

Section 5 - Election Information

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Report of The District Secretary On Nominations

DISTRICT PRESIDENT

The District follows Synod's Handbook Sections 3.12.1-3.12.1.6 (pg.179-181) for Nominations and Elections for the Office of District President and First Vice-President.



In addition, Northwest District Bylaw 3.3.6 states: "Additional nominations for elective offices may be made from the floor of the convention by any voting delegate, except for the offices of District President and First Vice-President."

In August of 2008, the District Secretary provided all voting congregations with nominating ballots allowing for the nomination of two candidates.

Ballots received were tabulated, in agreement with Synodical practice, with the following results: Paul Linnemann (63), Jonathan Rockey (17), Eric Lange (14), Kerry Reese (10), Keith Eilers (9), Ernie Lassman (5), Phil Bohlken (3) Ty Miles (3), Clem Pera (2), Dale Koehneke (2), Jonathan Dinger (2); and the following received (1) vote: Charles Symmank, Ted Werfelmann, Robert Roegner, Larry Vedder, Denny Lorenz, Larry Meyer, Robert Luinstra, David Poovey, Bruce Rumsch & Tony Schulz. Sixteen of these persons declined the nomination (Eilers, Lassman, Bohlken, Miles, Pera, Koehneke, Dinger, Symmank, Werfelmann, Roegner, Vedder, Lorenz, Meyer, Luinstra, Poovey, & Rumsch).

We have a slate of five nominees consenting to serve. The slate of candidates for District President is listed below in alphabetical order:

Eric Lange Paul Linnemann Kerry Reese
Jonathan Rockey Tony Schultz

DISTRICT FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Procedure for nomination for the office of District First Vice-President is the same as for the Office of President (see Synod Handbook Section 3.12.1-3.12.1.6, pg.179-181).

In addition, Northwest District Bylaw 3.3.6 states: "Additional nominations for elective offices may be made from the floor of the convention by any voting delegate, except for the offices of District President and First Vice-President."

Nominating ballots received were tabulated, in agreement with Synodical practice with the following results: Jonathan Rockey (15), Keith Eilers & Eric Lange tied at (14), Kerry Reese (12), Paul Linnemann (10), Jonathan Dinger (7), Bill Warren (4); tied at 3 are Ted Werfelmann, Ernie Lassman & Tony Schultz. The following tied at 2 votes: Phil Bohlken, Kurt Onken, Ty Miles, Michael Warmbier, Andrew Northrup, Mark

Hoelter Toby Joeckel, Tom Hirsch. The following tied with 1: Bob Cutler, Michael Bailey, Phil Streufert, Paul Doellinger, Richard Flath, John Westhafer, Orly Trier, Dennis Bohren, Michael Kasting, Tim Cartwright, Gerald Rabe, Mark Lieske, Jim Markus, Vic Hippe, Phil Streufert, Don Frerichs, Dan Kunkel, Nathan Brandt, Larry Meyer, Tom Hausch. Of the top five with the most votes, one of these candidates did not consent to serve, if elected (Paul Linnemann).

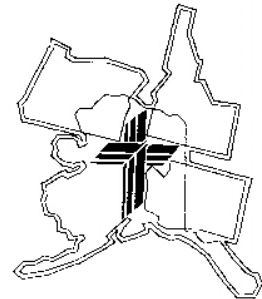
With only four of the top five nominees consenting to serve, one additional nominee became eligible to be a candidate: Jonathan Dinger (7). This candidate did consent to serve, if elected.

Thus, the slate of candidates for the office of First Vice-President is listed below in alphabetical order:

Jonathan Dinger Keith Eilers Eric Lange
Kerry Reese Jonathan Rockey

REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS

Procedures for nominations for the Regional Vice-Presidents (see District Bylaw 3.3.3) call for each congregation of the Alaska, Inland Empire, Oregon, Puget Sound, and South Idaho regions to nominate one ordained minister from their respective areas. The two nominees receiving the highest number of votes comprise the slate.



ALASKA REGION

Two candidates were nominated, Jonathan Rockey (3) and Joseph Baumgarten (1). Both have given their consent to serve, if elected. Thus, the slate is the following:

Jonathan Rockey & Joseph Baumgarten

INLAND EMPIRE REGION

Two top candidates were nominated: Toby Joeckel (10) and Dan Kunkel (3). Both have given their consent to serve, if elected. Thus, the slate of candidates is the following:

Dan Kunkel & Toby Joeckel

OREGON REGION

Two top candidates were nominated: Dennis Bohren (6) and Dan Wehrspann (5). One candidate declined to serve (Wehrspann). The top nomination was Mark Hoelter (4). Both have given their consent to serve, if elected. Thus, the slate of candidates is the following:

Dennis Bohren & Mark Hoelter

PUGET SOUND REGION

Two top candidates were nominated: Keith Eilers (9) and Ted Werfelmann (2). Both have given their consent to serve, if elected. Thus, the slate is the following:

Keith Eilers & Ted Werfelmann

SOUTH IDAHO REGION

Two top candidates were nominated: Phil Bohlken (5) and Dave Poovey (2). One candidate declined to serve (Poovey). One additional nominee became eligible to be a candidate, Tim Pauls (1). He did not give his consent to serve, if elected. Thus, the slate is the following:

Phil Bohlken

Serving the Lord and His church,
Rev. Paul Linnemann
District Secretary

Slate of Nominees for District President, First & Regional Vice Presidents

(Listed in alphabetical order)

DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Eric Lange
Paul Linnemann
Kerry Reese
Jonathan Rockey
Tony Schultz

DISTRICT FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Jonathan Dinger
Keith Eilers
Eric Lange
Kerry Reese
Jonathan Rockey

DISTRICT REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS

ALASKA

Joseph Baumgarten
Jonathan Rockey

INLAND EMPIRE

Dan Kunkel
Toby Joeckel

OREGON

Dennis Bohren
Mark Hoelter

PUGET SOUND

Keith Eilers
Ted Werfelmann

SOUTH IDAHO

Phil Bohlken

Nominations For Circuit Counselor

In keeping with Synod Bylaw 5.2.2, the District Secretary solicited nominations for Counselor of the Circuits of the District. Each congregation was asked to nominate two persons (current or emeritus) of the member congregations. Forms were mailed in August, 2008 (District Bylaw 3.3.4).

The Handbook instructs the District Secretary to submit to the District Nominating Committee the names of the Counselor Nominees who receive a majority of the ballots cast. The following tabulation includes those nominations received. Runoff elections are taking place and an update will be provided at the start of Convention. The following are the nominees receiving a majority of the ballots cast:

Circuit 1	Gary Clark
Circuit 2	Wilbur Gehrke
Circuit 3	
Circuit 4	Terry Merrill
Circuit 5	John Luttmann
Circuit 6	
Circuit 7	Richard Kiessling
Circuit 8	
Circuit 9	Michael Warmbier
Circuit 10	Robert Cutler
Circuit 11	Baldwin Camin
Circuit 12	Jerry Reinke
Circuit 13	Allan Johnston
Circuit 14	Mark Adams
Circuit 15	
Circuit 16	
Circuit 17	
Circuit 18	
Circuit 19	
Circuit 20	
Circuit 21	Roger Dallman
Circuit 22	
Circuit 23	
Circuit 24	Mario Ancira
Circuit 25	Dennis Morner



According to Synod Bylaw 5.2.2c any Circuits which still do not have a majority selection by the start of the District Convention must caucus during the District Convention. Congregational delegates, pastors and lay, will do the balloting until one pastor receives a majority of votes. The caucus has been scheduled for **Friday, June 19, 10:00 am.** Instructions for caucusing will be supplied to each of the circuits involved.

Once the caucuses have been held, the names of the remaining nominees will be made available to the Convention through the Nominating Committee. The slate of Circuit Counselors will be ratified as an entire slate. In keeping with the Synod Bylaw 3.2.4, the term of the Circuit Counselor will be three years (2009-2011). *In Jesus, Rev. Paul Linnemann, District Secretary*

Report of the District Nominating Committee

The committee met in consultation with President Warren Schumacher on November 13, 2008. Committee members include Rev. John Biermann, Jeff Allen, Sharlayne Buuck, Rev. Jonathan Dinger (Chairman), Scott Wolfram, Dan Seim, and District Secretary Rev. Paul Linnemann (advisory). At this meeting many nominations were considered, but it was the job of the committee to narrow the list down to a slate and present this for convention. The committee was tasked to select nominees for District Secretary, 5 positions on the Board of Directors, 3 positions on the Board of Regents, and 3 openings on the Nominating Committee, one Synod Nominating Committee opening.

Northwest District Secretary, one clergy opening, 3 year term

Clergy nominated to the slate consenting to serve:

Paul Linnemann
Langdon Reinke
Grant Knepper

Board of Directors Nominations:

4 **Lay** openings –6 year term:

Lay persons nominated to the slate consenting to serve: Scott Wolfram, Dave Schilling, Julia Riess, Jim Trost, Phil Schneider, Roy Kravitz, Linda Borecki, Tom Buuck.

1 **Commissioned** opening - 3 year term; **Commissioned persons nominated:**

Robin Fossum, Linda Kuhlmann, Dan Seim and Paul Bethke.

District Nominating Committee – 6 year term

Those nominated to the slate consenting to serve:

1 Lay Opening: Jim Cullen
1 Commissioned Opening: Bob Fossum
1 Clergy Opening: Bruce Rumsch

Synod Nominating Committee – 6 year term:

1 opening from the Northwest District LCMS: Warren Schumacher

Board of Regents - 3 year term – 2007 Synod Bylaw 3.8.3.6.2.1

Those nominated to the slate consenting to serve:

2 **Lay** openings: Jack Menasche, Terry Wilson;
1 **Commissioned** opening: Anne Bopp, Bob Fowls, and Joseph Tensmeyer;
1 **Clergy** opening: Jonathan Dinger, Bruce (Max) Biesenthal

Rev. Jonathan Dinger, chairman
Northwest District Nominating Committee

SLATE OF NOMINEES FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

District Secretary (vote for one)

Rev. Grant Knepper
Rev. Paul Linnemann
Rev. Langdon Reinke

Board of Directors

Lay Person (vote for 4)

Linda Borecki
Tom Buuck
Roy Kravitz
Julia Reiss
Dave Schilling
Phil Schneider
Jim Trost
Scott Wolfram

Commissioned Ministers (vote for one)

Paul Bethke
Robin Fossum
Linda Kuhlmann
Daniel Seim

District Nominating Committee

Ordained Minister (vote for one)

Rev. Bruce Rumsch

Commissioned Minister (vote for one)

Bob Fossum

Lay Person (vote for one)

Jim Cullen

Synod Nominating Committee – 6 year term: (vote for one)

1 opening from the Northwest District LCMS: Rev. Warren Schumacher

Concordia Portland University Board of Regents

Ordained Minister (vote for one)

Rev. Jonathan Dinger
Rev. Bruce (Max) Biesenthal

Commissioned Minister (vote for one)

Anne Bopp
Bob Fowls
Joseph Tensmeyer

Lay Person (vote for two)

Jack Menasche
Terry Wilson

Statement of Issues and Challenges

Office of President

Eric Lange

As a representative to our Northwest District convention, you are quite aware of the challenges facing us in our post-modern context and in our life together as a Synod. These challenges are both theological and missional, both from without and from within. From without, we live in a biblically illiterate post-Christian and post-denominational world. We can no longer assume that people around us know the Christian message or even care about it. How do we as God's representatives meet these challenges from outside? What we need is not less but greater theological clarity. More than ever we need to remain faithful to God's Word by consulting it. More than ever we need to treasure and seek aid from our theological heritage found in our Lutheran Confessions and the writings of our Lutheran forefathers. More than ever we need to engage the early church fathers, as our age begins more and more to parallel theirs. But also in our ever changing cultural context more than ever we need each other. Recognizing our own human frailty and the blind spots that come with our sinful condition, more than ever we need each other to carefully and lovingly think through how to faithfully bring Christ's saving work to bear on those that do not know Him.

And that brings us to the challenge from within. Perhaps our greatest challenge is the challenge of our own history. Along with greater theological clarity we must not forget our need for Christian charity. Three years ago when I was nominated for these same offices, I wrote, "vote for the incumbents ... what we need is not a change in leadership, but a change in our collective heart. We must heal our divisions ..." Of course, now with the retirement of our longtime district president, Warren Schumacher, we cannot vote for the incumbent. However, the need for healing is just as important now as ever. I believe that healing has begun. Indeed I have seen it first hand. I am blessed to be part of a circuit that is in many ways a microcosm of our Synod. In size, location, local context, and worship style we run the gambit. Yet, the level of trust, respect, and collegiality among us is high. Why can't that be the case throughout District and the Synod? I believe it can be if we truly want it and if we are willing to apply God's life giving Gospel to one another.

Of course, from a human standpoint the challenges facing us are daunting. Yet, we are equipped like no other denomination to meet the challenges that lie ahead. For we know One who is not only the Lord of history, but One who for our sakes took on our flesh and entered our sinful world and met all the challenges head on, overcoming them in His death and resurrection.

I have heard some of the names that have been suggested for District President. They are all fine Christian gentlemen. Any one of them would serve us well. I believe all of them recognize the need to respect the rights and privileges of the local congregation. They know that they must honor both the Holy Ministry and the Priesthood of All Believers. All of them realize that we must engage one another as we suggest, evaluate, and implement new models and strategies. They understand that we live in exciting times. So I am optimistic for the future of our Synod, no matter who is our next District President. Whoever God chooses through this process, he will need our prayers and our support. I pledge him my support and I hope you will do likewise.

Paul Linnemann

The people of our world need to know about God's love for them. This is a simple yet deep truth which our Lord has entrusted to His church. We all know people for whom this understanding is outside of their awareness, and it is our calling as individuals and as a body to share this blessing with them. This is the bottom line when it comes to our life as the people of God in the world for such a time as this.

Lutheran Christians have a particular understanding of how completely dependent we are upon God's grace, and He calls us to live and to proclaim this message for all to hear. Our Lord has put us here to be salt and light in the world and in the Christian church as a whole. Many would seek to add something to this basic message of God's grace, and our sphere of influence must focus on helping people to see the depth of the problem of sin and God's gracious response to that sin in the person of His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Northwest District of the LCMS has a long history of ministry that strives to fulfill this calling. We are considered leaders in our church body of equipping the saints for this vital ministry, and it is my sincere prayer that we can continue to do so. Leadership in the District means continuing to provide the people of God with the tools they need to carry out this task on congregational and personal levels. To be sure, there are some significant hurdles which we must continue to address through theological and personal conversation. These include interfacing with a culture that has become increasingly self-oriented and turning away from its true spiritual situation. There are conflicts within our church body that distract from the Gospel proclamation. God's gift of family and relationships are all too often sacrificed on the altar of self-gratification.

Yet the Lord has provided us with effective means for addressing these and the many other concerns we face. He has placed into our hands His eternal Word and His Sacraments to lead and strengthen us. He has blessed us with the powerful tool of our Lutheran schools and Early Childhood Centers as a way to influence young people and their families, sharing the message of His love at a time when they are very receptive to hearing it and taking it into their understanding of who they are as people. He has given us to each other to encourage and stimulate our ministries. There are indeed times when these hurdles seem too high to overcome, but building upon this message of grace and trusting in the work of the Holy Spirit, our Lord will continue to guide us and bless us in our service to Him and to the people He loves, to the end that more of them will know and experience the gift of new life here and in the life that awaits us as His children.

Kerry Reese

We've known the words to the song since we were children: "This little Gospel light of mine, I'm going to let it shine." We are so familiar with the lyric that we may take it for granted, treat it as an unconscious afterthought as we strive endlessly to make the work and mission of the church ever more complex and suited to trendy business models to suite our sophisticated adult minds, that we lose awareness of the task that really matters—what every child of God knows from the depths of his or her redeemed heart: that ours is the joyful opportunity to share the life-giving news of our precious Savior with all peoples on earth.

Our geographical corner of the continental United States holds countless opportunities to spread our Gospel light among the people in our neighborhoods, whether they live in large cities, smaller towns, or in the rural farmlands of the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. While these varieties of settings offer challenges for each of our district's 268 congregations to relate God's Word to their neighbors in relevant ways, our song remains the same: we proclaim our Lord Jesus Christ, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Pt 2:9).

Since our own sinfulness and our adversary, the devil, constantly threaten to divide us from one another, our District and Synod must be ever vigilant to remain faithful to our Lord's teachings in Scripture, even as they are properly explained in the Lutheran Confessions (The Book of Concord). When we are focused on the one hope in Christ to which we have been called by God's gracious invitation—one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all (Eph. 4:4ff.)—we can continue to work together without rancor so that the world can see our Gospel light shine with its true brilliance and splendor.

Jonathan Rockey

The call of God that always faces the Church is “making disciples of all nations.” (Matthew 28:19) This call is both to reach those who don't know our Savior, and to nurture the faith of those who are already believers. This call is both a challenge and a privilege.

The challenges to the church when pursuing the mission which God has given us of making disciples include the following:

- A resistant society. - Modern culture is resistant to God, and more resistant to the traditional organized church. These attitudes are more pronounced in the Northwest. These attitudes also infect church members and even church workers.
- Denominational and congregational conflict - It seems to me that on a denominational level a clash between those who want to reach out with the Gospel and those who want to hold on to tradition has grown to tragic levels. This conflict has detracted from efforts to share Jesus with the un-churched and non-believers, and has hurt those in our churches who are caught in the middle. We need to be scripturally faithful and at the same time to “love one another as Christ loved us” (John 13:34). Paul's words in Ephesians 4:15 give direction. We need to “speak the truth in love.”
- The difficulty of the balance of being Scripturally faithful and culturally relevant - It is perhaps more difficult today than at any time in recent history to be a faithful and effective congregation, and to be a faithful and effective church worker. Instead of competing with each other and attacking one another we need to encourage one another in God's love and encourage one another to be fervent in the mission God has given us. In addition, part of the challenge for the church is that God calls sinful people to His righteous work. It takes real spiritual maturity to continue working in the church to do the work of our Lord who died and rose for us.

RESOURCES

In addition to challenges, God has given us resources with which to face these challenges.

- The good news that God loves us and that Christ died and rose for us gives us reason to serve and live for God personally and as His Church.
- I also continue to find direction in the Reformation principles of “By Grace Alone,” “By Faith Alone,” and “By Scripture Alone.” I honestly believe those principles help us to stand firm and reach out with the Lord and Savior that our troubled world needs. These principles also can and should unite us as God’s children in mission. My faith has personally been fed and motivated through my experience as a member of LCMS congregations. My experience in the LCMS is that of a church which sees the Scriptures as God’s Word, and sees the Gospel of forgiveness and salvation through God’s love in Jesus as the main message of God in Scripture.
- The Lord provides the Church with His Spirit, His Word and the Sacraments in order to carry out the mission. People are continuing to come to faith and grow in faith as God works through faithful, fervent, and creative use of these means of grace.
- We have a freedom as Christians that is a real tool in doing the Lord’s work. This freedom (Galatians 5:1, 13, 1 Corinthians 9:20-23, FC X) allows us to be creative and relevant in our in mission and ministry while being faithful in our outreach to a resistant culture.

I must share that I have had mixed feelings about being nominated as District President. Actually people have discussed the possibility with me for a number of years. It is an honor to be considered for this calling, but I also believe God has blessed my work as pastor, and gifted me with gifts in the area of evangelism and leadership. I have also been taught that, when it comes to God’s work, the man should not seek the job, but the job should seek the man. I am happy, blessed, and challenged as Pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Palmer, Alaska. I also have much family in the community. I am blessed where I serve so I have mixed feelings about the possibility of leaving St. John. However, after talking with my family and much prayer I am open to wherever God might lead in this matter.

Tony Schultz

In my consideration of the opportunity to present a "Statement of Issues and Challenges," I find myself directed towards three words and three Scripture passages that have been foundational in my years of ministry.

1. Mission— "And when He went ashore, He saw a great multitude, and He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things!" (Mark 6:34) Our mission should we accept it, is to see the world in front of us with compassionate eyes, to teach them, and to encourage faithful responses as we focus on their earthly needs. Specifically:

- a. We support congregations as they strive to "retool" themselves for ministry.
- b. We encourage our youth and young adults to develop their skills in ministry through education.
- c. We match Christian maturity with Youthful creativity in our churches enhancing our communication of the Good News of Jesus Christ to this next Generation.
- d. We meet the needs of the people in our communities as we invite them to meet their Savior, Jesus.
- e. We Track the Spirit, we raise our sails to catch the Spirit's Breath and allow Him to lead our endeavors.

2. Belief — "...and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." (2 Timothy 3:15) I would like to quote a friend of a friend: "When I was young the most important words were, 'Jesus Loves me this I know...' Now that I am old the most important words remain, 'Jesus loves me this I know...' Our belief gives strength to our mission. Specifically:

- a. The Gospel is simple enough to be grasped by children and believed by adults.
- b. We need to keep the Gospel on the bottom shelves of life reachable by everyone.
 - i. Strengthen early childhood centers and family ministry programs
 - ii. Strengthen Lutheran Schools and encourage new concepts of Christian Education.
- c. We need to keep the Gospel raised to the top shelves of honor and respect.
 - i. Provide more depth in our Sunday Schools and Adult Christian Education Programs.
 - ii. Encourage and support solid Biblical and Theological education at our Concordia University.
 - iii. Utilize the new Center for Applied Lutheran Leadership as a tool to discuss what being "Lutheran" means in a non-churched culture.
 - iv. Maintain the positive and healthy relationship between The Northwest District of the LCMS and Concordia University.

3. Leadership — "I have become all things to all people that I may by all means save some." (1 Corinthians 9:22) "...Becoming all things to all people, that I (we), might save some," may become lost in a sea of eclecticism, or trapped in rigid legalism. Pastors, Teachers, DCE's, Lay-ministers, Congregations, and Congregational Leaders need the support and encouragement to consider the value of the people to whom we are called to minister. We are not to "think more highly of (ourselves) than (we) ought to think...; (Romans 12:3) nor are we to become "tossed by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine..." (Ephesians 4:14) Rather, we do "all things for the sake of the gospel..." Spirit-filled Leadership is vitally important as we communicate our belief, and support our mission. Specifically:

- a. We need to encourage spiritual disciplines, prayer and study of the Scriptures that shapes our lives in Christ.
- b. We need to demonstrate a love for one another which allows for divergence of opinions without disrupting the union we have in Christ.
- c. We need to educate future leaders of the church to be sensitive and responsive to the needs of the world around them
- d. We need to utilize our conferences and conventions for healthy discussions and uplifting worship events.
- e. We need to encourage discussions focused on applying Lutheran Theology and the Confessions to our present day practices of faith and belief.

It is a privilege to be counted among the nominees for District President of the Northwest District of the LCMS. To follow the leadership of Rev. Dr. Emil Jaech and Rev. Dr. Erhart Bauer and Rev. Dr. Warren Schumacher would truly be an honor. Thank you for this privilege as well as the opportunity to express my thoughts on the issues and challenges of the Northwest District of the LCMS.

First Vice President

Jonathan Dinger

The need to boldly proclaim the truth of the Gospel has never been greater. The powerful Gospel message which has been entrusted to the Church remains the sole hope for a humanity which is broken by sin. God has given our Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod a unique opportunity to meet temporal and eternal needs of the communities which we serve with a broad network of churches, schools, universities, and service organizations. As Lutheran Christians in this age we must resolve to “major in the majors” and cease expending valuable energy in disagreements that cause us to “major in the minors” and detract from the mission of making disciples of all people. Our theology and confession of faith unite us. Style and application of the Gospel should not divide us.

The simple, clear message of Christ alone who saves must be the thrust of every effort we make. We must decide that the enemy we fight is the Evil One and not other Christians and certainly not other LCMS Lutherans. This does not mean that we have no differences, and that some are not significant and calls for collegial listening and discussion. But my desire to serve the Church at this time is to “resolve to know nothing... except Jesus Christ” and then living by and in His grace. To do this with a sincere commitment to our Confession of faith as well as creatively finding ways to speak relevantly to our culture and serve all people unconditionally is both my call and my desire.

With a new District President, it is also my desire to support and encourage our new leadership during this time of transition. Forging bonds of unity and partnership for ministry must be the hallmark of our District Leadership.

Keith Eilers

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we come to an understanding of our challenges and issues by first looking at his life and words. The Gospel of Mark gives us a condensed account in the first chapter which is the inauguration of Jesus’ ministry. We need a regular grounding in our baptismal anointing through times alone with the Lord to retain our identity and focus; “In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went

out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.”(vs. 35) We need to keep as central the proclamation of the Gospel which includes a sense of urgency, “the time is fulfilled”; the conviction that God is still graciously active “the kingdom of God has come near”, and the need for change, “repent and believe in the good news.” (vs. 15) We need those actions of service and healing in our congregations which help the world understand something of the good news. (vss 30, 31) And always that sense of movement, which keeps us from being too caught up with ourselves, “Let us go to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” (vs. 38) With this as the focus, our discussions and prayers will make apparent how we put it into practice and programs.

Eric Lange

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I have heard some of the names that have been suggested for District President. They are all fine Christian gentlemen. Any one of them would serve us well. I believe all of them recognize the need to respect the rights and privileges of the local congregation. They know that they must honor both the Holy Ministry and the Priesthood of All Believers. All of them realize that we must engage one another as we suggest, evaluate, and implement new models and strategies. They understand that we live in exciting times. So I am optimistic for the future of our Synod, no matter who is our next District President. Whoever God chooses through this process, he will need our prayers and our support. I pledge him my support and I hope you will do likewise.

Kerry Reese

We've known the words to the song since we were children: "This little Gospel light of mine, I'm going to let it shine." We are so familiar with the lyric that we may take it for granted, treat it as an unconscious afterthought as we strive endlessly to make the work and mission of the church ever more complex and suited to trendy business models to suite our sophisticated adult minds, that we lose awareness of the task that really matters—what every child of God knows from the depths of his or her redeemed heart: that ours is the joyful opportunity to share the life-giving news of our precious Savior with all peoples on earth.

Our geographical corner of the continental United States holds countless opportunities to spread our Gospel light among the people in our neighborhoods, whether they live in large cities, smaller towns, or in the rural farmlands of the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. While these varieties of settings offer challenges for each of our district's 268 congregations to relate God's Word to their neighbors in relevant ways, our song remains the same: we proclaim our Lord Jesus Christ, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Pt 2:9).

Since our own sinfulness and our adversary, the devil, constantly threaten to divide us from one another, our District and Synod must be ever vigilant to remain faithful to our Lord's teachings in Scripture, even as they are properly explained in the Lutheran Confessions (The Book of Concord). When we are focused on the one hope in Christ to which we have been called by God's gracious invitation—one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all (Eph. 4:4ff.)—we can continue to work together without rancor so that the world can see our Gospel light shine with its true brilliance and splendor.

Jonathan Rockey

The call of God that always faces the Church is "making disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19) This call is both to reach those who don't know our Savior, and to nurture the faith of those who are already believers. The challenges to this mission which God has given us of making disciples include the following:

- A resistant society. - Modern culture is resistant to God, and more resistant to the traditional organized church. These attitudes are more pronounced in the Northwest, and these attitudes infect church members too.
- Denominational and congregational conflict. - On a denominational level, it seems to me that a clash between those who want to reach out with the Gospel

and those who want to hold on to tradition has grown to tragic levels. This conflict has detracted from efforts to share Jesus with the un-churched and non-believers, and has hurt those in our churches who are caught in the middle. We need to be scripturally faithful and at the same time to “love one another as Christ loved us” (John 13:34). Paul’s words in Ephesians 4:15 give direction. We need to “speak the truth in love.” I also continue to find direction in the Reformation principles of “By Grace Alone,” “By Faith Alone,” and “By Scripture Alone.” I honestly believe those principles help us to stand firm and reach out with the Lord and Savior that our troubled world needs. These principles also can and should unite us as God’s children in mission.

- The difficulty of the balance of being Scripturally faithful and culturally relevant. - It is perhaps more difficult today that at any time in recent history to be a faithful and effective congregation, and to be a faithful and effective church worker. Instead of competing with each other and attacking one another we need to encourage one another in God’s love and encourage one another to be fervent in the mission God has given us. In addition, part of the challenge for the church is that God calls sinful people to His righteous work. It takes real spiritual maturity to continue working in the church to do God’s work. But, the good news that God loves us and the Christ died and rose for us gives us reason to serve and live for God in His Church.

ALASKA Regional VP

Joseph Baumgarten

It is a challenge to maintain the identity of Christ’s church in an increasingly non-churched culture. How do we, as ambassadors for Christ, carry the good news of the Gospel into the lives of those who are increasingly indifferent to that message? Issues of relevance, pragmatism and culture can become distracting and even detracting. It is the call of each Christian to proclaim the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9) How can the church continue to do that in the place that God has established them?

Jonathan Rockey

The call of God that always faces the Church is “making disciples of all nations.” This call is both to reach those who don’t know our savior and to nurture the faith of those who are already believers.

The Lord provides His Spirit, His Word and Sacraments to the Church in order to carry out the mission. However, our current culture is resistant to the efforts of the church, especially the traditional church. The culture often perceives the church as hypocritical. Unfortunately, the Church has given reason for this perception. These struggles have reached Alaska as well as the rest of the country.

The church itself is often hesitant to reach out to the world with God’s loving Savior. Conflict within the church further impedes efforts to share the Gospel. The result is that often even those who are currently church members become disenchanted and leave.

My faith has personally been fed and motivated through my experience as a member of LCMS congregations. My experience in the LCMS is that of a church which sees the Scriptures as God's Word, and sees the Gospel of forgiveness and salvation through God's love in Jesus as the main message of God in Scripture.

I believe that our church can continue to find a place to stand in the Reformation principles of "by grace alone," "by faith alone," and "by Scripture alone." However, individuals and congregations must then actually act to share Jesus and His love with those in the church and outside the church. Such actions of faith and love are the challenge that lies before us.

The issues and challenges for the church are to live in faith, faithful to our Lord and His Word, and to live in love in order to most effectively work toward the Lord's intent for the Church. Part of the challenge for the church is that God calls sinful people to His righteous work. It takes real spiritual maturity to continue working in the church to do God's work. But, the good news that God loves us, and the Christ died and rose for us gives us reason to serve and live for God.

INLAND EMPIRE Regional Vice President

Dan Kunkel

In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we will vigorously proclaim Jesus Christ as the only Way, Truth, and Life to precious souls of every age, ethnic and family background, personal need, and social status (Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:44-49; John 20:30-31; Acts 1:8, 2:42-47).

By God's grace and in thanksgiving for His blessings and mercies, we, as faithful members of evangelistic Lutheran churches in mission, pledge and promise to:

- (1) serve the Triune God with thanksgiving and joy (Psalm 100);
- (2) work together under one Lord, one faith, one God and Father of us all (Ephesians 4.1-16);
- (3) share God's gifts of grace (time, talents, and treasure) to His praise and glory (1 Peter 4.10-11);
- (4) seek to do more and do better with what the Lord supplies (2 Corinthians 9.6-15); and
- (5) nurture among ourselves and fellow believers encouragement, unity, hope and peace (Romans 15:4-7, 13).

Toby Joeckel

The ministry today has changed from the days that my Grandfather and his father before him served as Ordained Pastors in the LCMS. We need new approaches in reaching the unchurched and I like that, I like the challenges of change. We need a change that is effective in bringing people into relationship with Christ and into a Christian community. As a VP I would see myself as an equiper of Pastors which means gathering resources, ideas, and people to better help pastors in discovering best ways to do ministry while maintaining our identity as Lutheran Christians. I know for me going into the mission field in far places of the world has brought excitement to my ministry at home. As a people person I would spend as much time as I can with the

pastors of the inland empire in person or by phone praying, being a friend, serving, and doing whatever I can to support my brother in Christ.

OREGON Regional VP

Dennis Bohren

- “You will receive power...and be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and...to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Jesus’ commission is still our mission today. We Christians have received the Holy Spirit and His power, thus enabling us to share the love of God as shown us through Jesus Christ, across the street and across the ocean. Having God’s command, His power, and His authority, may He also give us the motivation and the love for others, thus moving us to be witnesses for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ both locally and to the ends of the earth.
- “These are written that you may believe...” (John 20:31). “For everything...was written to teach us...” (Rom 15:4). God’s Word is the absolute truth. Our world, however, has no absolutes. Our church’s challenge is to speak clearly the truth and to encourage Christians and all others that the Word of God is the means for salvation and life. Unfortunately we allow the outside influences of our humanistic society, our government, and the world around us to move away from God’s absolutes. The church’s responsibility, opportunity, and privilege, is to speak up and to speak out so that the worldview of every Christian is based on the absolute truths of God’s Word. May God help us.

Mark Hoelter

What a challenging time in which we live! And what wonderful gifts from God we have to share with the world in these times! A gracious God has sent His faithful Son to redeem the world from sin and death. He bequeathed to us his dependable Word and blessed Sacraments, by which we are given the gift of salvation and sustained in faith.

I pray that this Gospel of our Lord will continue to be boldly proclaimed and lived by our district’s church workers, congregations and lay people. We can respond faithfully to the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, and yet be creative and energetic in witnessing to Christ in our unchurched Northwest.

We have internal issues and challenges such as self-destructive behaviors and carping and a lack of trust among church workers. We need to grow in encouraging, supporting and forgiving one another.

External challenges and issues include reaching an increasingly postmodern audience, with its ethnic, racial and philosophical diversity. The need continues for training and equipping lay people for ministry and witness.

The Northwest District has wonderful resources in its leadership, church workers and congregations. There are many strengths and gifts. Let’s celebrate them and use them to make known the precious Gospel of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

PUGET SOUND Regional Vice President

Keith Eilers

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we come to an understanding of our challenges and issues by first looking at his life and words. The Gospel of Mark gives us a condensed

account in the first chapter which is the inauguration of Jesus' ministry. We need a regular grounding in our baptismal anointing through times alone with the Lord to retain our identity and focus; "In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed." (vs. 35) We need to keep as central the proclamation of the Gospel which includes a sense of urgency, "the time is fulfilled"; the conviction that God is still graciously active "the kingdom of God has come near", and the need for change, "repent and believe in the good news." (vs. 15) We need those actions of service and healing in our congregations which help the world understand something of the good news. (vss 30, 31) And always that sense of movement, which keeps us from being too caught up with ourselves, "Let us go to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." (vs. 38) With this as the focus, our discussions and prayers will make apparent how we put it into practice and programs.

Ted Werfelmann

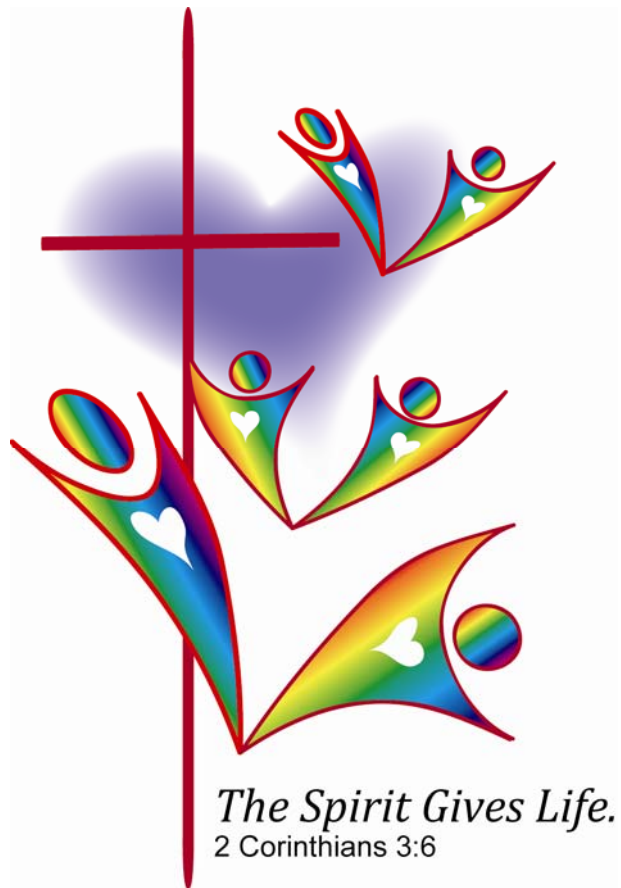
There is no question that we are living as God's children in a part of His creation and at a time that challenges our faith, our Christianity, and our commitment to His command to make disciples. But are these times any more challenging than those that confronted the disciples in the 1st Century? In the Holy Spirit's power they engaged their culture with the precious Gospel—the power of God for salvation, and lives were rescued for eternity. We may not always appreciate it, but we're living exactly where and when God wants us to be living. And He has provided us with the same gifts with which to engage our culture: His Holy Spirit, the Gospel, the means of Grace, and the promise of His presence "to the end of the age." What an undeserved privilege for Him to trust us to "shine like stars in the universe as we hold out the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:15-16) in this time and place.

SOUTH IDAHO Regional Vice President

Phil Bohlken

Often one hears that our time bears more resemblance to conditions in the First Century AD than any other time since. Many of us have been spoiled by living in times and places when and where the church was very much respected and membership was fashionable. Now we find ourselves attempting to gain the ear of a culture that often goes out of its way to misunderstand and caricature us. It is a time when each Christian, as well as each congregation, needs to look for ways to impact not only our neighborhoods, but the entire world for the sake of our living Savior Who was slain and now is alive, Whose blood washes us and makes us clean to stand before Him.

Biographical Sketches of Candidates all Positions (in alphabetical order)



Biographical Information

Nominated for: Regional Vice President – Alaska

Name: JOSEPH BAUMGARTEN

Address: 2025 Jack St, Fairbanks, AK 99709

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:

Zion Lutheran Church, Fairbanks, AK



Birth date: September 13, 1973

Occupation: Pastor

Education: M.Div, Concordia Seminary St. Louis, 2007

BA in History from Oakland University, Rochester MI, 1995

Work Experience: Have served Zion Lutheran since July 2007 as Associate Pastor

Community Involvement:

- Work closely with Open Arms Child Development Center
- Pastoral Support for Celebrate Recovery in Fairbanks.

Biographical Information

Nominated for: District Board of Directors, Commissioned Minister

Name: PAUL BETHKE

Address: 3119 Walker Road, DuPont, Washington 98327

Congregation Membership or Organization Being Served:
Concordia Lutheran School, Tacoma, WA

Birth date: April 15, 1951

Occupation: Lutheran school teacher/administrator

Education: BA Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebraska 1973

MAT Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon 1977

Work Experience:

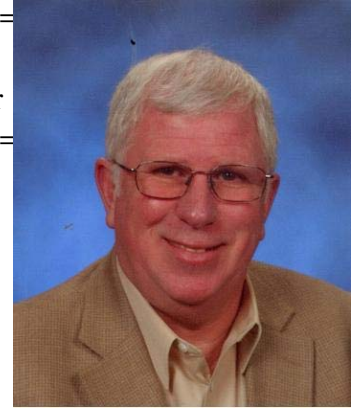
- 1991-Present: Concordia Lutheran School, WA
Principal, Computer Coordinator, Vice-Principal: Finance and Development, Teacher Grade 6
- 1989-91: Emmanuel Lutheran School, Kahului, Maui, HI
Principal of K-6 Program, Computer Program Director
Half-time Teacher Grade 6, Assistant Principal/Full-time Teacher Grade 6 (88-89)
- 1986-88: Sno-King Lutheran High School, Edmonds, Washington
Assistant Administrator (85-86), Registrar/ Director of Chapel and Student Government
Teacher: Social Sciences, Religion, Science, Health
- 1982-86: Trinity Lutheran School, Portland, Oregon – Principal, Teacher
- 1980-82: Portland Lutheran High School, Portland, Oregon
Teacher: Social Sciences, English, Religion, Attendance Office, Baseball Coach, Band Director
- 1979: Concordia College, Portland, Oregon – Part-Time: Methods of Teaching Social Studies
- 1975-80: Trinity Lutheran School, Portland, Oregon
Teacher Grade 5, Band Director, Basketball Coach Grades 5 & 6
- 1973-75: Lutheran High School West, Detroit, Michigan
Teacher: Sociology, Geography, Assistant Baseball Coach

DISTRICT:

- 1984-86: Member of Board of Parish Education - N.W. District, LCMS
- 1999- 2001: Northwest District LCMS Computer Consultant
- 1998- 2001: Secretary, Northwest District Teachers Conference

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

- 2008-09: President, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Washington
- 2007-08: Member of Board of Directors, Our Savior Lutheran Church
- 2007: President Mount Rainier Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
- 2007: President, Washington Federation of Independent Schools
- 2005: Present- Member of the Private School Advisory Committee for Washington State
- 2004: 2008- Member of Pacific Lutheran University Administrative PEAB
- 2003: Present-Member of Board of Washington Federation of Independent Schools
- 1996-2000: Co-Chair, Our Savior Senior Pastor Search Committee, Tacoma, Washington
- 1994-96: Member of the Washington Federation of Independent Schools Legislative Committee
- 1992-94: President, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Washington
- 1989-91: Secretary, Hawaii Lutheran Principals
- 1989-91: Member of Kiwanis
- 1983-86: Member of Board of Oregon Federation of Independent Schools
- 1981-82: Vice-President - Trinity Lutheran Church, Portland, Oregon
- 1978-81: Board of Elders- Trinity Lutheran Church
- 1977-79: Concordia College Lutheran Education Society Board



Biographical Information

Nominated for: Board of Regents, Concordia University,
Ordained Minister

Name: BRUCE W. BIESENTHAL

Address: 5440 47th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98136

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:
Member – St. Luke’s, Federal Way

Birth date: 10/24/1950

Occupation: Coach for Clergy/Consultant/Pastor

Education: M.Div, St. Louis, MO
CPC – Certified Professional Coach

Work Experience:

- Parishes – Indiana, Michigan, Illinois
- Interim – Washington
- Motivational Speaker – 1993 – 1996
- Executive Director, Seattle Lutheran High School, 2000 – 2006
- Founder, “For Prophets” – providing coaching and resources for Pastors
- Free-lance writer – marketing copy; fund-raising and promotional video scripts;

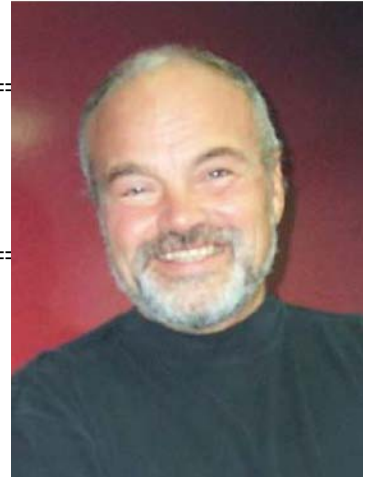
DISTRICT:

- Chairman, Evangelism Committee, Michigan District
- Chairman, Spiritual Concerns Committee, Northern Illinois District

SYNOD:

- Task Force on Church Growth

Community Involvement: Lots



Biographical Information

Nominated for: Board of Regents, Concordia University,
Commissioned Minister

Name: ANNE (Lehmann) BOPP

Address: 9383 W. Autumn Lane, Pocatello, ID 83204

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:

Grace Lutheran School- Principal
Member- Grace Lutheran Church, Pocatello, ID



Birth date: June 23, 1965

Occupation: Principal, Grace Lutheran School, Pocatello, ID

Education: B.A. in Education Concordia College, Portland, OR 1986
Master's Degree in Education- Idaho State University, 1991
60+ continuing education hours in educational leadership, curriculum design,
technology education, and subject matter focus courses

Work Experience:

- Principal: 2007-present, Grace Lutheran School, Pocatello, ID
- Assistant Principal/Educator: 2001-2007, Grace Lutheran School, Pocatello, ID
- Elementary Educator: 1987-2001, Grace Lutheran School, Pocatello, ID
- Staff Development, Mentoring Program, and Technology Coordinator, Grace Lutheran School
- Affiliate Faculty, Idaho State University
- Trainer, Idaho Association of School Administrators through Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, 2001-2003
- Trainer, J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation, Teach with Technology Program. 2001, 2002
- SLED Graduate, 2007, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
- Christi Lux Award, Concordia University, Portland, Oregon 2003
- National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, Grace Lutheran School, 2004

Community Involvement:

- Affiliate Faculty, Idaho State University
- Trainer, Idaho Association of School Administrators under the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- Trainer, J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation, Teaching with Technology Program
- Gate City Youth Soccer Association- Coach, Parent organizer
- Century High School- Booster, Diamondbacker
- Volunteer: Idaho Food Bank, Salvation Army, My Brother's Table- Soup Kitchen, Paintfest- Painting Homes for the Elderly
- Idaho Reading Council
- Idaho Science Teachers Association
- Contemporary Worship Band, Lay reader, Sunday School teacher, VBS Volunteer—Grace Lutheran Church

Biographical Information

Nominated for: Regional Vice-President – South Idaho

Name: PHILIP J. BOHLKEN

Address: 204 Rudolph St.
Caldwell, ID 83605

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:
Grace Lutheran Church, Caldwell, ID



Birth date: March 16, 1946

Occupation: Parish Pastor

Education:

- Concordia, St. Paul (MN—AA 1966)
- Concordia Sr. College, Ft. Wayne (IN—BA 1968)
- Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (MO—MDiv 1972)

Work Experience:

- Evangelism Trainer in Cincinnati and Lorain County, Ohio District (1972-1975)
- Pastor, St. Paul, Amherst, OH (1975-1983)
- Mission Developer, Ooltewah, TN (1983-1985)
- Parish Pastor, Our Savior, Ooltewah, TN (1985-1995)
- Parish Pastor, Grace, Caldwell, ID (1995 to present)

DISTRICT:

- LWML District Counselor:
 - Mid-South District (1989-1993),
 - Utah-Idaho District (1995-1999)
- Circuit Counselor, Circuit 10 (2002-2006)
- Regional Vice-President (2006 to present)

SYNOD: None

Community Involvement:

- Community liaison committee for local alternative high school
- Chapel duties at local rescue mission

Biographical Information

Nominated for: Regional Vice President – Oregon

Name: DENNIS BOHREN

Address: 1440 SW 26th Ct., Gresham, OR 97080

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:
Ascension Lutheran Church, Portland, OR

Birth date: December 4, 1944

Occupation: Pastor

Education: 1962-1966 University of Nebraska, Lincoln B.S. in Education
1966-1967 Kansas State University, Pittsburg M.S. in Education
1980-1984 Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne Masters of Divinity

Work Experience:

- 1967-1969 Teacher, Boulder, CO
- 1969-1978 Teacher, Dept. of Defense Dependents Schools; Labrador, Germany, Okinawa, Philippines
- 1978-1979 Teacher, Drain, OR
- 1983-1996 Pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church, Spencer, IA
- 1996-2001 LCMS Foundation, Gift Planning; Phoenix, AZ
- 2001-2002 Concordia University Foundation, Portland, OR
- 2002-present: Pastor, Ascension Lutheran Church, Portland, OR

DISTRICT: IOWA DISTRICT WEST OFFICES HELD:

- 1989-1992 Family Life Committee Chairman
- 1991 Iowa District West Convention Judge of Elections
- 1992-1994 Spencer Circuit Counselor
- 1993-1996 Iowa District West Orphan Grain Train board member
- 1994-1996 Member of the Iowa District West Board of Directors
- 1994-1996 Chairman of the Iowa District West Christian Education Committee

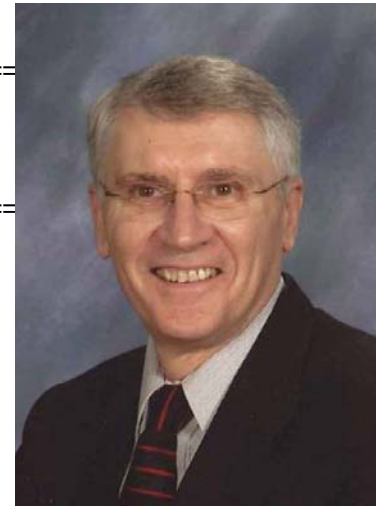
Volunteer mission trips:

- 1992-2008 Latvia and Russia, British Columbia, India, Mexico, New Orleans, Guatemala

SYNOD: 1986 and 1992 Synodical Convention delegate

Community Involvement:

- 1988-1991 Spencer (Iowa) Hospital Chaplaincy Coordinator
- 1991-1993 Spencer (Iowa) Community Schools Education Equity Advisory Committee
- 1992-1996 Clay County (Iowa) Upper Des Moines Opportunity Advisory Board
- 1995-1996 Member of the St. Luke Lutheran Home (Spencer, IA) Board of Directors



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Biographical Information

Nominated for: District Board of Directors, Lay Member

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Name: LINDA BORECKI

Address: 803 Agate St., Medford, OR 97501

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:

Leadership Advancement Process (LAP), LCMS NW District
Home congregation: Grace, Ashland, OR

Birth date: December 1, 1957

Occupation: Educator, Lutheran worship in an emerging generation

Education: Doctor of Worship Studies, Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies, Orange Park, Florida
B-Pruefung Certificate, Westfaelische Landeskirchenmusikschule (a Lutheran higher education institution), Herford, West Germany
Bachelor of Arts, Church Music, English, Concordia College, Portland, OR

Work Experience:

- Adjunct professor, Concordia University, Portland, Oregon, in conjunction with LAP, 2004-present
- Itinerant liturgist, educator, and counselor, LCMS congregations, 2006-present
- Visiting Professor of Liturgy and Worship, STT Abdi Sabda (Servant of the Word Theological Seminary) Medan, Sumatra, Indonesia, and Concordia Theological Seminary, Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu, South India, 2006
- Director of Music, Grace Lutheran Church, Ashland, Oregon, 1988-2004

Community Involvement:

- Accompanist, Rogue Valley Chorale semi-professional choir, 1989-present, as needed
- Chair, Professional Concerns, American Guild of Organists, Southern Oregon Chapter, 1996-present
- Parent-student activities, St. Mary's High School, Medford, OR

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Biographical Information

Nominated for: District Board of Directors, Lay Member

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Name: TOM BUUCK

Address: 6168 N Elk Ranch Lane, Meridian, Id 83646

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:
Friendship Celebration Church, Meridian, ID

Birth date: 11-15-1963

Occupation: Chief Credit Officer & Managing Partner, Idaho Mutual Trust

Education: B.A.- Mathematics/Secondary Education
Concordia University Wisconsin
MBA – Portland State University

Work Experience:

- Current – Chief Credit Officer & Managing Partner, Idaho Mutual Trust, Boise, ID
- Prior – Senior Vice President, Idaho Independent Bank, Boise, ID
- Prior – Vice President, Wells Fargo Bank Boise, ID

Current Community Involvement:

- Credit Committee Member –Mortgage Investment Fund of the Public Employment Retirement System of Idaho.
- Board Member – Lutheran Church Extension Fund, St Louis, MO
- Board Member and Investment Committee Chair – Concordia University Wisconsin Foundation.

Biographical Information

Nominated for: Nominating Committee, Lay Member

Name: JIM CULLEN

Address: 5545 SW 191st Ct, Aloha, OR, 97007

Congregation Membership: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Aloha, OR
Organization being served: Concordia University

Birth date: 03/12/1951

Occupation: College Administrator

Education: B.A. Concordia Senior College, Ft. Wayne, IN, 1973

Work Experience:

- Concordia University, Portland, 1978-present
- The Oregon Bank, 1975-1978
- Lincoln National Bank, 1971-1975

DISTRICT:

- Student Aid and Recruitment Committee, early 80's to present
- Congregational Delegate to District Convention (2 times)

SYNOD:

- Circuit Delegate to Synodical Convention in St. Louis

Community Involvement:

- Youth Volunteer Soccer and Basketball Coach, Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District, 1991-1997
- SOLV Volunteer



Biographical Information

Nominated for: First Vice President

Name: JONATHAN DINGER

Address: 2839 Margo Lane, Pocatello, ID 83201

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:
Grace Lutheran Church, Pocatello, ID

Birth date: September 27, 1960

Occupation: Pastor

Education: B.A. Concordia Portland, 1982
M.Div. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 1995



Work Experience:

- Teacher, ESL. Seibo Gakuen High School. Hanno, Japan. 1983-1984.
- Director of Development. Seattle Lutheran High. 1986-1991
- Religion and Journalism Teacher. Seattle Lutheran High. 1986-1991
- Pastor of Outreach, St. Luke's Lutheran. Federal Way, WA. 1995-1997
- Senior Pastor. Bethlehem Lutheran. Aloha, OR. 1997-2007
- Senior Pastor. Grace Lutheran. Pocatello, ID. 2007-present.

DISTRICT:

- Oregon Pastor's Conference Treasurer. 2002-2004.
- Forest Hills Lutheran School. Board of Directors. 1999-2007.
- Lutheran Camp Perkins. Board of Directors. 2008-present.

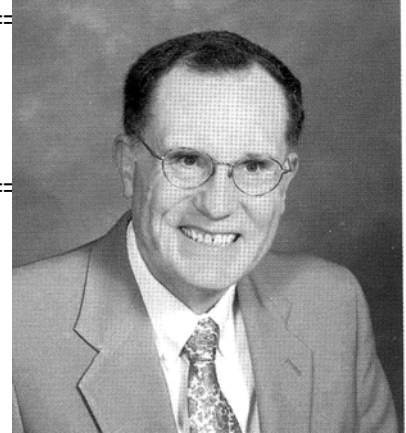
SYNOD:

- Natural Church Development (NCD) coach and trainer. 2000-present.
- Concordia Seminary Alumni Council. 2004-2007.
- Concordia University, Portland. Board of Regents. 2006-present.

Community Involvement:

Biographical Information

Nominated for: First Vice President
Regional Vice-President – Puget Sound



Name: KEITH EILERS

Address: 4456 42 Ave. SW
Seattle, Washington 98116

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:
Hope Lutheran Church and School

Birth date: 06/24/44

Occupation: Pastor

Education: Associate of Arts Concordia College, Portland, OR;
Bachelor of Arts, Concordia Senior College, Ft. Wayne IN
Master of Divinity, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO
Psycho-Social Care Training, Sangamon State University, Springfield, IL

Work Experience: Pastorates: Immanuel, Riverton IL, Immanuel, Springfield IL,
St. Johns, Decatur IL.
Christ the King, Bellevue WA
Hope, Seattle WA

DISTRICT: Circuit Counselor, Northwest District
Puget Sound Vice-President, Northwest District

SYNOD: His Love Our Response Thank-offering – District Chair

Community Involvement: Board of Directors and Chair, Lutheran Bible Institute

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Biographical Information

Nominated for: Nominating Committee, Commissioned Minister

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Name: BOB FOSSUM

Address: 2275 SW 187th Ct.
Aloha, OR 97006



Congregation Membership or Organization being served:

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Aloha, OR

Birth date: November 2, 1953

Occupation: Family Minister

Education: BS in Education, Concordia, Seward (1975)
MS in Family Education, Concordia University (1999)

Work Experience:

- Teacher, Hope Lutheran School, Idaho Falls
- Teacher, LIFE! Lutheran School, Eugene
- DCE, Trinity Lutheran Church, Portland
- DCE, Living Savior Lutheran Church, Tualatin
- Executive Director, Lutheran Camp Perkins, Hailey ID
- Family Minister, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Aloha, OR

DISTRICT:

- Chairman, District Youth Gatherings (1988, 1991)
- District Youth Committee
 - Chairman, Oregon State Youth Gatherings
 - Kaleidoscope Dean
- District DCE Conference Leadership
- Adjunct Instructor, Concordia Portland/Seward
- Presenter at various Conferences (DCE, Teachers, All-Worker)

SYNOD:

- Presenter for Lutheran Family Association
- Synodical Youth Gathering Team Member

Biographical Information

Nominated for: District Board of Directors, Commissioned Minister



Name: ROBIN G. FOSSUM

Address: 2275 SW 188th Ct., Aloha, OR 97006

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Aloha, OR

Birth date: age 54, born in Des Moines, Iowa

Occupation: Family Minister

Education: Concordia University, Nebraska – graduated 1981
Master of Science – Family Life, Concordia University, NE, 1997

Work Experience:

- Asst. Dir. Student Life, Concordia Univ., NE, 1983-1990 (approx)
- Director of Student Life, Concordia Univ., NE, 1990-1997
- Dean of Student Services, Concordia Univ., NE, 1997-1999
- Family Life Minister, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Aloha, OR, 2003-present

DISTRICT:

- Nebraska District, Youth Gathering, Fellowship Chair – 1985 & 1988 (approx)
- Nebraska District, Youth Gathering, Program Chair – 1991 (approx)
- NOW District, Family Ministry Consultant – 2008 – present

SYNOD:

- National Youth Gathering, Young Adult Volunteer Coordinator, 1998
- LCMS Ministry to Families Support Team, 1999-2000

Community Involvement:

- Adjunct Instructor of Family Ministry, Concordia Universities in Portland, OR and Seward, NE, 2001-2009
- PREPARE/ENRICH certified counselor
- LCMS Marriage Enrichment trained
- CPREP trained
- Women's Retreat Speaker in Oregon, Iowa, Missouri, Texas, 2004-2009

Biographical Information

Nominated for: Board of Regents, Concordia University,
Commissioned Minister



Name: **ROBERT W. FOWLS**

Address: 2511 NE Ravenwood Drive, Bend, Oregon 97701

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:
Trinity Lutheran Church & School, Bend, Oregon

Birth date: 10/01/52

Occupation: Associate Director of Education Services,
The Northwest District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Education: BA: Concordia University, River Forest 74'
MA: Saginaw Valley State University, Saginaw, Michigan 79'

Work Experience:

- 74-76: Teacher, Immanuel, Twin Falls, Idaho
- 77- 93: Teacher, Athletic Director, Assistant Principal, St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth, Michigan
- 93-99: Principal, St. Paul, Fort Worth, Texas
- 99-08: Head of School, Trinity, Bend, Oregon

DISTRICT: Chairman of Concordia Portland Board of Regents,
Various committees & task forces (Michigan, Texas, Northwest)

SYNOD: Various Committees & Task Forces

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Biographical Information

Nominated for: Regional Vice-President – Oregon

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Name: MARK EDWARD HOELTER

Address: 16452 NE Fargo St., Portland, OR 97230

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:

Membership: Trinity Lutheran Church, Portland

Serving, part-time: Good Shepherd, Vancouver



Birth date: September 26, 1946

Occupation: Ordained Pastor, Retired

Education: Concordia Senior College, Ft. Wayne, IN 1968
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO 1972
MS in Education (Counseling) University of Kansas, 1985

Work Experience:

- Immanuel, Hepler & Zion, Brazilton, KS 1972-1977
- University Lutheran Church, Lawrence, KS 1977-1986
- Immanuel Lutheran Church and University Student Center, Lawrence, KS 1986-1990
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Portland, OR 1990-2008
- Good Shepherd, Vancouver (Part-time) 2009 - present

DISTRICT:

- Circuit Counselor, 1999 to present
- Kansas District Youth Committee, 1975-1983
- Kansas District LWML Counselor, 1977-1981
- Kansas District Campus Ministry Coordinator, 1983-1990

SYNOD:

- Convention delegate, 1998 and 2007
- Convention committee in 2007

Community Involvement:

- Portland Lutheran School Board
- Portland VA Hospital CPE Committee, 1992 – present
- Board of Education Community Relations Committee, Lawrence, KS
- CROP Walk Chair
- Scouting, Youth Sports

Biographical Information

Nominated for: Regional Vice-President – Inland Empire

Name: TOBY JOECKEL

Address: 660 Red Sky Dr., Yakima, WA 98903

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Yakima, WA

Birth date: September 3, 1952

Occupation: Pastor

Education: BS/MDIV

Work Experience:

- 28 years Ordained Minister – pastorates served in WA, CT, NY and MI
- Trained in Consecrated Stewardship Seminar Leader, Mission work in Africa, India and Thailand

DISTRICT:

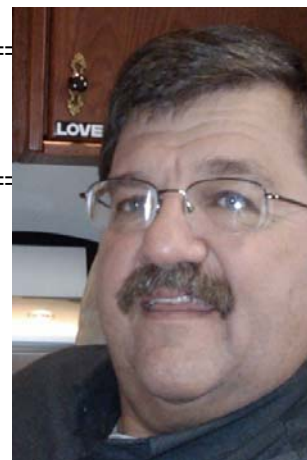
- Circuit Counselor – 5 years in NOW District, 6 years in NED
- NED Youth Board Chairman
- Michigan District Youth Board – 3 years
- LWML Zone Counselor – NED – 3 years
- Represented NOW District at LCEF Convention in 2006

SYNOD:

- LCMS Convention Delegate, twice
- LCMS National Youth Gathering Counselor, 4 times

Community Involvement:

- 2 years Campus Crusade for Christ
- Board Member – Yakima Evangelical Pastors Association



Biographical Information

Nominated for: District Secretary

Name: GRANT KNEPPER

Address: 997 NE Hood, Hillsboro, OR 97124

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:
Zion Lutheran Church

Birth date: 5-16-1966

Occupation: Pastor

Education: BA Seattle Pacific University, MDiv Concordia Theological Seminary

Work Experience:

- Parish Pastor in Northwest and English Districts Director of Congregational Support
Concordia Theological Seminary

DISTRICT:

- Puget Sound Pastors Conference Program Committee (2001-2005) Floor Committee
District Convention (2003) Scriptural Study of Ministry Task Force (2003-2005)
Delegate to Model Theological Conference II Phoenix (2005) Floor Manager 2009
District Convention Pacific Zone LWML Pastoral Counselor (2008 – present)

Community Involvement:

- Board of Directors Forest Hills Lutheran School (2008- present)



Biographical Information

Nominated for: District Board of Directors, Lay Member

Name: ROY KRAVITZ

Address: 2185 NW 153rd Ave.
Beaverton, OR 97006

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Portland OR

Birth date: July 4, 1953

Occupation: VP of Engineering, Serveron, a division of BPL Global

Education:

MSEE, University of Illinois, Urbana Illinois, 1977. GPA 4.2 (of 5)
BS Computer Engineering, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, 1975. GPA:4.0 (of 5)
Numerous technical seminars on FPGA design, Embedded CPUs, programming, etc
Numerous management and leadership seminars as part of my professional training

Work Experience:

- 30+ years in the Computer industry (20 as an engineering manager at premier companies such as Intel). Responsible for building and managing engineering organizations, planning/executing complex product development, test and sustaining engineering efforts, budget preparation and management, customer and field service interaction.
- 10 years as an Adjunct faculty member of the Computer Engineering department at the OGI School of Science and Engineering, OHSU. Co-develop and co-teach computer engineering courses. Received high marks as an instructor from my students every year.
- Instructor and facilitator for management and technical training at two companies.
- Strong mix of technical, managerial, and leadership skills. Broad knowledge and experience in hardware, software, FPGA (including SoC), and embedded system design and programming.

DISTRICT:

- Member Prince of Peace Lutheran Church School Board of Directors
- Served on several committees to expand POP preschool to a K-5 grade school. Produced financial feasibility models, presentations to Church membership, etc. Member of interviewing team that recommended a new director for the preschool/kindergarten.
- Member POP Bell Choir for more than 10 years
- Taught several adult Sunday school courses. Conducted several Passover Sedars (Sunday school and Congregational) as part of Easter preparation
- Active in Forest Hills Lutheran School as a parent for more 10 years. Varied responsibilities for annual fund raising auction. Most recently was the chairperson of hiring team to bring two new teachers into the school. Trained team on use of behavioral interviewing techniques to select the best qualified candidates (spiritually and technically). The team interviewed a dozen candidates and recommended two teachers – both accepted the positions and are doing well.
- Captain, co-captain, player for Westside Christian volleyball and softball leagues. Served as bridge between several churches to field joint teams.

Community Involvement:

- Youth soccer referee for 10 years. Worked at both the recreational and competitive league levels. Serve as mentor to young referees.



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Biographical Information

Nominated for: District Board of Directors, Commissioned Minister

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Name: MRS. LINDA KUHLMANN

Address: 1709 263rd Place (PO Box 333)
Ocean Park, WA 98640

Congregation Membership: St. John Lutheran Church, Seaview, WA

Date of Birth: 6/22/1950

Education: A.A. - Concordia, Portland, 1970;
B.S., Concordia, Seward, 1972;
M.A.T. Lewis and Clark College, Portland, OR, 1984

Work Experience: Trinity Lutheran School, Portland 1973-2007

Church Involvement, Congregation:

Sunday School Superintendent, LWML officer, AAL and Thrivent Officer

Circuit: Portland Lutheran School Capital Campaign Committee

District:

- NOW Board of Directors 1997-Present;
- NOW District Teachers' Conference Chair, Vice-Chair, 1990s;
- Oregon District LWML Structure Committee chair 2002-2006;
- LWML National Convention, Director of Hotel Hostesses, 2009

Synod: Synodical convention Attendee, 1998

Community Involvement:

- Volunteer, Ocean Park Elementary School, 2008;
- LENS (Lutheran Educational Network and Support), Board of Directors, 1998-present;
- AAL/Thrivent Leadership Boards, 1985-2004

Comments:

It has been a pleasure to serve as the Commissioned Minister representative on the Board of Directors for the past twelve years. It has been rewarding, and I hope to continue to be of service. With God's blessings, the Northwest District will continue to be at the forefront in areas of ministry, especially in "Tracking the Spirit" and LAP.

Spiritual Gifts: Teaching, Organization, Hospitality

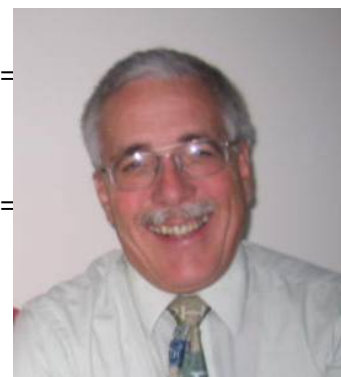


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Biographical Information

Nominated for: Regional Vice-President – Inland Empire

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Name: DAN KUNKEL

Address: Box 507, Tonasket, WA 98855

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:

Faith – Oroville, Hope – Tonasket, Immanuel – Havillah; Camp Ortoha, Lost Lake

Birth date: August 16, 1947

Occupation: Pastor

Education: University of Oregon (1965-1967)
Concordia Senior College (1967-1969) B.A.
Concordia Seminary (1969-1973) M.Div.
Summer Institute of Linguistics, England (1973)
Summer Institute of Linguistics, Oregon (1987)
Overseas Ministries Study Center, CN (1995)

Work Experience:

- Farm work, student work-study, factory work, salesman, night watchman, social services, vicar, community worker: 1955-1973
- Evangelistic missionary, church planter, missionary counselor, leadership trainer with LCMS Board for Mission Services and Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana: 1973-1995
- Pastor, Hope Lutheran Church, Brewster, WA, Bayshore Lutheran Mission, Manson, WA: 1995-2000
- Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church, Moses Lake, WA; Precious In His Sight Child Development Center: 2000-2007
- Pastor, Faith Lutheran Church, Oroville, WA; Hope Lutheran Church, Tonasket, WA; Immanuel Lutheran Church, Havillah, WA; Camp Ortoha, Lost Lake, WA: 2007-present
- Mentor pastor, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Okanogan, WA: 2008-present

DISTRICT:

- NOW District, Lay Assistant Task Force and Leadership Advancement Process board: 1996-2005
- Counselor, North Columbia Zone LWML: 1996-1999
- Counselor, South Columbia Zone LWML: 2000-2002
- NOW District Ethnic Ministries Task Force: 2005-present

SYNOD:

- Synodical Convention circuit pastoral delegate: 2001 and 2007

Community Involvement:

- Brewster Food Bank, Brewster, WA (1995-2000);
- Precious In His Sight Child Development Center, Moses Lake, WA (2000-2007)
- H.U.G.S. (Help Undo Grief Services), Moses Lake, WA (2001-2003)
- Tonasket Food Bank, Tonasket, WA (2007-present)
- Hope Clothing Outreach, Tonasket, WA (2007-present)
- Familias a Familias, Oroville, WA (2008-present)

Biographical Information

Nominated for: District President
First Vice President

Name: ERIC T. LANGE

Address: 4181 NE El Camino Dr.
Gresham, OR 97030

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Gresham, OR



Birth date: June 4, 1960

Occupation: Minister of Religion

Education: BA – Concordia, Ann Arbor – 1984
M. Div – Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne – 1988
S.T.M. – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis – 1999

Work Experience:

- Vicar – Calvary Lutheran Church, Portland, OR – 1986-87
- Pastor – Trinity Lutheran Church, Pontiac, IL – 1988-1991
- Graduate Research Fellow – World Mission Institute – 1991-1992
- Pastor – Immanuel Lutheran Church, Augsburg, IL – 1994-1997
- Pastor – Redeemer Lutheran Church, Gresham, OR – 1997-present

DISTRICT: Circuit Counselor, Circuit 6, 2001-present

SYNOD: Vicarage Supervisor – 1997-1999 (Russian vicars), 2003-present

Community Involvement:

- Chaplain, Fairlawn Good Samaritan Home, Gresham, OR, 2003-present

Biographical Information

Nominated for: District President
District Secretary

Name: REV. PAUL LINNEMANN

Address: 15890 SW Cherrywood Lane Tigard, OR 97224

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Tigard, OR

Birth date: August 23, 1958

Occupation: Pastor

Education: Concordia College, Portland OR (BA – Education) 1980
Lewis & Clark College, Portland OR (MA – Counseling Psychology) 1987
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis MO (MA – Exegetical & Practical Theology) 1994

Work Experience:

- Lutheran School Teacher 1980-1985
- Director of Christian Education (Trinity, Oregon City) 1985-1987
- Director of Student Development, Asst. Professor of Psychology (Concordia, Portland) 1987-1992
- Counselor (Lutheran Family and Children Services of Missouri) 1992-1994
- Pastor (Our Redeemer Lutheran Church) 1995-present

Church Involvement:

Congregational (as a layman): Sunday School teacher 1988-1989, Head Elder 1989-1992

DISTRICT:

- Circuit Counselor 2003-2004
- Workshop leaders for various Circuit gatherings 1989-1990
- NOW District Secretary 2004-present
- Center for Prayer Renewal Leader 2004-present
- NOW District Convention Planning Committee 2000, 2006, 2009
- NOW District Theological Conference Dean 2002-2005
- Oregon Pastors Conference Planning Committee 1996-1998
- NOW District Task Force on Early Adolescence 1984-1985

SYNOD:

- Advisory Delegate to Synod Convention 2007
- Voting Delegate to Synod Convention 2004
- Member of Synodical Convention Floor Committee – Higher Education 2004
- Author of LEA Monograph Article 1991

Community Involvement:

- On call Chaplain – Meridian Park Hospital 1996-present
- Chaplain for Forest Hills Lutheran School 1995-2004
- Forest Hills Lutheran School Board of Directors 1998-2002 (Vice-Chairman 1998-1999; Chairman 1999-2000)
- Pastoral Advisor for Good Shepherd Lutheran Home Auxiliary 1996-1998
- Member of Task Force on Cross Cultural Ministry for LEA-TEAM 1990-1992



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Biographical Information

Nominated for: Board of Regents, Concordia University, Lay Member

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Name: JACK MENASHE

Address: 5605 Beach Drive SW, Seattle, WA 98136

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:

Hope Lutheran Church, Seattle, WA

Birth date: October 10, 1947

Occupation: Jeweler

Education: Highline Community College – 2 years
University of Washington, Seattle, WA – 2 years

Work Experience:

- 37 years as a self-employed jeweler, owner of Menashe & Sons Jewelers
- Total of 45 years in the jewelry world

Community Involvement:

- Rotary
- Sports world – we support athletic programs
- Seattle Lutheran High School
- Hope Lutheran School Board, President, 10 years
- Elder, 10 years
- Sunday School Teacher, 10 years
- Hope Lutheran Church Council, 4 years
- Born again since 1978
- Grand Marshall of West Seattle Hi-Yu Parade

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Biographical Information

Nominated for: District President
First Vice President



Name: REV. KERRY REESE

Address: 12618 47th Dr SE, Everett, WA 98208

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Snohomish (Maltby), WA

Birth date: 12/17/1953

Occupation: Pastor

Education: Concordia College, Portland, OR, 1974 (AA)
Concordia Senior College, Ft. Wayne, IN, 1976 (BA)
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, 1980 (M.Div.)
Concordia Graduate School, St. Louis, MO, 1987 (STM)

Work Experience:

- Assistant Pastor, St. Peter-Immanuel Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, WI, 1982-83
- Pastor, Messiah Lutheran Church, Highland, CA, 1983-90
- Pastor, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Snohomish, WA, 1990-present

Church Involvement-

DISTRICT:

- District Pastors Conference program committee, PSW, 1985-87
- LWML Zone Counselor, Lake Arrowhead Zone, CA, 1984-86
- LWML Zone Counselor, Mt. Baker Zone, WA, 1990-1992
- Puget Sound Pastors Conference program committee, 1997-2003
- Puget Sound Pastors Conference treasurer, 2003-2009

Community Involvement:

- Rotary International, San Bernardino East, CA

Biographical Information

Nominated for: District Secretary

Name: LANGDON REINKE

Address: 9863 Elk St., Aumsville, OR 97325

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:
St. John Lutheran Church & School, Salem, OR

Birth date: August 28, 1967

Occupation: Pastor

Education: 1985-89 BA, Concordia University, Mequon, WI
1989-93 MDiv, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO
2006-Present Pastoral Leadership Institute
2007-Present Enrolled in DMIN program, Concordia Seminary



Work Experience:

- Associate Pastor, Faith Lutheran Church & School, Eustis, FL, (near Orlando) Major areas: Stewardship, Evangelism, Christian Dayschool—1993-96
- Pastor, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Douglasville, GA (near Atlanta) Major areas: DELTO mentor; Facility development; Initial groundwork for Preschool start—1996-03
- Pastor, Hope Lutheran Church & School, Idaho Falls, ID. Major areas: Initiatives to improve school/church administration; Supervision of a licensed deacon—2003-08
- Pastor, St. John Lutheran Church & School, Salem, OR —2008-Present

DISTRICT:

- FL-GA District Convention Page— 1994
- Tri-Circuit Secretary/Treasurer— 1995
- FL-GA District Stewardship Taskforce member— 1999-2001
- Circuit Counselor (Atlanta West) FL-GA District— 2001-03
- NOW District Representative for the Inter-District Resource Committee on Mormonism (RM, WY, MT, NOW) — 2004-present

SYNOD:

- Delegate to Synod Convention, Yellowstone Circuit — 2004

Community Involvement:

- HOPE Project volunteer (provided housing for a family for 6 mos.);
- served as a Board member of Lutheran Camp Perkins, ID;
- Attended various ministerial associations;

Biographical Information

Nominated for: District Board of Directors, Lay Member

Name: JULIA RIESS

Address: 15902 SE 35th Street, Vancouver, WA 98683

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:

Birth date: age 63, born in Lebanon, OR

Occupation: International flight attendant/purser

Education: Valparaiso University, graduated 1968

Work Experience:

- International Flight Attendant/Purser, Pan American World Airways, 1969-1987
- International Flight Attendant/Purser, United Airlines, 1987 – present

DISTRICT:

- OR District Lutheran Women's Missionary League
 - Vice President of Mission Education, 1992-1996
 - Public Relations Director, 1996-2000
 - District President, 2000-2004
- NW District Board of Directors—Lay Member, 2006-2009

SYNOD/NATIONAL:

- Lutheran Women's Missionary League – national level
 - Board of Directors as Oregon District President, 2000-2004
 - Parliamentarian, 2004-2006
 - Portland 2009 LWML Convention Host Committee Chairman, 2006-2009

Community Involvement:

- Valparaiso University Guild:
 - National Community Relations Chairman, 1992-1994
 - Columbia Cascade Chapter (Portland) President, 1998-2006
- National Association of Parliamentarians, Member: 2001-present



Biographical Information

Nominated for: District President
First Vice President
Regional Vice-President – Alaska



Name: JONATHAN ROCKEY

Address: PO Box 1994, Palmer, AK 99645

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:
St. John Lutheran Church, Palmer, AK

Birth date: May 10, 1953

Occupation: Senior Pastor

Education:	Concordia College, Austin, Texas	1971-1973	AA
	Concordia Senior College, Ft. Wayne, IN	1973-1975	BA
	Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO	1975-1979	M Div
	Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO	2002-2009	D Min

Work Experience:

- St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, St. Louis, MO, Pastor, 1979-1983
- Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, FL, Pastor, 1983-1991
- Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Kingsland, GA, Mission Developer, 1983-1986
- St. John Lutheran Church, Palmer, AK, Senior Pastor, 1991-present

DISTRICT:

- District Youth Board, FL GA District – 1984-1991
- Chairman, District Youth Board, FL GA District – 1987-1991
- AK Regional Vice President – 2000-2009

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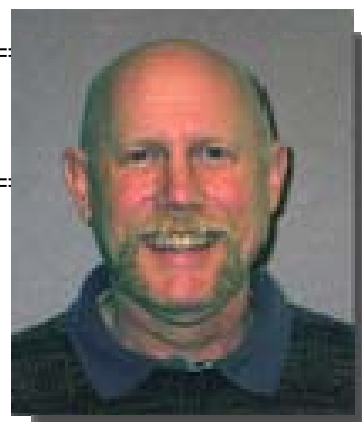
- Alaska Circuit Counselor – 1994-2000

Community Involvement:

- Volunteer Hospital Chaplain (Chairman), Mat Su Regional Hospital
- Palmer Kiwanis Club
- Little League Baseball / Softball Coach (14 years)

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Biographical Information

Nominated for: District Nominating Committee, Ordained Minister



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Name: **REV. BRUCE A. RUMSCH**

Address: 3668 SE Smith Dr., Hillsboro, OR 97123

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:
Trinity Lutheran Church, Hillsboro, OR

Birth date: April 26, 1952

Occupation: Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Hillsboro, OR

Education: Concordia Jr. College, Portland, OR (1970 – 1972)
Concordia Sr. College, Ft. Wayne, IN (1972 – 1974)
Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN (1974 – 1978)

Work Experience:

- Pastor, Bethany and Emmanuel Lutheran Churches, Osburn & Mullan, ID: 1978—1983
- Pastor, Concordia Lutheran Church, Oak Harbor, WA: 1983—1989
- Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Hillsboro, OR: 1989 – present

DISTRICT:

- Youth Board, 1983-1989
- Ministry to Military Personnel, Families, and Congregations Task Force, 2004-present
- Oregon Pastors Conference Chairman

SYNOD:

- Convention Delegate, 1998
- Operation Barnabas Counselor

Community Involvement:

- Kiwanis Club
- Optimist Club
- Volunteer Hospital Chaplain
- Advisory Board, Parish Nurse Ministries, Washington County, OR
- Tuality Hospitals Board, Hillsboro, OR
- US Navy Chaplain Corps, 1982-2005

Biographical Information

Nominated for: District Board of Directors, Lay Member

Name: DAVID A. SCHILLING

Address: 4563 E. 75 N., Rigby, ID 83442

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:
Crown of Life Lutheran Church, Rigby, ID

Birth date: age 62

Occupation: Engineering Manager, Licensed Deacon

Education: BS – Mathematics, US Air Force Academy, 1969.
MBA – Specialization in Management, University of Northern Colorado, 1973.
Lay Assistant Program – Concordia University, Portland, 1997

Work Experience:

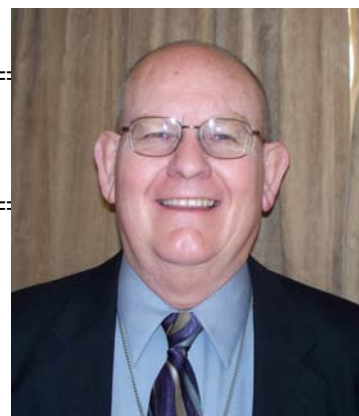
- US Air Force Reserve, Lt. Colonel, Retired (30 year career)
- Engineer/Manager, Bechtel-Bettis Inc. (30 years)

DISTRICT:

- Yellowstone Circuit Forum President, 1987 - 2001
- Southern Idaho Convocation Chairman, 1987 - 1999
 - (planned 5 Convocations each with an average attendance of 400-500 people, including local, District and Synodical program participants)
- NW District Board of Directors, 1997 – present
- Serving as Licensed Deacon for Crown of Life Lutheran Church, Rigby, ID, 9/0/01—present
- Certified as Licensed Deacon, 1997

SYNOD:

- Served as a Synodical Convention Delegate for Circuit 12 (multiple times)
- Served on the Synodical Convention Administration Committee



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Biographical Information

Nominated for: District Board of Directors, Lay Member

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Name: PHILLIP K. SCHNEIDER

Address: PO Box 897, Orting, WA 98360-0897

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:
Immanuel Lutheran, Puyallup, WA

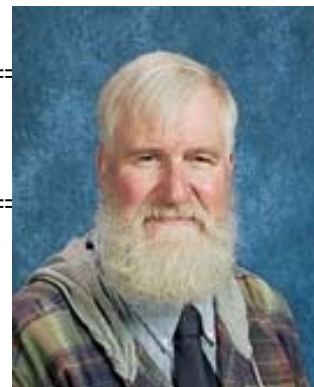
Birth date: September 27, 1946

Occupation: Teacher / Mount Rainier Lutheran High (Tacoma, WA)

Education: BA, MA, MPS, OHST

Work Experience: US Army (Retired) & Weyerhaeuser Company (Retired)

Community Involvement: ASTD/Puget Sound Chapter, EEAW & Tahoma Audubon



Biographical Information

Nominated for: District President

Name: PASTOR ANTHONY (TONY) SCHULTZ

Address: 8915 NE 41st Ave
Vancouver, WA 98665

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Battle Ground, WA 98604

Birth date: December 31, 1952

Occupation: Pastor

Education: Concordia Seminary St. Louis, MO 1975 - 1979
Concordia Senior College, Ft. Wayne, IN 1973 - 1975
Concordia Lutheran College, Austin, TX 1971 - 1973

Work Experience:

- 2004 to present; Pastor, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Battle Ground, WA
- 2004 to present; Adjunct Professor of Theology, Concordia University, Portland, OR
- 1987 - 2004; Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church, Ashland, OR
- 1996 - 2001; High School Baseball Coach, St. Mary's High School, Medford, OR
- 1981 - 1987; Pastor, First Lutheran Church, Muskogee, OK
- 1979 - 1981; Pastor, Missionary at Large, Uranium Mining Towns, Jeffrey City, WY
- 1978 - 1979; Vicar, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Yakima, WA

DISTRICT SERVICE:

- Trained Guest Leader for Consecrated Stewards
 - Hope, West Seattle, WA
 - Light of Christ, Federal Way, WA
 - St. Paul, Sherwood, OR
 - Ascension, Portland, OR
- Trained Natural Church Development Leader
 - Immanuel, Hood River, OR
 - Christ Community, Vancouver, WA
 - St. Matthews, Washougal, WA
 - Prince of Peace, Battle Ground, WA
- Trained Peace Maker
- Pastoral leadership for Northwest District Youth Gathering
- Four times: Music and Pastoral leadership with Alaska Youth Kaleidoscope Events
- Six times: Support Staff for Oregon/Washington Youth Kaleidoscope events.
- 1990 - 1996 District Evangelism Board
- 1990 - 1996 LWML Pastoral Advisor OR District, LLL Pastoral Advisor, OK District

SYNOD: 1997 - 2004 Circuit Counselor; Circuit #1, Southern Oregon

Community Involvement:

- 2004 - 2008 Toastmasters, Battle Ground, WA
- 2000 - 2004 Rogue Valley Mediation Board, Medford, OR
- 1988 - 2004 Involved with YMCA sports for kids and Little League, Ashland, OR
- 1987 - 1989 Kiwanis Club, Ashland, OR
- 1980 - 1987 Kiwanis Club, Muskogee, OK



Biographical Information

Nominated for: Synod Nominating Committee

Name: REV. DR. WARREN SCHUMACHER

Address: 2254 NE 13th Street, Hillsboro, OR, 97124

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:

Trinity Lutheran Church, Hillsboro, OR

Date of Birth: 3/3/1941

Occupation: District President

Education: Concordia Theological Seminary, 1965;
Concordia University, Portland, OR (Doctor of Laws, Honorary)

Work Experience:

- Pastor, St Matthew, Holt, MI, 1965-1967;
- Pastor, Trinity, Mt Vernon, WA, 1967-1988;
- Pastor, Trinity, Hillsboro, OR, 1988-1994;
- District President, Northwest District, Portland, OR, 1994-2009

Church Involvement:

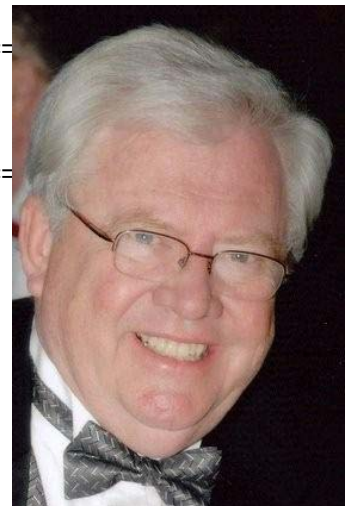
- Youth Board, 1973-1975;
- Board of Evangelism, 1975-1980;
- Stewardship Committee, 1988-1994

SYNOD:

- Board Member, Lutheran World Relief, 2001-present;
- Inter- Lutheran Coordinating Committee, 2000-2005;
- Council of Presidents – 1994 – present,
- COP Pastoral Support Committee 2000-present,
- Floor Committee 7 Chairman 2004 Convention

Community Involvement:

- Chair, Skagit County Administration Board, 1977-1988;
- Board of Directors, YMCA (Mt Vernon), 1978-1985;
- Hospice Board, Skagit County, Washington, 1985-1987;
- Governor's Advisory Board - WA (Alcohol & Substance Abuse), 1986-1988



Biographical Information

Nominated for: District Board of Directors,
Commissioned Minister



Name: DAN SEIM

Address: 33495 SW Riedweg Road, Cornelius, OR 97113

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:
Bethlehem, Aloha, Oregon

Birth date: March 26, 1943

Occupation: Retired Lutheran school administrator, teacher

Education: BS Ed., M. Ed. Concordia Teachers College, Seward, NE

Work Experience:

- 40 years as teacher and administrator in Lutheran schools: Wisconsin, Colorado, Texas, Oregon, Washington and Hawaii
- presently serving as facilities manager at Forest Hills Lutheran School, Cornelius, OR

DISTRICT:

- Conference leadership: all workers, teachers, administrators
- Committee membership

SYNOD:

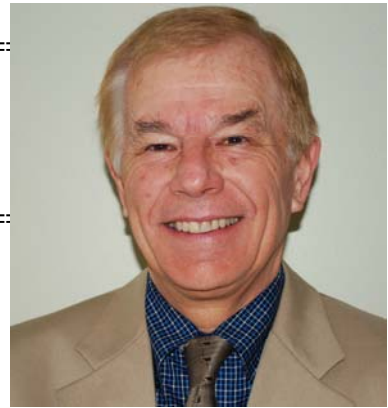
- Genesis Project Consultant
- Author for Lutheran Education Association

Community Involvement:

- Newspaper writer
- Mexico volunteer – water filter project
- Website design and maintenance

Biographical Information

Nominated for: Board of Regents, Concordia University,
Commissioned Minister



Name: JOSEPH PAUL TENSMEYER

Address: St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School,
Wenatchee, Washington

Birth date: 7/19/43

Occupation: Lutheran School Principal

Education: Washington State University; EdD
Washington State University; EdM
Concordia Teachers College, NE; B.S
St. Paul's College, MO; A.A

Work Experience:

- Spokane Lutheran School, Administrator Preschool through Eighth Grade, Spokane, WA 99224-5273
- Richland School District, Richland, WA 99006
 - Positions: Principal of River's Edge High School; Instructor grade six, multiage grades five and six, and team leader in a developmentally appropriate, thematic curricular approach, and multiage classroom; Served as a Master and Mentor Teacher; also, carried out duties as a Technology Specialist and Junior High (football/baseball) Coach and Intramural Director.
- St. John's Lutheran School, Oxnard, CA
 - Positions: Instructor grades six and seven; Athletic Director, Coach, Youth Chairman, and P.E. Director.
- Redeemer Lutheran School, Colorado Springs, CO
 - Positions: Instructor grades four through eight; District Visitation and Evaluation Committee; Physical Education/Athletic Director, Coach, and Youth Director.

Community Involvement:

- Restructuring the Student Teaching Program to align with New York State and NCATE accreditation standards.
- Development of a standards and rubric centered student teaching program.
- Complete rewrite of the Student Teaching Handbook.
- Working with the Education Department Team pursuing NCATE and ACEI accreditation.
- Educational Consultant, facilitator, and Professional Development workshop leader for Lutheran Schools in the Greater New York Area.
- Coordinator of Student Teaching.
- Worked collaboratively with the Board of Education and Central Administration of Richland School District to:
 - Establish the need for a new high school;
 - Develop the bond package for voter consideration; ;
 - Represent the District in presenting the bond package to the citizens in "Town Hall" meetings;
 - Served as team leader for the Site Analysis including the demolition of the existing school structures; and
 - Served as team leader for the conceptualization of the new facility.
- Congregation Chair: Sanctuary Conceptualization Process through Project Completion.

Biographical Information

Nominated for: District Board of Directors, Lay Member

Name: JIM PAUL TROST

Address: 986 Mt. McGuire Dr.
Pocatello, ID 83201

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:
Grace Lutheran Church and School

Birth date: May 14, 1944

Occupation: Physician, retired

Education: B.S. UCLA,
MD Univ Calif Irvine,
Post grad training Michigan & Univ of Wisconsin

Work Experience:

At Grace Lutheran: Building Committee, Finance Committee, Adult Sunday school teacher, Elder, Head Elder, Church Secretary, Stephen Minister, Executive Council

Community Involvement:

- Dept. Chairman Diagnostic Imaging Portneuf Medical Center and Bannock Medical Center.
- Chief of Staff Portneuf Medical Center



Biographical Information

Nominated for: Regional Vice-President – Puget Sound

Name: THEODORE PAUL WERFELMANN

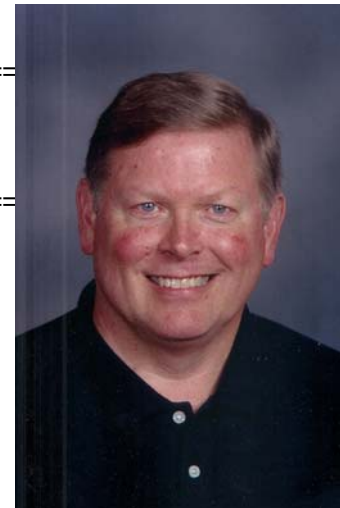
Address: 2400 SW 344th St. Federal Way, Washington 98023

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:

Light of Christ Lutheran Church

Birth date: February 12, 1949 in Libby, Montana

Occupation: Pastor, Light of Christ Lutheran



Education: 60 years of life. Concordia High School Portland 65-67
Concordia U – St. Paul, Minn. AA 1969 Concordia Senior College BA 1971
Concordia Seminary-St. Louis M.Div. 1976;
Post-graduate work-Concordia Sem 1976-86
Pastoral Leadership Institute-2004-2008.

Work Experience:

- Zion Lutheran, Lahoma OK. 1976-1981;
- Faith Lutheran, Deer Park, WA. 1981-1991;
- Christ the King Lutheran, Coeur d’Alene, ID. 1991-1998;
- Light of Christ Lutheran, Federal Way, WA. 1998-present.

DISTRICT:

- OK District: Dist. Youth Bd.; Dist. Bd.of Directors; Dist. Secretary, Outdoor Ministry Bd. Chairman, FIR Dist. Sub-Director
- Northwest District: Chairman, Dist. CCM; Convention Floor Committee Chair, Circuit Counselor, District Evangelism Board, Refocus Facilitator, Evang.workshops, LLL Pastoral Advisor, LWML Wa-Alaska District Pastoral Advisor, NW Dist. Convention workshop leader.

SYNOD:

- Synodical Board of Evangelism;
- Synodical Convention Delegate, Floor Committee member.

Community Involvement:

- Member, Deer Park Rotary; Park and Rec. Board, Hospital Chaplain, Fire Dept. Chaplain;
- Ministerial Assoc. President; Coeur d’Alene Rotary Bd. Of Directors, Park and Rec Board,
- Ministerial Assoc. President, School board committees; Youth and Adult Sports officiating.
- Federal Way Rotary, Ministerial Assoc. Retirement Home chaplain

Biographical Information

Nominated for: Board of Regents, Concordia University,
Lay Member



Name: TERRY WILSON

Address: 9360 SW Panorama Place, Portland, OR 97225

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Tigard

Birth date: July 20, 1951

Occupation: Commercial Real Estate Broker

Education: BA, Oregon State University, 1973

Work Experience:

- 35 years as a commercial real estate broker, in various firms, as an associate broker and principal broker (at present firm – Compass Commercial Real Estate Services)

Community Involvement:

- Concordia University – Board of Regents
- Concordia University – Foundation Board (past President)
- Our Redeemer Lutheran Church – Chairman of Elders
- Various local Realtor organizations

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Biographical Information

Nominated for: District Board of Directors, Lay Member

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Name: MR. M. SCOTT WOLFRAM

Address: 704 Beet Road, Walla Walla, WA, 99362

Congregation Membership or Organization being served:
Trinity Lutheran Church, Walla Walla, WA

Date of Birth: 12/9/1954

Occupation: Attorney

Education: Valparaiso University, 1976, B.S. Business Administration, with distinction
Valparaiso School of Law, 1979, JD

Work Experience:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Years (Dates)</u>
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney	Walla Walla County	1979-1984
Attorney	Lohrmann, Parker & Wolfram, Walla Walla, WA	1984 – 1989
Attorney	Minnick-Hayner Walla Walla, WA	1989 – present
Walla Walla County Superior Court Commissioner	Walla Walla County	2003-present

DISTRICT: Northwest District Board of Directors 1994-Present

SYNOD: Hearing Facilitator 2005- Present

Community Involvement:

Walla Walla Catholic Schools Board of Trustees 2006-Present

Past member of the following Boards:

Campfire, Goodwill, Walla Walla Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, Kiwanis,
Little League, United Way, Boy Scouts of America (Pioneer District),
Friends of Walla Walla.