

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 Michelle Riesbeck at micheller@riesbeckfoods.com by March 22, 2021.

I. Please provide nominee information below.

Name: **The Rev. William O. Schwochow**

Preferred Phone: **(937) 231-4373**

Email Address: **pastor@firstlutheranofxenia.org**

Congregation Name & City: **First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Xenia, Ohio**

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 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?

The leadership I have gained through service in this congregation (14 months) is visioning, partnership teams, change empowerment, and resilience. We are undertaking a comprehensive reorganization based on existing values; we are making decisions and implementing as partners; we are empowering people with different methods, conversations, challenges, and opportunities focused on wellness/wholeness in Christ; we are equipping individuals with new skill sets in ministry.

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

The nominee has been appointed to the **Bridges of Hope Homeless Shelter** (Xenia) Board of Directors, a key partner of this and many congregations in service to the community.

Nominee has served actively in the **Xenia Area Association of Churches and Ministries**.

He is currently Chair of the **Ohio** Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services **Community Recovery Support Planning Council**, a federally mandated council concerning and directing block grant funding of \$80 million annually to provide services to communities in Ohio.

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

The nominee wishes to share his enthusiasm for transformational recovery of systems, places, people, and relationships based on the recovery of our already-but-not-yet resurrection in the baptized life in Christ.