

53RD CONVENTION

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD

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AGENDA

(The opening and closing time are set, some time slots may change accordingly for need.)

Thursday, May 29, 2025

- 8:00 a.m. Delegate/Advisory Registration Opens (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*
To the ends of the earth: Walking together in Mission & Ministry - *Lone Tree*
To the ends of the earth: Walking together in District & Synod - *Englewood*
District Business Office– *Littleton A*
- Noon Lunch—On your own
- 1:00 p.m. Opening Worship Service Hosted by Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Centennial, Colorado - *Salon C/D*
- 2:30 p.m. Call to Order– Opening of the 53rd 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. District President’s Report
- 3:15 p.m. Elections for President, 1st Vice President, Regional Vice Presidents, Elections for Position of Rank of the Regional Vice Presidents
Election for the District Secretary, Election for Commission Worker– Board Of Directors, and Election of Lay Representatives– Board of Directors
- 4:15 p.m. Break—Sponsored by Ad Crucem
- 4:30 p.m. Rev. Warren Graff
- 5:15 p.m. Dinner Break– On your own
- 7:00 p.m. Welcome to and presentation by Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President Of The LCMS
- 8:15 p.m. Credentials Committee Report - *Salon C/D*
- 8:16 p.m. Closing Prayer
- 8:17 p.m. Convention reception Sponsored by *LCEF*

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Friday, May 30, 2025

- 6:00—7:30 a.m. Breakfast is provided for the Delegates—Sponsored by Concordia University
-Irvine, CA— *Salon A/B*
- 8:00 a.m. Opening Prayer— *Salon C/B*
- 8:04 a.m. Credentials Committee Report
- 8:06 a.m. Elections continue as necessary, Floor Committees
- 9:00 a.m. Rev. Warren Graff
- 9:45 a.m. Break
- 10:00 a.m. Special Guests— Bil Hood, Concordia University– Irvine, CA; Sean Kowal,
Concordia Plan Services; Rev. Robert Rahn, Lutheran Heritage Foundation
- 10:15 a.m. Triennium Mission Focus Presentation
- 11:00 a.m. Elections continue as necessary, Floor Committees
- Noon Lunch Break Recess– Lunch Provided for s— *Salon A/B*
- 1:15 p.m. Credentials Committee Report—*Salon C/D*
- 1:16 p.m. Special Guests— Chuck Morse, Lutheran Church Extension Fund– Rocky
Mountain; Jason Jones, Lutheran Foundation; Dr. Jon Bruss, President,
Concordia Theological Seminary-Ft Wayne, IN; Kathy Luther, Executive
Director, Concordia Seminary- St. Louis, MO; Rev. Dr. Ryan Peterson,
Senior Development Director of Church Relations, Concordia University
–St. Paul, MN; Erica Sontag, Concordia Publishing House
- 1:30 p.m. Rev. Warren Graff
- 2:15 p.m. Break
- 2:30 p.m. Special Guests
- 2:45 p.m. Floor Committees
- 3:30 p.m. Credentials Committee Final Report
- 3:31 p.m. Installation of newly elected
- 3:50 p.m. Service of Remembrance
- 4:30 p.m. Closing of the Convention

STANDING RULES FOR 2025 RMD CONVENTION

1. The chair will follow the printed agenda as closely as possible.
2. Each member of the Convention, when recognized by the Chair, is asked to state his/her name. Please also state the name of his/her congregation and location or the administrative unit he/she represents.
3. Those who speak from the floor will limit their remarks to two minutes (not applicable to the Floor Committee, but suggested).
4. Any voting delegate may “call the question.” This is not debatable, but requires a 2/3 vote. The question may not be called by a speaker immediately after speaking for or against the question. At the expiration of 30 minutes of debate on any question, the Chair shall automatically call the question.
5. A point of information is always in order. No points of information or points of order are taken during a vote.
6. When speaking to a motion, please say, I speak for (against) the motion, and then continue with your rationale.
7. If lengthy discussion is perceived, the Chair will ask for a pro/con mode. This means that those in favor of the resolution would go to the pro microphone and those opposed would go to the con microphone.
8. When a substitute motion is made and seconded, the Chair gives the delegate making the motion two minutes to explain his/her rationale. The Chair then asks the assembly to vote by simple majority whether it wishes to consider the substitute motion. If the assembly votes in favor of consideration, the substitute motion is then on the floor and the original motion is set aside. If the substitute motion, amended or unamended, is subsequently adopted, it replaces the original motion, which then dies. If the substitute motion is either not considered or subsequently is defeated, the original main motion, amended or unamended, is back on the floor for consideration. (Behnken Rule for dealing with substitute motions, as observed by The Synod).
9. While the “whereas” clauses are considered an integral part of each overture, only the “resolved” will be read by Floor Committees when presenting an overture, unless requested by the Chair or in their judgment each whereas should be stated.
10. Resolutions prepared by the Floor Committees which are not acted upon by the Convention before adjournment die.
11. Unless covered by these standing rules of the convention, parliamentary procedure shall be governed by **Roberts Rules of Order**, newly revised edition. Above all, the rules of Christian love govern the convention.
12. Please remember that the purpose of parliamentary procedure is to carry out the wishes of the assembly in an orderly manner, to expedite business, and to insure fairness to all, both the majority and the minority. It is not the purpose of parliamentary procedure to make the conduct of business in an assembly difficult.

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13. Please prepare to submit all motions (or substitute motions) and amendments with more than five words in writing with a copy to the District Secretary.
14. Late overtures to the Floor Committees are considered only on the basis of urgency.
15. Please turn off or silence cell phones.
16. Approval of the minutes of the previous day's business will take place at the first business session following their distribution. Correction involving or implicating convention action shall be offered from the floor. Spelling, formatting and editorial corrections shall be submitted to the Secretary in writing for subsequent inclusion in the minutes.

FLOOR COMMITTEES

CREDENTIALS

CHAIRMAN	Rev. Daniel Kletke St. John - Canon City, CO
PASTORAL	Rev. Jonathan Kern Immanuel- Colorado Springs, CO
LAYPERSON	Keith Cowley Eternal Savior- Lafayette, CO

NOMINATIONS

CHAIRMAN	Rev. Doug Escue Immanuel —Santa Fe, NM
PASTORAL	Rev. Jeremy Jacoby Summit of Peace - Thornton, CO
LAYPERSON	Kimberly Bower Mt Zion—Denver, CO

ELECTIONS

CHAIRMAN	Rev. Kirk Triplett Zion- El Paso, TX
PASTORAL	Rev. Keith Besel Mt Calvary-Ft Lupton, CO
LAYPERSON	Ben Meade Christ Our Savior- Elizabeth, CO
LAYPERSON	Jace Holden Redeemer- Delta, CO
ADVISORY	Nolan Schroeder Immanuel—Albuquerque, NM

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH: #1

WALKING TOGETHER IN MISSION & MINISTRY

CHAIRMAN	Rev. Timothy Runtsch Redeemer- Ft Collins, CO
PASTORAL	Rev. Adam DeGroot Calvary- Rio Rancho, NM
LAYPERSON	Alyssa Hahn Immanuel—Haxtun, CO
LAYPERSON	Brian Moeller Christ- Breckenridge, CO

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH: #2

WALKING TOGETHER IN DISTRICT & SYNOD

CHAIRMAN	Rev. Richard von Steinman First English- Sterling, CO
PASTORAL	Rev. Kurt van Fossan Immanuel- Paonia, CO
LAYPERSON	Timothy Schulteis Our Father- Centennial, CO
LAYPERSON	Ken Clavir Trinity- Greeley, CO

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Rev. James Maxwell
Colorado Springs, CO

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Rev. Jared Melius
Denver, CO

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Rev. Mark Nierman
Loveland, CO

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Ruidoso, NM

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Rio Rancho, NM

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Denver, CO

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Louisville, CO

Mr. Damon Tobias
Cedar Crest, NM

Mr. Darrell Wagner
Cimarron, CO

Ms. Sina Williams (CM)
Centennial, CO

Mr. Russ Winterstein
Draper, UT

DISTRICT CONVENTION PARLIAMENTARIAN

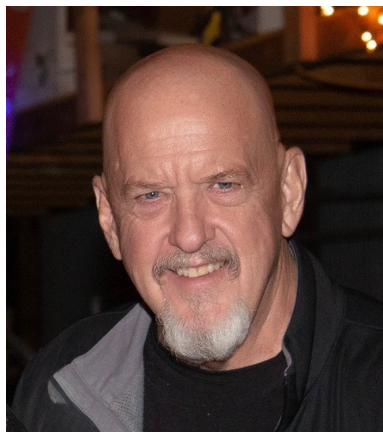


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Rev. James Maxwell
District President



Rev. Paul Albers
Executive for Congregational Services



Ms. Monique Hjalmsquist
Administrative Assistant



CONVENTION DELEGATES

Congregation	City	ST	TYPE	TITLE	FIRST	LAST
*Registrations as of 4/29/2025						
Ascension	El Paso	TX	Pastoral	Rev.	Richard	Schlak
Ascension	El Paso	TX	Lay	Mr.	David	DeMartelaere
Ascension	Littleton	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	John	Larson
Ascension	Littleton	CO	Lay	Mr.	Michael	Arvin
Beautiful Savior	Broomfield	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Richard	Langness
Beautiful Savior	Broomfield	CO	Lay	Mr.	Conor	Woodburn
Beautiful Savior	Broomfield	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Michael	Brown
Beautiful Savior	Broomfield	CO	Advisory		Kristi	Bower
Bethany/Our Savior	Pueblo/Pueblo W	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Nick	Shults
Bethany/Our Savior	Pueblo/Pueblo W	CO	Lay	Mr.	Francis	Thompson
Bethany/Our Savior	Pueblo/Pueblo W	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Steve	Witte
Bethlehem	Lakewood	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	David	Langewisch
Bethlehem	Lakewood	CO	Lay	Mr.	Ron	Uecker
Calvary	Rio Rancho	NM	Pastoral	Rev.	Adam	DeGroot
Calvary	Rio Rancho	NM	Lay	Mr.	Leo	Klinker
Calvary	Rio Rancho	NM	Alternate		Janice	Parr
Calvary	Wray	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Benjamin	Vanderhyde
Calvary	Wray	CO	Lay	Mr.	Dominick	Anderson
Christ	Albuquerque	NM	Pastoral	Rev.	Eric	Robinson
Christ	Albuquerque	NM	Lay	Mr.	Jerry	Shroff
Christ	Albuquerque	NM	Alternate	Mr.	James	Gruetzner
Christ	Breckenridge	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Larry	McGurer
Christ	Breckenridge	CO	Lay	Mr.	Brian	Moeller
Christ	Breckenridge	CO	Alternate	Mr.	John	Hammett
Christ	Denver	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Roger	Wohletz
Christ	Denver	CO	Lay	Mr.	Brian	Albee
Christ	Denver	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Al	Axford
Christ	Montrose	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Timothy	Onnen
Christ	Montrose	CO	Lay	Mr.	Darrell	Wagner
Christ	Murray	UT	Pastoral	Rev.	Justin	Clarke

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Congregation	City	ST	TYPE	TITLE	FIRST	LAST
Christ Our Redeemer	Albuquerque	NM	Pastoral	Rev.	W. Bruce	Wilder
Christ Our Redeemer	Albuquerque	NM	Lay		Ashley	Young
Christ Our Redeemer	Albuquerque	NM	Alternate		Kaylee	Clear
Christ Our Savior	Elizabeth	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Geoffrey	Wagner
Christ Our Savior	Elizabeth	CO	Lay	Mr.	Ben	Meade
Christ Our Savior	Elizabeth	CO	Alternate	Mr.	John	Wilson
Christ the King	Los Lunas	NM	Advisory	Rev.	Donald	Neidigk
Emmanuel	Rifle	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Dallas	Dubke
Emmanuel	Rifle	CO	Lay	Mr.	Jim	Finkle
Emmanuel	Rifle	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Jonathan	Rice
Epiphany	Castle Rock	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Christopher	Matthis
Epiphany	Castle Rock	CO	Lay	Mr.	Steve	Kapp
Epiphany	Castle Rock	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Jim	Minter
Eternal Savior	Lafayette	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Clint	Thorson
Eternal Savior	Lafayette	CO	Lay	Mr.	Keith	Cowley
Faith In Christ	Portales	NM	Pastoral	Rev.	Gary	Piepkorn
Faith In Christ	Portales	NM	Lay	Mr.	Tommy	Knight
Faith	Denver	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Terry	Neustel II
Faith	Denver	CO	Lay	Mr.	Brian	Van Arsdale
Faith	Denver	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Robert	Krueger
Faith	Johnstown	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Brandon	Ross
Faith	Johnstown	CO	Lay	Mr.	Larry	Currey
Faith	Woodland Park	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Gary	Schuschke
Faith	Woodland Park	CO	Lay		Debbie	Larson
Faith	Woodland Park	CO	Alternate		Jan	Schmidt
Faith/First	Buena Vista/Salida	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	James	Sorensen
Faith/First	Buena Vista/Salida	CO	Lay	Mr.	Mark	Brinkmann
Faith/First	Buena Vista/Salida	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Tim	Towne
Family of Christ	Colo. Springs (Monument)	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Mark	Moreno
Family of Christ	Colo. Springs (Monument)	CO	Lay	Mr.	Rene	Bruer

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First English	Sterling	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Richard	von Steinman
First English	Sterling	CO	Lay	Mr.	Lou	Dodge
Gethsemene	Northglenn	CO	Lay		Sarah	Salas
Gloria Christi	Greeley	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Stephen	Weiss
Gloria Christi	Greeley	CO	Lay	Mr.	Doug	Hayes
Gloria Christi	Greeley	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Cole	Dorwart
Good Shepherd	Edgewood	NM	Lay	Mr.	James	Schuetzler
Grace Evang.	Cheyenne Wells	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Steven	Zandstra
Grace Evang.	Cheyenne Wells	CO	Lay		Jennifer	Crowell
Grace	Albuquerque	NM	Pastoral	Rev.	Aaron	Richert
Grace	Albuquerque	NM	Lay	Mr.	Kerry	Moudy
Grace	Moab	UT	Pastoral	Rev.	John	Widmer
Grace	Moab	UT	Lay	Mr.	Thomas	Garcia
Grace	Moab	UT	Alternate	Mr.	Steven	Anderson
Grace	Parker	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Joseph	Murphy
Grace	Parker	CO	Lay	Mr.	Peter	Jensen
Grace	Parker	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Beau	Moore
Grace	Parker	CO	Advisory	Rev.	Craig	Patterson
Grace	Parker	CO	Advisory	Rev.	Larry	Ziegler
Grace/Our Savior	Hobbs/Lovington	NM	Pastoral	Rev.	Thaine	Kister
Grace/Our Savior	Hobbs/Lovington	NM	Lay	Mr.	Ed	Osborne
Grace/Our Savior	Hobbs/Lovington	NM	Alternate	Mr.	Lonnie	Smith
Holy Cross	Colorado Springs	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Greg	Zillinger
Holy Cross	Colorado Springs	CO	Lay	Mr.	Nathan	Borchers
Holy Cross	Colorado Springs	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Todd	Boesdorfer
Holy Cross	Highlands Ranch	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Bruce	Skelton
Holy Cross	Highlands Ranch	CO	Lay	Mr.	Curt	Oliver
Holy Trinity	Logan	UT	Alternate		Kathy	Bayn
Holy Trinity	Riverton	UT	Pastoral	Rev.	Alan	Borcher
Holy Trinity	Riverton	UT	Lay	Mr.	Kent	Hansen
Holy Trinity	Riverton	UT	Alternate		Susan	Opel

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Congregation	City	ST	TYPE	TITLE	FIRST	LAST
Hope	Aurora	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Jonathan	Olson
Hope	Aurora	CO	Lay	Mr.	Gene	Lietzau
Hope	Aurora	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Joel	Dusek
Hope	Westcliffe	CO	Lay	Mr.	Gary	Mohr
Immanuel	Albuquerque	NM	Pastoral	Rev.	Dustin	Kear
Immanuel	Albuquerque	NM	Lay	Mr.	Paul Mark	Angell
Immanuel	Albuquerque	NM	Alternate	Mr.	Caleb	Dillon
Immanuel	Albuquerque	NM	Advisory	Mr.	Nolan	Schroeder
Immanuel	Arriba	CO	Lay	Mr.	Rex	Rhule
Immanuel	Carlsbad	NM	Pastoral	Rev.	Karl	Wright
Immanuel	Carlsbad	NM	Lay	Mr.	Michael	Barnhart
Immanuel	Carlsbad	NM	Alternate		Mary	Barnhart
Immanuel	Clovis	NM	Pastoral	Rev.	Thomas	Reeder Jr
Immanuel	Clovis	NM	Lay	Mr.	William	Lincoln
Immanuel	Clovis	NM	Alternate	Mr.	Adam	Ball
Immanuel	Colorado Springs	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Jonathan	Kern
Immanuel	Colorado Springs	CO	Lay	Mr.	Karl	Fruendt
Immanuel	Englewood	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	James	Tuell
Immanuel	Englewood	CO	Lay	Mr.	Andre	Koester
Immanuel	Englewood	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Wayne	Johannes
Immanuel	Haxtun	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Timothy	Haxtun
Immanuel	Haxtun	CO	Lay		Alysse	Hahn
Immanuel	Las Vegas	NM	Lay	Mr.	Julian	Weathers
Immanuel	Las Vegas	NM	Alternate		Josphine	Cruz
Immanuel	Loveland	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Glen	Schlecht
Immanuel	Loveland	CO	Lay	Mr.	Carl	Hinderer
Immanuel	Loveland	CO	Advisory	Mr.	William	Busacker
Immanuel	Paonia	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Kurt	VanFossan

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Immanuel	Roswell	NM	Pastoral	Rev.	A. Brian	Flamme
Immanuel	Roswell	NM	Lay	Mr.	Geoffrey	Gunn
Immanuel	Roswell	NM	Alternate	Mr.	Brian	Taylor
Immanuel	Santa Fe	NM	Pastoral	Rev.	Douglas	Escue
Immanuel	Santa Fe	NM	Lay	Mr.	Philip	Hypes
Immanuel	Santa Fe	NM	Alternate		Christine	VanDornick
King of Kings	Arvada	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Gregg	McCaslin
Messiah	Grand Junction	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Michael	Redeker
Messiah	Grand Junction	CO	Lay	Mr.	Victor	Lozano
Mission	Las Cruces	NM	Pastoral	Rev.	Andrew	Cave
Mission	Las Cruces	NM	Lay	Mr.	Richard	Turk
Mission	Las Cruces	NM	Alternate	Mr.	Jace	Melton
Mt. Calvary	Estes Park	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Paul	Rhode
Mt. Calvary	Estes Park	CO	Lay	Mr.	David	Hartnett
Mt. Calvary	Fort Lupton	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Keith	Besel
Mt. Calvary	Fort Lupton	CO	Lay	Mr.	Doug	Haier
Mt. Calvary	Fort Lupton	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Mark	Pilson
Mt. Calvary	Gunnison	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Robert	Carabotta
Mt. Calvary	Gunnison	CO	Lay	Mr.	Michael	Adams Jr.
Mt. Calvary	Gunnison	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Frank	Dickinson
Mt. Olive	Aurora	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Robert	Harmon
Mt. Olive	Loveland	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Mark	Nierman
Mt. Olive	Loveland	CO	Lay	Mr.	Daniel	Flansch
Mt. Olive	Loveland	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Rick	Pfeiffer
Mt. Zion	Denver	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Jared	Melius
Mt. Zion	Denver	CO	Lay	Mr.	Jon	Wagner
Mt. Zion	Denver	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Tyler	Andersen
Our Father	Centennial	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Scott	Abel
Our Father	Centennial	CO	Lay	Mr.	Timothy	Schulteis
Our Savior	Commerce City	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	David	Baker
Our Savior	Commerce City	CO	Lay	Mr.	James	Deden

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Our Savior	Pagosa Springs	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Dustin	Atkinson
Our Savior	Pagosa Springs	CO	Lay		Pat	Sewell
Our Savior	Pagosa Springs	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Drew	Harbison
Peace	Arvada	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Guy	Roberts
Peace	Arvada	CO	Lay		Amanda	Grogan
Peace	Arvada	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Nathan	Von Rentzell
Peace With Christ	Fort Collins	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	David	Magruder
Peace With Christ	Fort Collins	CO	Lay	Mr.	Dan	Prevedel
Peace With Christ	Fort Collins	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Robert	Kingsley
Prince of Peace	Cedar Crest	NM	Pastoral	Rev.	Michael	Feuer
Prince of Peace	Cedar Crest	NM	Lay	Mr.	Charlie	Randour
Redeemer	Colorado Springs	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Donal	Widger
Redeemer	Colorado Springs	CO	Lay	Mr.	Josh	Arbogast
Redeemer	Colorado Springs	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Julian	Smith
Redeemer	Delta	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Jordan	Schaller
Redeemer	Delta	CO	Lay	Mr.	Jace	Holden
Redeemer	Fort Collins	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Timothy	Runtsch
Redeemer	Fort Collins	CO	Lay	Mr.	Charles	Morse
Redeemer	Fort Collins	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Charles	Pieper
Redeemer	Los Alamos	NM	Pastoral	Rev.	Johannes	Nieminen
Redeemer	Los Alamos	NM	Lay	Mr.	Ethan	Nieminen
Redeemer	Los Alamos	NM	Alternate		Carol	Haertling
Redeemer	Salt Lake City	UT	Pastoral	Rev.	Mark	Below
Redeemer	Salt Lake City	UT	Lay	Mr.	Doug	Morrison
Redeemer	Salt Lake City	UT	Alternate	Mr.	Mark	Beekhuizen
Resurrection i/t City	Denver	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Duane	Meissner
Resurrection i/t City	Denver	CO	Lay	Mr.	John	Duvall
Resurrection	Colorado Springs	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Dennis	Lucero
Resurrection	Colorado Springs	CO	Lay	Mr.	Burl	Ryding
Resurrection	Colorado Springs	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Gil	Rogers
Risen Christ	Arvada	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Robert	Macina
Risen Christ	Arvada	CO	Lay	Mr.	Adrian	Caufield

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Rock of Ages	Colorado Springs	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Daniel	Warner
Rock of Ages	Colorado Springs	CO	Lay	Mr.	John	Johnson
Rock of Ages	Colorado Springs	CO	Alternate	Mr.	James	Kuehnert
Shepherd o/t Hills	Centennial	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Brad	Stoltenow
Shepherd o/t Hills	Centennial	CO	Lay		Lindsey	Jarvi
Shepherd o/t Hills	Centennial	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Maynard	Buck
Shepherd o/t Hills	Ruidoso	NM	Pastoral	Rev.	Jason	Rust
Shepherd o/t Hills	Ruidoso	NM	Lay	Mr.	Greg	Gray
Shepherd o/t Hills	Ruidoso	NM	Alternate	Mr.	Robert	McWilliams
Shepherd o/t Rockies	Bailey	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	John	Graham
Shepherd o/t Rockies	Bailey	CO	Lay		Nancy	Marrs
Shepherd o/t Rockies	Bailey	CO	Alternate		Amanda	Graham
Shepherd o/t Springs	Colorado Springs	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Jeffery	Patterson
Shepherd o/t Springs	Colorado Springs	CO	Lay	Mr.	Jeffrey	Damec
Shepherd o/t Springs	Colorado Springs	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Larry	Groggel
Shepherd o/t Valley	Navajo	NM	Pastoral	Rev.	Timothy	Norton
Shepherd o/t Valley	Navajo	NM	Lay	Mr.	Timothy	Yazzie
St. John	Canon City	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Daniel	Kletke
St. John	Canon City	CO	Lay	Mr.	Nathan	Pegors
St. Johns	Denver	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Andrew	Farhat
St. Johns	Denver	CO	Lay	Mr.	John	Reeb
St. Johns	Denver	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Dale	Wetmarc
St. John's	Fort Collins	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Shawn	Nettleton
St. John's	Fort Collins	CO	Lay	Mr.	Rudy	Nicholas
St. John's	Salt Lake City	UT	Pastoral	Rev. Dr.	Hank	Malone
St. John's	Salt Lake City	UT	Lay		Diane	Malone
St. Luke's	Golden	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Edward	Schmidt
St. Luke's	Golden	CO	Lay	Mr.	Tom	Heck
St. Paul	Ogden	UT	Pastoral	Rev.	Mark	Christ
St. Paul	Ogden	UT	Lay	Mr.	Monte	Martinez

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St. Paul/St. Paul	Amherst/Venango	CO/NE	Pastoral	Rev.	Kurt	Hatteberg
St. Paul/St. Paul	Amherst/Venango	CO/NE	Lay		Janelle	Krueger
St. Paul/St. Paul	Amherst/Venango	CO/NE	Alternate	Mr.	Rick	Krueger
St. Paul's	Durango	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Ben	Delin
St. Paul's	Durango	CO	Lay	Mr.	Scott	Shine
St. Peter's	Monte Vista	CO	Lay		Joshua	Cody
Summit of Peace	Thornton	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Jeremy	Jacoby
Summit of Peace	Thornton	CO	Lay	Mr.	Jason	Kleve
Summit of Peace	Thornton	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Matthew	Prasad
Trinity	Alamogordo	NM	Pastoral	Rev.	Donovan	Heithold
Trinity	Alamogordo	NM	Lay	Mr.	Richard	Dommers
Trinity	Alamosa	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Jason	Cody
Trinity	Alamosa	CO	Lay	Mr.	Garry	Eyser
Trinity	Alamosa	CO	Alternate		Patricia	Cody
Trinity	Burlington	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	William	Viergutz
Trinity	Burlington	CO	Lay	Mr.	Hal	McNerney
Trinity	Burlington	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Roger	Hartley
Trinity	Cortez	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Luke	Scheele
Trinity	Cortez	CO	Lay	Mr.	Bruce	Short
Trinity	Cortez	CO	Alternate		Lynelle	Brumley
Trinity	Denver	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Adrian	Sherrill
Trinity	Denver	CO	Lay	Mr.	Trey	Doak
Trinity	Denver	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Timothy	Wood
Trinity	Fort Morgan	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Bror	Erickson
Trinity	Fort Morgan	CO	Lay	Mr.	Fred	Freidenberger
Trinity	Fort Morgan	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Scott	Bostron
Trinity	Franktown	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Robert	Walston
Trinity	Franktown	CO	Lay	Mr.	Kevin	Hobbs
Trinity	Franktown	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Michael	Going
Trinity	Genoa	CO	Lay	Mr.	William	Felzien
Trinity	Genoa	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Dale	Felzien

CONVENTION DELEGATES

Congregation	City	ST	TYPE	TITLE	FIRST	LAST
Trinity	Greeley	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Joshua	Vanderhyde
Trinity	Greeley	CO	Lay	Mr.	Kenneth	Clavir
Trinity	La Junta	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Rick	Miller
Trinity	La Junta	CO	Lay	Mr.	Michael	Stuhr
Trinity	La junta	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Paul	Maier
Trinity	Pueblo	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Robert	Hauter
Trinity	Pueblo	CO	Lay	Mr.	Lucky	Schneberger
Trinity	Saint George	UT	Pastoral	Rev.	John	Manweiler
Trinity	Saint George	UT	Lay	Mr.	Robert	Kies
Trinity	Saint George	UT	Alternate	Mr.	Ron	Peterson
Trinity/Grace	Kit Carson/Lamar	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Thomas	Barton
University Hills	Denver	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	David	Vanderhyde
University Hills	Denver	CO	Lay	Mr.	Steven	Shellenberger
University Luth. Chapel	Boulder	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Robert	Jarvis
University Luth. Chapel	Boulder	CO	Lay	Mr.	E. Christian	Kopff
University Luth. Chapel	Boulder	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Christopher	Morelock
Wheat Ridge Evang.	Wheat Ridge	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Eli	Lietzau
Wheat Ridge Evang.	Wheat Ridge	CO	Lay	Mr.	Brian	DeLaet
Wheat Ridge Evang.	Wheat Ridge	CO	Alternate	Mr.	Daniel	Robinson
Zion	Brighton	CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Andrew	Roettjer
Zion	Brighton	CO	Lay	Mr.	Brian	Reck
Zion	El Paso	TX	Pastoral	Rev.	Kirk	Triplett
Zion	El Paso	TX	Lay		Mary	Sanchez
Zion	Farmington	NM	Pastoral	Rev.	Nathanael	Biberdorf
Zion	Farmington	NM	Lay	Mr.	Mark	Lukow
Zion	Farmington	NM	Alternate	Mr.	Bob	Fitz
Zion	Flagler	CO	Lay	Mr.	Mark	Ottoman
Zion	Flagler	CO	Alternate		Cynthia	Ottoman
Zion	Flagler	CO	Advisory	Rev.	Victor	Young
Zion/St Paul's	Big Springs/Julesburg	NE/CO	Pastoral	Rev.	Trenton	Christensen

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Per the RMD Constitution and Bylaws (Art. III, 3.01A "Responsibility for Nominations"), *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 [Cf. Bylaws Art. I, 1.04 "Geographic Regions"]. The commissioned minister shall be elected from the District at large.*

At the 2022 Convention, the District Nominating Committee elected for the 2022-2025 Triennium included: Rev. Douglas K. Escue (ordained, Southern region), Rev. Andrew Packer (ordained, Western region); Kimberly Bower (lay person, Central region); the 2022 Convention concluded without electing a full slate for the Nominating Committee—no Commissioned Minister from the District at large.

In 2023, Rev. Packer took a Call outside of the District. Rev. Jeremy Jacoby (ordained) was appointed to fill the vacancy on the committee from the Central region. Rev. Escue was appointed chairman of the committee by the District President.

In November 2024, a Nominations Packet from Secretary Lietzau and RMD Nominating Committee Escue was sent to all RMD congregations containing instructions about nominations/suggestions for the 2025 Convention Election Ballot.²¹ RMD Pastors, four Commissioned Ministers, and 18 lay persons were nominated/suggested for various positions. The committee completed its work by mid March.

The slate of candidates, as tabulated by the District Secretary and Nominations 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 serving in the current Triennium by the asterisks beside their name.

The Committee wishes to thank all RMD congregations who nominated and suggested names for the election. The Committee wish to thank all those who consented to serve for election. Special thanks goes to RMD Administrative Assistant Monique Hjalmsquist for her gentle nudging, patience and assistance to the committee.

Rev. Douglas K. Escue, Committee Chair

VERBUM DEI MANET IN AETERNUM (the Word of the Lord remains forever).

SLATE OF NOMINATIONS

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

*Incumbent (those serving in the current triennium)

Regions: Central (C), Eastern (E), Southern (S), Western (W)

President

Rev. James Maxwell (E)*
Rev. Jared Melius (C)

Board of Directors—Commissioned Minister (CM)

Mrs. Kristine Bower (E)
Mrs. Melissa DeGroot (S)*
Mr. T. David Lindeman (E)
Ms. Sina Williams (C)*

First Vice President

Rev. Dan Kletke (E)
Rev. Elisha Lietzau (C)
Rev. Jared Melius (C)*
Rev. Mark Nierman (E)

Board of Directors—Layperson

Mr. Brian Boyle (C)
Mr. James "Stormy" Greer (C)
Mr. Kevin Grein (E)
Ms. Marcia Hogan (C)*
Noreen Linke (E)
Mr. Hal McNerney (E)
Mr. Jarrod Puseman (E)
Sharon Robison (E)
Mr. Damon Tobias (S)*
Mr. Darrell Wagner (W)*
Mr. Russ Winterstein (W)*

Central Region Vice President

Rev. David Langewisch (C)
Rev. Elisha Lietzau (C)
Rev. Jared Melius (C) *

Eastern Region Vice President

Rev. Daniel Kletke
Rev. Shawn Nettleton
Rev. Mark Nierman*
Rev. Timothy Runtsch
Rev. Glen Schlecht

Southern Region Vice President

Rev. Jason Rust*

Western Region Vice President

Rev. Michael Redeker*

Secretary

Rev. Elisha Lietzau (C)*
Rev. Jared Melius (C)
Rev. Richard von Steinman (E)

District Nominations Committee

Mrs. Kristine Bower (CM) (C)
Mr. William Busacker (CM) (E)
Rev. Jason Cody (S)
Rev. Adam DeGroot (S)
Rev. Douglas Escue (S)*
Mrs. Alyssa Hahn (E)
Rev. Jeremy Jacoby (C)*
Mrs. Mary Redeker (W)
Rev. Roger Wohletz (C)

Synod Nominations Committee

Rev. A. Brian Flamme (S)
Rev. Robert Jarvis (E)
Rev. Timothy Norton (S)
Rev. Michael Redeker (W)
Rev. Timothy Runtsch (E)

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.

Please **PRINT** clearly!

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: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ EMAIL: _____

MEMBER CONGREGATION: _____

GEOGRAPHIC REGION OF DISTRICT (C, E, S, W): _____

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: _____

CONGREGATION, CITY, STATE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

☐ 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

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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. **Stmnt:** 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 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.

NOMINEES ARE LISTED ALPHABETICALLY



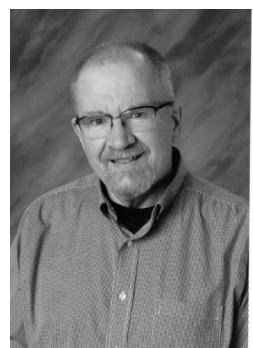
Bower, Kristine **Age:** 53 **Member:** Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Broomfield, CO **Yrs in District:** 30 **Bkgrd:** Director/Teacher, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & School, Broomfield, CO; Director, Mount Olive Lutheran ECEC, Aurora, CO **Cng:** Sunday School Teacher; Sunday School Superintendent; Youth Group Leader; Youth Bell Choir director; Choir member; Handbell choir member; Board of Ed member **Crt:** None **Dst:** Rocky Mountain District Church Worker Conference Committee member; Floor committee member; Advisory for Synodical convention **Syd:** None **Stmt:** I trust the Lord to guide me in whatever I am needed to do.

Nominated Position: Board of Directors, Nominations Committee



Boyle, Brian **Age:** 56 **Member:** Risen Christ Lutheran Church, Arvada, CO **Yrs in Dst:** 26 **Bkgrd:** Aerospace Program Manager at the University of Colorado-LASP **Cng:** Current Elector (Elder); Past President; Past Vice-President; Call committee Chair; Audit committee Chair; Constitution committee; Board of Public Relations Chair; lay to 2022 district convention **Crt:** none **Dst:** none **Syd:** none **Ed:** BS and MS in Aerospace Engineering, University of Colorado **Stmt:** "I aim to contribute my management and leadership experience to this unique organization to help administer the business of the district in support of all congregations in the Central Region."

Nominated Position: Board of Directors



Busacker, William "Bill" **Age:** 71 **Member:** Immanuel Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO **Yrs in Dst:** 14 **Bkgrd:** Teacher, St. John Lutheran School, Mayville, WI; Teacher, Trinity Lutheran School, Springfield, IL; Teacher, Valley Lutheran High School, Saginaw, MI; Teacher/Principal, St. Paul Lutheran School, Grafton, WI; Principal, Grace Lutheran School, Sandy, UT; Principal/Teacher, Immanuel Lutheran School, Loveland, CO **Cng:** Executive Council member; Congregation Secretary; Finance Team member; Constitution Review Team member **Crt:** None **Dst:** School Ministry Committee member and chair; Validation Team Captain for National Lutheran School Accreditation **Syd:** Advisory for National Conventions **Ed:** BS in Ed, Concordia, Nebraska; additional coursework, Sangamon State University; Saginaw Valley State University; Concordia, Nebraska; Concordia, Wisconsin; LCMS SLED program **Stmt:** If elected I will do my best to use my gifts and abilities to serve Christ and His church.

Nominated Position: Nominations Committee

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES



Cody, Rev. Jason K. Age: 43 **Member:** Trinity Evangelical Church & School, Alamosa, Colorado **Yrs in Dst:** 10. **Bkgrd:** I have served at Lighthouse Christian Church as sole pastor 4 years before resigning my position and joining the LCMS. After LCMS Seminary, I have served at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church & School as Associate Pastor/Worker Priest for 4 years, then as Senior Pastor for 6 years. **Cng:** Teach confirmation to both adults and students; lead religion course and chapel for our Preschool-2nd grade classes weekly; Write and teach Adult Bible Studies at Trinity Weekly; Lead Theology on Tap Quarterly; offer appropriate pastor care to members; Preach every Sunday and for special seasonal services, etc. **Crt:** Attended Circuit Meetings; Hosted Sangre De Cristo Tri-Circuit Conference last 4 years in Alamosa, at The Colorado Farm Brewery, our family business. **Dst:** District Pastor Board 2024-25 **Syd:** None. **Ed:** Associate Degree in Biblical Studies from Johnson University, Knoxville, TN; Bachelors of Science Degree in Biblical Studies, Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA; Masters of Divinity, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN.; Trained and Certified in Conflict Reconciliation from Ambassadors of Reconciliation. **Stmt:** I served in the Christian Churches as a Pastor for 4 years, prior to my time in the LCMS but did not attempt colloquy, rather went through traditional M.Div. program in Fort Wayne.

NOMINATED POSITION: Nominations Committee



DeGroot, Rev. Adam Age: 47 **Member:** Calvary Lutheran Church, Rio Rancho. **Yrs in Dst:** 5. **Bkgrd:** Sole Pastor: Pinnacle Lutheran Church; Henrietta NY, 2010-2014. Missionary Pastor: Shepherd of the City Lutheran Church; Philadelphia, PA, 2014-2017. Missionary Fundraiser: Office of National Missions, St. Louis, MO, 2017-2018. Missionary Pastor: St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, NM, 2018-2020. Sole Pastor: Calvary Lutheran Church, Rio Rancho, NM, 2020-Current. **Crt:** MDiv. **Dst:** No Prior District commitments **Syd:** No Prior Synodical commitments. **Stmt:** "By the help and grace of God, I will use my abilities to serve the Church-at-large and spread the Word of God."

NOMINATED POSITION: Nominations Committee



DeGroot, Deac. Melissa A. Age: 46. **Member:** Calvary Lutheran Church, Rio Rancho, NM. **Yrs in District:** 7. **Bkgrd:** Deaconess. Served at a Crisis Pregnancy Center (2 yrs), Admissions Dept at CTSFW (3 yrs), Writer for LCMS Dept of Deaconess Ministry (3 yrs), Pastor's wife and co-domestic missionary for the LCMS ONM. Homeschooler and teacher. **Cng:** Sunday School teacher. **Crt:** Mercy care and collaboration on outreach with GCAY; Attending Deaconess installations in circuit. **Dst:** Board of Directors, commissioned minister; **Syd:** Domestic missionary through Office of National Mission. **Ed:** Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN, MA in Deaconess Studies; University of Phoenix, Secondary Education; University of Massachusetts, Lowell, BA Psychology. **Stmt:** To the voting delegates, my first triennium of service has been educational. I look forward to building on the foundation of our young board to further the good and faithful work of our Lord's kingdom in the District.

NOMINATED POSITION: Board of Directors*

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES



Escue, Rev. Douglas K. **Age:** 64. **Member:** Member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Santa Fe, NM; **Yrs in Dst:** 34. **Bkqd:** Born and raised in Pea Ridge, AR on a Dairy Farm; **Cng:** Parish Pastor at Zion Lutheran Church, Leigh, Nebraska (1986-1991); Parish Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Santa Fe, NM (1991 - present) **Crt:** Circuit Visitor for Sandia North Circuit (2022 - present) **Dst:** RMD Human Care Ministries Committee (Chairman, 1992-1998); RMD Board of Directors, regional Vice President, Southern Region (2003 - 2012); RMD Presenter for the Lutheran Service Book, 2006; **Ed:** graduate of St. John's College, Winfield, KS '80; Concordia College, Ann Arbor, MI '82; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO '86 **Stmnt:** "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: Nominations Committee*



Flamme, Rev. Anthony Brian **Age:** 42. **Member:** Senior Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Roswell, New Mexico. **Years in district:** 11. **Background:** Senior Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church and School; Associate Pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Aurora, Colorado; USMC Arabic Linguist 2001-2006. **Congregation:** Pastor; Religion Teacher for Immanuel Lutheran School; President of the Board for the South Asia Lutheran Mission Society (SALM). **Circuit:** Circuit Visitor from 2022 to present. **District:** I have served on the Know the Truth Floor Committee for the 2022 RMD Convention; I frequently present at sectionals for both regional and district workers conferences. **Synod:** Pastoral to the 2016 and 2019 Conventions. **Education:** BA in Philosophy from Indiana University; MDiv from CTS Fort Wayne; STM from CTS Fort Wayne. **Statement:** "With the help of God's grace, I welcome the opportunity to serve in strengthening the unity of our church, in faithfulness to our confession, and in zealous proclamation of the Gospel for the salvation of souls."

NOMINATED POSITION: Synod's Committee for Convention Nominations

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES



Greer, Mr. James "Stormy" Age: 71. **Member:** Peace Lutheran Church, 5675 Field Street, Arvada, CO 80002. **Years in District:** Thirty-one (31). **Background:** Engineer 1976-79, Borg-Warner, Wooster, OH; Engineer 1979-82, AMETEK, Kent, OH;; Quality Control Manager 1982-87, AMETEK, Graham, NC; Marketing Manager 87-93, AMETEK, Kent, OH; Sales Manager 1993-95, Broomfield, CO; Owner 1995-1999, Windstorm International, Broomfield, CO; Office Manager 1999-2006, Broomfield Pediatrics, Broomfield, CO; Retired working Lift Operations at Eldora and Echo Mountain at times. **Congregations:** Various positions (elder, trustee, financial, SS, outreach, small group ministry, youth, campus ministry, camp ministry): St. Paul's Lutheran, Enid, OK; University Lutheran Chapel, Stillwater, OK; Faith Lutheran, Kent, OH; Redeemer Lutheran (president), Burlington, NC; Tallmadge Lutheran, Tallmadge, OH; Risen Savior Lutheran (president), Broomfield, CO; Peace Lutheran (president), Arvada, CO; Architectural Committee and Mission Society, University Lutheran Chapel, Boulder, CO. **Circuit:** NW Denver Circuit Gospel Gaps Committee 2012-2022; Chair 2012-2018. **District:** District Constitution Committee (DCC), 2015-Present; Chair DCC 2022-Present; , 2006 and 2022 RMD Convention. **Synod:** 2023 LCMS Convention. **Education:** BS Engineering 1976, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK; MBA Marketing 1981, Kent State University, Kent, OH. **Statement:** The challenges facing the Rocky Mountain District-LCMS are significant but manageable. With dedicated leadership and the combined commitment of our congregations, we must continue to bring Christ to our world that so desperately needs Him. May my business and church experience provide a path to accomplish His Glory. Praise God from whom all blessings come!

NOMINATED POSITION: Board of Directors



Grein, Mr. Kevin Age: 69. **Member:** Christ Our Savior, Longmont, Colorado. **Yrs in Dst:** 69. **Bkgrd:** 30 years in the retail grocery industry in various management positions, up to, and including owning my own brokerage. **Cng:** Elder, Bethel Bible Study teacher, Youth Group Leader. **Crt:** **Dist:** Rocky Mountain District Vice President of Loans 2005-2009; LCEF Vice President of the Rocky Mountain District 2009-2022. **Synd:** None. **Ed:** Regis College, BS Business Administration; Series 63 licensed. **Stmnt:** With God's help, I will use my talents and abilities to serve the District.

NOMINATED POSITION: Board of Directors

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES



Hahn, Alyssa **Age:** 44 **Member:** Immanuel Lutheran Church, Haxtun, Colorado; **Yrs in Dst:** 3. **Bkgd:** Customer Service Representative, Oliver Agency, Haxtun; House Manager, Job Coach working with people with disabilities, One Vision, Clear Lake and surrounding areas, Iowa; Regional Services Director/Internal Auditor, trainer, and Service Manager, [Redacted] a national chain bank, Wyoming **Cng:** Music ministry/pianist; Children's ministry – youth group leader working with GCA group (Pre-K through 5th grade) weekly; Junior High Youth Group Leader (**Unashamed-Christ-Followers-UCF** founder 2022, 6th grade through 8th grade) weekly, most recently as a chaperone to a Higher Things mini-retreat. **Crt:** Lay Circuit, participating in circuit meetings and conventions as needed and necessary **Dst:** I attend all the Rocky Mountain District Conventions in Breckenridge, CO each year and look for additional opportunities to learn more about Christ, the Synod, and our district, and I look for additional opportunities in which to serve the Church. **Syd:** Voting Lay for Colorado at the most recent Triennium in Milwaukee, WI. **Ed:** Biblical Studies certificate, Faith Theological Seminary, Ankeny, Iowa; Music minor, University of Mary, Bismarck, ND; Specialized trainings in bank auditing, work driving, administering medications, and transporting people with disabilities. **Stmt:** "By the help and grace of God, I will use my abilities to serve the Church, an unashamed Christ follower, and spread the Word of God in any way."

NOMINATED POSITION: Nominations Committee



Hogan, Ms. Marcia **Age:** **Member:** Resurrection in the City, Denver CO **Years in District:** Lifetime **Bkgd:** Flight Attendant, United Airlines; previously a public relations specialist, served as Senior Team coordinator and specialized in client relations and business-to-business initiatives. **Cng:** Mt. Calvary, Denver (now known as Resurrection in the City): Congregation President; Vice President; Board of Stewardship; Call Committees; planned and implemented special events and celebrations including a community-wide Gospel Music Festival. *Resurrection in the City:* Board of Directors; Soar Mentoring and Tutoring program Volunteer; Discipleship Ministry Action Team; plan, implement and assist at the annual Community Fest; Call Committee. **Crt:** Attend and assist preparation for Circuit Forum. **Dst:** RMD Board of Directors; Seminary Candidate Screening Committee; Large Start Ministry Team; Multi-Ethnic Ministry Committee. **Syd:** Attend and participate in Board for Black Ministry Services Convocations; 2005 LWML Heart to Heart Sisters Invitee and Participant. **Community Involvement:** An active participant in community activities and responds personally to neighborhood needs. Civil Reserve Air Fleet (CRAF) volunteer; in 2021 my CRAF mission team traveled to Doha, Qatar to help evacuate Afghan refugee families to the United States. **Ed:** Denver Lutheran High School; University of Wyoming, BA, Speech Communication and Theater; University of Denver (University College) Certificate of Advanced Study, Integrated Marketing and Communication (Fellowship); Master of Applied Communication **Stmt:** I am a lifelong LCMS member and helped assist my congregation through years of decline and difficulty prior to and after our 2013 rebirthing. I believe that the 21st century LCMS must connect to our culture with the joy of Jesus' message in Word and action. I appreciate this opportunity to contribute my perspective on urban and inner-city ministry, congregational renewal and revitalization, and multicultural ministry to serve in a God-pleasing way.

NOMINATED POSITION: Board of Directors*

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES



Jacoby, Rev. Jeremy M. Age: 50 years 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: Nominations Committee*



Jarvis, Rev. Rob. Age: 61. Member: University Lutheran Chapel, Boulder CO. Yrs in Dst: 2.5 yrs. Bkgrd: Pastor Our Redeemer Lutheran, Moorhead MN; Pastor Faith Lutheran, Menomonie WI; Pastor Zion Lutheran, Morris MN; Pastor Hosanna Lutheran, Buffalo MN/ Bethlehem Lutheran, Middleville MN. Pastor University Lutheran Chapel, Boulder. Cng: Pastor Crt: Circuit Youth Advisor; Zone LWML Pastoral Counselor; Dst: MNS LWML District Pastoral Counselor; Lutheran Island Camp BOD; MNS District Nominating Committee. Syd: Synod Nominating Committee; Doctrinal Review Ed: Concordia, St. Paul, Concordia, Seward, BS; Concordia, Seminary, St. Louis, M Div. Stmt: "By God's grace and to His glory, I would like to provide whatever help I am able for the good of the district and its mission, and in particular for the position of serving on the synod's nominating committee, to help locate and provide the best candidates for the synod and its mission."

NOMINATED POSITION: Synod's Committee for Convention Nominations



Kletke, Rev. Dan Age: 53 Member: St. John Lutheran Church City, St.: Cañon City, CO Yrs in Dst: 13 Bkgrd: Video Editor & Freelance Camera Operator, Denver, CO (1996-2002); Multimedia Programmer, Lowell, MA (2002-2004); Associate Pastor @ St. John's Lutheran Church, Pembroke, Ontario (2008-2011); Sole Pastor @ St. John Lutheran Church, Cañon City, CO (2011-Present); Vacancy Pastor @ Hope Lutheran Church, Westcliffe, CO (2022-Present) Cng: Head Elder, Concordia Lutheran Church Lakewood, CO; Christ Care Trained Bible Study Leader, Concordia Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO; Adult Bible Class Teacher, Lutheran Church of the Savior, Bedford, MA; Adult Bible Class Teacher, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Union, MO Crt: Sangre de Cristo Circuit Visitor; Pastoral to the 2023 Synodical Convention; Tri-Circuit Conference Planning Committee Dst: 2022 RMD "Know the Truth" Floor Committee; Professional Church Workers' Conference Planning Committee Syd: Ambassadors of Reconciliation Trained Synodical Reconciler Ed: 1996 BA in Broadcasting Metropolitan State College of Denver; 2008 MDiv Concordia Seminary St. Louis Stmt: The Lord has been exceedingly gracious to me, forgiving me and calling me as a husband, father, pastor and mentor. Out of love and gratitude I will serve the Lord and His church in anyway the Spirit calls.

NOMINATED POSITION:
First Vice President, Eastern Region Vice President, District Secretary

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES



Langewisch, Rev. David Age: 59 (as of February, 2025); **Member:** Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Lakewood, CO; **Yrs in Dst:** 35; **Bkgrd:** Assistant Pastor – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO 1991-1995; Senior Pastor – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO 1995-Present; **Cng:** Assistant and Senior Pastor; youth ministry; older adult ministry; music ministry; drama ministry; stewardship; care group ministry; to the Colorado Lutheran High School Association; etc.; **Crt:** to synodical convention; presenter; **Dst:** VP of RMD Pastoral Conference; Chair of the Administrative Committee of the Professional Church Workers Conference & RMD Pastors Conference; Program Committee Professional Church Workers Conference; Conference musician multiple district conferences; District Servant Event Planning team; Nurturing the Faith keynote speaker; RMD Pastors Conference presenter; District representative to the National Model Conference on Worship; President of the Concordia Association; Devotional leader RMD Educators Conference; Program Team for RMD Educators Conference; Presenter RMD Older Adults SOAR conference; 2022 School Shepherd of the Year.; **Syd:** 4 time to Convention; Keynote speaker at the Best Practices Conference; Presenter to the Association of Confessing Evangelical Lutheran Congregations conference; **Ed:** BA from Concordia College, St. Paul, MN Music Major/Biblical Languages Minor; MDiv from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO.; **Stmt:** I would like to “by all means win some”, helping as many as possible experience fullness of life in Jesus.

NOMINATED POSITION: Central Region Vice President



Lietzau, Rev. Eli Age: 45 **Member:** Wheat Ridge Evangelical Lutheran Church **Yrs in Dst:** 15 **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 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. Served as District Secretary—2022-2025. **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. Served on the Mission Floor Committee at Synod Convention; Served as RMD Advisory to Synod Convention. **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: First Vice President, Central Region Vice President, District Secretary*



Lindeman, Timothy David Age: 31 **Member:** Member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fort Collins, CO. **Yrs in Dst:** 7 **Bkgrd:** Director of Christian Education, Trinity Lutheran Church, Grand Island, NE; Director of Student Ministries, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fort Collins, CO. **Cng:** DCE; Student Ministries Coordinator; Bible Class Teacher for Adults, Students, and Kids; Adult Leader Trainer **Crt:** None. **Dst:** None **Ed:** BS in Elementary Education, BS in Christian Education Leadership, Emphasis in DCE and Lutheran Teaching Diploma, Minor in Psychology from Concordia University Nebraska. **Stmt:** “I live to lead others to follow Christ by establishing relationships and shining the Light of my Savior.”

NOMINATED POSITION: Board of Directors

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES



Linke, Noreen L. Age: 63. **Member:** Peace With Christ Lutheran, Fort Collins, CO. **Yrs in Dist:** 8. **Bkgrd:** Substitute Organist (6 LCMS churches RMD); Administrative Assistant for 7-member Radiology Group, Kokomo, IN; Owner/Manager Linke Rental Properties. **Cng:** Organist/Church Musician; Founder/Host annual LCMS Ladies' Retreats; Founder/Host Annual LCMS Men's Conference; Daily Proofreader for Memorial Moment; Assistant to LCMS Career Missionary; National Leadership Team for University Lutheran Chapel Mpls.; Evangelism Committee; Liturgical Arts Committee; Capital Campaign Committee; Building Committee; Chairman for Nominating Committee; Parish Planning Committee/Secretary; Missions and Ministry Committee/Chairman; Parish Council member; Director of Christian Education; Youth Director; VBS Director/Teacher; Sunday School Teacher; Christmas Program Director; Bible Study leader; Founder of 2 LCMS Adult Fellowship Groups; Prayer Group Leader; Mission Trips; LWML; Radio Ministry. **Crt:** None. **Dst:** None. **Syd:** Board of Regents, Concordia University Texas (term-limited after 3 terms), CTX BOR Governance Committee Co-Chair, CTX BOR Nominations Committee. **Stmt:** I was baptized and raised ALC, married into the LCMS, traveled through evangelical circles, then returned again to find a permanent home in the LCMS. I came to value the strength our Synod has in its faithful adherence to the Lutheran Confessions, which bring clarity to the unchanging Word of God. We have the power of the Gospel to vibrantly and lovingly share with people who are hurting and searching in a world of constant change and uncertainty. With one voice, we proclaim this Gospel both corporately, through Word and Sacrament, and individually, as we love and serve our neighbor. For this end, I am willing to share my time, talents, and experience at leadership levels.

NOMINATED POSITION: Board of Directors



Maxwell, Rev. James B. Age: 41; **Member:** Rock of Ages Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, CO; **Yrs in Dist:** 12. **Bkgrd:** Rocky Mountain District President (2022 - present); 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 - present); Stephen Ministry Leader (2007-present); Pikes Peak Circuit Gospel Gap project lead (2019 - 2022); Disaster Response Trips coordinator to Minot, ND (2011-2013); Habitat for Humanity. **Crt:** RMD Circuit Visitor (2018 - 2022), Regional Pastoral Conference Planning Committee Chairman (2019 - 2022); Montana LWML Zone Counselor. **Dst:** Montana District LWML Pastoral Counselor, LWML Retreat leader and Guest Speaker; RMD Reconciler (2019 - 2022). **Syd:** Concordia Irvine Board of Regents (2022 - present); LCMS Reconciler (2019 - 2022), Synod Convention Floor Committee (2023); Synod Convention 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. **Stmt:** I feel both humbled and honored for the privilege of serving Christ's church in this way. I've learned a lot over the last three years about what the District Presidency is, what it is not, and what it can be. If you are willing to have me, I'm willing to keep learning and working with you for the sake of the Gospel in our geographically and culturally diverse district. I pray that God will bless us richly in this next triennium so that we may faithfully work together to carry Christ's Gospel to the ends of the earth! Soli Deo Gloria!

NOMINATED POSITION: District President*

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES



Melius, Rev. Jared K. Age: 47 **Member:** Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Denver, CO **Yrs in Dst:** 19 **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 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, District 1st VP 2022-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 Region Vice President*, District Secretary



McNERNEY, Hal Age: 48 **Member:** Trinity Burlington, CO **Yrs in Dst:** 25 **Bkgrd:** Lead Clinician for a ten county Community Mental Health Center where I maintain a mental health and substance abuse caseload while providing clinical supervision of substance abuse services in all ten counties; City Council for Burlington, CO for 8 of the last 10 years; Kit Carson County Municipal Representative for the East Central Council of Local Governments **Cng:** Executive Director; Assistant Executive Director; Board of Education; Properties Committee **Crt:** None **Dst:** Lay to 6 Rocky Mountain District Conventions **Syd:** Lay for the Rocky Mountain District to the 2013 and 2023 Synodical Conventions. **Edu:** Master of Social Work, University of Kansas, 2000; Bachelor of Social Work, Fort Hays State University, 1999. **Stmt:** I am thankful for the consideration for this position, and look forward to your collective decision based upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I present myself in the light of Phillipian's 2:34.

NOMINATED POSITION: Board of Directors



Nettleton, Rev. Shawn P. Age: 49 **Member:** Saint John's Lutheran Church, Fort Collins, CO. **Yrs in Dst:** 11 **Bkgrd:** Teacher's Assistant, Concordia Irvine, 1998-2001; Associate Pastor, Christ Lutheran Church, Orland Park, IL 2006-2014; Pastor, Saint John's Lutheran Church, Fort Collins, CO 2014-Present. **Cng:** Pastor; Chaplin, Orland Fire Protection, Orland Park, IL, 2010-2014. **Crt:** LWML Zone Counselor 2008-2012. **Dst:** Program Committee, South Region Pastor's Conference, NID, 2008-2011; Vice President, South Region Pastor's Conference Committee, NID, 2012-2014; Co-Chair, Tri Circuit Pastor's Conference Committee, RMD, 2016-2017; Planning Committee, RMD All Worker Conference, 2021- 2024. **Syd:** Pastoral to Synodical Convention, 2007 and 2019. **Ed:** M. Div., Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, 2006; M.A. Reformation Theology, Concordia Irvine, 2001; B.A. Religious Studies, Concordia Irvine, 2000. **Stmt:** "I'm honored to be nominated to serve the pastors and churches of the Rocky Mountain District. May the Lord continue to bestow upon us His grace and favor, that walking together as His Church we may hold steadfast to His Word, faithfully teaching and boldly proclaiming His cross for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation of the world."

NOMINATED POSITION: Board of Directors

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES



Nierman, Rev. Mark J.; AGE: 48 **Member:** Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO **Yrs in Dst:** 22 **Bkgd:** 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 2015-2022; LLL Zone Pastoral Advisor; 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; Vice President – Eastern Region 2022-Present; Chairman of the Board of Directors 2022-Present **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: First Vice President, Eastern Region Vice President*



Norton, Rev. Tim Name: Rev. Timothy P. Norton **Age:** 54. **Member:** Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Navajo, NM. **Yrs in Dst:** 12. **Bkgd:** D.C.E. Peace, Fresno, CA (95-96); D.C.E. St. John's Portland, OR (97-98); Synodical missionary, Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea W. Africa (98-2011); Shepherd of the Valley Navajo (2013-present). **Cng:** Pastoral ministry; D.C.E. ministry. **Crt:** Circuit Visitor (Jan. 23- present); Circuit youth gatherings and confirmation retreats. **Dst:** Pastors' conference planning committee (22 & 23). **Syd:** Voting Pastoral to Synodical Convention 2023. **Ed:** B.A. CU-Portland (95) MA Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (2013) MA Concordia University Irvine (2017) Pastoral Certification Concordia Seminary St. Louis (2017). **Stmt:** The Lord has given me a unique and wonderful opportunity as a missionary to travel the country and meet many people in the LCMS. Should this body give me the honor and privilege of serving I would be happy to use this experience in nominating individuals who will serve our Lord and His Church.

NOMINATED POSITION: Synod's Committee for Convention Nominations



Puseman, Mr. Jarrod Age: 27. **Member:** University Lutheran Chapel, Boulder, CO, **Yrs in Dst:** 27. **Bkgd:** Aerospace Engineer Lockheed Martin, Littleton, CO; HOA President, Littleton, CO. **Cng:** Member at Large; Vice President; President; Elder; Capital Campaign Committee Secretary. **Crt:** None. **Dst:** None **Syd:** None. **Ed:** B.S. Aerospace Engineering, CU Boulder; M.S. Aerospace Engineering CU Boulder. **Stmt:** "Though I'd be new to elected District leadership, my commitment to our district is many years deep and I'd be dedicated to help make a positive impact within it, by the grace of God."

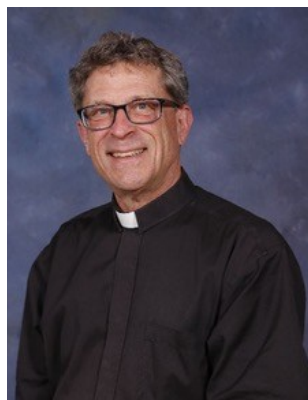
NOMINATED POSITION: Board of Directors

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES



Redeker, Mrs. Mary M. Age: 62 **Member:** Lutheran Church and School of the Messiah, Grand Junction CO. **Yrs in Dst:** 8 **Bkgrd:** Operations Manager, Drug Emporium; L'Oreal Merchandiser; Business Owner, Pet Sitting Service; Seminary wife from 1991-1995; Seminary Sonshine Committee Chair; Pastor's wife for 30 years; Stay at home mom/homeschooled our children; St. John's Lexington KY, Nursery School Director 2008-2010; Lutheran Hour Ministries Telecare Representative 2014-2016, Axis Medical Billing 2018-2024; Lutheran Hour Ministries Ministry Engagement Representative 2024-present; **Cng:** Sunday School Teacher; Bible Study Teacher; Lutherans for Life; Altar Guild. **Crt:** None **Dst:** LWML Spiritual Growth Leader; LWML RMD Board member. **Syd:** None. **Ed:** BBA Marketing, UW-Milwaukee 1985. **Stmnt:** It would be an honor to serve in this capacity if I am elected.

NOMINATED POSITION: Nominations Committee



Redeker, Rev. Michael J. Age: 62 **Member:** The Lutheran Church & School of Messiah, Grand Junction, CO **Yrs in Dst:** 8 **Bkgrd:** 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. **Cng:** 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:** RMD Western Region VP; southern region Seminary interview committee, IN District; member and chairman of Disability Ministry Task Force, RMD. **Syd:** develop relationships with district presidents/others for promotion of recruitment; develop strategies for non-Caucasian recruitment; work with student retention, Concordia Seminary; 2007 Synodical ; Floor Committee 5 for 2007 Convention; at the 2019 and 2023 Synodical Conventions. **Ed:** BBA-Marketing, UW-Milwaukee, 1985; M.Div., Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 1995; S.T.M. (Major: Exegetical/Minor: Practical), Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 2016. **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 Region Vice President*, Synod's Committee for Convention Nominations



Robison, Sharon Kay Age: 78 **Member:** St Paul LCMS - Julesburg, CO **Yrs in Dist:** Entire Life **Bkgrd:** My first paid job was with AT&T in 1963 as a call board operator: October 1, 1965, I was employed by Cabela's Inc - the Sporting Goods Company - valued at \$5 Billion when sold. I was their first employee and worked there 52 years. During those years my responsibilities grew with the company. Mail Manager of monthly mailings of several million catalogs and mail pieces: Expanded our footprint to embrace international markets: Responsible for the startup of the Cabela's CLUB Visa Program: Retail Marketing for CLUB Yisa to their 70 US and 10 Canada brick-and-mortar facilities and one Hong Kong office: started the non-credit card Cabela's Loyalty Program: Speaker at dozens of the Direct Market Association conferences. **Cng** St Paul's in Julesburg. Pre-School Sunday School Teacher: Choir: Miriam Circle LWML: Church Secretary: Chairperson for our 100th Anniversary: Procurement Manager for Orphan Grain Train's Christmas International Package. **Ed:** Graduated from Central Business College Denver, Colorado. **Statement:** My mantra is, "May I be and do what God wants me to be and do."

NOMINATED POSITION: Board of Directors

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES



Runtsch, Rev. Timothy D. Age: 58 **Member:** Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fort Collins, Colorado. **Yrs in Dst:** 35 **Bkgrd:** Senior Pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fort Collins, Colorado my entire 35 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 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 and 2022. **Syd:** LCMS National Youth Gathering Steering Committee, 1992-2001; Lutheran Family Services of the Rockies Board Member and Board Chairman, 199-2007; 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: Eastern Region Vice President, Synod's Committee for Convention Nominations



Rust, Rev. Jason S. Age: 44. **Member:** Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Ruidoso, NM **Yrs in Dst:** 11 **Bkgrd:** Pastor, Historic Trinity Lutheran, St. Louis, MO 2007-2014; Pastor, Shepherd of the Hills, Ruidoso, NM 2014-2025; Ski Patroller, Ski Apache, 2015-2025; **Cng:** Pastor **Crt:** Circuit Visitor **Dst:** Regional VP; chair of appointed mission committee. **Ed:** BA, Christian Education and Leadership, Concordia University, Irvine; Mdiv Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; **Stmt:** I have been honored to serve over the last three years as the southern region VP. I have enjoyed facing the challenges of our district and worked to do so in a way that is faithful to God's Word. I believe the gifts I have to offer are useful in the years ahead as we face more of those challenges and are guided into some wonderful opportunities.

NOMINATED POSITION: Southern Region Vice President*



Schlecht, Rev. Dr. Glen Age: 62 **Member:** Immanuel, Loveland, CO **Yrs in Dst:** 35 **Bkgrd:** Associate Pastor, Immanuel, Loveland, CO; Senior Pastor, Immanuel, Loveland, CO **Cng:** Pastor **Crt:** None. **Dst:** Floor Committee for Rocky Mountain District convention. **Syd:** Pastoral to Synodical Convention. **Ed:** BA, Concordia University-St. Paul; MDiv, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; DMin, George Fox University **Stmt:** "While not aspiring to serve in this role in our Rocky Mountain District, if elected, I am happy to serve our Lord and His people in the RMD to the best of my abilities for the furthering of His Kingdom in this time and place."

NOMINATED POSITION: Synod's Committee for Convention Nominations

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES



Von Steinman, Rev. Richard **Age:** 59 **Membership:** Redeemer Lutheran Church, Claremore, Ok. **Yrs in dist:** 21 **Bkgrd:** Pastor Trinity & St. Paul Lutheran Churches, Guttenberg/McGregor, IA; Pastor Immanuel/Immanuel Lutheran Church, Carlsbad/Artesia, NM; Hope Lutheran Church, Westcliffe, CO; First English Lutheran Church, Sterling, CO **Cng** Sunday School Teacher, Lay Reader **Crt** LWML Zone Pastoral Adviser, Seven Circuits Planning Committee **Dst** None **Syd** None **Ed** BA, History, Seward, NE, M. Div Concordia Theological Seminary, Ambassadors of Reconciliation Coaching People to Reconcile Coaching People to Reconcile **Stmt** God has richly blessed our district and me. By serving you through district work, we can walk together in spreading the joy of our Savior, supporting one another and serving our neighbors with love.

NOMINATED POSITION: District Secretary



Tobias, Mr. Damon P **Age:** 69. **Member:** Immanuel Lutheran Church—Albuquerque, NM: **Yrs in Dst:** 19 1/2 since 2005; 26 thru 1981; total 45+. **Bkgrd:** Currently: Retired, Church/Community Volunteer, Landlord; 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); Church Council; Chairman, Pastoral Call Committee (2015–2017); Chairman, Evangelism Committee; Small Group / Bible Class leader; Choir; Website Committee. **Crt:** Congregation's Lay to Circuit Forum (2011– present); Circuit Mission Agent (Gospel Gap Paradigm, 2012–2015); also, see under Synod, below. **Dst:** Member, RMD Board of Directors (2018–present); Vice-Chairman, RMD Board of Directors (2018–2022); Nominating Committee (2015–2018) ; Lay , 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 to Synodical Convention (2013, 2010 from Sandia Circuits); Member. Floor Committee on Theology and Church Relations (2010 Convention). **Ed:** J.D., Columbus School of Law (Catholic University of America), Washington, DC, 1985; MBA, University of New Mexico, 1981; BA, Psychology, UNM, 1979. **Stmt:** I thank the Lord and my brothers and sisters that I have been blessed by serving on the RMD Board. 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 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*

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES



Wagner, Mr. Darrell E. Age: 67 **Member:** Christ Lutheran Church, Montrose, CO **Yrs in Dst:** 18 **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 & Elder, Christ Lutheran; Elder, Hope Lutheran; Chairman, St Peter Lutheran **Crt:** None **Dst:** Currently serving on District Board of Directors **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*



Williams, Ms. Sina Age: 43. **Member:** Shepherd of the Hills, Centennial, CO. **Yrs in District:** 2. **Bkgrd:** DCE, St. Paul, Merced, CA (5yrs); St. Mark, Santa Rosa, CA (14yrs); Shepherd of the Hills (current). **Cng:** DCE in ministry areas of youth, children, young adult, women, and worship. **Crt:** None. **Dst:** Chaired Jr. High District Youth Gathering (13yrs) in CNH District; on DCE leadership team for CNH; served on CNH School Ministry Team; served on Board of Directors for Mt. Cross Camp in CNH; served on planning team for Youth & Family Ministry Conference for NOW District; currently on RMD BOD since Fall of 2024. **Syd:** part of 2007 planning team for LCMS Youth Gathering. **Ed:** BA in Christian Education Leadership from Concordia University Irvine; DCE Certification. **Stmt:** Perhaps God has called me to the RMD to serve in this manner. I'm detail-oriented, ask questions and love people. Whatever the outcome I'll pray for unity in the district and that God's Word is proclaimed so that more have a saving faith through Christ.

NOMINATED POSITION: Board of Directors*



Winterstein, Mr. Russell Age: 59. **Member:** Grace Lutheran Church. **City, St.:** Sandy, UT. **Yrs in Dst:** 24 years. **Bkgrd:** Goldman Sachs, Vice President Technology, SLC, UT. **Cng:** Head Elder; Head Usher; Streaming Ministry Director; Youth Board Chairman; Worship Planning; Music Ministry Oversight; Mission Board Member; Choir; Handbells. **Crt:** None. **Dst:** Lay-Western District Rocky Mountain District Board of Directors. **Syd:** None. **Stmt:** Having been a lifelong member of the LCMS, I'm eager to contribute my passion, knowledge, and experience in this role. I believe laypeople can offer unique insights and perspectives that help us minister more effectively and foster growth that benefits the entire church community.

NOMINATED POSITION: Board of Directors*



Wohletz, Rev. Roger Age: 53 **Member:** Christ Lutheran Church, Denver, CO **Yrs in Dst:** 21 **Bkgrd:** Pastor, Faith in Christ Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, NM; Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Shobonier, IL; Adjunct Instructor of History, Kaskaskia College, Centralia, IL; Pastor, Christ Lutheran Church, Denver, CO **Crt:** Denver SE Circuit Visitor **Dst:** Rocky Mountain District Debt Assistance Committee **Syd:** Denver SE LWML Zone Pastoral Counselor; Mentor, Commissioned Minister Colloquy Program **Stmt:** "By the help and grace of God, I will serve to the best of my ability."

NOMINATED POSITION: Nominations Committee