

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT
LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD**

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AGENDA

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Thursday, June 9, 2022

- 8:00 a.m. Delegate/Advisory Registration Open (Check-in when rooms become available)
- 8:30 a.m. All Floor Committees Joint Meeting - *Lone Tree*
- 8:45 a.m. Floor Committees- Closed session
- 11:00 a.m. Open session for the Floor Committees:
Credentials
Nominations - *Littleton B*
Elections - *Littleton B*
Know the Truth - *Lone Tree*
Live the Faith - *Englewood*
District Business Office- *Littleton A*
- Noon Lunch—On your own
- 1:00 p.m. Opening Worship Service Hosted by Our Father Lutheran Church, Centennial, CO - *Salon C/D*
- 2:30 p.m. Call to Order- Opening of the 52nd Rocky Mountain District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
- 2:31 p.m. Acceptance of the Credentials Report; Acceptance of the Agenda; Acceptance of the Standing Rules; Testing of the Voting procedures
- 2:45 p.m. Welcome to and presentation by Rev. Dr. John Wohlrabe Jr., 2nd Vice-President of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
- 3:45 p.m. Elections for President, 1st Vice President, Area Vice Presidents, Elections for Position of Rank of the Area Vice Presidents
Election for the District Secretary, Election for Commission Worker- Board Of Directors, and Election of Lay Representatives- Board of Directors
- 4:30 p.m. Rev. Dr. Alfonso Espinosa
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner Break- On your own
- 7:14 p.m. Credentials Committee Report - *Salon C/D*
- 7:15 p.m. District President's Report
- 7:45 p.m. 100th Anniversary— Rev. Gary Rahe, 2nd Vice-President, Eastern Area Rocky Mountain District
- 8:00 p.m. Closing Prayer—Rev. Gary Piepkorn, 1st Vice-President, Southern Area Rocky Mountain District
- 8:10 p.m. Anniversary Social Sponsored by LCEF for Delegates & Convention Guests



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Friday, June 10, 2022

- 6:00—7:30 a.m. Breakfast is provided for the Delegates— *Salon A/B*
- 8:00 a.m. Opening Devotions— Rev. Keith Besel, Rocky Flats Circuit Visitor—*Salon C/B*
- 8:15 a.m. Credentials Committee Report
- 8:16 a.m. Elections continue as necessary, Floor Committees
- 9:30 a.m. Rev. Dr. Alfonso Espinosa
- 10:30 a.m. Siberian Lutheran Mission Presentation
- 10:50 a.m. Floor Committees
- Noon Lunch Break Recess— Lunch Provided for Delegates— *Salon A/B*
- 1:14 p.m. Credentials Committee Report—*Salon C/D*
- 1:15 p.m. Special Guests
- 1:30 p.m. Rev. Dr. Alfonso Espinosa
- 2:30 p.m. Greetings to the Convention (University and Seminary Representatives)
- 2:50 p.m. Task Forces (Disability, Hispanic Ministry)
- 3:00 p.m. Gospel Gap—Rev. Dwight Hellmers, 3rd Vice-President, Central Area
- 3:24 p.m. Credentials Committee Final Report
- 3:25 p.m. Installation of newly elected
- 3:45 p.m. Service of Remembrance
- 4:15 p.m. Closing of the Convention



FLOOR COMMITTEES



COMMITTEE: CREDENTIALS

- CHAIRMAN:** **Rev. Jason Rust**
Shepherd of the Hills- Ruidoso, NM
- LAYPERSON DELEGATE: Michael Brown
Beautiful Savior—Broomfield, CO
- ADVISORY DELEGATE: Duane Nyen
Trinity—Saint George, UT

COMMITTEE: NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

- CHAIRMAN:** **Rev. Elisha (Eli) Lietzau**
Wheat Ridge- Wheat Ridge, CO
- PASTORAL DELEGATE: Rev. Kurt van Fossan
Redeemer- Delta, CO
- LAYPERSON DELEGATE: Timothy Wood
Trinity- Denver, CO
- ADVISORY DELEGATE: Kenneth Stroud, Jr.
Immanuel—Colorado Springs, CO
- ADVISORY DELEGATE: Dan Gehrke
Lutheran High School -Parker, CO (CLHSA)

COMMITTEE: ELECTIONS

- CHAIRMAN:** **Rev. Trenton Christensen**
St. Paul/Zion—Julesburg, CO/Big Springs, NE
- LAYPERSON DELEGATE: Jerry Shroff
Christ- Albuquerque, NM
- ADVISORY DELEGATE: Kristi Bower
Beautiful Savior- Broomfield, CO

FLOOR COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE: KNOW THE TRUTH

CHAIRMAN:	Rev. Timothy Runtsch Redeemer– Fort Collins, CO
PASTORAL DELEGATE	Rev. Dan Kletke St. John’s– Canon City, CO Rev. Brian Flamme Immanuel– Roswell, NM
LAYPERSON DELEGATE	Rev. Joseph Murphy Grace– Parker, CO Brad Miller Calvary—Rio Rancho, NM Christine Van Dornick Immanuel—Santa Fe, NM Lynn Gaehle St Paul– Ogden, UT
ADVISORY DELEGATE	Gene Giddings St Paul– Durango, CO William (Bill) Busacker Immanuel– Loveland, CO

COMMITTEE: LIVE THE FAITH

CHAIRMAN:	Rev. Michael Redeker Messiah– Grand Junction, CO
PASTORAL DELEGATE	Rev. Thomas Reeder, Jr. Immanuel– Clovis, NM Rev. Kevin Belter Redeemer– Salt Lake City, UT Rev. Keith Besel Mount Calvary– Fort Lupton, CO
LAYPERSON DELEGATE	Tim Kludt Zion– El Paso, TX Glenda Scheele Shepherd of the Rockies– Bailey, CO Bruce Fear Redeemer– Fort Collins, CO Chris Paulsen Mount Zion– Denver, CO
ADVISORY DELEGATE	Paulette (Polly) Wegner Peace– Arvada, CO

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Colorado Springs, CO

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Colorado Springs, CO

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DISTRICT STAFF



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District President



Rev. Paul Albers
Executive for Congregational Services



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Business Manager



Monique Hjalquist
Administrative Assistant



CONVENTION DELEGATES

Congregation Name	City	ST			Delegate Type
Ascension	El Paso	TX	Rev. Brian R	Bestian	Pastoral Delegate
Ascension	El Paso	TX	John	Witty	Lay Delegate
Ascension	El Paso	TX	David	Epperson	Alternate
Ascension	Littleton	CO	Rev. John	Larson	Pastoral Delegate
Ascension	Littleton	CO	Arvin	Michel	Lay Delegate
Ascension	Littleton	CO	Jim	Fennessey	Alternate
Beautiful Savior	Broomfield	CO	Rev. Richard	Langness	Pastoral Delegate
Beautiful Savior	Broomfield	CO	Mike	Brown	Lay Delegate
Beautiful Savior	Broomfield	CO	Calvin	Meissner	Alternate
Beautiful Savior	Broomfield	CO	Kristine	Bower	Advisory
Bethany/Our Savior	Pueblo/Pueblo W	CO	Rev. Nicholas (Nick)	Shults	Pastoral Delegate
Bethany/Our Savior	Pueblo/Pueblo W	CO	Greg	Ronning	Lay Delegate
Bethany/Our Savior	Pueblo/Pueblo W	CO	Thomas	Walker	Alternate
Bethlehem	Lakewood	CO	Rev. David	Langewisch	Pastoral Delegate
Bethlehem	Lakewood	CO	Ron	Uecker	Lay Delegate
Calvary	Rio Rancho	NM	Rev. Adam	DeGroot	Pastoral Delegate
Calvary	Rio Rancho	NM	Brad	Miller	Lay Delegate
Calvary	Wray	CO	Dominick	Anderson	Lay Delegate
Christ	Albuquerque	NM	Rev. Eric	Robinson	Pastoral Delegate
Christ	Albuquerque	NM	Gerald (Jerry)	Shroff	Lay Delegate
Christ	Breckenridge	CO	Rev. Larry	McGurer	Pastoral Delegate
Christ	Breckenridge	CO	Brian	Moeller	Lay Delegate
Christ	Denver	CO	Rev. Roger	Wohletz	Pastoral Delegate
Christ	Denver	CO	Marisa	Showalter	Lay Delegate
Christ	Denver	CO	Mackenzie	Egun	Alternate
Christ	Montrose	CO	Darrell	Wagner	Lay Delegate
Christ	Murray	UT	Rev. Justin	Clarke	Pastoral Delegate
Christ	Murray	UT	Steve	Brenk	Lay Delegate
Christ	Murray	UT	James (Jim)	Stanfield	Alternate
Christ Our Savior	Elizabeth	CO	Rev. Geoffrey	Wagner	Pastoral Delegate
Christ Our Savior	Elizabeth	CO	Robert	Helmkamp	Lay Delegate
Christ Our Savior	Elizabeth	CO	*Ben	Meade	Alternate
Christ Our Savior	Longmont	CO	Rev. John	Thieme	Pastoral Delegate
Christ Our Savior	Longmont	CO	Lisa	Ehler	Lay Delegate
Christ Our Savior	Longmont	CO	Ed	Mohran	Alternate
Christ the King/Hope	Los Lunas/Socorro	NM	Rev. Thaine	Kister	Pastoral Delegate
Christ the King/Hope	Los Lunas/Socorro	NM	Robert	Koeltzow	Lay Delegate
Christ the King/Hope	Los Lunas/Socorro	NM	David	Johnston	Alternate

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Congregation Name		City	ST			Delegate Type
Concordia	Lakewood	CO	John	Vorwerk	Lay Delegate	
Concordia	Lakewood	CO	Teri	Folk	Alternate	
Emmanuel	Rifle	CO	Rev. Charles	Westby	Pastoral Delegate	
Emmanuel	Rifle	CO	John	Steele	Lay Delegate	
Epiphany	Castle Rock	CO	Rev. Chris	Matthis	Pastoral Delegate	
Epiphany	Castle Rock	CO	Richard	Rath	Lay Delegate	
Epiphany	Castle Rock	CO	Joy	Jensen	Alternate	
Epiphany	Castle Rock	CO	Kristin	Schmidt	Advisory	
Eternal Savior	Lafayette	CO	Keith	Cowley	Lay Delegate	
Eternal Savior	Lafayette	CO	Rev. Paul	*Rhode	Advisory	
Faith	Craig	CO	Rev. John	Turner	Pastoral Delegate	
Faith	Craig	CO	Charles (Rocky)	Thompson	Lay Delegate	
Faith	Craig	CO	James	Vikes	Alternate	
Faith	Denver	CO	Rev. Terry L	Neustel II	Pastoral Delegate	
Faith	Denver	CO	Steve	Delve	Lay Delegate	
Faith	Denver	CO	Gary	Hoffmann	Alternate	
Faith	Johnstown	CO	Rev. Brandon	Ross	Pastoral Delegate	
Faith	Johnstown	CO	Grant	Drenkow	Lay Delegate	
Faith	Woodland Park	CO	Charles (Chuck)	Pierce	Lay Delegate	
Faith	Woodland Park	CO	Debbie	Larson	Alternate	
Faith/First	Buena Vista/Salida	CO	Gary	Martin	Lay Delegate	
Faith/First	Buena Vista/Salida	CO	Geraldine	Johnson	Alternate	
Faith in Christ/Redeemer	Albuquerque	NM	Rev. Jordan	Schaller	Pastoral Delegate	
Faith in Christ/*Redeemer	Albuquerque	NM	Tom	Saffle	Lay Delegate	
*Faith in Christ/Redeemer	Albuquerque	NM	Jeff	Zirzow	Alternate	
Faith in Christ	Portales	NM	Rev. Gary	Piepkorn	Pastoral Delegate	
Faith in Christ	Portales	NM	Jayson	Evaniuck	Lay Delegate	
Faith in Christ	Portales	NM	Jared	Piepkorn	Alternate	
Family of Christ	Colorado Springs	CO	Bill	Schulze	Lay Delegate	
Family of Faith	Falcon	CO	Dave	Clark	Lay Delegate	
Family of Faith	Falcon	CO	Michael	Mast	Alternate	

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First English	Sterling	CO	Rev.	Richard	Von Steinman	Pastoral Delegate
First English	Sterling	CO		Lou	Doge	Lay Delegate
Gethsemane	Northglenn	CO	Rev.	Ryan	Oakes	Pastoral Delegate
Gethsemane	Northglenn	CO		Sarah	Salas	Lay Delegate
Gloria Christi	Greeley	CO	Rev.	Stephen	Weiss	Pastoral Delegate
Gloria Christi	Greeley	CO		John	Kennedy	Lay Delegate
Gloria Christi	Greeley	CO		Doug	Hayes	Alternate
Grace	Albuquerque	NM	Rev.	Warren	Graff	Pastoral Delegate
Grace	Albuquerque	NM		Jacob	Ellis	Lay Delegate
Grace	Albuquerque	NM		Dave	Clovis	Alternate
Grace	Cheyenne Wells	CO	Rev.	Steven	Zandstra	Pastoral Delegate
Grace	Cheyenne Wells	CO		Jennifer	Crowell	Lay Delegate
Grace	Cheyenne Wells	CO		Scott	Smith	Alternate
Grace/Our Savior	Hobbs/Lovington	NM	Rev.	Kyle	Brown	Pastoral Delegate
Grace/Our Savior	Hobbs/Lovington	NM	Dr.	Greg	Jungclaus	Lay Delegate
Grace/Trinity	Lamar/Kit Carson	CO	Rev.	Thomas	Barton	Pastoral Delegate
Grace/Trinity	Lamar/Kit Carson	CO		Park	Wood	Lay Delegate
Grace	Parker	CO	Rev.	Joseph	Murphy	Pastoral Delegate
Grace	Parker	CO		Peter	Jensen	Lay Delegate
Grace	Parker	CO		Michael	Pearson	Alternate
Grace	Parker	CO	Vicar	Trey	Doak	Advisory
Grace	Sandy	UT	Rev.	Anthony (Tony)	Masinelli	Pastoral Delegate
Grace	Sandy	UT		Russ	Winterstein	Lay Delegate
Gracious Savior	Edwards	CO	Rev.	Jason	Haynes	Pastoral Delegate
Holy Cross	Colorado Springs	CO	Rev.	David	*Blair	Pastoral Delegate
Holy Cross	Colorado Springs	CO		Vernon	*Gillette	Lay Delegate
Holy Cross	Colorado Springs	CO		Bruce	Bock	Alternate
Holy Cross	Highlands Ranch	CO	Rev.	Bruce	Skelton	Pastoral Delegate
Holy Cross	Highlands Ranch	CO		Curt	Oliver	Lay Delegate
Holy Cross	Highlands Ranch	CO		Chad	Otto	Alternate
Holy Trinity	Logan	UT		Dave	Otterby	Lay Delegate
Holy Trinity	Logan	UT		Earl	De Vasher	Alternate
Holy Trinity	Riverton	UT	Rev.	Alan	Borcher	Pastoral Delegate
Holy Trinity	Riverton	UT		Philip	Spiess	Lay Delegate
Holy Trinity	Riverton	UT		Martin	Hing	Alternate

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Hope	Aurora	CO	Rev. Jonathan	Olson		Pastoral Delegate
Hope	Aurora	CO	Joel	Dusek		Lay Delegate
Hope	Westcliffe	CO	Matthew	*Ganschow		Lay Delegate
Immanuel	Albuquerque	NM	Donovan	Proft		Lay Delegate
Immanuel	Albuquerque	NM	Mike	King		Alternate
Immanuel	Albuquerque	NM	Michael	Brandon		Advisory
Immanuel/Immanuel	Artesia/Carlsbad	NM	Rev. Karl	Wright		Pastoral Delegate
Immanuel/Immanuel	Artesia/Carlsbad	NM	*Lindell	Smith		Lay Delegate-Carlsbad
Immanuel/Immanuel	Artesia/Carlsbad	NM	Linda	Smith		Alternate- Carlsbad
Immanuel	Clovis	NM	Rev. Thomas	Reeder Jr.		Pastoral Delegate
Immanuel	Clovis	NM	William	Lincoln		Lay Delegate
Immanuel	Clovis	NM	Wayne	Smith		Alternate
Immanuel	Colorado Springs	CO	Rev. Jonathan	Kern		Pastoral Delegate
Immanuel	Colorado Springs	CO	Kenny	Stroud Jr.		Lay Delegate
Immanuel	Colorado Springs	CO	Jason	Mansfield		Alternate
Immanuel	Englewood	CO	Rev. James (Jim)	Tuell		Pastoral Delegate
Immanuel	Englewood	CO	Wayne	Johannes		Lay Delegate
Immanuel	Englewood	CO	Andre	Koester		Alternate
Immanuel	Haxtun	CO	Rev. Timothy	Hahn		Pastoral Delegate
Immanuel	Haxtun	CO	Alyssa	Hahn		Lay Delegate
Immanuel	Las Vegas	NM	Rev. Don	Neidigk		Pastoral Delegate
Immanuel	Las Vegas	NM	Julian	Weathers		Lay Delegate
Immanuel	Las Vegas	NM	Theresa	Weathers		Alternate
Immanuel	Loveland	CO	Rev. Glen	Schlecht		Pastoral Delegate
Immanuel	Loveland	CO	Carl	Hinderer		Lay Delegate
Immanuel	Loveland	CO	Gene	Speidel		Alternate
Immanuel	Loveland	CO	William (Bill)	Busacker		Advisory
Immanuel	Roswell	NM	Rev. A. Brian	Flamme		Pastoral Delegate
Immanuel	Roswell	NM	Charles	DeGroot		Lay Delegate
Immanuel	Roswell	NM	James	Delaney		Alternate
Immanuel	Santa Fe	NM	Rev. Douglas	Escue		Pastoral Delegate
Immanuel	Santa Fe	NM	Christine	Van Dornick		Lay Delegate
Immanuel	Santa Fe	NM	David	Linder		Alternate

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Immanuel	Springer	NM	Mary	McCarty	Lay Delegate
Immanuel	Springer	NM	Jack	Kuhlina	Alternate
Messiah	Grand Junction	CO	Rev. Michael	Redeker	Pastoral Delegate
Mission	Las Cruces	NM	Rev. Andrew	Cave	Pastoral Delegate
Mission	Las Cruces	NM	Michael	Kaiser	Lay Delegate
Mission	Las Cruces	NM	Jerry	Stickles	Alternate
Mount Calvary	Estes Park	CO	Doug	Fjare	Lay Delegate
Mount Calvary	Estes Park	CO	Les	Watkins	Alternate
Mount Calvary	Fort Lupton	CO	Rev. Keith	Besel	Pastoral Delegate
Mount Calvary	Fort Lupton	CO	Marco	Tiscareno	Lay Delegate
Mount Calvary	Gunnison	CO	Rev. Robert	Carabotta	Pastoral Delegate
Mount Calvary	Gunnison		Karen	Bathje	Lay Delegate
Mount Hope	Boulder	CO	Wayne	Shelton	Lay Delegate
Mount Olive	Aurora	CO	Rev. Robert	Harmon	Pastoral Delegate
Mount Olive	Aurora	CO	Vicar James	Stewart	Lay Delegate
Mount Olive	Aurora	CO	Brett	Charney	Alternate
Mount Olive	Loveland	CO	Rev. Mark	Nierman	Pastoral Delegate
Mount Olive	Loveland	CO	Todd	Sandstedt	Lay Delegate
Mount Olive	Loveland	CO	Brad	Perry	Alternate
Mount Zion	Denver	CO	Rev. Jared	Melius	Pastoral Delegate
Mount Zion	Denver	CO	Chris A	Paulsen	Lay Delegate
Mount Zion	Denver	CO	Rev. Gregory	Thompson	Advisory
Our Father	Centennial	CO	Rev. Scott	Abel	Pastoral Delegate
Our Father	Centennial	CO	Tim	Schulteis	Lay Delegate
Our Savior	Pagosa Springs	CO	Rev. Andrew	Packer	Pastoral Delegate
Our Savior	Pagosa Springs	CO	Jerry	Folkerts	Lay Delegate
Our Saviour	Commerce City	CO	Andrea	Gerding	Lay Delegate
Peace	Arvada	CO	Rev. Tim	Lindeman	Pastoral Delegate
Peace	Arvada	CO	James (Stormy)	Greer	Lay Delegate
Peace	Arvada	CO	Gary	Pearson	Alternate

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Peace with Christ	Aurora	CO	Rev.	Joshua	Krepel	Pastoral Delegate
Peace with Christ	Aurora	CO		Chris	Robart	Lay Delegate
Peace with Christ	Fort Collins	CO	Rev.	David	Magruder	Pastoral Delegate
Peace With Christ	Fort Collins	CO		Robert	Kingsley	Lay Delegate
Redeemer	Colorado Springs	CO	Rev.	Donal	Widger	Pastoral Delegate
Redeemer	Colorado Springs	CO		Gary	Cirillo	Lay Delegate
Redeemer	Colorado Springs	CO		JD	Snowden	Alternate
Redeemer	Fort Collins	CO	Rev.	Timothy	Runtsch	Pastoral Delegate
Redeemer	Fort Collins	CO		Bruce	Fear	Lay Delegate
Redeemer	Fort Collins	CO		Rebecca	Tatman	Alternate
Redeemer	Salt Lake City	UT	Rev.	Kevin	Belter	Pastoral Delegate
Redeemer	Salt Lake City	UT		Mark	Beekhuizen	Lay Delegate
Redeemer	Salt Lake City	UT		Jeffrey	Olsen	Alternate
Redeemer Evangelical	Delta	CO	Rev.	Kurt	Van Fossan	Pastoral Delegate
Redeemer Evangelical	Delta	CO		Jace	Holden	Lay Delegate
Redeemer Evangelical	Delta	CO		Gordon	Wagner	Alternate
Redeemer Evangelical	Los Alamos	NM	Rev.	Brian	Kachelmeier	Pastoral Delegate
Redeemer Evangelical	Los Alamos	NM		Ethan	Moll	Lay Delegate
Resurrection	Colorado Springs	CO	Rev.	Dennis	Lucero	Pastoral Delegate
Resurrection	Colorado Springs	CO		Michael	Dienst	Lay Delegate
Resurrection	Colorado Springs	CO		Steven	Taylor	Alternate
Resurrection in the City	Denver	CO	Rev.	Duane	Meissner	Pastoral Delegate
Resurrection in the City	Denver	CO		John	Duvall	Lay Delegate
Resurrection in the City	Denver	CO		Donald	Duvall Sr	Alternate
Risen Christ	Arvada	CO	Rev. Dr.	Robert	Macina	Pastoral Delegate
Risen Christ	Arvada	CO		Brian	Boyle	Lay Delegate
Risen Christ	Arvada	CO		Adrian	Caufield	Alternate
Risen Savior	Broomfield	CO		Ron	Friedrich	Lay Delegate
Rock of Ages	Colorado Springs	CO	Rev.	James	Maxwell	Pastoral Delegate
Rock of Ages	Colorado Springs	CO		Trevor	Soyk	Lay Delegate
Rock of Ages	Colorado Springs	CO		Karen	Maxwell	Alternate
Rock of Ages	Colorado Springs	CO	Rev.	Josh	Rusnak	Advisory

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Saint John	Canon City	CO	Rev.	Dan	Kletke	Pastoral Delegate
Saint John	Canon City	CO		Brad	Booth	Lay Delegate
Saint John	Canon City	CO	Rev.	Gordon	Gross	Advisory
Saint John's	Denver	CO	Rev.	Andrew	Farhat	Pastoral Delegate
Saint John's	Denver	CO		John	Reeb	Lay Delegate
Saint John's	Denver	CO		Dennis	Lawson	Alternate
Saint John's	Fort Collins	CO	Rev.	Shawn	Nettleton	Pastoral Delegate
Saint John's	Fort Collins	CO		Robert	Walters	Lay Delegate
Saint John's	Salt Lake City	UT	Rev. Dr.	Henry	Malone	Pastoral Delegate
Saint John's	Salt Lake City	UT		Kim	Meichle	Lay Delegate
Saint John's	Salt Lake City	UT		Robert	Malinsky	Alternate
Saint John's	Yuma	CO	Rev.	Dennis	FitzPatrick	Pastoral Delegate
Saint John's	Yuma	CO		Alan	White	Lay Delegate
Saint Luke's	Golden	CO	Rev.	Edward	Schmidt	Pastoral Delegate
Saint Luke's	Golden	CO		Tom	Heck	Lay Delegate
Saint Luke's	Golden	CO		Daniel	Frahm	Alternate
Saint Paul/Saint Paul	Amherst/Venango	CO	Rev.	Kurt	Hatteberg	Pastoral Delegate
Saint Paul/Saint Paul	Amherst/Venango	CO		David	Dirks	Lay Delegate
Saint Paul	Durango	CO	Rev.	Benjamin	Delin	Pastoral Delegate
Saint Paul	Durango	CO		Gene	Giddings	Lay Delegate
Saint Paul	Durango	CO		Scott	Shine	Alternate
Saint Paul/Zion	Julesburg/Big Spgs	CO/NE	Rev.	Trent	Christensen	Pastoral Delegate
Saint Paul	Ogden	UT	Rev.	Mark	Christ	Pastoral Delegate
Saint Paul	Ogden	UT		Lynn	Gaehle	Lay Delegate
Saint Peter	Monte Vista	CO	Rev.	Robert	Hauter	Pastoral Delegate
San Pablo	El Paso	TX	Rev. Dr.	Karl	Heimer	Pastoral Delegate
San Pablo	El Paso	TX		Alex	Escarciga	Lay Delegate
Shepherd of the Desert	Page	AZ	Rev.	Thomas	Henkes	Pastoral Delegate
Shepherd of the Hills	Centennial	CO	Rev.	Greg	Zillinger	Pastoral Delegate
Shepherd of the Hills	Centennial	CO		David	Renner	Lay Delegate
Shepherd of the Hills	Centennial	CO		Ed	Bastard	Alternate

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Shepherd of the Hills	Ruidoso	NM	Rev. Jason	Rust	Pastoral Delegate	
Shepherd of the Hills	Ruidoso	NM	Greg	Hausler	Lay Delegate	
Shepherd of the Rockies	Bailey	CO	Rev. Pete	Scheele	Pastoral Delegate	
Shepherd of the Rockies	Bailey	CO	Glenda	Scheele	Lay Delegate	
Shepherd of the Rockies	Bailey	CO	Bud	Sloniger	Alternate	
Shepherd of the Springs	Colorado Springs	CO	Rev. Jeff	Patterson	Pastoral Delegate	
Shepherd of the Springs	Colorado Springs	CO	Jeff	Damec	Lay Delegate	
Shepherd of the Valley	Navajo	NM	Rev. Tim	Norton	Pastoral Delegate	
Summit of Peace	Thornton	CO	Rev. Jeremy	Jacoby	Pastoral Delegate	
Summit of Peace	Thornton	CO	Jason	Kleve	Lay Delegate	
Summit of Peace	Thornton	CO	Jackie	Jackson	Alternate	
Trinity	Alamogordo	NM	Rev. Donavon (Bill)	Heithold	Pastoral Delegate	
Trinity	Alamogordo	NM	Matthew	Clark Sr	Lay Delegate	
Trinity	Alamogordo	NM	Richard	Dommers	Alternate	
Trinity	Alamosa	CO	Rev. Jason	Cody	Pastoral Delegate	
Trinity	Burlington	CO	Rev. William	Viergutz	Pastoral Delegate	
Trinity	Burlington	CO	Hal	McNerney	Lay Delegate	
Trinity	Cedar City	UT	Rev. Robert	Sharp	Pastoral Delegate	
Trinity	Cortez	CO	Rev. Luke	Scheele	Pastoral Delegate	
Trinity	Cortez	CO	Josh	Chittick	Lay Delegate	
Trinity	Denver	CO	Rev. Adrian	Sherrill	Pastoral Delegate	
Trinity	Denver	CO	Timothy	Wood	Lay Delegate	
Trinity	Denver	CO	Jarryd	Allison	Alternate	
Trinity	Franktown	CO	Rev. Robert (Bobby)	Walston	Pastoral Delegate	
Trinity	Franktown	CO	Colt	Heiden	Lay Delegate	
Trinity	Franktown	CO	Jonathan	Rolf	Alternate	
Trinity	Gallup	NM	Rev. Christopher	Kellogg	Pastoral Delegate	
Trinity	Gallup	NM	Steven	Nesheim	Lay Delegate	
Trinity	Gallup	NM	Debra	Nesheim	Alternate	

CONVENTION DELEGATES

Congregation Name	City	ST				Delegate Type
Trinity	Genoa	CO	Rev.	Don	Schulz	Pastoral Delegate
Trinity	Genoa	CO		William	Felzein	Lay Delegate
Trinity	Genoa	CO		Dale	Felzein	Alternate
Trinity	Greeley	CO		Kenneth	Clavir	Lay Delegate
Trinity	La Junta	CO	Rev.	Rick	Miller	Pastoral Delegate
Trinity	La Junta	CO		Douglas	Golding	Lay Delegate
Trinity	Pueblo	CO	Rev.	Randy	Bolt	Pastoral Delegate
Trinity	Pueblo	CO		Lucky	*Schneberger	Lay Delegate
Trinity	Saint George	UT	Rev.	John	Manweiler	Pastoral Delegate
Trinity	Saint George	UT		Robert	Kies	Lay Delegate
Trinity	Saint George	UT		Jimmy	Padilla	Alternate
Trinity	Sterling	CO	Rev.	James	Nash	Pastoral Delegate
Trinity	Sterling	CO		Don	Garrison	Lay Delegate
University Hills	Denver	CO		Steven	*Shellenberger	Lay Delegate
Wheat Ridge Evangelical	Wheat Ridge	CO	Rev.	Elisha	Lietzau	Pastoral Delegate
Wheat Ridge Evangelical	Wheat Ridge	CO		Brian	DeLaet	Lay Delegate
Wheat Ridge Evangelical	Wheat Ridge	CO		Brian	Echtenkamp	Alternate
Zion	Brighton	CO	Rev.	Andrew	Roettjer	Pastoral Delegate
Zion	Brighton	CO		Brian	Reck	Lay Delegate
Zion	El Paso	TX	Rev.	Steven	Heimer	Pastoral Delegate
Zion	El Paso	TX		Tim	Kludt	Lay Delegate
Zion	Flagler	CO		Mark	Otteman	Lay Delegate
Zion	Flagler	CO		Cynthia	Otteman	Alternate
Zion Evangelical	Farmington	NM	Rev.	Bror	Erickson	Pastoral Delegate
Zion Evangelical	Farmington	NM		Richard	Kynast	Lay Delegate
Zion Evangelical	Farmington	NM		Jerry	Dennington	Alternate
Zion	Holyoke	CO	Rev.	Gary	*Rahe	Pastoral Delegate
Zion	Holyoke	CO		Gary	*Krummer	Lay Delegate

*revised/addition

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Per RMD Constitution and Bylaws, the Nominating Committee elected by the District Convention shall consist of five members: two ordained ministers, two laypersons and one commissioned minister. There shall be one ordained minister or one layperson elected from each of the four geographic areas of the District. The commissioned minister shall be elected from the District-at-large. In 2018, at Convention, the District Nominating Committee for the 2021/2022 Convention was elected. Mr. Tim Wood (layman) and Mr. Kenny Stroud (layman) were elected by acclamation. Rev. Eli Lietzau was also elected.

As aforementioned, the 2018 Convention closed without electing a full slate for the Nominating Committee. Therefore, The Rocky Mountain District Board of Directors appointed Rev. Kurt Van Fossan and Mr. Daniel Gehrke. Due to the fact that the RMD Constitution and Bylaws hold no provision for appointing /electing official members of the committee after Convention, Rev. Van Fossan and Mr. Gehrke were appointed as advisory members.

The 2022 Nominations Committee held its first meeting via conference call July 29, 2019. This was an organized meeting to select the chairman and secretary of the committee. Rev. Eli Lietzau was elected chairman and Rev. Kurt Van Fossan was elected secretary.

Areas, responsibilities, and time lines as well as By-Laws Article III: Nominations, Elections and Vacancies, were discussed in detail. The committee remained in communication with President Schlechte and RMD Secretary, Rev. Don Widger, throughout the triennium.

The slate of candidates, as tabulated by the District Secretary and committee chairman, is presented in the order of election: District President, First Vice President, Area Vice President, Secretary, Board of Directors, Nominations Committee, and Synod's Committee for Convention Nomination. Where the By-Laws require election by Geographical Area, the respective area is printed in the Slate of Candidates. Voting Delegates will be able to identify the incumbents by the asterisks beside their name.

"Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins." (Isaiah 40:1-2)

SLATE OF NOMINATIONS

This is the slate of nominations as reported by the District Secretary and Nominations Committee

* Indicates incumbent

President

Rev. James Maxwell
Rev. Jared Melius
Rev. Mark Nierman

Board of Directors—Commissioned Minister

Mrs. Melissa DeGroot (Southern)
Mrs. Paulette "Polly" Wegner (Central)*

First Vice President

Rev. Bror Erickson
Rev. A. Brian Flamme
Rev. Stephen Heimer
Rev. James Maxwell
Rev. Jared Melius
Rev. Mark Nierman
Rev. Jason Rust

Board of Directors—Layperson

Mr. Gary Brookshire (Eastern)*
Mr. Grant Drenkow (Eastern)
Mr. E. Christian Kopff (Eastern)*
Mr. Al Koschmann (Southern)*
Mr. Micah Lile (Central)
Mr. Ed Needham (Southern)
Mr. Mark Otteman (Eastern)
Mr. Chris Paulsen (Central)*
Mr. John Steele (Western)
Mr. Kenneth Stroud Jr. (Eastern)
Mr. Damon Tobias (Southern)*
Mr. Darrell Wagner (Western)

Central Area Vice President

Rev. Jeremy Jacoby
Rev. Elisha Lietzau
Rev. Jared Melius
Rev. Pete Scheele

Eastern Area Vice President

Rev. James Maxwell
Rev. Mark Nierman

Southern Area Vice President

Rev. Bror Erickson
Rev. A. Brian Flamme
Rev. Stephen Heimer
Rev. Timothy Norton
Rev. Jason Rust

Western Area Vice President

Rev. Alan Borchert
Rev. Anthony Masinelli
Rev. Andrew Packer
Rev. Michael Redeker
Rev. Charles Westby

Secretary

Rev. A. Brian Flamme
Rev. Brian Kachelmeier
Rev. Elisha Lietzau
Rev. Jared Melius

District Nominations Committee

Rev. Adam DeGroot
Rev. Doug Escue
Rev. Jeremy Jacoby
Rev. Jared Melius
Rev. Andrew Packer

NOMINATION FORM

To make a floor nomination for the position of District President, District Secretary, Board of Directors, District Nominating Committee and Synod's Committee for Convention Nominations, complete the Floor Nominations Form and obtain the individual's consent to serve (Consent to Serve Form follows). You may copy forms as necessary.

The Nomination and Consent to Serve forms must be completed PRIOR to making a nomination from the floor.

NOMINEE NAME: _____ NOMINATED POSITION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

MEMBER CONGREGATION: _____

GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF DISTRICT: _____

CATEGORY: _____ LAYPERSON _____ PASTOR _____ COMMISSIONED MINISTER

1. Work experience and occupational background including certifications, licenses and areas of expertise.

2. Education background, including degrees and honors (for professional church workers, include the school and year of graduation).

3. List church positions in which the nominee has served (local, circuit, district, synod).

4. List community organization positions in which the nominee has served.

A brief biographical statement may be included. The statement is _____ is not _____ included.

RETURN FLOOR NOMINATING & CONSENT TO SERVE FORMS TO NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

CONSENT FORM



**THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT OF THE
LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD**

CONSENT TO SERVE FORM - FLOOR NOMINATIONS

To make a floor nomination for the positions of District President, District Secretary, Board of Directors, District Nominating Committee and Synod's Committee for Convention Nominations, complete the Floor Nomination form with the Consent to Serve form. You may copy the forms as necessary.

The Nomination and Consent to Serve forms must be completed PRIOR to making a nomination from the floor.

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

I HEREBY CONSENT TO SERVE, IF ELECTED, IN THE POSITION OF:

SIGNED: _____

I DECLINE TO BE NOMINATED TO SERVE IN THE ABOVE POSITION.

SIGNED: _____

RETURN FLOOR NOMINATING & CONSENT TO SERVE FORMS TO NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO FORMAT



BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION FORMAT

Individuals nominated for a position from the floor may choose to include a brief biographical sketch. If a biography is included with the floor nomination and consent to serve form, please use the following format. The biography is to be given to the nominating committee along with the floor nomination and consent to serve forms.

FORMAT:

Name: Type your name as you usually do in legal/formal usage; include any appropriate titles, i.e., Rev., Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms., etc. **Age:** List your age. **Member:** List your home congregation, including the City and State. **Yrs in Dst:** Number of years you have lived in the Rocky Mountain District. **Bkgrd:** Provide a brief history of your work experience, separating each with a semicolon. **Cng:** List the offices you have held and the activities you have carried out on the congregational level, separating each with a semicolon. **Crt:** List the offices you held and the activities you have carried out on the circuit level, separating each with a semicolon. **Dst:** List the offices you have held and the activities you have carried out on the district level, separating each with a semicolon. **Syd:** List the offices you have held and the activities you have carried out on the Synodical level, separating each with a semicolon. **Ed:** List your educational background and degrees, as appropriate. **Stmt:** Here you are free to offer a brief comment, "for the purpose of providing helpful information to the voting delegates..."

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES

NOTE: Key to abbreviations used in biographical information is as follows: **Yrs in Dst:** - Years in District; **Bkgrd:** - Background; **Cng:** - Congregation; **Crt:** - Circuit; **Dst:** - District; **Syd:** - Synod; **Ed:** - Education; **Stmt:** - Statement. An incumbent is denoted by * next to the names nominated position.

ALL NOMINEES ARE LISTED ALPHABETICALLY



Borchers, Rev. Alan **Age:** 69 **Member:** Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Riverton, UT **Yrs in Dst:** 18 **Bkgrd:** Church Planter and pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School 2008-present; Pastor St. Paul Amherst, CO, and St. Paul Venango, NE 2004-2008; Concordia Theological Seminary 2000-2004; Carolina Power & Light, Institutional Sales Manager, Florence, SC 1997-2000; General Manager Central Region KNEnergy, Kearney, NE 1994-1997; General Manager Kansas Region, Peoples Natural Gas Co. 1988-1994; Director of Training, Peoples Natural Gas Co. 1986-1988; Various other positions Peoples Natural Gas Co. 1973-1986 **Cng:** Church Planter and Pastor 2008-present; Pastor of Dual Congregation 2004-2008; Theological Student 2000-2004; Vice President and deacon 1997-2000; Vice President and deacon 1989-1994; deacon 1980-1989 **Crt:** Board of Directors Salt Lake Lutheran High School 2008-2014; Organized and chair management board for Circuit-wide pastor and missionary to Mormons 2017-present **Dst:** Served on committee to organize RMD Professional Workers Conference 2004-2008; Nominating Committee for RMD Convention 2018 **Syd:** Delegate to Synod Convention 2019, 2016 **Ed:** HS diploma Sidney High School, Sidney, NE 1970; Attended Concordia Seward 1970-1972; BS HRM Friends U. Wichita, KS, 1995; MDiv CTSFW 2004 **Stmt:** In the wide and varied career opportunities that I've had in my adult life, God has given me many opportunities to learn, teach, and serve from chair of a hospital board from 1981-1984, chairman of chambers of commerce in cities from Schuyler, NE to Garden City, KS; received honor of "Admiral" in the great navy of the State of NE for community service, Business man of the year in Riverton, UT from the Chamber of Commerce, serve on the community advisory board for Riverton Hospital of Intermountain Hospital System. From these various things I believe that there are some talents and abilities to share.

NOMINATED POSITION: Western Area Vice-President



Brookshire, Gary **AGE:** 64 **Member** of **Family of Christ, Monument, CO** **Years in Dst:** 63 **Bkgrd:** General Mgr, American Furniture Warehouse, Denver, CO; Owner, Home Furnishings Plus, Colorado Springs, CO; Financial Advisor, Morgan Stanley, Colorado Springs, CO; Managing Partner, American Classics Marketplace, LLC, Colorado Springs, CO; **Cng:** Lead Elder, Treasurer, Stewardship Chair, Lay Worship Leader, AAL, Thrivent Financial and LCEF Rep; President, Secretary, and Treasurer Thrivent Financial Pikes Peak and Garden of The Gods Chapters **Crt:** None **Dst:** District Board; LCEF Lay Rep, Lay Leader Consecrated Stewards, **Syd:** None **Ed:** BA in Leadership and Ethics, Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, CO; Graduate, LCMS Rocky Mountain Theological Institute; Lay Chaplain CPSP **Stmt:** I would consider it a blessing, with God's help and guidance, to serve the LCMS Rocky Mountain District on the Board of Directors.

NOMINATED POSITION: Board of Directors*

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES



DeGroot, Rev. Adam J. **Age:** 44 **Member:** Calvary Lutheran Church in Rio Rancho New Mexico. **Yrs. in District:** 4. **Bkqgd:** Pastor DeGroot worked briefly (1 year) between undergraduate majors as a Juvenile Corrections officer in Camp Crook SD. He received certifications and endorsements in Secondary English prior to seminary. In addition, Pastor DeGroot studied film production at Western Washington University. Pastor DeGroot was ordained in 2010 and served Pinnacle Lutheran Church for 4 years; Pastor DeGroot served as Sole/ Missionary Pastor to Shepherd of the City Lutheran Church in Philadelphia PA for 3 years; 1 year in active fundraising for Missionary Work in Southwest Albuquerque; 2 years as LCMS Domestic Missionary to St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Albuquerque; 2 years currently serving at Calvary Lutheran Church in Rio Rancho. Pastor DeGroot has held no offices at the circuit or district Level **Ed:** BA Western Washington University, Bellingham WA 02'; BS Secondary Education Black Hills State University 06'; MDiv. Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne, IN 10'. **Stmt:** It is an honor to be nominated and by the grace and guidance of Almighty God I will strive to faithfully fulfill my duties for our District and her congregations and people.

NOMINATED POSITION: District Nominations Committee



DeGroot, Melissa A. **Age:** 43. **Member:** Calvary Lutheran Church, Rio Rancho, NM **Yrs in Dst:** 4. **Bkqgd:** Commissioned Minister, Deaconess, Admissions Counselor at Concordia Theological Seminary, Instructor at Concordia Theological Seminary, Writer, Researcher for The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and Department of Deaconess Ministry. Instructor for an Intensive at the Deaconess Department in the Dominican Republic, Lutheran Young Adult Corps On Site Coordinator in Philadelphia, Instructor for Lutheran Adult Women's Bible Study, Sunday School Teacher (all grades), Online Teacher, Life Coordinator for the Rocky Mountain District-New Mexico region. **Cert.:** Deaconess Certification in The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Districts served: Indiana District, Missouri District, Rocky Mountain District Education: M.A., Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN, B.A., University of Massachusetts, Lowell **Stmt:** "It is an honor to be nominated and, with the help of God, I will strive to uphold the beautiful confessions of our church and the innumerable mercies of our Savior."

NOMINATED POSITION: Board of Directors



Drenkow, Grant **Age:** 68 **Member:** Faith Lutheran Church -Johnstown, Colorado. **Yrs in Dst:** 39. **Bkqgd:** Marketing Consultant; Product Marketing Manager at Agilent Technologies, Loveland, Colorado; European Marketing Manager at Hewlett-Packard, Amstelveen, The Netherlands; Multiple positions in marketing at Hewlett-Packard, Loveland, Colorado; Electronic Warfare Office in U.S. Air Force; Engineer at Texas Instruments, Dallas, Texas. **Cng:** President, Head Elder; Financial Chairman; Call Committee Chairman; Representative at District Convention, Organist. **Crt:** None. **Dst:** **Syd:** None. **Ed:** MBA in Marketing, University of South Dakota; BS in Electrical Engineering, University of Nebraska. **Stmt:** I would like to offer my experience in church operations, business, people management, and music as needed by the District Board of Directors.

NOMINATED POSITION: Board of Directors

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES



Erickson, Rev. Bror **Age:** 46 **Member:** Member of Zion Lutheran Church Farmington New Mexico: **Yrs in Dst:** 18, **Bkgrd:** Enlisted Airman in USAF 1994-98, 2nd Lt (Chaplain Candidate) USAF: 2001-2004; Pastor, First Lutheran Church Tooele Utah 2004-2014; Pastor Zion Lutheran Church, Farmington New Mexico 2014-present. **Cng:** Pastor **Crt:** Utah Circuit Counselor/Visitor, 2007-2014; Four Corners Circuit Visitor, 2014 to present: Utah LWML Zone counselor, 2006-9, Salt Lake Lutheran Highschool board of Regents 2004-2013, Salt Lake Lutheran Highschool Board of directors 2006-2013, Board of Directors for Navajo Lutheran Outreach, 2021-present: **Dist.** Circuit Visitor, Missions Floor committee 2009, Elections Floor Committee 2015, **Syd:** District Conference Speaker for: Montana District 2017, Central Illinois District 2018, North Dakota District 2021: CUE Course Instructor Abq, 2017. Guest Speaker at Northern European Luther Academy at sister seminary in Gothenburg Sweden 2017. **Ed:** Associates of Applied Science, Electrical Mechanical Technologies; Community College of the Air Force, 1998. Bachelors; Religious Studies with Biblical Language Emphasis Concordia University Irvine, 2000. M.Div.; Concordia Theological Seminary Ft. Wayne Ind. **Stmt.** "I am always happy to serve in those capacities and offices where I am able to help advance the gospel here at home and abroad."

NOMINATED POSITION: First Vice President, Southern Area Vice President, Synod Convention Nominations Committee



Escue, Rev. Douglas K. **Age:** 51. **Member:** Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Santa Fe, NM since 1991 **Background:** Born and raised in NW Arkansas (Pea Ridge) **Education:** AA 1980, St. John's Winfield, KS; BA 1982, Concordia College, Ann Arbor, MI; MDiv 1986, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO **Service to the Church:** Pastor of Immanuel/Santa Fe, since April, 1991; Pastor of Zion/Leigh, NE, 1986-1991; Pastoral Counselor for Good Shepherd Lutheran Homes of the West Women's Auxiliary (Bethesda Lutheran Communities), 1998-2007 **District:** Member of the RMD for 21 years; Member of RMD Human Care Ministries; Committee, 1992-1998 (chairman 1996-1998); One of two trained district presenters for the *Lutheran Service Book*, (five regional presentations, 2006-2007); Regional Vice President of the RMD (member of the RMD BOD): 2003-2006, 3rd VP; 2006-2009, 3rd VP; 2009-2012, 2nd VP; **Statement:** "May God continue to bless the Word and Sacrament Ministry of the Rocky Mountain District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod with capable and faithful Christian men and women. If I can be of assistance in the Gospel ministry of our RMD, I am willing to serve under the direction and leadership of Christ Jesus."

NOMINATED POSITION: District Nominations Committee

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES



Flamme, Rev. A. Brian **Age:** 39. Pastor of **Immanuel Lutheran Church, Roswell, New Mexico. Yrs in Dst:** 7. **Bkgrd:** United States Marine Corps, combat veteran serving as a Radio Reconnaissance operator and Arabic linguist (2001-2006); Associate Pastor at Hope Lutheran Church in Aurora, Colorado (2014-2017); Senior Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School in Roswell, New Mexico (2017Present). **Cng:** Served as Congregational Secretary for a brief time at Hope Lutheran Church, Bible Study and Sunday School Teacher, Catechist, Preacher, Visitor of the Sick and Dying, Etc. **Crt:** Pastoral Delegate to the National Conventions in 2016 and 2019. **Dst:** None. **Syd:** None. **Ed:** B.A. Philosophy, Indiana University in Indianapolis; M.Div., CTS Fort Wayne; S.T.M., CTS Fort Wayne. **Stmt:** "If the Lord Jesus wills that I serve the district, I pray that it would be to his glory through encouraging our churches and schools to purely proclaim the saving Word, to remain faithful to our Lutheran Confessions, and to be sanctuaries of compassion for our suffering world. I would use my administrative experience as a former board member of the Denver Society of Creation, the current president of the board for South Asia Lutheran Mission, and a current board member for Evangeluard, along with my daily interactions with our K-9th grade school, to encourage and bless my fellow pastors and church workers."

NOMINATED POSITION: First Vice President, Southern Area Vice President, District Secretary



Heimer, Rev. Steven **Age:** 44 **Member:** Zion Lutheran Church, El Paso, Texas **Yrs in Dst:** 40 **Bkgrd:** Pastor, Zion Lutheran Church, El Paso, TX; Outreach Director/Chief Operating Officer Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care; Research Assistant, Lutheran Hour Ministries; Youth & Music, San Pablo Lutheran Church, El Paso, TX **Cng:** Pastor, Zion Lutheran Church, El Paso, TX; Board Member/President, El Paso Five Points Development Association **Crt:** Mission Pastor, *Iglesia Luterana de la Santa Biblia* (Lutheran Church of the Holy Bible) Anapra, Mexico; "Winkle" Planning Committee; Coordinator, Mission and Training Workshops; Coordinator, Strategic Planning Mission & Human Care; Presenter, Circuit Evangelism Events; Coordinator/Host, Circuit Joint Worship Services; Coordinator, Circuit Human Care Events; Chairman, Gala/Fundraisers for Missions and Human Care **Dst:** Frontera (Border) Ministry Meetings; Convention Floor Committee; Presenter, District Evangelism Conferences "Conversations of Grace"; Presenter, RMD and TX District LWML conventions, Presenter, LWML Zone Rallies **Syd:** Presenter, Office of International Mission's Mexico Forums (FORO); Presenter, LCMS National Hispanic Conventions; Presenter, National LWML Convention; Presenter, Concordia Seminary's MultiEthnic Symposium; Presenter, Association of Lutheran Mission Agencies Conference; Pastor/Evangelist, Hispanic outreach events at churches throughout LCMS **Ed:** MA Theology (Cross Cultural Ministry Center Graduate of Concordia University CA and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO), BA Music Education (K-12), St. Olaf College, Northfield MN **Stmt:** Walking together in in Christ's Grace, in His Word and Sacraments, what a joy serve Him! to love Him and reach our neighbors with His message of salvation.

NOMINATED POSITION: Southern Area Vice President

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES



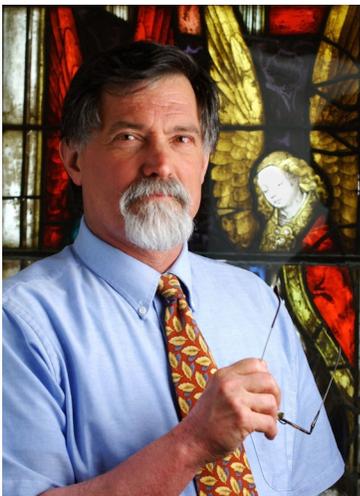
Jacoby, Rev. Jeremy M. **Age:** List your age. **Member:** Summit of Peace Lutheran Church, Thornton CO **Yrs in Dst:** 21 **Crt:** Denver Northeast Circuit Gospel Gap Mission Agent; Denver Northeast Circuit Visitor **Dst:** Vice-President, Pastor's Conference Committee; President, Professional Church Workers Conference Committee; Trainer, Large Start Church Planting Model. **Ed:** M. Div, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

NOMINATED POSITION: Central Area Vice President, District Nominations Committee



Kachelmeier, Rev. Dr. Brian L. **Age:** 50. **Member:** Pastor of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in Los Alamos, New Mexico. **Yrs in Dst:** 17. **Bkgrd:** Director of Youth Ministry, Faith Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, NM (1996-1998); Director of Parish Education, Our Savior Lutheran Church in Houston, TX (1998-2001); Assistant Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran Church in Santa Fe, NM with the task of planting a mission congregation in Los Alamos (2005-2008); Pastor, Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in Los Alamos, NM (2008-present); Teacher, Paideia I: Old Testament Theology Teacher-Wittenberg Academy. (2018-present). **Cng:** Pastor of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in Los Alamos, New Mexico. **Crt:** Secretary (2007-present). **Dst:** Systematics Teacher, Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission (2008-2015); Chairman, Licensed Deacon Committee (2008-2012); Secretary, Planning Committee for the Annual Church Workers Conference (2009-2013). Vice President/President, Planning Committee for the Annual Church Workers Conference (2018-2019). **Syd:** Pastoral Delegate, 2010 Convention in Houston. **Ed:** D. Min., Concordia Theological Seminary (2021); M. Div., Concordia Theological Seminary (2005); B.A. in Religious Studies, University of New Mexico (2005). **Stmt:** The Word of the LORD endures forever!

NOMINATED POSITION: District Secretary



Kopff, Dr. E. Christian **Age:** 75. **Member:** Member of University Lutheran Chapel, Boulder, CO **Yrs in Dst:** 49. **Bkgrd:** University of Colorado, Boulder, Assistant Professor, 1973; Associate Professor, 1977; Emeritus, 2019; Honors Program, CU-Boulder, Associate Director, 1990; Founding Director, Center for Western Civilization, CU-Boulder, 2004-2011. **Cng:** Mt. Hope, Boulder: Elder, taught Bible classes and New Testament Greek; Eternal Savior, Lafayette: Elder; University Lutheran Chapel, Boulder: Elder. **Dst:** ULC lay delegate, RMC conventions 2012, 2015, 2018. Board of Directors, 2018-2022. **Syd:** RMD lay delegate, LCMS national conventions, 2013, 2018; Lay delegate, floor committee for Seminary and University Education, 2013. **Ed:** Haverford College PA: B.A., *summa cum laude*; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: Ph. D., Classics, 1974. **Stmt:** "I will try to support and defend the principles of Biblical Christianity and Confessional Lutheranism."

NOMINATED POSITION: Board of Directors*

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES



Koschmann, Alan **Age:** 71 **Member:** Christ Lutheran Church and School, Albuquerque, NM **Yrs in Dst:** 25 **Bkgrd:** Retired; Prior to retirement Director of Engineering for the Southwestern Region of the Forest Service **Cng:** Congregational Chairman, Board of Youth, Board of Stewardship, Board of Lay Ministry, Various Capital Project Teams, Small Group Bible Study Leader, High School Bible Study Leader, School's Stepping Forward Committee, School Accreditation Team **Crt:** No Circuit Positions **Dst:** Rocky Mountain Board of Directors **Syd:** No synodical positions **Ed:** BS Civil Engineering **Stmt:** As the number of Americans who claim "No Religious Affiliation" rapidly increases; as the number of Christians in America declines; I am increasingly motivated to engage a changing culture with the changeless love and message of Jesus.

NOMINATED POSITION: Board of Directors



Lietzau, Rev. Elisha **Age:** 42 **Member:** Wheat Ridge Evangelical Lutheran Church **Yrs in Dst:** 12 **Bkgrd:** Pastor at Faith in Christ Lutheran Church—Albuquerque, NM; Pastor at Wheat Ridge Evangelical Lutheran Church—Wheat Ridge, CO. **Cng:** Pastor **Crt:** Served on the North and South Sandia Circuit Mission Festival Board; Elected to serve as North and South Sandia Circuits' Pastoral delegate to the Synodical Convention; Led the North and South Sandia Circuits at The March for Life in Santa Fe, NM. Spoke twice at the New Mexico Capital building during the March for Life; Helped to lead the North and South Sandia Circuits in the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, which included a 6 week inter-denominational discussion and lecture as to why the tenants of the Reformation found in the Book of Concord are still relevant today; Helped to plant St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Albuquerque, NM; LWML Zone chaplain; Colorado Life Coordinator. **Dst:** Elected to serve on the RMD Professional Church Workers' Conference Committee on four separate occasions; Served on the Mission Floor Committee at District Convention; Elected to serve as Chair of the District Nominating Committee and Nominating Floor Committee at District Convention; Served as RMD District Life Coordinator. **Syd:** Worked along side of the Office of National Missions in order to procure a National Missionary to serve at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Albuquerque, NM. **Ed:** BA in History and Theology, Concordia Seward; M.Div, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. **Stmt:** "May the Lord of the Church grant wisdom to all those elected to serve the saints within the Rocky Mountain District."

NOMINATED POSITION: Central Area Vice President, District Secretary



Lile, Micah **Age:** 42 **Member:** Hope Lutheran Church, Aurora, CO. **Yrs in Dst:** 16 **Bkgrd:** I have worked in Finance for 11 years, primarily in the manufacturing sector; have served in the Wyoming Air National Guard for the last 21 years. **Cng:** Board of Stewardship; Board of Elders; Treasurer; President; Children's Sunday School teacher. **Crt:** None. **Dst:** none. **Syd:** None. **Ed:** Bachelor of Arts, Communication; Bachelor of Science, Business Administration. **Stmt:** If it pleases God and the Voter's of this District for me to serve in this capacity, I will strive to be faithful in my duties, by the grace of God. Soli Deo Gloria.

NOMINATED POSITION: Board of Directors

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES



Masinelli, Rev. Anthony D. **Age:** 57 **Member:** Grace Lutheran Church and School, Sandy, Utah. **Yrs in Dist:** 7 **Bkgrd:** Production Manager, CompuPrint; Sales and Production Manager, CompuPrint; Corporate Accounts, Atlanta Legal Copies; Owner, Corporate Imaging Solutions; PR Writer, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (student employment); Freelance Journalist, St. Louis Post-Dispatch (syndicated); Hebrew Tutor (seminary), Greek Tutor (seminary), Grading Assistant (seminary); Student Senate, Director of Publications (seminary); Board of Directors, Mission:Haiti (2010-2014); Board of Directors, Grace4Haiti (2015-present); Board of Directors, Navajo Strong (2020-present); Board of Directors, Utah Racquetball Association (2022). **Cng:** Sunday School Teacher, Ascension Lutheran Church, Atlanta, Georgia; Day Care Board, Ascension Lutheran Church, Atlanta, Georgia; Pastor, Messiah Lutheran Church, Naples, Florida; Senior Pastor, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and Academy, Davie (Ft. Lauderdale), Florida; Senior Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church and School, Sandy (Salt Lake City), Utah; Visiting Professor (systematics), Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti, Cap-Hatien, Haiti (2010-present); Visiting Professor (systematics), Lutherans in Africa Seminary, Nairobi, Kenya (2021-present). **Crt:** Circuit Visitor, Utah (2016-present). **Dst:** N/A **Syd:** N/A **Ed:** B.A. in Liberal Arts, double concentration in Literature and Writing, Excelsior College, Albany, New York; M.Div., Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri; currently pursuing the MBA, Western Governors University, Salt Lake City, Utah. **Stmnt:** Rapid change in an increasingly post-Christian culture demands leadership forged and tested in a broader real world context, in addition to a seminary education. I bring experience in corporate management, small business ownership, multi-cultural non-profit leadership, teaching, parish revitalization, church planting, and international missions to the table. I pray that God will use me to serve Him and His people in whatever capacity He deems helpful.

NOMINATED POSITION: Western Area Vice President



Maxwell, Rev. James B. **Age:** 39; **Member:** Rock of Ages Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, CO; **Yrs in Dist:** 9. **Bkgrd:** Pastor of Rock of Ages in Colorado Springs, CO (2013- present); Pastor of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Whitefish, MT (2009-2013). **Cng:** Prepare Enrich Trainer (2022); Stephen Ministry Leader (2007-present); Pikes Peak Circuit Gospel Gap project lead (2019- present); Disaster Response Trips coordinator to Minot, ND (2011-2013); Habitat for Humanity. **Crt:** RMD Circuit Visitor (2018- present), Regional Pastoral Conference Planning Committee Chairman (2019- present); Montana LWML Zone Counselor. **Dst:** Montana District LWML Pastoral Counselor, LWML Retreat leader and Guest Speaker; RMD Reconciler (2019-present). **Syd:** LCMS Reconciler (2019 - present), Convention Delegate 2019 and 2016; Vicarage Supervisor for Concordia Seminary (2016-2019); SMP Vicarage Mentor for Concordia Seminary (2021- present). **Ed:** M. Div., Concordia Seminary St. Louis, 2009, BA in Theology, Concordia Irvine, 2005. **Stmnt:** As I discussed this nomination's impact upon our family with my wife, she responded: "Can you say, 'No,' if the Lord's church is calling upon you to serve? Our family will be fine! It's special to the kids when you're off doing Circuit Visitor or Reconciliation work, because 'Daddy helps other churches.' Keep helping them!" And thus, having received her unexpected blessing, I pray that I may continue to help as God wills. I pray that we will be slow to speak and quick to listen to the needs of our congregations. I also pray that we will prioritize the historically Lutheran practice of visiting our workers in the harvest fields despite the vast geography of our district! How else will we know how to pray for them and support them? How else will we know how to help our churches in the ministry of reconciliation and healing and forgiveness? How else could we faithfully encourage our parishes to remain steadfast to our Confession without wavering? These days are increasingly troubled and evil, and we need to hold up the hands of those who provide Word and Sacrament ministry. I pray too that by daily remembering our own Baptismal grace we may be gracious to our brothers and sisters in Christ because we will need each other more and more. Finally I pray that all our help come only from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth for He is with us always, until the end of the age. Soli Deo Gloria!

NOMINATED POSITION: President, First Vice President, Eastern Area Vice President

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES



Melius, Rev. Jared K. Age: 44 **Member:** Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Denver, CO **Yrs in Dst:** 16 **Bkgrd:** Mortgage Loan Officer, 2002-2004; Pastor, Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Denver, CO 2006-Present; Foster Parent with Adams County Human Services 2013-Present; Vacancy Pastor, University Lutheran Chapel, Boulder, CO 2020-21 **Cng:** Involvement with Lutheran Church in Uganda, Africa 2015-Present **Crt:** Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Re-birthing Committee Chair; Synodical Convention delegate 2007, 2010, 2019 **Dst:** Pastor's Conference Planning Committee chairman – two terms. University Lutheran Chapel Mission Society member and Capital Campaign member, 2020-Present; Denver Society of Creation Pastoral Board member, 2019-Present **Syd:** Synod Nominating Committee, 2019; Floor Committee 12: Retention, 2019 **Ed:** M.Div., Concordia Theological Seminary, 2005; Bachelor of Arts, University of Washington, 2000 **Stmt:** Our good Lutheran teaching has more to offer the world today than ever: on the one hand, the comfort and encouragement of the Gospel of pure forgiveness, and on the other hand, clarity from the Bible concerning life, creation, marriage, gender, and race. Numbers come and go, but this is what the world still needs from us. I'm honored to be nominated, and if chosen to serve our district, I would seek to order my work around these gifts from the Scriptures.

NOMINATED POSITION: President, First Vice President, Central Area

Needham, Mack Earl Age: 67. **Member:** Member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Clovis, New Mexico; **Yrs in Dst:** 6, since being confirmed in August of 2015. **Bkgrd:** United States Marine Corps, 1977-1981; United States Air Force 1983-1999 (retired); truck driver 2002-2003 Werner Enterprises; truck driver Western Dairy Transport 2003-current. **Cng:** Catechumen (always); Trustee; Altar Guild; Musician (trombone). **Crt:** None. **Dst:** None. **Syd:** None. **Ed:** Associate Degree, Aircraft Maintenance Technology. **Stmt:** "I will serve to the best of my abilities, always relying on the guidance of the Spirit and the written Word."

NOMINATED POSITION: Board of Directors



Nierman, Rev. Mark J.; Age: 45 **Member:** Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Loveland CO **Yrs in Dst:** 19 **Bkgrd:** Pastor, Faith in Christ Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, NM 2003-2009; Pastor, Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO 2010-Present; **Crt:** Circuit Counselor, North Sandia Circuit 2006-2009; Circuit Visitor, Longs Peak Circuit 2015-Present; LLL Zone Pastoral Advisor; Delegate to Synod Convention in 2008; **Dst:** Rocky Mountain District Scholarship Committee 2012-2015; LWML Jr. Pastoral Counselor 2014-2016; LWML Sr. Pastoral Counselor 2016-2018 **Syd:** None. **Ed:** M. Div, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, 2003. **Stmt:** "As the redeemed people of God, the Lord has called His Church to 'utter what is precious, and not what is worthless' (Jeremiah 15:19). He has given us the means to speak His precious Word of forgiveness through Word and Sacrament. As we live in a culture that is continually challenging the truth of Scripture, I pray the Lord will keep us steadfast in His Word and embolden His Church to proclaim the Gospel faithfully in truth and love. By God's grace I will joyfully use my abilities to support faithful missions and ministry in the Rocky Mountain District. Soli Deo Gloria."

NOMINATED POSITION: President, First Vice President, Eastern Area Vice President

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES



Norton, Rev. Tim **Age:** 51 **Member:** Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Navajo, NM **Yrs in Dst:** 9 **Bkqrd:** D.C.E. Peace Lutheran Church Fresno, CA 1995-1996; D.C.E St. John's Lutheran Church Portland, OR 1997-1998; Church Planting Missionary LCMS World Mission (Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea W. Africa) 1998-2011; Missionary Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church Navajo, NM 2013-present. **Cng:** Youth and Adult Catechesis; Preaching; Administration of Sacraments **Crt:** Joint Confirmation Retreat, w/ St. Paul's Durango (2017); Joint Youth Reformation Conference w/ Our Savior Pagosa Springs (2021). **Dst:** Presently serving on Pastor's Conference Planning Committee. **Syd:** None. **Ed:** BA Concordia Portland (D.C.E.); MA Gordon-Conwell Theo. Sem. (Mission & Evangelism); MA Concordia Irvine (Theology). **Stmt:** Although many lament the state of our culture (with good reason) there is no reason why we should shrink back from the Lord's Mission. He is the same (Heb. 13:8), and He is for us (Rom. 8:31). Should our District choose me to serve I would be honored to do so, and by God's grace, work to the best of my abilities.

NOMINATED POSITION: Southern Area Vice President



Otteman, Mark F. **Age:** 65. **Member:** Zion Lutheran Church, Flagler, CO. **Yrs in Dst:** 65. **Bkqrd:** I grew up in Flagler working in the family business that my Mom and Dad started in 1950. It was a grocery/locker plant that eventually was solely a locker plant. We slaughtered and processed animals for local farmers and ranchers and their customers. After graduating from college I returned to work with my parents and after my Dad passed away in 1980 I purchased it from my Mom. My wife, Cynthia and I ran the business for over 40 years, selling it in August of 2021. I am now retired. I am currently member of High Plains Brass, High Plains Euphonium Quartet, Limon Community Choir and treasurer Gift of Life. I previously served 12 years Flagler Town Board, 20 years Flagler Cemetery Board, 15 years Kit Carson County Fair Board, 20 years treasurer Colorado Association of Meat Processors. **Cng:** Financial secretary, Trustee, Elder and currently serving as President. **Crt:** None. **Dst:** None. **Syd:** None. **Ed:** BS in Food Technology, Colorado State University. **Stmt:** "By the help and grace of God I wish to serve the Rocky Mountain District and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in spreading the Gospel as we know it from the Bible and our understanding of the Book of Concord. We need to remain true to being saved by grace alone."

NOMINATED POSITION: Board of Directors



Packer, Rev. Andrew **Age:** 42. **Member:** Member of Our Savior Lutheran Church and School Pagosa Springs, Colorado **Yrs in Dst:** 10 **Bkqrd:** Senior Pastor / Headmaster (former)/Teacher, Our Savior Lutheran Church and School Pagosa Springs, CO. **Cng:** N/A **Crt:** None. **Dst:** None. **Syd:** None **Ed:** BA in Bible and Theology, Simpson University, Redding, Ca; M.DIV Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. **Stmt:** "God's Word alone should be and remain the only standard and rule of doctrine, to which the writings of no man should be regarded as equal. Everything should be subjected to God's Word." - Luther

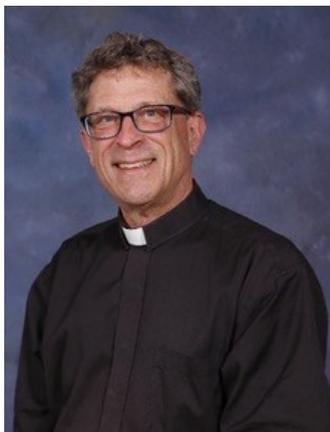
NOMINATED POSITION: Western Area Vice President, District Nominations Committee

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES



Paulsen, Chris A. Age: 58. **Member:** Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Denver, CO. **Yrs. In Dst:** 49. **Bkgrd:** Attorney–litigation, intellectual and real property, business entities, trusts and estates; biochemist–toxicology; chemist– environmental testing and instrumental analysis; U.S. Army, enlisted and officer. **Cng:** Elder; Financial Sec’y; Vice-President; Sec’y; Chairman–Christian Educ. Cmte. **Crt:** Congregation’s Lay Delegate to Circuit Forum (2007-present); Lay Delegate to Synodical Convention (see Synod). **Dst:** Lay Delegate, RMD Convention (2022, 2018, 2015, 2012, 2009); Candidate–Nominating Cmte (2018); RMD Board of Directors (BoD), Central Area Lay Representative (2018-22); Member, RMD BoD University Lutheran Chapel Task Force; District Advisory Delegate to Synodical Convention (2019) (see Synod). **Syd:** Lay Delegate to Synodical Convention (2016 from Denver Northeast Circuit); RMD Advisory Delegate to Synodical Convention (2019). **Ed:** 20+ CEU; JD, Creighton University School of Law; BA, Biochemistry, CU-Boulder; BA, Central and East European Studies, CU-Boulder; Electrical Engineering, C-MU. **Stmnt:** By the grace of God alone, I will strive to fulfill any vocation set before me.

NOMINATED POSITION: Board of Directors*



Redeker, Rev. Michael J. Age: 59. **Member:** The Lutheran Church & School of Messiah in Grand Junction, CO. **Yrs in Dst:** 5. **Bckgrd:** Territory manager for Schering-Plough and Lutheran Brotherhood; Pastor/St. Paul’s Lutheran/Zion Lutheran, Bowler/Eland, WI; Admissions/Dir. of Admissions, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; Pastor, St. John’s Lutheran, Lexington, KY; SVP/Admission, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. **Cgr:** Pastor/Senior Pastor, weekly radio broadcast on KNZZ-*The Voice of the Messiah For You!*; adjunct teacher at Lutheran Day School, Habitat for Humanity, trained Stephen Ministry leader; student management and enrollment; Lutherans For Life/Right to Life supporter and presenter; locally active in the Lefthand kingdom on the county and state level. **Crt:** campus ministry; Habitat for Humanity; Lutherans for Life; Right to Life; outreach to human trafficking victims; develop student experience from recruitment through graduation; develop marketing for recruitment; planned and executed various recruitment events. **Dst:** southern region Seminary interview committee, IN District; member and chairman of Disability Ministry Task Force, RMD. **Syn:** ; develop relationships with district presidents/others for promotion of recruitment; develop strategies for non-Caucasian recruitment; work with student retention, Concordia Seminary; 2007 Synodical delegate; Floor Committee 5 for 2007 Convention; delegate at 2019 Synodical Convention. **Stmnt:** God continues to lead me on many paths in which I grow and can serve others with His gifts. If this be God’s will, I will serve and grow in this capacity as well.

NOMINATED POSITION: Western Area Vice President

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES



Runtsch, Rev. Timothy D. Age: 58 **Member:** Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fort Collins, Colorado. **Yrs in Dst:** 32 **Bkgrd:** Senior Pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fort Collins, Colorado my entire 32 years in the district. **Cng:** Sole Pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fort Collins, Colorado; Senior Pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church of Fort Collins, Colorado. **Crt:** Circuit Pastoral Delegate to the Synodical Convention of the LCMS for two conventions. **Dst:** Rocky Mountain District Campus Ministry Committee, 1994-2000; Rocky Mountain District Evangelism Committee, 1996-1998; Floor Committee Chairman for Theology Floor Committee, 2018. **Syd:** LCMS National Youth Gathering Steering Committee, 1992-2001; Lutheran World Relief Board Member and Board Secretary, 2012-Present. **Ed:** B.A. in History, Concordia University, St. Paul, 1986; M.Div. from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 1990. **Stmt:** Christ has called us to proclaim his love, grace, and hope to a sinful and broken world...the world for which he willingly gave his life. Guided by his Word and grounded in the Lutheran Confessions, we, in the Rocky Mountain District, have the opportunity to work together to further Christ's mission in this region of the world so that more and more people might know of his love and grace. It would be an honor to serve.

NOMINATED POSITION: Synodical Convention Nominations Committee



Rust, Rev. Jason S. Age: 41 **Member:** Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Ruidoso, NM **Yrs in Dst:** 8 **Bkgrd:** Associate Pastor, Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Louis, MO; Pastor, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Ruidoso, NM **Cng:** Mission Plant Research and Development, Pastor **Crt:** Circuit Visitor, Pecos Circuit **Dst:** Pastors' Fall Conference Committee, RMD; Chairman Floor Committee- Credentials, RMD **Syd:** none **Ed:** B.A. Christian Education and Leadership, Concordia University Irvine; M.Div Concordia Seminary; Certificate, Mission Planters Institute, Center for US Missions; Certificate Pastoral Leadership Institute **Stmt:** The way forward for the churches in our district is building healthy relationships between her pastors, holding fast to the scriptures and confessions, committing to the "Gospel footprints" we have and equipping circuits to work together for the sake of the Gospel.

NOMINATED POSITION: First Vice President, Southern Area Vice President

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES



Scheele, Rev. Pete Alan **Age:** 68 **Member:** Shepherd of the Rockies Lutheran Church, Bailey, Colorado **Yrs in Dst:** 56 years, 18 years as a Pastor **Bkgrd:** Teacher and Coach, Long's Peak School District, Longmont, CO; Pastor of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Hermann, MO; Coach and Bus Driver, Hermann Public Schools District, Hermann, MO; Vacancy Pastor for St. John Lutheran Church, Drake, MO; Vacancy Pastor for Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Rosebud, MO; Pastor of Shepherd of the Rockies Lutheran Church, Bailey, CO; Vacancy Pastor for Good Shepherd Lutheran, Leadville, CO **Cng:** Pastor, Adult Bible Class teacher, Confirmation teacher, Mission Trip Coordinator to Cambodia **Crt:** Denver Northwest Circuit Counselor ; Coordinator and member of the board for the Seven Circuit Spring Pastor Conference **Dst:** District LWML Pastoral Counselor **Syd:** none **Ed:** BS teaching degree in Math and Industrial Technology, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO; MA teaching degree in Industrial Technology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO; MA Divinity, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN **Stmt:** With God's help and your assistance I will use all the abilities that God has given to me to accomplish the work that you and God have allowed me to do for you, the District and the Synod for the advancement of God's Word and our faith in Him.

NOMINATED POSITION: Central Area Vice President

Steele, John M. **AGE** 65, **Member:** Emmanuel Lutheran Church Rifle CO. **Bkqd:** Executive Director Emmanuel Lutheran Rifle CO 2006-2016 2021-present. **Stmt:** By the Grace of God I will use my abilities to serve the Church.

NOMINATED POSITION: Board of Directors



Stroud Jr, Kenny V. **AGE:** 62. **MEMBER:** Immanuel Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado. **Yrs in Dst:** 29. **Bkgrd:** November 2021 to Today, Retired; April 2005 to October 2021, Mail Carrier, United States Postal Service; U.S. Army, 1986 to 1993, Honorable Discharge. Disable Veteran. **CNG:** Immanuel Lutheran Church, Chairman of Board of Elders, Board of Elders, Board of Evangelism. Resurrection Lutheran Church, President, Chairman of Board of Elders, Board of Elders, Board of Evangelism. **CRT:** N/A **DST:** N/A. **SYD:** N/A. **Ed:** Associate of Applied Management, National American University. August 29, 1995. Rocky Mountain Theological Institute, July 31, 2011. **Stmt:** 1 Thessalonians 5: 14-18. And we urge you brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

NOMINATED POSITION: Board of Directors

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES



Tobias, Damon P. **Age:** 66. **Member:** Immanuel Lutheran Church—Albuquerque, NM: **Yrs in Dst:** 16 1/2 since 2005; 26 thru 1981; total 42+. **Bkgrd:** Currently: Retired, Church/Community Volunteer; Recent community/government experience includes: Member, NM Advisory Committee to the US Commission on Civil Rights (2011-2021); Past Right to Life Committee of New Mexico Board member, PAC member, lobbyist, VP; Previous employment: Special Counsel to US Senator Larry Craig (1992–2005); Manager, Human Resources Policy, US Chamber of Commerce (1990–92); Legislative Assistant and Counsel to US Congressman Charles Stenholm (1982–90). **Cng:** Chairman, Board of Deacons (Elders) (Chm. 2011–present); Chairman, Pastoral Call Committee (2015–2017); Church Council; Chairman, Evangelism Committee; Small Group / Bible Class leader; Choir; Website Committee. **Crt:** Congregation’s Lay Delegate to Circuit Forum (2011– present); Circuit Mission Agent (Gospel Gap Paradigm, 2012–2015); also, see under Synod, below. **Dst:** Member & Vice-Chairman, RMD Board of Directors (2018-present); Nominating Committee (2015-2018) ; Lay Delegate, RMD Conventions (2018, 2015, 2012, 2009); Member, Life Together Floor Committee, 2015 RMD Convention; Evangelism Team (2009–2013); Chairman, Conversations of Grace Evangelism Conference (2009). **Syd:** Lay Delegate to Synodical Convention (2013, 2010 from Sandia Circuits); Member. Floor Committee on Theology and Church Relations (2010 Convention); Lay Alternate to Synodical Convention (2007, from Sandia Circuits). **Stmt:** I thank the Lord and my brothers and sisters that I have been blessed by serving on the RMD Board these last four years. At a time when congregations have faced challenges that have made participation at the District level more difficult, and the District, in turn, has navigated tumultuous times, it is essential to place renewed emphasis on two-way communication and recognize the many ways in which walking together in the "larger church family" is salutary for all of us. The 21st Century culture is not the "safe place" for Christians we thought we saw in much of the 20th Century. The vast expanse and diverse composition of our District presents special challenges and opportunities to maintain fidelity to God’s Word, be true to our Confessions, speak the truth in love, and reach out to as many souls as possible, while continuing faithfully to serve longtime members. My work, educational, and volunteer experiences have been preparatory for the policy, financial, legal, and coordination responsibilities of a Board member. By the grace and help only God can provide, I look forward to continuing to serve Him and our congregations, pastors, and parishioners.

NOMINATED POSITION: Board of Directors*



Wagner, Darrell E. **Age:** 64 **Member:** Christ Lutheran Church, Montrose, CO **Yrs in Dst:** 15 **Bkgrd:** Chairman Board of Directors, Arrowhead Fire Protection District (4 yrs); Executive General Manager, Peruvian Operations, Barrick Gold Corp. (19 yrs); Mill Superintendent, Bullfrog Gold Mine, Barrick Gold Corp. (4 yrs); Senior Project Engineer, Kappes Cassidy & Assoc. (4 yrs) **Cng:** Chairman, Christ Lutheran; Elder, Hope Lutheran; Chairman, St Peter Lutheran **Crt:** None **Dst:** None **Syd:** None **Ed:** BS Metallurgical Engineering, Colorado School of Mines **Stmt:** God has given me the background to successfully serve the district on the board and I feel blessed to be able to use this experience in this role.

NOMINATED POSITION: Board of Directors

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES



Wegner, Paulette (Polly), DCE **Age:** 72 **Member:** Peace Lutheran, Arvada, CO **Yrs in Dst:** 26 **Bkgd:** DCE St. Matthew Lutheran, Columbia Heights, MN; DCE Peace Lutheran Church, Arvada, CO. **Cng:** Adult discipleship; Bible teacher; New member assimilation; DISC profile admin.; Teacher training; Confirmation instruction; Women's ministry; Child and Family Ministry; Community outreach via weekly café discussions. **Crt:** Circuit secretary and education advisor in MN; Circuit Teacher Training workshops in MN and CO; LWML Zone Rally Bible study leader. **Dst:** MN South District DCE office; RM District DCE office and communicator; RM District Child/Family Ministry committee; RM District Educators' Conference Planning Team; RM District Educators' Conference workshop presenter; Rocky Mountain District Board of Directors. **Syd:** National Sunday School Convention presenter; National DCE Conference Planning Team (twice); Commissioned Minister representative to Synodical Convention (twice). **Ed:** BS in Education and Organizational Management, Concordia University, St. Paul; DCE Certification, Concordia University, St. Paul; KINDLE graduate. **Stmt:** "God's Word is our guide for His Church today and tomorrow. What a joy and privilege to serve God's people today and encourage all who come behind us."

NOMINATED POSITION: Board of Directors*



Westby, Rev. Dr. Charles W. **Age:** 58. **Member:** Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Rifle, CO. **Yrs in Dst:** 17. **Bkgd:** Pastor, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Rifle, CO; Pastor, Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Commerce City, CO; Associate Attorney, Sweetbaum, Levin, & Sands, PC, Denver, CO.; Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church, El Dorado, KS; Pastor, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Waverly, IA. **Cng:** Pastor. **Crt:** Circuit visitor. **Dist:** Assistant to the Secretary of the Rocky Mountain District; Continuing Education Committee (Iowa District East 1994-95). **Syd:** None. **Stmt:** By the grace of God I will use my abilities, experience, and education to assist in providing pastoral and missional leadership to the RMD for the sake of the Gospel.

NOMINATED POSITION: Western Area Vice President