

2022 Churchwide Assembly Nominees

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Cincinnati Conference Lay Woman	Abby Gaide Amy Morris
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Dayton Conference Lay Man	Nolan Lester Gregg McCullough
Muskingum Conference Rostered Minister	Pr. Mark Combs Pr. Kenneth Hacker
Muskingum Conference Lay Man	David Miser Steve Schnittke
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Northwest Conference Lay Woman	Cynthia Weikart
Scioto Conference Rostered Minister	Pr. Chad Huebner Pr. Roger Quay
Scioto Conference Lay Woman	Patti Morrow Kris Hoffman Thrush Becky Witt
Young Adult	Elizabeth Gilbert Ethan Roberts
Youth	Caden Layne

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I. Please provide nominee information below.

Name: _____ Bonnie Gerber _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

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 No

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

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Rostered Minister Lay Man Lay Woman Young Adult Youth

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/perspectives are you eager to share with the whole church as a voting member at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly?

I am a listener who gathers information before making a decision.

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I. Please provide nominee information below.

Name: Rev. Aaron Layne

Preferred Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Congregation Name & City: Advent Columbus

What Conference is your congregation a part of? Central Ohio

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

I have been blessed to serve on the Bishop's Out-Of-The-Box Team as well as the Synod's Stewardship Team. I am currently on the Board of Directors for Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio. I also serve as the photographer and backup social media content manager for the SOSynod. The congregation I currently serve has recently paid off its mortgage four years early. I have designed, installed, and trained live stream capabilities for the congregation I serve as well as assisted in other churches with their systems. Covid and congregational ministry has stretched my/our practical and theological "muscles" as I/we have learned to be faithful and flexible.

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

Over this last year in particular I have grown in my leadership in regards to finance. To be able to raise \$18,000 for Covid relief to give away to our community, keep the congregation's bottom line in the black, raise donations for Lutheran Social Services totaling over \$8,000 while interacting with another local ELCA congregation to help spur on friendly fun and ministry, and payoff the congregation's building mortgage years in advance all in a year of a pandemic is a testimony to God's grace and sound stewardship. Serving as a past board member for Lutheran Social Services for six years and now serving on the Board of Directors for Lutheran Outdoor Ministry in Ohio (LOMO) as well as aiding with my son's high school drama productions, marching band, and wrestling and my daughter's softball team has brought me great joy.

What gifts/perspectives are you eager to share with the whole church as a voting member at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly?

I am a cradle Lutheran who is loved by God and, in turn, loves to tell others about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I am known for my adept communication skills, positive energy, love for the church, passion for Jesus, and a dedication to the Gospel. I have a way of making complex concepts accessible. I hope to help the greater church communicate more effectively, for the news of Jesus just can't wait.

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I. Please provide nominee information below.

Name: Rev. Scott C. Nellis

Preferred Phone:

Email Address:

Congregation Name & City: All Saints Lutheran Church, Worthington

What Conference is your congregation a part of? Central Ohio

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

In my previous synod (Northeastern Ohio Synod), I was a member of the Synod Council and gained experience on church governance through that role. I also currently serve as an academic mentor for a local TEEM candidate (Theological Education for Emerging Ministries). This role, too, has provided me a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the TEEM program as I've mentored a colleague through her TEEM candidacy process.

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

I have learned so much as a pastor in the ELCA, as both an *observer* and a *leader*. I have found that observing includes 'active listening' and identifying organizational systems that can both help, and hinder, a congregation. My leadership roles, such as teaching, presiding, and preaching, have taught me the value of healthy spiritual leadership for a church community. A leader can have so much influence on a church, and so recognizing the value (and accountability) of a 'leadership team' has been vital to my own leadership.

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What gifts/perspectives are you eager to share with the whole church as a voting member at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly?

I have the perspective of a pastor who has been involved in several denominations during my lifetime. I was raised in the United Methodist Church, attended a Southern Baptist church in college, and became a member of the ELCA at the time I was married. Additionally, I've studied the 'evangelical' movement extensively. I have a good perspective on what makes various denominations unique, attractive, and vital to a community. This perspective can be helpful to the ELCA, from a voting member, as our Church seeks new Future Church initiatives.

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I. Please provide nominee information below.

Name: Steve Wachtman

Preferred Phone

Email Address:

Congregation Name & City: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Upper Arlington, Ohio

What Conference is your congregation a part of? Northwest Cluster of Central Ohio Conference

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

I have gained leadership experience in guiding a local congregation from a pastor model church to a program model church using a strategy of equipping ministers according to their spiritual gifts.
I have gained leadership experience in helping to guide Jacob's Porch Lutheran Campus Ministry from a wider church-held mission to one held by a coalition of local trustee congregations.
I have gained leadership experience within interpersonal and organizations as part of the synod Congregational Resource Team which provides accompaniment and coaching to congregations and their leaders in times of transition.
I have gained leadership experience by conducting 4 in-house capital campaigns in 28 years of parish ministry.

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

I have gained leadership experience as a delegate to the 1984 Lutheran World Federation Assembly in Budapest.
I have gained leadership experience serving 16 years on the Capital University Board of Trustees.
I have gained leadership experience as a coach in community youth athletic leagues.

What gifts/perspectives are you eager to share with the whole church as a voting member at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly?

I am eager to advocate for the unconditional grace of God in Christ Jesus for all persons created in God's image.
I am eager to espouse the theology of abundance offered by a God who always provides enough for the mission we are call to pursue as a church, even as traditional structures of leadership and resources are changing rapidly.
I am eager to champion the opportunity for leadership that ELCA Lutherans bring to an increasingly polarized world with our values of free inquiry and commitment for diversity.

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I. Please provide nominee information below.

Name: Neal Coryell

Congregation Name & City: Trinity Columbus

What Conference is your congregation a part of? Central Ohio

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

Vice President of the Congregation for 6 years. Served several terms on Congregation Council (Worship Chair, Community Ministry Chair). Served several years as voting member at Synod Assembly. Served on Nominating and Election Committees on Synod Level. Voting Member at 2007 Churchwide Assembly.

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

Treasurer and Database Manager of the Columbus CROP Hunger Walk.

What gifts/perspectives are you eager to share with the whole church as a voting member at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly?

I am very detail oriented. I like to be informed on issues that are outside my congregation whether those issues occur at the Synod Level or at Churchwide. I am very active in the LGBTQ community.

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I. Please provide nominee information below.

Name: Matthew Hazzard

Congregation Name & City: Christ Lutheran Church, Bexley OH

What Conference is your congregation a part of? Central Ohio

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

I currently serve on the candidacy committee for the Southern Ohio Synod.
I was a member of a SOS Out-of-the-Box Team.
I was a Young Adult voting member at the 2019 Churchwide Assembly.
I serve on the Youth and Family committee and assist in teaching Catechism at Christ Lutheran, Bexley.
I am the Evangelism Committee Chair at Christ Lutheran, Bexley.

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

I am a preschool teacher at an ELCA Preschool.
I am a member of the South Eastmoor Block Watch and Civic Association.
I have volunteered for Lutheran Social Services and She Can Make a Difference.

What gifts/perspectives are you eager to share with the whole church as a voting member at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly?

I enjoy looking at all sides of an issue and have a passion for seeking justice with my actions.
I strive to do thorough research before landing on an opinion.
If I do not know an answer, I say, "I don't know," and ask someone who does. While I will not technically be a "young adult", I'm one of the youngest adults in my congregation.
I know that I am a broken and beautiful child of God and so is everyone else, even if we are different or disagree.

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Name: Rev. Jodi Keith

Congregation Name & City: Trinity, Mt. Healthy

What Conference is your congregation a part of? Cincinnati

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

I've enjoyed a lifetime of service to the church from youth to the present. I've served on many boards and committees; congregation and synod councils as both lay and rostered and look forward to adding Churchwide to my experience.

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

I worked as a manager in industry for many years before embracing the call to rostered ministry and have served in a variety of appointed roles in city government and school settings.

What gifts/perspectives are you eager to share with the whole church as a voting member at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly?

I bring a mix of long life experience and more recent service to the church as a rostered leader. I look forward to sharing that unique combination at Churchwide Assembly.

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I. Please provide nominee information below.

Name: Pastor Corey Wagonfield

Preferred Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Congregation Name & City: Resurrection Lutheran Church - Lebanon, Ohio

What Conference is your congregation a part of? Cincinnati

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

One of the things that I have learned as a leader is that we are stronger together. This year our congregation partnered with four other ELCA congregations throughout the country to produce collaborative midweek Lenten services. I have been serving as part of the Outside the Box team for the synod, helping congregations to figure out a digital ministry strategy. In both of these experiences I have seen how working together brings us closer as the body of Christ in the world.

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

I have been serving on an exploratory committee that will be bringing a new LGBTQIA+ Pride event to my hometown of Hamilton, Ohio. I also volunteer with Fringe Coffee House which is a ministry that employs formerly incarcerated people. Both of these experiences have expanded the pool of people I would typically spend time with and has opened up my eyes to many of the injustices that people without my level of privilege experience.

What gifts/perspectives are you eager to share with the whole church as a voting member at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly?

I am eager to share my passion for creative worship and ministry opportunities, to lift up opportunities for the church to engage in justice initiatives, and to come together to help envision the future of the Lutheran Church in America.

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Name: Abby Gaide

Congregation Name & City: Ascension Lutheran Church, Montgomery, OH

What Conference is your congregation a part of? Cincinnati

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

I've been a member of Ascension Lutheran Church for approximately 7 years. Throughout that time, I've served in worship roles (reader, usher, communion assistant, etc), as a Sunday School teacher volunteer, and a Stewardship committee member. In 2019, I was elected as a member of Ascension's Church Council and I began my term serving as Vice President. In 2020, I became the Council President, and will continue in that role until the end of this year.

Through Ascension, I had the chance to serve as a voting member at the Southern Ohio Synod Assembly in 2019. I also attended Valparaiso University for my undergrad, where I received a four-year Lutheran Leader Scholarship, which gave me experience in what it meant to be a leader for the church in a wider sense.

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

I'm currently the Development Manager for an international nonprofit called Cooperative for Education, which is focused on breaking the cycle of poverty through education in Guatemala. In that role I lead our Individual Giving department, with a focus on stewarding and upgrading existing donors. I'm often involved in strategic conversations and responsible for maintaining stewardship plans as well as fundraising goals. I oversee a team of 4 full time staff members – helping to problem solve, manage needs/wants, and work together to move us towards our collective goals!

What gifts/perspectives are you eager to share with the whole church as a voting member at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly?

I'm driven by faith and love to serve the world and strive for justice and peace. I often find in the work that I do, that I enjoy bridging gaps between people that communicate or think differently and strive to move people in a collective direction. Discussion and disagreement are an important part of that. I like to keep thinking about the big picture, the big impact we want to make, and what's most important to get us there (both at my job and as the body of Christ!). I'm excited at the prospect of getting more involved with the church body as a whole and helping to play a part in the direction we go.

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I. Please provide nominee information below.

Name: Amy Morris

Congregation Name & City: Lutheran Church of the Resurrection-Cincinnati

What Conference is your congregation a part of? Southern Ohio Synod Cincinnati

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

I am a member of the committee that has helped our congregation to become an official RIC (Reconciling In Christ) congregation.

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

During the covid 19 pandemic, I led and facilitated zoom classes for anyone wanting to learn more about the LGBTQ+ community and how to support and communicate with folks.

What gifts/perspectives are you eager to share with the whole church as a voting member at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly?

I am all about inclusiveness, justice and validation for all people. I think that because of this I am good at being a soundboard during discussions.

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I. Please provide nominee information below.

Name: Richard A. Freudenberger

Congregation Name & City: Christ Lutheran Church, Dayton

What Conference is your congregation a part of? Dayton Conference

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

As a lay leader, I led bell choirs, youth groups, and worship committees as well as served on church councils. I served as the Dayton Lay Male member of Synod Council for one full term and most of a second, until my ordination (July 2020). In the time leading up to my ordination, I led all aspects of congregational life for Christ Lutheran Church as a member of the program "Theological Education for Emerging Ministries." I have taken training from the ELCA to be both a congregational developer and a redeveloper. I helped form Dayton Urban Lutheran Allies with the pastors and lay leaders of the congregations that are involved.

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

I am heavily involved in the neighborhood surrounding Christ Lutheran Church. We host meetings of the Old North Dayton Neighborhood Association and the Neighborhood watch. Through those groups, I have worked on issues involving community organizing and development, food scarcity, and community events such as the annual Taste of Old North Dayton on National Night Out. I interface with local city and parochial schools. Prior to being ordained, I was the City Attorney for the City of Bellbrook for many years and also at one time was a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals for the City of Bellbrook.

What gifts/perspectives are you eager to share with the whole church as a voting member at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly?

As a pastor, I am currently leading three inner-city churches. I have a passion for abiding with those in the margins and for building bridges between people of different backgrounds. I believe that God adores all people outrageously, and that we are called to be with everyone, no matter their differences in race, ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender identity, economic status, educational attainment, and many other factors. God calls us to work for and to demonstrate justice in our lives together and in how we proclaim the Gospel. It is becoming more clear by the week that we, the Church, are in the midst of major world changes. I believe that we should look forward to becoming what God wants us to be in the emerging era.

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I. Please provide nominee information below.

Name: _____ Carey Hovland _____

Congregation Name & City: _____ Peace, Beaver Creek _____

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 ___X___ No

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

I am the associate pastor of Peace Lutheran in Beaver Creek, OH and provide pastoral leadership for the Christian Education Board, Youth Board which includes supervising our part-time youth leader, fellowship board, and stewardship board where I participated in the Southern Ohio Synod Stewardship for All Seasons program through GSB. In 2020, Peace Lutheran began a building renovation capital campaign in which I took a leadership role again working with GSB and Mike Ward. I am currently a member of the Southern Ohio Synod Candidacy Committee and serve as relator for several candidates seeking ordination in the ELCA. I was a member of the Southern Ohio Synod Stewardship Team for 3 years and provided leadership as chair of the committee for 1 year.

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

I am currently working with the Dayton Tornado Recovery Team to bring Camp Noah to the Miami Valley. To date, I have successfully raised over \$75,000 through grants, church endowments, local business, and individuals which will bring 3 week-long Camp Noah events to the Dayton area. I am successfully implementing these camps through active collaboration with Lutheran Social Services of MN: Camp Noah, community and church volunteers, school districts, area Lutheran churches, local ecumenical partnerships and ministerial associations, and area businesses. 150 children in the Miami Valley will have the opportunity to process their trauma related to the 2019 Memorial Day tornadoes, the 2019 Oregon District Shooting, racism, and the pandemic. These children will also have the opportunity to build resiliency skills and become better prepared for another disaster.

What gifts/perspectives are you eager to share with the whole church as a voting member at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly?

I am a female clergy member who has served in the ministry of Word and Sacrament here in the ELCA for more than 5 years, as well as, I served overseas in Tanzania for 6 years. I bring a diverse background to ministry and decision making. I have worked in parish ministry, hospital chaplaincy and even for a children's advocacy center providing advocate and pastoral care services. I am gifted at listening objectively to all sides. I am experienced at participating in a churchwide assembly, having attended the last churchwide assembly in 2019.

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Name: Noland D. Lester

Congregation Name & City: New Hope Lutheran Church, Dayton, OH

What Conference is your congregation a part of? Southern OH

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

Church Council Member numerous terms, Property Chair, Food Pantry Ministry director. Pastoral Search committees, Past Church Merger committee

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

Retired Branch Head Librarian, Dayton Metro Library, 33 years of service. 27 years of being a team leader for diverse group of talented people. I have work with a number of neighborhood grassroots organization in the Dayton community both personally and as a neighborhood library manager. I've partnered with a diverse group of people over the years.

What gifts/perspectives are you eager to share with the whole church as a voting member at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly?

Having time to serve, listen and lead. Through my own life experiences, past employment career and church I am very familiar with the urban life experiences on many Gods people. It is my belief that individuals possessing their perspective be of great value to the Lay Assembly.

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I. Please provide nominee information below.

Name: Gregg McCullough

Preferred Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Congregation Name & City: The Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Oakwood, Ohio

What Conference is your congregation a part of? Dayton Conference

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

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

In my current congregation, I serve on the Church Re-opening team. In my former congregation (Faith Lutheran Church, Salisbury, Maryland), I served as a member of Church Council, Council Secretary, and Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. I was also a delegate from Faith Lutheran Church to the Delaware-Maryland Synod's Synod Assembly.

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

As a member and senior leader of the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution (N.S.C.A.R.), I have served in leadership positions on the local, state, and National levels, including National Historian, Senior National Historian, and Senior State President of the Ohio Society. I am current President of the Senior National Officers' Club of the N.S.C.A.R. I have served on the Ohio Library Council's Intellectual Freedom Committee and Diversity Awareness and Resources Council.

What gifts/perspectives are you eager to share with the whole church as a voting member at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly?

As someone who has been rediscovering his faith after a period of inactivity, I am excited to share the perspective of an individual who's new to participating in church activities at the synod and church-wide levels. I would also be someone who could add the perspective of a gay Christian.

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I. Please provide nominee information below.

Name: The Rev. Mark A. Combs

Preferred Phone: _____

What Conference is your congregation a part of? Muskingum

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

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

I was ordained in 1998, and have been serving at my present call since 2007. I am currently serving my first term on Synod Council, and served as the conference convener from 2009 – 2018. I have been involved in outdoor ministry for most of my adult life. I continue to participate, as much as possible, in the local ecumenical clergy group.

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

I have a fair amount of experience in service to the larger community outside of the congregation. I spent many years volunteering as a Fire Fighter/EMT. I have served as a registered Boy Scout Adult leader, and previously served on the Genesis Healthcare System Clergy Advisory Board.

What gifts/perspectives are you eager to share with the whole church as a voting member at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly?

I sometimes feel that the perspective of congregations in smaller, less urban settings gets lost in the discussions of how we are called to be the church. Having served in the Muskingum Conference since 2007, I believe that I am well acquainted with the concerns and hopes of our smaller congregations, especially in how we continue to do the work of proclaiming the Gospel in our world.

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I. Please provide nominee information below.

Name: David Miser

Preferred Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Congregation Name & City: Harmony Lutheran church, Buffalo Ohio 43722

What Conference is your congregation a part of? Muskingum

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

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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?

Have Been Church council president as well as President of a 3 church Parish council

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

I have been employed in health care field for over 40 years, Working with multiple groups of professional and community based groups. I have also been involved with some community based service organizations.

What gifts/perspectives are you eager to share with the whole church as a voting member at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly?

I feel that I have an insight to promoting the continued teaching of the Lutheran church, Grace and acceptance of all people. Amd practice Christian beleifs.

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I. Please provide nominee information below.

Name: Stephen P. Schnittke

Congregation Name & City: Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, New Lexington

What Conference is your congregation a part of? Muskingum

(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.

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

Church Council President
Synod Council member
Attended prior Churchwide Assemblies at Minneapolis, Pittsburgh, & Orlando

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

Retired lawyer
Former member of Perry County Children Services Board
648 Board

What gifts/perspectives are you eager to share with the whole church as a voting member at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly?

Prior experience

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I. Please provide nominee information below.

Name: Rev. Lawrence Novak

What Conference is your congregation a part of? Northwest

Congregation Name & City: First Lutheran Church, Bellefontaine

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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?

-Pastor of First Lutheran since October 2016 (First Call)
-Convener of Northern Exposure Cluster
-Chair for Northwest Conference

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

I chair the Logan County Housing & Homeless Continuum of Care Coalition. I also serve on the boards of the Hunger Network in Ohio, the Logan County Homeless Shelter, Lutheran Community Services & the Coalition for Ongoing Recovery Efforts.

What gifts/perspectives are you eager to share with the whole church as a voting member at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly?

I am a bit of a "Policy wonk". I enjoy debating the complexities of Churchwide resolutions.
I was a voting member of the 2019 Churchwide Assembly, & enjoyed the experience.

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I. Please provide nominee information below.

Name: Cynthia S. Weikart

Congregation Name & City: First Lutheran Church, Bellefontaine

What Conference is your congregation a part of? Northwest

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

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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 served on Church Council for five 3 year terms and two years as president of council.
I have taught Sunday School over 30 years. I have served on the altar guild for over 25 years. I have served on learning and worship ministry teams for many years. I am a member of the choir, bell choir, and quilt group.
I was a lay member representative to churchwide assembly in 2011. I was a delegate to the 2014 WELCA triennial.
I am a member of our local WELCA and have served as treasurer for many years.

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

I was a highschool teacher for 35 years and have substituted for 10 years since retiring in 2009. Being a teacher required me to be able to adjust to last minutes changes. I also learned to listen to each person's side in an argument/discussion. I had to think about what was the best thing to do and not just what I wanted to do.

What gifts/perspectives are you eager to share with the whole church as a voting member at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly?

I hope to be able to see all sides of the topics being discussed and identify how each topic will affect my congregation as well as the synods and churchwide.

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I. Please provide nominee information below.

Name: Chad Huebner

Congregation Name & City: Christ, Athens

What Conference is your congregation a part of? Scioto

(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.

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Rostered Minister Lay Man Lay Woman Young Adult Youth

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 believe that my call is to serve in the whole Church and use my gifts wherever they can be of service. I have served five calls in five Synods. I have served on the candidacy committee in three of those Synods and served two terms as chair in one. I served on Churchwide Council and chaired the Planning and Evaluation Committee. I am currently preparing to be an ELCA level 1 coach.

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

Through the years I have always looked for ways to be engaged in the community in which I served. I have been a volunteer firefighter, a fire and police chaplain, a volunteer at shelters and food ministries. I have served on various boards for community agencies and institutions. I am currently connecting by being an on-call chaplain at the local hospital in Athens several times a month.

What gifts/perspectives are you eager to share with the whole church as a voting member at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly?

I have had the privilege of serving on the churchwide council which opened my eyes to the intricacies and challenges that face the ELCA and how that plays out in the three expressions of our church body. As we begin to live into the vision of "Future Church" as imagined by our leadership and the Innovation Lab, I feel prepared to provide leadership in the process. Through the pandemic, the Church has made giant leaps to adapt. We cannot simply "go back" to what was. We need to continue to cultivate and hone the change to become the connected, nimble, faithful, Church God is calling us to be.

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I. Please provide nominee information below.

Name: **Roger Quay**

Congregation Name & City: **St. Paul Lutheran, Lancaster, OH**

What Conference is your congregation a part of? **Scioto**

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

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

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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 experienced working with others across the church, realizing first hand our church is a connected, such as St. Paul describes the church as the body of Christ. Serving the church, going to conferences, workshops, etc. many issues facing people in the inner city are very similar to those in rural areas, hunger, medical, social justice, etc.

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

As a pastor I have had the opportunity to serve God's children directly in congregational settings. I have helped begin, organize, and start Lancaster Lutheran Together (LLT), which is a co-operational ministry of 5 congregations in the city of Lancaster (four congregations are within one mile, the fifth congregation is only three miles from the other four.)

What gifts/perspectives are you eager to share with the whole church as a voting member at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly?

As a pastor to call the church to proclaim the Gospel, and have all people respond to the blessings God has first given us. To love and worship God, means we are called to love our neighbor. With regards to neighbor, I recall the story where Jesus asks which one was a neighbor to the Samaritan.

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I. Please provide nominee information below.

Name: Patti Morrow

Congregation Name & City: St. Paul Lutheran Church (North Berne), Lancaster, Ohio

What Conference is your congregation a part of? Scioto 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.

Churchwide Assembly 2022: X 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 participated and cared for my congregation in just about every way possible; prepare & print Sunday bulletins including choosing hymns for Sundays for the past 20 years, VBS Director, Sunday School teacher, WELCA member & Bible study leader, choir director, pianist/worship accompanist, altar committee, council member (first female council president), stewardship leader and coordinator of mission projects (LSS, LWR, local projects and shelter programs, worldwide projects), coordinator of funeral and other community meals, assisting with physical needs of the building and grounds. I write and/or compile the liturgy for Sunday worship – especially festival Sundays and seasons. One of the most rewarding things I have done is to prepare and serve the meal to the homeless clients of the LSS shelter which our congregation does on a monthly basis. I was an elected leader of the synod women's organization (before we became the WELCA) and an elected leader to the LSS women's auxiliary board. The only thing I haven't done is bake a pie for a dinner or bake sale; I make ugly pies...edible, but ugly.

In 1994 I did my first sermon at St. Paul-North Berne (my home church) and in 2002, after 3 years of classes, instruction and mentoring, I was certified as a Lay Worship leader in the Southern Ohio Synod. At that time I began leading worship services throughout the synod on a monthly basis. In 2018, after the ordained minister retired, I was installed as a SAM (Synod Authorized Minister) at my home church where I have lead worship weekly, presided over communion, conducted baptisms, funerals and weddings as well as instructed children in first communion...and all the other stuff that comes with leading and caring for a Lutheran congregation. I still write and/or compile the services, prepare and print the bulletin, choose hymns and coordinate worship assistants.

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

Probably the thing I'm most proud of, as a volunteer, is being a t-ball coach for my children's teams but I have also been a PTA member, coordinator for the 4th of July celebration in Sugar Grove, Ohio, director of the annual craft fair at Berne Union School, coordinator of the annual basketball tournament for 4 – 6 graders, as well as assisting in many other school and community events or projects.

Professionally I worked at a homeless shelter for 7 years and then went on to be a housing counselor for people who were homeless or at risk of homelessness at a 211/Information & Referral agency for another 12 years. Besides caring for the physical and housing needs of the individuals or families I served I visited homeless camps where I brought food and/or information that would assist people in finding shelter or permanent housing and assisted in the annual national homeless count by seeking out the people who were sleeping under bridges, in parks or doorways and other places not meant for human habitation. I was the director of the LSS food pantry for a year and have volunteered there for over 20 years. I have counseled and donated to the women of the domestic violence shelter. I have also answered calls and counseled people on the local suicide crisis line (24/7).

In 2020, right before the pandemic hit, I traveled to Uganda as a missionary with the Field of Dreams agency. A faith experience almost beyond description.

What gifts/perspectives are you eager to share with the whole church as a voting member at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly?

All that I listed above...and the love, faith and peace of God; compassion and caring for our neighbors in our churches, our community and the world...what else is there?

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This form should be completed by the nominee.

I. Please provide nominee information below.

Name: Kris Thrush

Congregation Name & City: St. Paul North Berne, Lancaster

What Conference is your congregation a part of? Scioto

(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.

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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 served on the church council for approximately five years as a deacon, and youth chair.

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

I was a high school science teacher for thirty years, I helped run the local and district science fair each year. I was also on the board of the local Ohio Education Association as a representative, vice president, and president for over 25 years.

What gifts/perspectives are you eager to share with the whole church as a voting member at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly?

I look forward to approaching to church's business from a scientific standpoint, looking at environmental issues and how the church reacts to them.

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I. Please provide nominee information below.

Name: Rebecca Witt (Becky)

Congregation Name & City: St Paul Lutheran, Lancaster OH

What Conference is your congregation a part of? Scioto

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

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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 member of the Synod Finance Team, serving as Chair since the team's inception in 2018. I am also currently a member of the Synod Out of the Box Team and was a member of the Synod Stewardship Committee from 2015-2019. I have served as a Treasurer in multiple previous congregational settings and am currently providing Payroll/Tax services and support for St Paul in Lancaster.

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

I hold a CPA certification and am on the Executive Staff at South Central Power Company in Lancaster Ohio, serving as the Chief Financial Officer. In addition to the Finance and Accounting group, I also lead the Human Resources, Safety, Purchasing, and Information Technology teams at South Central.

My prior work experience includes 10 years in public accounting, during which I was responsible for auditing school districts and other not for profit entities, as well as providing accounting and tax services to individuals and businesses. I also spent 3 years as a Controller for a for profit privately held company in Owensboro Ky.

What gifts/perspectives are you eager to share with the whole church as a voting member at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly?

I believe that I possess strong analytical and financial skills which can be of value during the Assembly by being able to quickly evaluate items that will be presented, and to apply best business practices in church settings.

My leadership experiences in both my professional and church related positions has given me the ability to collaborate, listen, and empathize with others, which I believe is critical in role of a voting participant.

The amount of exposure I have had at the congregational and Synod levels has given me a great understanding of how all expressions of the church: Congregational, Synodical, and Churchwide interact and support each other in spreading the Gospel. I have a passion for Stewardship and Lay involvement in the church.

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I. Please provide nominee information below.

Name: Elizabeth Gilbert

Congregation Name & City: First Lutheran Church, Cincinnati

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.

Churchwide Assembly 2022

Rostered Minister Lay Man Lay Woman Young Adult Youth

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 am new to First Lutheran after moving to Cincinnati in August 2020, but previously attended Jacob's Porch Lutheran Campus Ministry in Columbus and Atonement Lutheran Church in Barrington, Illinois.

At First Lutheran Church, I have served as an assisting minister during zoom worship, and written and read the prayers of the people.

At Jacob's Porch, I served as a student board representative for one year, played cello in the band for three years, volunteered at the Southern Ohio Synod high school retreat for two years, helped plan 5 biannual retreats, wrote confessions to be used in worship, participated in worship planning, helped organize social events, and helped lead midweek conversations.

At Lutheran Church of the Atonement, I served as the youth representative on the church council in 2014, volunteered for week long mission trips in Kyle, South Dakota annually from 2014 to 2016, planned and led the worship services with the high school youth group twice a year from 2012 to 2016, and helped run the bake sale auction annually from 2013 to 2016.

With the support of Lutheran Church of the Atonement, I attended Leadership Lab, the week long ELCA leadership camp at Augustana College, annually from 2013 to 2017.

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

Currently I am organizing Gather Cincinnati, a new young adult ministry to connect and foster faith community in young adults from the Cincinnati area (<https://www.firstlutherancincy.org/gathercincy>). I am working hard to connect to ELCA churches in the Cincinnati area, and am especially excited to connect to ELCA programs including service like YAGM, camps like LOMO and LOMIK, and more Lutheran Campus Ministries, all of which will have young adult alumni who may be looking for community in the wake of these meaningful faith experiences. I am excited about what I will be able to learn in the next year from establishing Gather Cincinnati, and hopeful to be able to connect with leaders of these ELCA programs, and think the Churchwide Assembly will be a helpful opportunity for these connections.

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Previously, I served on the executive board of the Big Data and Analytics Association at Ohio State for three years. I served as a Logistics Coordinator and Speaker Coordinator for the Women in Analytics conference in Columbus for two years.

Previous to that I served on the executive board of the Future Business Leaders of America Lake Zurich High School chapter for two years.

What gifts/perspectives are you eager to share with the whole church as a voting member at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly?

I am excited to share my value of inclusive community that grows in embracing people often marginalized from church, including LGBTQIA people, young adults, and people of different races and economic statuses. I have found that I am passionate about these things as a result of my time at Jacob's Porch and in Kyle, South Dakota. From leadership, especially as Executive Vice President leading the Big Data and Analytics Association, I found that one of my gifts is finding a solution that works for all parties by encouraging compromise and creating a plan. From my experience at Lutheran Church of the Atonement and First Lutheran Church, I have found that I enjoy intergenerational friendship, listening to and learning from the perspectives of those older than me in the church. I have already gained a lot of new perspective as part of First Lutheran, a growing inner city congregation with unique challenges that is very open to change, is open to all people, and uniquely partners with arts organizations. For me, living in the OTR neighborhood that First Lutheran is right in the center of helps me to see up close to the community, in its diversity and challenges on all levels. My involvement with First Lutheran and leadership of Gather Cincinnati over the next year will only strengthen and expand these new perspectives and learnings I can share. These are the strengths I can bring to the 2022 Churchwide Assembly.

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I. Please provide nominee information below.

Name: Ethan Roberts

Preferred Phone:

Email Address:

Congregation Name & City: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lancaster

What Conference is your congregation a part of? SC

(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.

Churchwide Assembly 2022

Rostered Minister Lay Man Lay Woman **Young Adult** Youth

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 gained a great deal of experience in serving my congregation, the synod, and Churchwide. At my home church I was active in the youth group for quite a while, and also had the honor of serving as (at the time) the congregation's youngest church councilman in its history. Within the synod, I was a member of Bishop Dillahunt's first class of the Bishop's Young Ambassadors Program. I also served as one of our synod's representatives to the 2017 ELCA Youth Summit in Houston, Texas. I am actively involved in campus ministry at Capital University (Embrace) and try to attend Jacob's Porch at OSU when available. In churchwide, I have gone to the two previous Youth Gatherings (2015 & 2018). There I began to learn how big the Church is and what it can do for Christ. I have stayed involved with churchwide via the Young Adults program, especially through the Abide small groups.

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

Community is the fabric of life; I can't fathom how a person could make it through life without one. As previously mentioned, I have gained a great deal of my leadership skills through the Church. However, I have also done leadership and service in other organizations. For instance, at Capital I am the treasurer of Embrace (soon to be VP), president of Campus Democrats, and a senator in Student Government (soon to be VP). I do my best to participate in service or volunteer opportunities as they come available. For me, staying connected with family and church members (especially older ones) is a form of service - whether that be through cards, emails, or texts. I also have volunteered for the Lancaster Festival and am a regular blood donor.

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I. Please provide nominee information below.

Name: _____ Caden Layne _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Congregation Name & City: _____ Advent Columbus _____

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 No

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

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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 helped to create the current equipment setup that is being used to run church live streams as well as running previously mentioned streams every other week. I am also a part of the youthboard side of church council with a couple of my peers. As far as Synod leadership is concerned, I was a videographer when the synod moved buildings recently.

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

I have helped with various mission trips through the church to help communities such as those in Charleston, West Virginia. I have helped with ministries to help those in need such as food pantries and bed brigade.

What gifts/perspectives are you eager to share with the whole church as a voting member at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly?

I am eager to share my experience as someone who is a part of the "behind the seasons" aspect by being a pastor's kid. I also offer a creative communications skill.