

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: Abby Gaide

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

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'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 formaintaining 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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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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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.