

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: Ricardo 'Rick' Davila

Congregation Name & City: Our Savior Lutheran Church, Dayton Ohio

What Conference is your congregation a part of? Dayton

(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 volunteered and served Dayton's needy communities for over 12 years – participating in a bimonthly Saturday hot meal service and weekly Sunday morning breakfasts at the First Lutheran Church in downtown Dayton. Over the years, I gained the trust of Dayton's destitute – mainly through listening to them and becoming a person they could depend on. I also participated for several years as an ESL volunteer teaching English as a second language to mainly Spanish speaking students. I have also tutored Latino and other children who attend activities at Christ Lutheran Church in Old North Dayton.

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

I served as an active-duty Airman for the United States Air Force for over 21 years. I was a squadron commander – personally responsible for the discipline and mission effectiveness of a medium sized unit; however, my main purpose was to ensure my co-workers had the resources they needed to perform the mission.

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

I believe my gifts/skills are taking Christ's message beyond the walls of the church directly to the people. As a Hispanic American, I identify strongly with people who struggle to fit into a new culture while holding on to familiar traditions. My biggest gift/skill that I could bring to the Synod Council is offering a slightly different perspective.