

# Greater Milwaukee Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Dear Greater Milwaukee Synod Pastors,

As we approach the Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly in May, the GMS Nominating Committee has begun its work to identify individuals willing to serve. We ask that you include the following information in your March Newsletter (printed and electronic); and share the information in your weekly printed & verbal announcements during March.

### **March Newsletter Heading: Greater Milwaukee Synod Needs Your Nominations**

The Greater Milwaukee Synod is seeking individuals, both lay and clergy, to serve on the Synod Council and Consultation Committee. **The deadline to submit nominations is Monday, April 1.** Elections will be held during the 2013 Synod Assembly in May. If you or someone in your congregation likes working with the big picture, please consider these wonderful opportunities to serve in meaningful ways.

### **Three Open Positions**

#### **Synod Council Vice-President - Lay - Male or Female**

The synod's constitution lays out the council's role and responsibilities in great detail, but the most important considerations for those thinking of serving are that the council generally meets six times a year, with special meetings possible; that it serves as the board of directors for the synod with wide latitude for decision-making between sessions of the synod assembly; and that terms of service on the council are four years, with a second term possible. This position serves through August 2017 (one opening)

#### **Consultation Committee - Clergy- Male or Female**

This is an abridged description of the Consultation Committee, whose full charge is spelled out in both the synod and ELCA constitutions. Its essential duties are:

“When there is disagreement among factions within a congregation on a substantive issue that cannot be resolved by the parties, members of a congregation shall have access to the synodical bishop for consultation after informing the chair of the Congregation Council of their intent. If the consultation fails to resolve the issue(s), the Consultation Committee of this synod shall consider the matter. If the Consultation Committee of this synod shall fail to resolve the issue(s), the matter shall be referred to the Synod Council, whose decision shall be final.”

Consultation Committee duties will be expanded following the 2013 Churchwide Assembly to include work to address cases of discipline within congregations. Terms of service on the Consultation Committee are six years, beginning on September 1<sup>st</sup> following the election, and are not renewable. There are twelve members of this committee, half clergy and half lay. These positions serve through August 2019 (two openings).

#### **To Submit Nominations**

Any member of a member church of the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA who is interested in serving should submit a nomination form to Mary Romskog at the synod office no later than **Monday, April 1 (2013)**. Email: [mary.romskog@milwaukeesynod.org](mailto:mary.romskog@milwaukeesynod.org) or call: 414-671-1212

Nomination forms can be obtained by visiting the synod website or contacting Mary Romskog at the synod office.

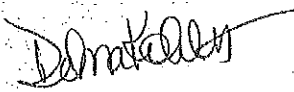
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#### **March Weekly Printed & Verbal Announcements Heading: Our Synod Needs Your Nominations**

The Greater Milwaukee Synod is seeking lay individuals willing to serve as Synod Council Vice President; and two clergy to serve on the Consultation Committee. Details are available in our March Newsletter. **Deadline to submit nominations is Monday, April 1 (2013)**. Elections will be held during the 2013 Synod Assembly in May. If you or someone in your congregation likes working with the big picture, please consider these wonderful opportunities to serve in meaningful ways. For nomination forms or more information contact Mary Romskog at the synod office (email: [mary.romskog@milwaukeesynod.org](mailto:mary.romskog@milwaukeesynod.org) or 414-671-1212) or Nominating Committee Chairperson Deb Kohler (email: [debrakohler@yahoo.com](mailto:debrakohler@yahoo.com) or 262-844-6155)

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Thank you in advance for your consideration and prayers,



Deb Kohler  
Chair, Greater Milwaukee Synod Nominating Committee  
262-844-6155 or email: [debrakohler@yahoo.com](mailto:debrakohler@yahoo.com)



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**Greater Milwaukee Synod – 2013 Nomination Form**

*Please TYPE or PRINT CLEARLY*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position being nominated for \_\_\_\_\_

Member of (congregation name and city) \_\_\_\_\_

Cluster name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Street City State Zip*

Phone - Work (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home or Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ First language, if other than English \_\_\_\_\_

Please check as appropriate:

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Female           | <input type="checkbox"/> Male            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy           | <input type="checkbox"/> Lay             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American  | <input type="checkbox"/> European American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Latino American  | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American |  |

Current Position - Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Education or other experience \_\_\_\_\_

List three significant church-service positions, with dates

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

List three significant community-service positions, with dates

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to serve if elected? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return completed form promptly to Mary Romskog at:**

Email: [mary.romskog@milwaukeesynod.org](mailto:mary.romskog@milwaukeesynod.org)

Fax: 414-671-1756

Mail: Greater Milwaukee Synod, 1212 S Layton Blvd Milwaukee WI 53215

Please direct questions to Mary Romskog (414-671-1212) or Deb Kohler (262-844-6155)

## **Greater Milwaukee Synod Cluster & Council Designated Candidate Openings - 2013**

In addition to Nominating Committee Designated Candidates for Synod Vice-President - Lay Male of Female and two openings for Consultation Committee - Clergy, there are several **Cluster Designated Candidate** openings. Please contact your cluster's dean for more information:

### **Synod Council - one opening each serving through August 2017:**

- Kenosha / West Racine - **Lay Female**  
Cluster Dean Rev. John Bischoff - Grace Lutheran Church Kenosha
- Milwaukee Cluster 1 - **Lay Female**  
Cluster Dean Rhonda Hill - Synod Office (temporary)
- Milwaukee Cluster 2 - **Clergy**  
Cluster Dean Rev. Rev Gail Rautman - The Village Church of Milwaukee
- Northern Lakeshore Cluster - **Lay Male**  
Cluster Dean Rev. Jay McDivitt - Grace Lutheran Church Thiensville  
Cluster Dean Rev. John Norquist - Faith Lutheran Church Cedarberg
- Northwest Cluster - **Clergy**  
Cluster Dean Rev. Matthew Short - St. Luke Lutheran Church Slinger
- Racine Cluster - **Lay Female**  
Cluster Dean Rev. Dana O'Brien - Atonement Lutheran Church Racine

### **Nominating Committee - one opening each serving full term through 2016 Assembly:**

- Kenosha / West Racine - **Lay Female**  
Cluster Dean Rev. John Bischoff - Grace Lutheran Church Kenosha
- Milwaukee Cluster 3 - **Clergy**  
Cluster Dean Rev. Fred-Thomas-Breitfeld - Jackson Park Lutheran Church Milwaukee
- Northwest Cluster - **Lay Male**  
Cluster Dean Rev. Matthew Short - St. Luke Lutheran Church Slinger

### **Nominating Committee - one opening each serving partial term:**

- Milwaukee Cluster 4 - **Lay Male** - serving through 2014 Synod Assembly  
Cluster Dean Rev. Ari Mattson - Martin Luther Lutheran Church Milwaukee
- Waukesha Cluster - **Clergy** - serving through 2015 Synod Assembly  
Cluster Dean Rev. John Horner-Ibler - Cross of Life Lutheran Church Brookfield

The Synod Council is seeking your input and recommendations for the following **Synod Council Designated Candidates**. For more information contact Synod Secretary Matthew Brockmeier at 920-254-0408 or email: [brockmeier.gms@gmail.com](mailto:brockmeier.gms@gmail.com)

- Treasurer - **Lay or Clergy** -one opening serving full term through August 2017
- Nominating Committee - **Lay Male** - one opening serving full term through 2016 Synod Assembly
- Nominating Committee - **Clergy** - one opening serving partial term through 2014 Synod Assembly

The **Synod Council**, in cooperation with **Youth and Family Ministry**, is also seeking recommendations for Youth and Young Adult representatives to the Synod Council. For more information contact Director of Youth & Family Ministry Kate Mattson at 414-671-1212 or email: [kate@milwaukeeesynd.org](mailto:kate@milwaukeeesynd.org)

- Youth Representative - **Under Age 18** - one opening serving partial term through August 2015
- Young Adult Representative - **Aged 18 to 30** - one opening serving full term through August 2017