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I. Please provide nominee information below.

Name: Pastor Elizabeth Clothier

Preferred Phone:

Email Address:

Congregation Name & City: Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Marysville, OH

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

I have served as a member of the Bishop Dillahunt's Pastoral Advisory Committee during which we developed the foundation of what has become the Thrive Campaign in the Southern Ohio Synod. As I have worked with churches throughout our synod with the Out of the Box initiative, I've been able to meet pastors and lay leaders new to the synod, as well as those who I have known for several years.

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

Trinity serves fresh produce in partnership with LSS and the Mid-Ohio Food bank. It's one of the ministries which allows me to meet the people of the community. Working with the Marysville Area Ministerial Association (MAMA) I've not only gained knowledge about community events – especially helpful during Covid-19, but also have the opportunity to lead the community Good Friday service.

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

Part of my background as a consultant honed my ability to analyze, hear and read situations and understand multiple points of view often in a way that helps others who might struggle with them. I am eager to bring my humanity, intelligence and most important, my trust in God the 2022 Churchwide Assembly and share in the experience with other church leaders.

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Name: _____ Bonnie Gerber _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Congregation Name & City: _____ All Saints, Worthington _____

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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.

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

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Name: Rev. Aaron Layne

Preferred Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Congregation Name & City: Advent Columbus

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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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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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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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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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Name: Steve Wachtman

Preferred Phone

Email Address:

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

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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.