

Churchwide Assembly

The nominees listed below were received by the March 22, 2024, deadline. Nominations received after this date are floor nominations and will be available on Saturday morning, May 18, 2024, after floor nominations close. Conference nominees will be added to this document as they are received.

At Large - Lay Female – vote for one

Name: Maryann Galicia

Congregation: Lutheran Church of the Great Spirit, Milwaukee

Racial/Ethnic Group: Native American; Mexican Indigenous

Current Employment: N/A

Education or other experience: College

Church Service:

Community Service:

Name: Linda Grosser (she/her)

Congregation: St. John's, Jackson

Racial/Ethnic Group: European American

Current Employment: Retired

Education or other experience: Business Administration

Church Service: Synod Council/Executive Committee/Compensation Guidelines Task Force – current; Church council president, Mt. Cross Lutheran, Payson AZ 2011-2016; Building committee co-chair & project manager Mt. Cross Lutheran, Payson AZ 2006-2015

Community Service: Program tutor for K5-5th grade Mt. Cross Lutheran outreach program, Payson AZ 2012-2016; Family Sharing intake coordinator prior to 2007; President for IFMA (International Facilities Management Association) 3 year term prior to 2007

Name: Tamara Woodbury (she/her)

Congregation: Trinity, South Milwaukee

Racial/Ethnic Group: European American

Current Employment: Vice President-Human Resources

Education or other experience: Masters of Business Administration, Bachelors in Elementary Education

Church Service: President, February 2024 to present; Vice President, February 2022-February 2024; Church Pianist/Praise Band/Bell Choir -2001-2023

Community Service: Non-profit Green Beret Community Marching Band, President, 2022-2023; National Association of African Americans in HR, Milwaukee Chapter, Member -2022-present

At Large – Lay Male – vote for one

Name: Todd Beutin (he/him/his)

Congregation: St. Luke, Greendale

Racial/Ethnic Group: European American

Current Employment: Retired

Education or other experience: BS Elementary Ed; MS Elementary Ed; diakonia training

Church Service: Synod Council member 2023-present; St. Luke church council secretary 2020-present; Bible-On-Tap leader 2019-present

Community Service: Pershing Elementary classroom volunteer; 2024 Junior Achievement volunteer 2020-2023

At Large – Rostered Minister – vote for one

Name: Rev. Jackie Cook (she/her)

Congregation: Christ the King, Delafield

Racial/Ethnic Group: European American

Current Employment: Pastor

Education or other experience: M.Div from Wartburg Seminary

Church Service: Dean of West Conference 2022 – present; Treasurer of Minnesota Valley Conference (SW MN Synod) African Partnership Committee approx. 2018 – 2021; Dean of Hector/Bufalo Lake Ministerial pastors in SW MN

Community Service: Delafield Chamber of Commerce member 2022 - current

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At Large – Rostered Minister (con.)

Name: Rev. Char Guiliani (they/them)

Congregation: Lutheran Church of the Great Spirit, Milwaukee

Racial/Ethnic Group: LatinX American

Current Employment: Pastor

Education or other experience: MDiv

Church Service: Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church - 2023-Current; Reconciling In Christ Ministry Team - 2022-Current; 2021 Resolution 1/Resolution on Authentic Diversity and Inclusion in Synod Life

Community Service:

Name: Rev. Juniper Linberry (they/them/theirs)

Congregation: Cross, Milwaukee

Racial/Ethnic Group: European American

Current Employment: Pastor

Education or other experience: MDiv

Church Service: Pastor, Cross Lutheran, Milwaukee 2023-present; Intern, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Milwaukee 2021-2022; Choir director, Lake Park Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, 2017-2020

Community Service: Directing Cross tutoring program, 2024

Name: Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld (she/her)

Congregation: Luther Memorial, West Allis

Racial/Ethnic Group: African American/Black, European American, LatinX American, Native American

Current Employment: Pastor

Education or other experience: B.S., Cornell University; M. Div., McCormick Theological Seminary

Church Service: Co-Chair, Taskforce on Women and Justice, 2012-18; Executive Board, Women of the ELCA, 2016-2020; Trustee, Mission Investment Fund, 2014-17

Community Service: Volunteer Chaplain in Hospital; United Way Board

At Large – Lay Female, youth, young adult – no nominee

At Large – Lay Male, person of color or language other than English – no nominee

Central Conference – Lay Female, person of color or language other than English

Name: Dr. Rose Dotson (she/her)

Congregation: Cross, Milwaukee

Racial/Ethnic Group: African American/Black

Current Employment: Health and Wellness Director and Musician/Music Minister at Cross, Milwaukee

Education or other experience: BS, MD, neurology residency, neuromuscular fellowship, Real Estate Broker, ELCA Segment 1 and Segment 2 (Mission Development/redevelopment and Congregational Vitality) Coaching Training, 10 years classical music lessons, college music theory and jazz theory classes, 3 years jazz piano lessons

Church Service: GMS Synod Council 8/2022-present; GMS Synod Council Executive Committee 9/2022-Present; GMS Mission Table 8/2022-present

Community Service: Bread of Healing Clinic Board of Directors 5/2023-present; Community Water Services Feasibility Committee 10/2023-present; MHS Health Wisconsin Community Advisory Committee 12/2023-present

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North Conference – Lay Female

Name: Christine Esser (she/her)

Congregation: Immanuel, Cedarburg

Racial/Ethnic Group: European American

Current Employment: Attorney

Education or other experience: JD

Church Service: WaTeR Joint Ministries (Youth), Secretary, 2012-2015; Council Secretary, 2022-2023; Council Vice-President, currently

Community Service: Lakefield Pony Club District Commissioner, 2016-2021; Ozaukee County Horse and Pony Project Board Member, 2011-2018; Big Brother Big Sister, 1996-present

South Conference – Rostered Minister

Name: Rev. Matt James (he/him)

Congregation: Redeemer, Racine

Racial/Ethnic Group: African American/Black; European American

Current Employment: Pastor

Education or other experience:

Church Service: GMS Authentic Diversity Strategic Planning Team, 2023-Present; GMS Synod Council, 2022-Present; Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries Board Member, 2017-2021

Community Service: KnightDragon Student Mentor, Mitchell School, 2023-present; Mitchell K-8 School Community Advisory Board Member, 2022-2023

South Central Conference – Lay Male

Name: Jason Woodbury (he/him)

Congregation: House of Prayer, Franklin

Racial/Ethnic Group: European American

Current Employment: Financial Advisor

Education or other experience: BA

Church Service: Vice president 2024; Audit committee 2023; Finance 2012

Community Service: Bay View community fund 2013-2023; Green berets 2016-2018; PTA 2010

West Conference – Lay Male – no nominee

West Central Conference – Rostered Minister

Name: Rev. Kristie Jaramillo (she/her)

Congregation: Norway, Wind Lake

Racial/Ethnic Group: European American

Current Employment: Pastor

Education or other experience:

Church Service: GMS First Call Committee Chair 1998-2004; Discipline Committee - present; Compensation Guidelines Committee 2014 & 2024

Community Service: Scout "God and Me" and "God and Family" class leader 2015-2019; Pack and Troop Leadership Committee Secretary 2015-2019; Waterford Union High School Health Ed Curriculum Committee 2018 & 2024