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: _____Bonnie Gerber_____

Congregation Name & City: _____All Saints, Worthington_____

What Conference is your congregation a part of? ____Central Ohio_____

(Optional) I am a person of color and/or my primary language is something other than English: _____Yes   _x___No

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

SYNOD COUNCIL 4 YEAR TERM _____

    __X___ **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?

In my church, I have learned to be a visionary and a strategic planner, as well as a leader among leaders. As I chair the Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio Board, these gifts have become stronger.
In the synod I have served on the Audit Committee and the Nominating Committee. I chair the Bishop's Pastors Advisory Council and, as such, I work on the Thrive Campaign.

In my leadership I've learned that collaboration is better than competition, that I don't have to agree with everyone and to stand in solidarity when a decision has been agreed upon.

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

I have learned that, above all else, God loves us all. I believe "love others as you love yourself" is less about emotion and more about making sure others have their needs met just as mine are met. I try to see the face of Jesus in all who I serve. I fail but for that I also know I am forgiven.

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

I am a listener who gathers information before making a decision. Once a decision is made, I will support the decision, whether I agree with it or not.