

Southern Ohio Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

This form should be completed by the nominee. Completion of this form indicates willingness to serve in the nominated position indicated below.

I. Please provide nominee information below.

Name: Rev. Laura Leach Shreffler

Congregation Name & City: Evangelical Lutheran Peace Church, Germantown, Ohio

What Conference is your congregation a part of? Cincinnati

(Optional) I am a person of color and/or my primary language is something other than English: Yes No

II. Please check the position for which you are nominated.

SYNOD COUNCIL 4 YEAR TERM

Rostered Minister Lay Man Lay Woman

IV. Please help the Assembly know you better by providing a brief (few sentences) answer to each question below:

What leadership experience have you gained through service in your congregation, synod or Churchwide expression?

I have been a rostered leader in rural ministry for 31 years.
I have been chair of the Tri-Synod Small-Town Rural Task Force in Ohio from 2001-2011.
I have served on the Southern Ohio Synod Candidacy Committee since 2010, and as Chair since Sept 2020.
I was elected to Synod Council in 2016.

What leadership experience have you gained through your employment or service in your community?

Since I moved to Brown County in 2018, I have been a part of Agape, a consortium of churches in the Sardinia-Arnheim area that helps take care of the needs of our community, such as providing summer lunches for school children, and also worship together at ecumenical services. I am currently Chair of Agape. I am also a tutor for children in a nearby apartment complex in Kids' Club for God.

What gifts or skills will you bring to your service on the Synod Council if elected?

I bring both leadership and listening skills. I was a journalist in my former life, so I bring those writing skills. I believe I also bring the gift of discernment.