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Kleinhans is a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Ordained in the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches (one of the predecessor bodies of the ELCA) in 1985, her first call was to the Lutheran Church of the Atonement in Atlanta, Georgia. She has served

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