

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 to _____

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

(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?

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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Name: _____ Carey Hovland _____

Congregation Name & City: _____ Peace, Beavercreek _____

What Conference is your congregation a part of? ___ Dayton _____

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I am the associate pastor of Peace Lutheran in Beavercreek, 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 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.