

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. Return completed form.

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

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 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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Name: Rev. Kenneth G. Hacker

Congregation Name & City: Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Pleasant City, Ohio

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Ordained 40 Years; Delegate to 1981 ALC Assembly; Synod Assembly Planning Committee; Evangelical Lutheran Coalition for Mission in Appalachia (ELCMA) board 10 years

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President of Rotary clubs in Canal Fulton and Newcomerstown; Chair Bicentennial Committee, Newcomerstown; Originator of Summer Youth Ministry Program, Tuscarawas, Ohio;

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I would like to serve on the churchwide expression of the ELCA. I have served faithfully in the Congregation, Conference and Synod and would like to share ministry with churchwide.