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## PROPOSED AGENDA

THE 39<sup>TH</sup> CONVENTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT, LCMS  
DOUBLETREE HOTEL – MIDLOTHIAN  
RICHMOND, VA  
MAY 9-13, 2022

### PROPOSED AGENDA (*UPDATED ON MAY 9, 2022*)

#### Monday, May 9, 2022 (On-line Sessions)

##### On-line session

6:00 PM	Convention Begins with Call to Order and Welcome
6:15 PM	Opening Worship Proclaimer: Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, LCMS President A Celebration of the Great Sending Prince of Peace, Springfield VA leads worship.
7:15 PM	Report from Registration Committee
7:05 PM	Welcome: Rev. Dr. John Denninger, SED President Introductions
7:45 PM	Introduction of Minutes Review Committee Introduction of New Ministries Introduction of Newly Chartered Congregations
8:00 PM	Closing Convention is adjourned until 6PM on Tuesday, May 10, 2022

#### Tuesday, May 10, 2022 (On-line Sessions)

*Floor Committees Hearings are held on-line throughout the day.*

9:30 AM	Floor Committee 01: Mission Committee
11:00 AM	Floor Committee 02: Congregational Outreach
12:30 PM	Floor Committee 03: Stewardship & Finance
2:00 PM	Floor Committee 04: Bylaws
3:30 PM	Floor Committee 05: Theology & Practice Floor Committee 06: Nominations & Elections

##### On-Line Session

6:00 PM	The 39 <sup>th</sup> Convention of the Southeastern District reconvenes.
6:10 PM	Evening Devotions
6:40 PM	Report from Registration Committee



6:45 PM The Great Sending, Part I: Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer  
 7:40 PM Report from Rev. Dr. John Denninger, SED President  
 8:15 PM Servant of Christ Awards  
 Ms. Sheila Edwards, Emmanuel Lutheran, Asheville NC  
 Mr. Marvin (Bo) Wingate, King of Glory VA  
 Rev. Ralph Wiechmann, Our Savior's Way, Ashburn VA  
 8:30 PM St. Martin of Tours  
 Chaplain Eric Malstrom, USN (RET) Our Savior, Lynchburg VA  
 Rear Admiral Jim Doeblor, USN(RET), King of Glory, Williamsburg VA  
 8:45 PM Convention is adjourned until 6PM on Wednesday, May 11, 2022

**Wednesday, May 11, 2022 (On-line Sessions)**

On-line Sessions

3:00 PM Convention Orientation for New Delegates

Evening Session

6:00 PM The 39<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Southeastern District reconvenes.  
 6:10 PM Evening Devotions  
 6:40 PM Report from Registration Committee  
 6:45 PM The Great Sending, Part II: Rev. Dr. Jon Diefenthaler  
 7:15 PM Report and Q&A Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, LCMS President  
 8:15 PM Recognition of Lay Deacon and Inter-ethnic Lay Deacon Classes  
 Special Recognitions  
 Ms. Judy Koucky, St. Paul's, Falls Church  
 SED Archivist for 39 years (1983)  
 Mr. Steve Heemann, Immanuel, Baltimore MD  
 LCEF Art Haake Award  
 8:45 PM Convention is adjourned until 6PM on Thursday, May 12, 2022

**Thursday, May 12, 2022**

3:00 PM On-site Registration Begins  
 5:00 PM Convention Hall Doors Open  
 6:00 PM The 39<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Southeastern District reconvenes.  
 Welcome  
 6:10 PM Evening Devotions  
 6:40 PM Introductions of Guests and Staff  
 6:55 PM Report of Registration Committee  
 7:00 PM Testing of the Voting System  
 7:20 PM Convention Procedures and Announcements  
 Adoption of Standing Rules  
 7:35 PM Adoption of Convention Schedule  
 7:40 PM Approval of Minutes for Virtual Sessions  
 7:45 PM Open Nominations for President  
 Close Nominations for President



7:50 PM Open Nominations for Lay Members  
Close Nominations for Lay Members

7:55 PM Introduction of Presidential Candidates

8:00 PM Prayer and Election of the SED President

8:10 PM Welcome and Acceptance of President Elect

8:25 PM Floor Committee 04: Resolution BL 04-22-01

8:35 PM Open Nominations for Vice President  
Close Nominations for Vice President

8:40 PM Open and Close Nominations for the following offices:  
Treasurer, Commissioned Worker, District Nominations Committee

8:45 PM Elections for Vice President

9:00 PM Open and Close Nominations for Secretary

9:05 PM Elections: Treasurer, Lay Members, Commissioned Workers

9:25 PM Closing Prayer and Benediction  
Convention is adjourned until 9AM on Friday, May 13, 2022

### **Friday, May 13, 2022**

8:00 AM On-site Registration Opens

9:00 AM The 39<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Southeastern District reconvenes

9:05 AM Morning Worship

10:05 AM Business Session Reconvenes  
Report of the Registration Committee  
Approval of Friday Evening Minutes  
All Remaining Elections including Ratification of Circuit Visitors

10:30 AM MALIM (Mid-Atlantic Lutherans in Mission)  
Presentation Deaconess Robie Hillhouse

10:40 AM Floor Committee 01: Missions

11:25 AM Welcome from LCMS Fifth Vice President, Rev. Dr. Christopher Esget

11:30 AM Floor Committee 02: Congregational Outreach

12:15 PM Lunch Break (Lunch is provided.)

1:15 PM Presentation from Broom Tree Fellows

1:20 PM Report from Registration Committee

1:25 PM Floor Committee 03: Stewardship & Finance

2:10 PM Floor Committee 04: Bylaws

2:55 PM Floor Committee 05: Theology & Practice

3:40 PM Recognition of Outgoing BOD Members and Circuit Visitors  
Installation of Circuit Visitors and BOD Members

4:00 PM Adjournment, Blessing, and Sending



### 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.



## BIOGRAPHIES – PRESENTERS AND GUESTS

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### THE REV. CHRISTOPHER S. ESGET



The Rev. Christopher S. Esget is fifth vice-president and a member of the Praesidium of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). 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.



### Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer



Dr. Dale A. Meyer is president emeritus and professor emeritus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis MO.

Meyer retired in 2020 after 15 years as Seminary president. He first joined the faculty at Concordia Seminary as a guest instructor, serving from 1979 to 1981. He then served as an assistant professor from 1981 to 1984. In 2001, he rejoined the faculty and served as professor of Practical Theology in addition to his role as president.

He previously served as the Gregg H. Benidt Memorial Chair in Homiletics and Literature (2001-05). He served as the interim president (2004-05) and became the 10th president of Concordia Seminary in 2005.

After earning a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) from Concordia Seminary (1973), Meyer earned a Master of Arts (M.A.) and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in classical languages from Washington University in St. Louis (1974, 1986). He completed his Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) (1969) at Concordia Senior College in Fort Wayne, IN. He also is the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Divinity (D.D.) from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind. (1993).

Meyer's first call was as pastor of St. Salvator Lutheran Church in Venedy, IL., and St. Peter Lutheran Church in New Memphis, Ill. (1974-81). After his tenure as a guest instructor at Concordia Seminary (1979-81), he served as an assistant professor, teaching classes in New Testament and homiletics, and as the director of Resident Field Education (1981-84). He went on to become senior pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Collinsville, IL. (1984-88).

Meyer was a speaker on *The Lutheran Hour* radio program (1989 to 2001). Through 2003, he hosted the national television show *On Main Street* for Lutheran Hour Ministries. In 2001, LHM received two prestigious Emmy awards from the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) St. Louis/Mid-America Chapter for two *On Main Street* episodes.

Meyer has served The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) and the church at-large over the years in several capacities. He served as third vice-president of the LCMS from 1995 to 1998. He was a charter board member of the Association of Lutheran Older Adults (ALOA), has served as an honorary director of God's Word to the Nations Bible Society and as a member of the Standing Committee on Pastoral Ministry for the LCMS. He was pastoral adviser for the Southern Illinois District of the International Lutheran Laymen's League and has served as first vice president, second vice president, secretary, and



circuit counselor of the LCMS Southern Illinois District. He served on the Board of Trustees of the American Bible Society from 2001 to 2013.

Meyer has written numerous sermons and columns for Lutheran Hour Ministries, including the booklets “Coping with Cancer” and “Real Men.” He co-authored *The Crosses of Lent*, in-depth Bible studies of Matthew and Prophecy in the *LifeLight* series and authored “The Place of the Sermon in the Order of Service” in *Liturgical Preaching* for Concordia Publishing House. He has contributed to *Issues in Christian Education* and is a regular contributor to *Concordia Journal*. His articles include “A Church Caught in the Middle,” “An Urban Seminary” and “Why Go to Church?”

In 2014 Meyer wrote *Timely Reflections: A Minute a Day with Dale Meyer*, a compilation of 365 daily devotions from his long-running online series, *The Meyer Minute*. This book was published by Tri-Pillar Publishing in conjunction with Concordia Seminary. In 2018, a new volume of his sermons, *Word Alive!* was published by Tri-Pillar. The volume includes 52 sermons, spanning decades of his ministry.

Meyer has been speaking and preaching for more than 40 years. His areas of interest and study include 1 Peter, the church in a changing culture and the Sabbath applied to life today.

He lives in Collinsville, IL., with his wife, Diane. They have two grown daughters, Elizabeth (Darren) Pittman and Catharine (Charles) Bailey; and five grandsons, Christian, Connor and Nicholas Pittman, and Andrew and Jacob Bailey.



## BIOGRAPHIES – PRESENTERS AND GUESTS

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### Rev. Dr. Jon Diefenthaler



Dr. Jon Diefenthaler is a President Emeritus of the Southeastern District–LCMS. He served in this office from 2003 to 2012. Prior to this, he was an Assistant Professor of Historical Theology at Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, IL (now Ft. Wayne), the Pastor of Bethany-Trinity Lutheran Church, Waynesboro, VA, and the Senior Pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Laurel MD. In his retirement, he has served as an Adjunct Professor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, as an Instructor in the SED Lay Deacon Program, and as a Church-Relations Advisor for Lutheran World Relief. He is also a member of Board of Directors for Mid-Atlantic Lutherans in Mission (MALIM), the Lutheran Historical Conference, and Faith and Work Enterprises (FAWE) in Baltimore.

Dr. Diefenthaler is married to Ethel Bilderback and lives in Annapolis, MD. He has four children and nine grandchildren.



### Parliamentarian: Rev. Dr. Jerry Kisechnick



Rev. Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick served for nine years (2001-2010) as national president of the 2.2 million-member Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Upon completion of his third three-year term as Synod president in 2010, Dr. Kieschnick and his wife Terry returned to Texas, where he served Concordia University in Austin (2011-15) as Presidential Ambassador for Mission Advancement and developed Concordia's Christian Leadership Institute.

In January 2016 Dr. Kieschnick returned to Lutheran Foundation of Texas, recently renamed Legacy Deo, where he had served from 1986-91 helping Christians use God's gifts to create a legacy for family and faith. January 1, 2017, he became Legacy Deo's Chief Executive Officer.

Since returning to Texas, Dr. Kieschnick has been instrumental in developing Mission of Christ Network; Pastor360, providing coaching for LCMS pastors; and MinistryFocus, providing loan repayment assistance grants to LCMS pastors, teachers and other called workers burdened with overwhelming educational debt.

During his time as president of the LCMS, Dr. Kieschnick served on the Board of Directors of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and as chairman of The International Lutheran Council, comprised of presidents and bishops of over 35 worldwide Lutheran church bodies.

Prior to becoming LCMS national president, Dr. Kieschnick was president of the Synod's Texas District for 10 years (1991-2001). During that time, he chaired the LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relations (1998-2001) and served on the executive committee of the LCMS Council of Presidents (1997-2001).

A native Texan, Dr. Kieschnick received degrees from Texas A&M University (B.S., 1964), Concordia Theological Seminary (B.D., 1970); Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN. (M.Div., 1977); and Concordia University, Austin, TX. (LL.D., 1996).

After his ordination in 1970, Dr. Kieschnick served as pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Biloxi, Miss. (1970-73); pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Beaumont, TX. (1973- 81); mission developer of Hope Lutheran Church in Winnie, TX. (1973-78); mission developer and pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Georgetown, TX. (1981-86).



Jerry and his wife, Terry, have two grown children, Andrew Kieschnick and Angela (husband Todd) Keith and two grandchildren, Kolby Keith and Kayla Keith — all of whom live in Texas.



### Conference Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Gregory Walton



Rev. Dr. Gregory S. Walton, a native New Yorker, grew up in a Lutheran home. He attended Concordia College in Bronxville, NY, and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. His parishes include Trinity Lutheran Church, Toccoa, GA, and Faith Lutheran Church, Marietta, GA. He served many years on the District Board of Directors, first as a representative and then as Vice President of Georgia.

Walton was elected President of the Florida-Georgia District in 2009, and has focused on equipping, empowering, and engaging, connecting people to Jesus. He was re-elected by acclamation to a second and third term, and recently re-elected to a fourth and final term in June 2018.

He and his lovely wife, Edith, a public-school teacher, have been married for over 35 years and have two sons, Alex and Tim. Alex and his wife, Angie, are parents of Noelle, Zachary, and Fletcher. Tim and his wife, Megan, are parents of Fisher and Elsie.



### 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

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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 two-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. Delegates may use the Convention APP on their cellular phones and other communication devices. Other forms of communication, whether verbal or text, are not to be accessed.
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 for each elected office prior to the published deadline for submission of names (December 18, 2021) will be eligible for nomination from the floor for that specific office. At the time of nomination, completed consent and biographical data forms must be submitted to the Secretary of the District.



## ELECTRONIC VOTING INFORMATION

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### **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 12.

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 12.

***(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.)***



**2022 SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT CONVENTION  
SLATE OF CANDIDATES**

**Board of Directors**

**President**

Rev. Dr. William Harmon

**Vice President – Northern Region**

Rev. Teka Fogi  
Rev. Dr. Lloyd D. Gaines  
Rev. Dr. David Maack  
Rev. Elliott Robertson

**Vice President – Central Region**

Rev. Dr. Matthew Bean  
Rev. Timothy Bohlmann  
Rev. Wayne Fredericksen

**Vice President – Southern Region**

Rev. David Ziehr

**Secretary**

Rev. Blaise Sedney  
Rev. David Maack

**Treasurer**

Mr. Ronald Adolphi  
Mr. Charles (Charlie) Raphael

**Commissioned Member – Board of Directors (Elect 2 – at least one must be a teacher (T))**

Mrs. Susan Maack  
DCE Paula Weiss

**Lay Member – Board of Directors (Elect 5)**

Mr. Ronald Bostick  
Mr. Joel Gast  
Dr. Endy Kidenwold  
Mr. Samuel Moore  
Mrs. Nancy Nolley  
Ms. Judy Olver  
Ms. Hillary Tew



## **District Nominating Committee**

### **Northern Region – Ordained Member**

Rev. David Nuss

### **Central Region – Commissioned Member**

DCE Randall Ronning

### **Southern Region – Lay**

Ms. Sarah J. Beyer



**The Rev. Dr. William A. Harmon**



**Congregational Membership:**

- King of Glory Lutheran Church and School, Williamsburg VA

**Education:**

- Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA: Doctor of Ministry: Leadership and Renewal: 2015 – 2020
- Lifeforming Coach: Leadership, Growth, and Life Coaching, 2016
- Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO: Master of Divinity: 1994 – 1998
- Vicarage: Hope Lutheran Church, Warren Michigan: 1996 – 1997
- Concordia College, New York: Bachelor of Arts (BA), Judeo-Christian Heritage: 1990 – 1994
- Baltimore Lutheran High School, Towson MD: 1986 – 1990

**Congregational Service:**

- King of Glory Lutheran Church, Senior Pastor and Executive Director: 2008 – Present
- Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Senior Pastor: 2002 – 2008
- Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Associate Pastor, Youth and Family Ministry: 1999 – 2002
- Community Lutheran Church, Associate Pastor, Family Ministry: 1998 – 1999

**District Service:**

- Southeastern District Vice President, Central Region: 2012 – Present
- Board of Directors: 2012 – Present
- Governance Committee: 2012 – Present
- Chair, Governance Committee: 2017 – Present
- Southeastern District Convention
  - o Mission Development Chair: 2022
  - o Floor Committee Chair: 2018
  - o Congregational Outreach Chair: 2015
  - o Chaplain: 2012
- Atlantic District
  - o Circuit Visitor: 2003-2008
  - o Synod Convention Delegate: 2004

**Other Service:**

- Facilitator, The Great Sending: 2021 – Present
- Chair, Care and Comfort Fund: Concordia, New York: 2019 – 2021
- Presenter, LCMS National Youth Gathering: 2013 and 2016
- Board of Directors, Williamsburg Community Faith in Action: 2008 – 2012



- Board of Directors, Lutheran Social Services of New York: 2006 – 2008
- Garden City Community Council: Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention: 2005 –2008
- Board of Directors, Long Island Lutheran Middle and High School: 2003 – 2008
- Garden City Clergy Fellowship: 1999 – 2008
  - o Co-Chair: 2001



## NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – VICE PRESIDENT, NORTHERN REGION

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### **The Rev. Teka Obsa Fogi**

#### **Congregational Membership**

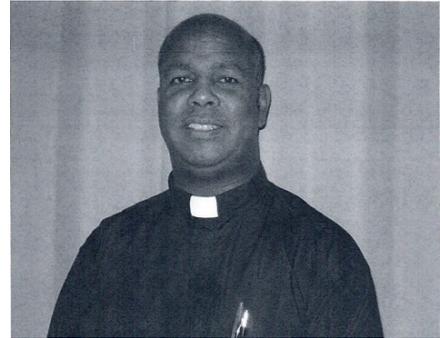
- Oromo Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church

#### **Education**

- Bachelor of Theology, Master of Theology, S.T.M.

#### **Congregational Service**

- Lay Evangelist and Church Planter Mekane Yesus Church
- Teacher of Theology in Mekane Yesus Seminary 1997 – 2001
- Author – *Controversy of Baptism in the Mekane Yesus* – Amharic



## NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – VICE PRESIDENT, NORTHERN REGION

### **The Rev. Dr. Lloyd D. Gaines Sr.**

#### **Congregational Membership:**

- Peace Lutheran Church, Washington DC

#### **Education:**

- Newburgh Theological Seminary, Doctor of Divinity, 2020
- Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO: Master of Divinity, 1984
- Concordia College, Bronxville NY: Bachelor of Arts

#### **Congregational Service:**

- Peace Lutheran Church, Senior Pastor: 2014-Present
- Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, Washington DC, Sole Pastor: 1988-1997
- St. Philips's Lutheran Church, Cleveland OH: 1984-1988

#### **District Service:**

- Southeastern District
  - o Vice President, Northern Region: 2018 – Present
  - o Board of Directors
  - o District Staff (Director of Multicultural Ministries)
  - o Mission and Ministry Facilitator: 1997 – 2013
  - o Circuit #8 Counselor: 1991 – 1997
  - o Coalition of Lutherans in Black Ministry (Member): 1973 – present

#### **Other Service:**

- Mission Planters' Institute (Dean): 2004 – 2006
- LCMS Black Clergy Caucus (Secretary): 2000 – 2003
- Camp Linn Haven (Dean): 1992 – 2003



## NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – VICE PRESIDENT, NORTHERN REGION

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### The Rev. Dr. David R. Maack



#### Congregational Membership:

- St. Paul's Evangelical 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

#### Ministry:

- Lutheran Mission Society of Maryland, Executive Director, 2005 – present
- Compassionate Grace Counseling Center, Executive Director, 2010 – present
- LINC Baltimore, Executive Director, 2009 – 2014
- Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Bordentown NJ, Vacancy Pastor, 2003 – 2005
- United States Air Force, Chaplain:
  - o McGuire AFB, New Jersey, 2003 – 2005
  - o Little Rock AFB, Arkansas, 2000 – 2003
  - o Deployed 3 tours during the Balkan Wars to Bosnia, Croatia & Macedonia  
Spangdahlem AB, Germany, 1996 – 2000
  - o Langley AFB, Virginia, 1993 – 1996
  - o Hickam AFB, Hawaii, 1990 – 1993
  - o Chanute AFB, Illinois, 1986 – 1990
- Christ Lutheran Church, Hillsboro TX, Pastor, 1983 – 1986
- Oregon State Penitentiary System, Salem OR, Chaplain, 1981 – 1982

#### SED & LCMS Service:

- First Vice President of the Southeastern District LCMS, 2012 – 2016
- Third Vice President of the Southeastern District LCMS, 2009 – 2012
- SED Circuit 4 Circuit Visitor 2016 – present
- Specialized Pastoral Ministry Committee Member 2014 – present
- LCMS Task Force on Domestic Violence and Child Abuse, Member, 2009 – 2011
- Lutheran Laymen's League District, Pastoral Advisor, 2006 – 2009
- SED Disaster Response Team, Member, 2006 – 2010
- LCMS Synodical Convention, Advisory Delegate, 2010, 2013, 2016, 2019
- LCMS Professional Church Worker Critical Incident Support Team, Member
- Lutheran Disaster Response, Member, 2006 – present
- Lutheran Services of America, Member, 2005 – present



## **Other:**

- Association of Lutheran Development Executives (ALDE), Member, 2005 – present
- Lutheran Services of America, Member, 2005 – 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 program, 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



## NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – VICE PRESIDENT, NORTHERN REGION

### **The Rev. Elliott M. Robertson**

#### **Congregational Membership:**

- St. James Ev. Lutheran Church, Overlea, Member
- **Divine Call:** Martini Lutheran Church, Baltimore, Pastor

#### **Education:**

- B.A. The King's College, Briarcliff Manor, NY 1981
- M.Div. Concordia Theological Seminary, 1985



#### **Congregational Service:**

- Martini Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD 1997 – present
- Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cary, NC 1992 – 1997
- Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Chenango Bridge, NY (Eastern District) 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 – 2018); St. Thomas Evangelical Lutheran Church, Baltimore MD (2019 – present)]



## NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – VICE PRESIDENT, CENTRAL REGION

### **The Rev. Dr. Matthew D. Bean**

#### **Congregational Membership:**

- Redeemer Lutheran Church, North Chesterfield, Virginia

#### **Education:**

- Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO: Doctor of Divinity: 2009
- Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO: Master of Divinity: 2000
- Concordia University, Chicago, IL: Bachelor of Music Education: 1993



#### **Congregational Service:**

- Senior Pastor, Redeemer Lutheran Church, North Chesterfield, Virginia (2010-present)
- Assistant Pastor, Redeemer Lutheran Church, North Chesterfield, Virginia (2000-2010)

#### **District Service:**

- Professional Church Worker Conference Planning Committee, Chairman (2004-2008)
- Circuit Visitor, Circuit 10 (2009-present)
- Finance & Stewardship Floor Committee, SED District Convention (2009)
- Delegate to LCMS Convention (2019, 2016, 2013)

#### **Other Service:**

- C-10 Coalition of Greater Richmond Lutheran Churches, Board Member (2019-present)
- WellSpring, Steering Committee Member (2014-2015)
- Author, Concordia Pulpit Resources (September 2003; October 2014)
- Author, *Leading Leaders: A Guide for Small Group Leaders and their Coaches* (2000)
- Presenter, *Effective Congregational Leadership*; C-10 Video Series (2022)
- Presenter, *Equipped for Service*; Circuit 10 Leadership Conference (2016)
- Presenter, *Eating Elephants: Creating an Evangelistic Culture...One Bite at a Time*; Circuit 10 Ablaze! Mission Conference (2012)
- Presenter, LCEF Mission Partner Conference (2008)



## NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – VICE PRESIDENT, CENTRAL REGION

### **The Rev. Timothy P. Bohlmann**

#### **Congregational Membership:**

- Bethany-Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fishersville, VA

#### **Education:**

- University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa
- Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, Bachelor of Arts
- Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, Master of Divinity



#### **Congregational Service:**

- Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Elmore, Ohio, LCMS (1992-1997)
- Pastor/Church Planter, Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Beavercreek, Ohio, LCMS (1997-2002)
- Pastor/Church Planter, Greenwood Lutheran Mission, Greenwood, South Carolina, LCMS (2003- 2005)
- Pastor, Bethany Lutheran Church, Fishersville, Virginia, LCMS (2005 – Present)

#### **District Service:**

- Bowling Green University Campus Ministry Board Member/Chairman,
- Bowling Green University, Bowling Green, Ohio, LCMS
- Toledo LWML Advisor, Ohio District, LCMS
- Ohio District, LCMS, Convention Nominations Committee Member
- Ohio District, LCMS, Convention Registration Committee Chairman
- Circuit Counselor (Visitor), Ohio District, LCMS
- Southeastern District, LCMS, Conference Planning Board Member/Chairman
- Spiritual Life Team Member, Southeastern District, LCMS
- Blue Ridge Circuit, Southeastern District, LCMS, Convention Delegate

#### **Other Service:**

- United States Naval Reserve Chaplain for Camp Lejeune, North Carolina
- Battalion Chaplain, 3rd Battalion, 25th Marines, Cleveland, Ohio (1989-1998)
- Billy Graham Association Donor Ministries Representative with Radio
- Ministry, Black Mountain, North Carolina (2003 -2005)
- Volunteer Chaplain, Fishburne Military School, Waynesboro, Virginia (2005-present)
- Volunteer Chaplain, Augusta County Fire and Rescue, Company 10, Staunton, VA (2009-2019)
- ComfortCare Women's Health Board Member/ Chairman, Staunton, Virginia (2010-2019)
- Southeastern District, LCMS, Nominations Committee Member (2022)



## NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – VICE PRESIDENT, CENTRAL REGION

### **Rev. Wayne Fredericksen**



#### **Congregational Membership:**

- Our Savior Lutheran Church & School, Arlington, VA 22204

#### **Education:**

- B.A. Concordia College-New York, Bronxville, NY, 1984
- M.Div. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, 1991

#### **Congregational Service:**

- Teacher & Youth Director, St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School, Yonkers, NY 1984-1987
- Associate Pastor, St. Luke Lutheran Church & School, Cabot, PA 1991-1994
- Sole Pastor, Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Mt. Pocono, PA 1994-1998
- Sole Pastor, Zion Lutheran Church & School, Wilton, IA 1999-2006
- Sr. Pastor, Our Savior Lutheran Church & School, Arlington, VA 2006 - present

#### **District Service:**

- Southeastern District Floor Committee, 2018
- Southeastern District Scholarship Committee member
- Southeastern District "Giving Tuesday" Presentation Team participant, multiple years
- Youth Committee, Iowa District East, member, and chair, 2000-2005
- Iowa District East Confirmation Retreat Leader, Circuit Visitor, Iowa District East, 2005-2006.
- Atlantic District Nominating Committee, 1985
- Eastern District Nominating Committee, 1993

#### **Other Service:**

- Lutheran Youth Encounter, Quake/Construction Zone Workshop Presenter, various years
- Pittsburgh Regional Sunday School Workshop Planning Team, 1991-1993



## NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – VICE PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN REGION

### **The Rev. David Ziehr**

#### **Congregational Membership:**

- St. Stephens Lutheran, Hickory NC

#### **Education:**

- University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL –B.S. in Counseling 1988
- Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO – M.Div. 1992

#### **Congregational Service:**

- Concordia Lutheran Church, Sarasota, FL 1992– 1995
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Gardendale, AL 1995 – 2000
- St. Paul Lutheran Church, Caledonia, MI 2000 – 2005
- St. Stephens Lutheran Church, Hickory NC 2005 – present

#### **District Service:**

- District Reconciler, 2012 – present
- Circuit Visitor, 2018 – present

#### **Other Service:**

- Certified Christian Conciliator with Peacemaker Ministries



## NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – SECRETARY

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### **The Rev. Blaise C. Sedney**

#### **Congregational Membership**

- St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Bel Air MD

#### **Education**

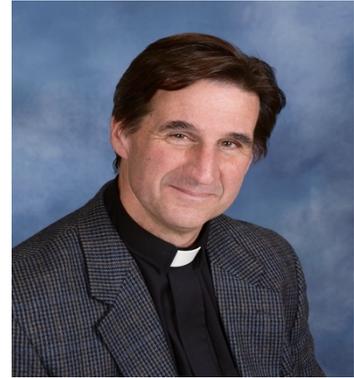
- Towson University, Bachelor of Science
- Loyola College, Master of Science
- Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO (DELTO program)

#### **Congregational Service**

- St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Bel Air MD

#### **Other Service**

- HARCO Credit Union – Chairman of the Board
- John Carroll School – Board Member and Treasurer



2004-Present

1998 – Present

2010 – 2020



## NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – SECRETARY

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- Foreign Mission Work, Bratislava, Slovak Republic, 1997
- Haitian/Cuban Refugee Crisis, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, 1994
- Hurricane Iniki Relief, Hawaii, 1992



## NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – TREASURER

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### Ronald L. Adolphi, Ph.D.

#### Congregational Membership:

- King of Glory Lutheran Church and School, Williamsburg VA

#### Education:

- BABA (Finance), University of Washington; Seattle WA
- Ed.M. (School Administration); Butler University; Indianapolis IN
- MBA (Army Comptrollership); Syracuse University; Syracuse NY
- Ph.D. (Management); California Coast University; Santa Ana CA
- Diploma, Industrial College of the Armed Forces; Washington DC



#### Employment:

- Finance Corps, United States Army and Army Reserve: 30-year career culminating in service as a Colonel (O-6) in command and then as Staff Advisor, Office of Inspector General, DoD, 1968 – 1998
- Federal Civil Service: Retired from the Federal Senior Executive Service (SES) as Director for Finance and Management Policy, Office of Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), 1990 – 2002
- PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP: Director, Washington Federal Practice, 2003 – 2008
- CALIBRE Systems, Inc.: Technical Director, Financial Management, 2008 – 2013
- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans: Financial Representative, Williamsburg VA, 2015 – 2019

#### Congregational Service:

- St. John's Lutheran Church, Franconia, Virginia
  - o Treasurer, 1978 – 1980; Financial Secretary, 1980 – 1981
  - o Vice President, 1982 – 1984
  - o President, 1984 – 1986
  - o Comptroller, 1986 – 1989; Minister of Financial Resources, 1994-1997
  - o Member, Long-Range Planning Committee, 1992 – 2006
  - o Chartered Organization Representative, Pack 867 and Troop 1107, 1998 – 2011
  - o Lay Minister 1987 – 2012
  - o Senior Choir Member, 1976 – 2013

#### District Service:

- King of Glory Lutheran Church, Williamsburg, Virginia
  - o Adult Choir, 2013 – Present
  - o Endowment Committee, 2014 – 2020
  - o Worship Assistant, 2015 – 2019
  - o Commissioned Lay Deacon, 2019 – Present



## **Other Service:**

- American Society of Military Comptrollers
- Chair, Editorial Board, Armed Forces Comptroller journal. 2000 – 2014
- Army Reserve Ambassadors Association of the United States, Inc.; Treasurer; 2013 – 2017
  
- Boy Scouts of America (BSA)
  - o Member, National Protestant Committee on Scouting, 1981 – 1990
  - o Member, National Religious Relationships Committee (NRRC), 1990 – Present
  - o Chair, NRRC Literature Development & Review Subcommittee, 2000 – 2017
  - o Member, 2017 – Present
  - o Second Century Society Major Market Chair-BSA National Foundation, 2012 – 2014
  - o National Capital Area Council, BSA; Chair, Endowment Committee, 2007 – 2014
  - o Member, Advisory Council, 2011-2015; Honorary Council. 2015 – Present
  - o Colonial Virginia Council, BSA, Executive Board Member and Endowment Chair, 2018 – Present
  
- First Night of Williamsburg, Inc. 2014 – 2019
  - o Vice President for Marketing and Communications, 2014 – 2015
  - o Treasurer, 2015 – 2019
  
- Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg, Inc.
  - o Board of Directors, 2015 – 2017
  - o Chartered Organization Representative, Pack & Troop 1607, 2017 – 2019
  - o Board of Directors, Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg Foundation, 2017 – Present
  
- National Lutheran Association on Scouting, Inc. (NLAS)
  - o Incorporator and Initial National President, 1980 – 1982
  - o Northeast Region Chairman, 1983 – 1984
  - o National Secretary, 1984 – 1986
  - o National Parliamentarian, 1987 – 1993; 2016 – Present
  - o National Publications Chairman, 1987 – 1996
  - o National Chairman, Constitution Committee, 1993 – 1996
  - o National Treasurer and Chairman, Finance Committee, 1996 – 2015
  
- Virginia Symphony Society
  - o Board of Directors, 2015 – Present
  - o Treasurer, 2018 – Present



## NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – TREASURER

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### Mr. Charles G. Raphael

#### Congregational Membership:

- King of Glory Lutheran Church & School, Williamsburg, VA

#### Education:

- Albion College, Bachelor of Arts in Economics

#### Employment:

- Executive Vice President, Bank One Corp. Retail Banking Group (1998 – 2000)
- Senior Vice President Retail Banking Group, First Chicago NBD Corp (1995 – 1998)
- NBD Bancorp: Executive Head, Electronic Banking Group (1987 – 1995)
- Corporate Banking Group Head, Corporate Cash Management Group (1981 – 1987)
- Vice President and Assistant Comptroller (1978 – 1981)
- College of William & Mary, Raymond A. Mason School of Business: Adjunct Professor, MBA Program-- Leadership Development Experience



#### Congregational Service:

- Council Chair 2016 – 2020
- Council Vice Chair 2014 – 2016
- Chair, \$11.2 million “Building the Vision Together” Capital Campaign 2018 – 2022
- Chair, \$3.5 million “Making More Room” Capital Campaign 2013 – 2016
- Homeless Shelter Leadership Team/Volunteer
- Vacation Bible School Crew Leader
- Sunday School teacher
- LCEF SED Loan Committee 2018 – present

#### Other Service:

- Board of Trustees, Albion College
- Board of Trustees, Anatolia Schools, Thessaloniki, Greece: Executive Committee and Chair, Institutional Advancement Committee
- President, Board of Governors, Two Rivers Country Club
- Treasurer, Two Rivers Country Club
- College of William & Mary Raymond A. Mason School of Business: Executive Partner Leadership Team, Leadership Development Experience; Executive Partner volunteer



## NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – COMMISSIONED MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **Ms. Susan Maack**

#### **Congregational Membership:**

- St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Glen Burnie, MD

#### **Education:**

- M.Ed. Elementary Education, University of Illinois, Urbana IL
- B.A. Education (Elementary) Concordia College, Bronxville NY

#### **Congregational Service:**

- Teacher, St. Paul's
- Music Teacher, St. Martin's Lutheran, Annapolis MD
- Choir Member, Choir Director, Handbell Director
- Christmas programs, Easter Cantatas, Choir Member
- Sunday School Teacher



(2014 – present)  
(2005 – 2014)  
(various times)  
(various times)  
(various times)

#### **District Service:**

- Southeastern District Board of Directors
- Musician, SED Pastor's Wives Retreats

(2018 – present)

#### **Other Service:**

- Officer Wives Club – Secretary
- Protestant Women of the Chapel various roles

(2003 – 2005)  
(1987 – 2005)



## NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – COMMISSIONED MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### DCE Paula Weiss

#### Congregational Membership:

- Messiah Lutheran Church, Charlotte, NC

#### Education:

- BA Concordia/ St. Paul/ DCE Certification
- MS Concordia/ Seward/Family Life Science

#### Congregational Service:

- St. John's, Scottsbluff NE 1982 – 1983
- Zion, Manning IA 1984 – 1996
- Zion, Alexander AR 1996 – 2006
- Messiah, Charlotte NC 2006 – present

#### District Service:

- Programming Committee 2008 – 2011
- District Board of Directors 2014 – present
- Floor Committee for convention 2015
- District Call Committee for Mission Facilitator 2018
- District Task Force 2016
- Evaluation Committee 2018 – present

#### Other Service:

- Leadership Training Facilitator – KINDLE 2016 – 2018



## NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – LAY MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **Mr. Ronald Bostick**



#### **Congregational Membership:**

- Resurrection Lutheran, Cary, NC

#### **Education:**

- Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
- Master's in Computer Science

#### **Congregational Service:**

- Stephen Ministry Leader (1999 - 2022)
- IBM Programmer (1969 - 2001)
- Chairperson on Committee to Plant Jordan Lutheran (2003)
- Team Leader for Uganda Mission Trips (2010 - 2016)
- LHM Ambassador (2018)
- PLI Immersion (2015 - 2017)
- NC National Guard (1969 -1990)

#### **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 (2013-2021)
- Team Leader for 3 Peru SED Mission Teams (2013-2015)
- Circuit Mission Advocate (2001-2012)
- SED BOD Member (2018-2022)

#### **Other Service:**

- On-Call Chaplain at Local Hospital (2010-2022)
- Triangle Area Stephen Ministry Network ([www.tasmnet.org](http://www.tasmnet.org)) Coordinator (2005-2022)



## NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – LAY MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **Mr. Joel Gast**

#### **Congregational Membership:**

- Lutheran Church of St. Andrew (Silver Spring, MD)

#### **Education:**

- Bachelor of Science – Bridgewater College

#### **Employment:**

- Fiscal Specialist at Howard County Government      2018 – Present
- Budget Analyst at Johns Hopkins University      2016 – 2018
- Accountant at Hymes & Associates, CPA, P.C.      2013 – 2016
- Staff Accountant at Concordia College (NY)      2011 – 2013



#### **Congregational Service:**

- Lutheran Church of St. Andrew: Children's Ministry Volunteer      2019 – Present
- Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church (Bronx, NY)  
    Reader and Communion Assistant      2013 – 2016

#### **Other Service:**

- Lutheran Schools Association (NY) – Treasurer, (Atlantic District) 2015 – 2018



## **NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – LAY MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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### **Dr. Endy Kidanewold**

#### **Congregational Membership:**

- Ethiopian Evangelical Mekane Yesus Lutheran, Cary, NC

#### **Education:**

- BA, Bth/BD, MA Psy D

#### **Congregational Service:**

- Elder

#### **District Service:**

- Southeastern Board of Directors, Lay Member 2020 – Present

#### **Other Service:**

- Board Member in the Ethiopian Evangelical Mekane Yesus Lutheran Fellowship in North America 2005 – 2013
- Board Chairman 2018 – 2021



## NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – LAY MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **Mr. Samuel Moore**

#### **Congregational Membership:**

- Center Grove Lutheran Church, Kannapolis NC

#### **Education:**

- Sun Valley High School, Monroe, NC
- Appalachian State University, Boone NC

#### **Employment:**

- Teacher, Charlotte/Mecklenburg Board of Education Charlotte, NC (1973-1995)
- President, Speedwash Inc, Chain of Self-Service Laundries, Kannapolis, NC
- President, Bavarian Motors of Charlotte, NC
- Independent North Carolina Automobile Dealership Providing Sales and Service for BMW and Volvo Automobiles, Kannapolis, NC

#### **Congregational Service:**

- Ascension Lutheran Church, Charlotte NC
- Lay Minister, Choir Member, Sunday School Teacher, Chairman Board of Finance (1989 – 1999)
- Point of Grace Lutheran Church, Cornelius NC, Church Council (2004-2009)
- Center Grove Lutheran Church Council President, Elder, Worship Committee (2013 – Present)

#### **Other Service:**

- Central Carolinas Region Sports Car Club of America (1990 – 1997)
- Board of Directors, Assistant Regional Executive Kannapolis Rotary Club (1994 – Present)
- Board of Directors, Rotary Foundation Chairman Ford Consumer Appeals Board (1985 – 1990)
- Tech Advisor, Consumer Advocate Sports Car Club of America Nationally Licensed Technical Inspector (2010 – Present)



## NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – LAY MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **Ms. Nancy W. Nolley**

#### **Congregational Membership:**

- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Charlotte, NC

#### **Education:**

- Computer Science, Investment-Series 6.63, Stephen Ministry
- Communications and Technology.

#### **Employment:**

- Employed – Thrivent Financial

#### **Congregational Service:**

- Elder
- Christian Education
- Property Trustee
- Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML)

#### **District Service:**

- Board of Directors, Lay Member, Finance Committee

#### **Other Service:**

- Bible Study Fellowship Leader
- LWML – Zone Officer
- Roof Above – Volunteer Member (Ministry to Homeless)



## NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – LAY MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **Ms. Judith Olver**

#### **Congregational Membership:**

- King of Glory Lutheran Church, Williamsburg VA

#### **Education:**

- Studied theology at Concordia and Valparaiso before graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree from The College of William and Mary with a double major in education and theology.



#### **Congregational Service:**

- Judy served as one of the first teachers at King of Glory's preschool for 17 years. In her time as a teacher, Judy led Bible Story Time for the children, and each year at least one family from her class joined the King of Glory family.
- As a Charter Member of King of Glory, Judy has served on Church Council, taught Sunday school, served as president of LWML at the church and Zone level, and help lead youth to two National Youth Gatherings. Beginning in 2002, Judy was part of and/or led mission trips to a variety of places. The first was 5 consecutive years to Faith Lutheran in Juneau, Alaska, helping lead VBS. Other mission trips include Matamoros, Mexico, Florida disaster relief, Cambridge MD, and Nyirtelek, Hungary working with the gypsy population. Currently her other church activities include co-leading youth group for K-4<sup>th</sup> children, teaching a weekly Women's Bible Study, a lay reader, and taking part in the meal ministry.

#### **District Service:**

- Corresponding Secretary of the Chesapeake District LWML (2002 – 2006)
- MALIM – Mid-Atlantic Lutherans in Mission

#### **Other Service:**

- Preparing breakfast for Williamsburg's Winter Shelter



## NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – LAY MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **Ms. Hilary Tew**

#### **Congregational Membership:**

- Hope Lutheran Church, Wake Forest, NC

#### **Education:**

- Bachelor of Arts – Spanish Language and Literature

#### **Congregational Service:**

- Operations Manager, Hope Lutheran Church, 2018 – present
- Disaster Response Volunteer, Hope Lutheran Church, 2018 – present
- Spanish Teacher, Hope Lutheran Church, 2020-present
- Mission Trip Leader (multiple), Hope Lutheran Church, 2019 – present

#### **District Service:**

- Disaster Relief Volunteer 2018 – present
- Volunteer- District Disaster Management Team, 2019 – present

#### **Other Service:**

- Treasurer, Lutheran Servants for Christ Disaster Response Organization, 2020 – present



## NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – DISTRICT NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (ORD – NORTH)

### **The Rev. David F. Nuss**

#### **Congregational Membership:**

- Christ Lutheran Church, Seaford, Delaware

#### **Education:**

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

#### **District Service:**

- Circuit Visitor (2015 – Present)



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – DISTRICT NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (COMM – CENTRAL)

**DCE Randall L. Ronning**

**Congregational Membership:**

- Trinity Lutheran Church, Richmond VA

**Education:**

- Bachelor of Science in Education with DCE Certification, Concordia Seward, NE
- Master of Science in Family Life Education, Concordia, Seward NE



**Congregational Service:**

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|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| - Trinity Lutheran, Richmond VA     | 1983 – 1989    |
| - Our Savior Lutheran, Nashville TN | 1989 – 1997    |
| - Faith Lutheran, Columbus IN       | 1997 – 2000    |
| - Trinity Lutheran, Henrico VA      | 2000 – present |

**Other Service:**

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| - LCMS National Servant Event Committee | 2012 – Present |
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## NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – DISTRICT NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (LAY – SOUTH)

### **Ms. Sarah J. Beyer**

#### **Congregational Membership:**

- Holy Cross, Clayton, NC

#### **Education:**

- B.S. – Interior Design, East Carolina University, 2020
- MBA – East Carolina University, 2021



#### **Employment:**

- Interior Designer – Office Revolution, Raleigh NC (2020-present)

#### **Congregational Service:**

- Lay Delegate – SED Convention, 2022

#### **Other Service:**

- National Youth Gathering, Young Adult Volunteer



## **HONORED GUESTS AND PARTICIPANTS**

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### **President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

The Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison  
St. Louis, Missouri

### **Fifth Vice President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

The Rev. Christopher S. Esget  
Alexandria, Virginia

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The Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer  
St. Louis MO

The Rev. Dr. Jon Diefenthaler  
Annapolis MD

### **Southeastern District President 1994-1997 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

The Rev. Dr. Roy A. Maack  
Oviedo, Florida

### **Southeastern District President 2003-2012 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

The Rev. Dr. Jon T. Diefenthaler and Ethel Bilderback  
Annapolis, Maryland

### **Southeastern District President 2012 – Present The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

The Rev. Dr. John R. Denninger and Mrs. Connie Denninger  
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Ms. Shelia Edwards  
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Mr. Marvin Wingate  
King of Glory, Williamsburg VA

The Rev. Ralph Wiechmann  
Our Savior's Way, Ashburn VA



## **Special Honorees**

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Mr. Craig Greene, Hope, Manassas VA  
Ms. Jennifer Gross, Prince of Peace, Springfield VA  
Mrs. Beverly Hudgins, Grace, Durham NC  
Mr. Kirk Hymes, Southeastern District, Alexandria VA  
Ms. Kim Kaylor, Bethel, Claremont NC  
Mr. Gerald Lee, Chesapeake Community of Hope, Chesapeake VA  
Mr. John Letterman, Augustana, Hickory NC  
Mr. Peter Ligman, King of Glory, Williamsburg VA  
Mrs. Donna Lippitt, Crosswalk, Columbia MD  
Mr. Shawn Mitchell, Augustana, Hickory NC  
Mr. Tad Nickerson, Chesapeake Community of Hope, Chesapeake VA  
Mr. Michael Olin, Resurrection, Newport News VA  
Mr. Bradley Page, Trinity, Ashland Campus, Richmond VA  
Mr. Tim Phanco, Risen Christ, Myrtle Beach SC  
Mr. Chris Schreiner, King of Glory, Williamsburg VA  
Mr. Dan Scungio, King of Glory, Williamsburg VA  
Mrs. Linda VanDyke, Our Savior's Way, Ashburn VA

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Rev. Dr. Jerry Kieschnick, Georgetown TX

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Rev. Michael Hayes  
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Grace Lutheran Church, Concord NC  
Rev. Don Anthony

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Midlothian VA  
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Rev. Dr. Roy Minnix, III	Trinity Lutheran Church	Richmond VA
Mrs. Donna Roye	Grace Lutheran Church	Chester VA

### **Floor Committee Chair**

The Rev. Meehan, John S.	St. John's Lutheran Church	Alexandria, VA
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### **Mission Development (01)**

Beyer, Sarah	Holy Cross Lutheran Church	Clayton, NC
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Carlin, Joe	Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church	Ashburn, VA
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Hymes, Kirk	Southeastern District	Alexandria, VA
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Sedney, Blaise C.	St. Matthew Lutheran Church	Bel Air, MD

### **Bylaws (04)**

Coyle, Robert	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church	Springfield, VA
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Hiller, Sally J.	Southeastern District	Alexandria, VA
Jagow, Andrew W.	Bethany Lutheran Church	Alexandria, VA
Nolley, Nancy	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church	Charlotte, NC
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### **Theology and Practice (05)**

Beyer, William D.	Holy Cross Lutheran Church	Clayton, NC
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### **Nominations and Elections (06)**

Bohlmann, Timothy P.	Bethany-Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church	Fishersville, VA
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### The Rev. Dr. William A. Harmon



#### **Immeasurably More**

The early church in Acts was small, outcast, and faced persecution in a society that rejected its witness. Yet, the Church found hope in community, purpose in witness, and strength through a God who enabled them to do immeasurably more than they could ask or imagine.

Martin Luther stood before the Holy Roman Emperor rejected, an outlaw, and forced into hiding. Yet, he found hope in God's Word, purpose in the conviction of grace, and the strength to persevere, through a God who enabled him to do immeasurably more than he could ask or imagine.

Immigrants coming into the District over the years of our history and into the present have come with all that they had in their hands, speaking different languages and wondering what would become of them in their new home. Yet they found hope through the welcome of the church, purpose in living out their faith through vocation, and the strength to succeed through a God who enabled them to do immeasurably more than they could ask or imagine.

Today, we are faced with the notion that somehow division is acceptable, decline is the future, hatred is the norm, and fatigue is the way. And yet we find hope in the witness of the early church, purpose in the truths laid before us by Luther and the Confessors, inspiration from the generations of people who have come into our District, and strength through a God who gifts us with Word and Sacrament and enables us to do immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine.

We are resurrection people, baptized in the waters of grace, empowered by the Holy Spirit. We have received and we preach Jesus Christ and His transformational love in a world of hate (I John 4). We seek a united purpose in a time of division (2 Corinthians 13:11). As the voices of decline increase, we proclaim growth through the power and the presence of the Spirit of the living God (Romans 8). In our fatigue, we cling to the promises of God to be our rock and our fortress (2 Corinthians 12: 10).

God will do immeasurably more as our churches, schools, and service organizations find renewed purpose in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God will do immeasurably more as we take on a missionary mindset supporting established churches and seeking new ways to launch faith communities. God will do immeasurably more in our cities, in our suburbs, in our rural areas, as we love our neighbors and give witness to the Light that is in us. God will do immeasurably more through digital platforms as we set the path for community and witness online and in person. God will do immeasurably more as we



celebrate the uniqueness of every worker, every mission station, every vocation, every member of our communities, lifting each other up and supporting the call to go to the ends of the earth with the joy of the Gospel.

As we prepare to enter this new season, let our focus be this prayer: *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21 NIV*

