-Chair ELCA Task Force on Women and Justice, Racial Justice Group of the South Central Synod

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#### **CLERGY MALE**

Name: Rev. Gordon J. Straw  
Home  
Congregation: Grace LC, Evanston, IL  
Occupation: Assoc. Professor of Spiritual Formation, LSTC  
Age: 46-65  
Education: B.A., M.Div., Th.M, D.D.



Congregation & Community: Instructor, The Diakonia Program, Metro Chicago, Sunod, ELCA, Member of Chicago Chapter of the Association of Psychological Type, Chicago Poor People's Campaign, Adult Forum leader at Grace LC, Evanston, IL

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: American Indian/Alaska Native Lutheran Assoc., ELCA, Theological Roundtable, Office of the Presiding Bishop, ELCA

## 2019 Churchwide Voting members

### PERSON OF COLOR OR NON-ENGLISH PRIMARY LANGUAGE



#### **CLERGY MALE**

Name: Rev. Felix Malpica  
Home  
Congregation: Faith Lutheran Church  
Occupation: Clergy  
Age: 30-45  
Education: M.Div., B.A.-Spanish Literature and Music

Congregation & Community: Pastor of Faith Lutheran in Janesville, WI, Board Member-Faith's Little Friends Day Care, Board Member of Friendship Court Senior Housing, Presenter at the Institute of Liturgical Studies

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Worship and Workshop leader at Churchwide and Synod Events, Collaborator in the "We Can Talk-Engaging Worship and Culture" Resource of the ELCA

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## 2019 Churchwide Voting members

### LAY FEMALE

Name: Jacilyn Brovont  
Home  
Congregation: Grace Lutheran Church  
Occupation: homemaker/volunteer youth coordinator  
Age: 30-45  
Education: attending Grand Canyon University for  
Christian Studies: Youth Ministry



Congregation & Community: building a youth program at Grace Lutheran in Cambridge, WI, Organizing a middle school group, planning to build high school youth group

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Attended LEAD in Janesville, WI

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### LAY FEMALE

Name: Heather Greenley  
Home Congregation: Central Lutheran Church  
Occupation: Youth Coordinator  
Age: 30-45  
Education: College

Congregation & Community: Edgerton Youth Coalition, Family Activities Committee, Lutherdale Representative, RCC Member (PTA)

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: CYF Network

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### LAY FEMALE

Name: Jane Harrison  
Home Congregation: First English Lutheran Church, Platteville  
Occupation: Retired  
Age: 66+  
Education: B.A., Gustavus Adolphus College, St.Peter, MN

Congregation & Community: Communion Assistant, Chair of church's Care for God's Creation team, Scripture reader, Usher and Greeter

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Care of God's Creation team secretary, Attended 3 Region 5 Global Gatherings last 4 years

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### **LAY FEMALE**

Name: Deacon Vicki Hanrahan  
Home  
Congregation: Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Sun Prairie  
Occupation: Deacon, Synod call to Communications/Events Mgr. position-South Central Synod of WI, ELCA  
Age: 46-65  
Education: M.A., Communication Arts/Mass Media, UW-Madison and 2009 Graduate, SCSW Lay School of Ministry

Congregation & Community: Council President, Our Savior's Sun Prairie, Our Savior's Evangelism Team and Church in Society Team chairs, Rotation Sunday School Deign Team, Sunday School/Confirmation Teacher, LSS Refugee Resettlement volunteer

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Serve on SCSW Diakonia and Steeple to Steeple Ride for Hunger Teams, Support all SCSW teams borne of Synod Assembly resolutions

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### **LAY FEMALE**

Name: Deacon Lisa R. Huber  
Home  
Congregation: Bethel Lutheran Church  
Occupation: Deacon – Word and Service, Bethel  
Age: 46-65  
Education: SCSW – Lay School, Madison College

Congregation & Community: Bethel Women's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Bible Study Leader, Green County Sexual Assault Recovery Program Advocate

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: 2018 Bishop Election Task Force, ELCA Rostered Ministers Gathering-Atlanta 2017



## 2019 Churchwide Voting members



### **LAY FEMALE**

Name: Mary Nervig  
Home Congregation: St. Stephen's  
Occupation: Psychotherapist  
Age: 66+  
Education: M.S.W.—UW Milwaukee B.A.—Luther College

Congregation & Community: Road Home volunteer; St. Stephen's Hospitality Team, St. Stephen's Ministry Board, & St. Stephen's Social Ministry Team.

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Synod assembly voting member; Wisconsin Council of Churches annual meeting delegate, & Racial Equity Ministry Team.

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### **LAY FEMALE**

Name: Debbie Short  
Home Congregation: First English Lutheran, Platteville  
Occupation: retired  
Age: 66+  
Education:

Congregation & Community: Secretary of Lutheran Church Women, Church Women United Platteville board member, hand chimes, Bible study leader

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Synod stewardship team member, 2016 Churchwide Reformation 500 event

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### **LAY FEMALE**

Name: Yvonne Smith  
Home Congregation: St. Paul's Lutheran  
Occupation: Parish Nurse  
Age: 66+  
Education: R.N., BA



Congregation & Community: MOPS Mentor (3 y.o. moppets), Lay Ministry, Glacier Healing Prayer Ministry, Theatre Guild – Baraboo

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: LEAD, Transformational Ministry



## 2019 Churchwide Voting members

### LAY MALE

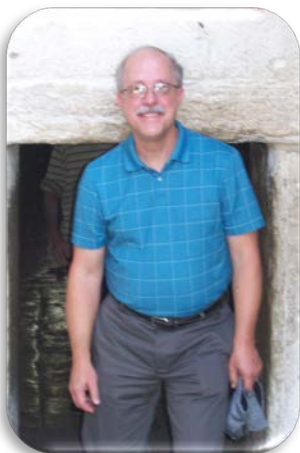
Name: Rolfe Nervig  
Home Congregation: St. Stephen's  
Occupation: retired  
Age: 66+  
Education: B.A. Luther College; M.T.S.,  
Hamma School of Theology



Congregation & Community: St. Stephen's Stewardship Team chair, LSS Off the Square Club Advisory Committee, & Marquardt Village Foundation Board chair

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: SCSW Bishop Transition Task Force & Previously member of Synod Council

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### LAY MALE

Name: Randy Schultz  
Home Congregation: Midvale Community Lutheran Church  
Occupation: retired  
Age: 46-65  
Education: Bachelor's Degree, CPA

Congregation & Community: Worship committee co-chair, Small group leader, Long Range Planning and co-chair Building Remodeling Committees, United Way Days of Caring Volunteer

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Attended ELCA National Youth Gatherings in San Antonio and New Orleans, Traveled to the Holy Land

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### LAY MALE

Name: Jason Xiong  
Home Congregation: Bethel Lutheran - Madison  
Occupation: Seminary Student, Wartburg Seminary  
Age: 30-45  
Education: M.Div. Student, Wartburg Seminary

Congregation & Community: Youth Ministry, Worship and Music Leadership, LGBTQ+ Advocacy



Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Synod Coordinator, 2018 ECLA Youth Gathering, Synod Council

## 2019 Churchwide Voting members

### CLERGY FEMALE

Name: Rev. Traci A. Maass  
Home Congregation: Wiota Lutheran Church,  
South Wayne  
Occupation: Pastor  
Age: 46-65  
Education: M.Div, Wartburg Seminary/BA Religious Studies, UW Madison

Congregation & Community: Mental Health Matters group, Lafayette County, Monroe Hospital Clergy Group, Wiota Women's Quilting group, & Blackhawk Food Pantry, South Wayne, WI

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: L.E.A.D Conference 2018 & Bishop Convocation 2017

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### CLERGY FEMALE

Name: Rev. Susan Schneider  
Home  
Congregation: Trinity Madison  
Occupation: Pastor  
Age: 46-65  
Education: M.Div., PLTS, M.Ed., Ga. Southern,  
B.A. in English, MS University for  
Women



Congregation & Community: The Canopy Center Board Member, Counselor for The Naming Project

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Board member of LOPPW, Informal consultant for congregations seeking to gain or enhance RIC status

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### CLERGY FEMALE

Name: Rev. Mae Jean Zelle  
Home  
Congregation: First, Janesville; Interim  
Occupation: Interim Lead Pastor  
Education: M. Div.

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Care of Creation Committee



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### CLERGY MALE

Name: Rev. Peter Heide  
Home Congregation: Albany Lutheran Church  
Occupation: Pastor  
Age: 46-65  
Education: M.Div., Wartburg  
Theological Seminary



Congregation & Community: Aurora St. Luke's, Milwaukee, Professional Advisory Committee, CPE, President, Nat'l Fed. Of the Blind, WI, In Communities of Faith, Chaplain, Nat'l. Fed. Of the Blind Convention

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: SCSW-ELCA Racial Equity Ministry Team, SCSW-ELCA Consultation

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### CLERGY MALE



Name: Rev. Erik Jelinek  
Home Congregation: Central Lutheran  
Occupation: Pastor  
Age: 46-65  
Education: Master's Degree

Congregation & Community: Church Council – Evangelism Chair, Grace Lutheran, Stewardship Committee member, Grace Lutheran, Crime stoppers Board

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Churchwide Mission Support Table, Synod Council

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### CLERGY MALE

Name: Rev. Bryan Lagerstam  
Home Congregation: St. John's Lutheran Church  
Occupation: Pastor  
Age: 46-65  
Education: Master of Divinity

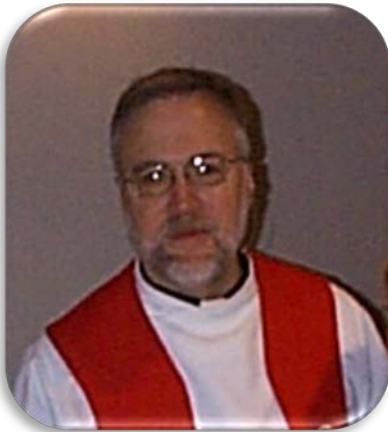
Congregation & Community: Pastor of congregation, Chair of Beaver Dam Ministerium, Community leadership development team

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: former Synod stewardship network



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### CLERGY MALE



Name: Rev. Michael Short  
Home Congregation: First English, Platteville  
Occupation: Pastor  
Age: 46-65  
Education: M-Div Luther Seminary,  
BS-Accounting Illinois College

Congregation & Community: Board member - Family Promise of Grant Co. (working to end homelessness in the county); President - Platteville Ministerial Association; inter-religious council member on the UW Platteville campus; Thrivent chapter board member

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: SCSW synod council member; nominations committee

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