

# 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: Hilda M. Fohs

Congregation Name & City: St. Andrew Lutheran, Enon

What Conference is your congregation a part of? NW Conference

(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?**

Co-led high school youth group both teaching Sunday School, leading retreats and sponsoring outreach projects to Wernle and Oesterlen. Chaired Evangelism for twenty years, five years of which incorporated an every member program dubbed Fully Rely On God (F.R.O.G.) whereby prayer groups, telephone contacts, letter writing and visiting 5,000 homes in the Enon community took place as well as other projects needing oversight within the congregation (i.e. constructing a church family quilt, organizing the storage areas and music materials library, etc.). Most recently directed three years of Concordia's Camp Discovery Vacation Bible School (coordinating with volunteers from both Bethel/Springfield and Knob Prairie community congregations at large). Currently overseeing WELCA Bible studies on the women of the Bible and serving as NW Conference co-chair for the WELCA SOS.

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

My occupation is my vocation. What I do is part of who I am. My background teaching experience lends itself to providing administrative assistant support as a defense contractor to ~150 personnel within four sections in Logistics at Wright-Patterson AFB. Was presented coins for contributing both to a Wounded Warrior project by AFCEA and another from one of my section chiefs evidencing the resilience of my work effort through over 20 years serving in this position.

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

If elected to this position, my education, experience, enthusiasm and energy would be dedicated to serving my Lord based on the guidance the Holy Spirit has given and continues to give me. While not adept at conducting meetings via zoom or virtually, my willingness to learn and serve and appreciation for working with people outweigh that deficit. During the pandemic, the support I was able to provide teleworking proved successful and appreciated by the section chiefs and personnel depending on me. That same level of dedication would be evident if elected. I'm blessed to be able to serve, share, help, and love.