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Board Of Directors

President

Rev. Dr. William Harmon

Vice President – Northern Region

Rev. Eric Ruble

Rev. Dr. Lloyd D. Gaines

Vice President – Central Region

Rev. Timothy Bohlmann

Vice President – Southern Region

Rev. David Ziehr

Secretary

Rev. Thomas Foelber

Rev. Wayne Fredericksen

Rev. Wayne Puls

Treasurer

Mr. Ron Adolphi

Commissioned Member – Board Of Directors

(Elect Two – At Least One Must Be A Teacher (T))

Wesley Spottiswood

Scott Osbourn (T)

Tracey Clements (T)

Lay Member – Board Of Directors (Elect Five)

Dr. Endalkachew Kidanewold

Mr. James Young

Mrs. Nancy Nolley

Melanie Mesick

Mr. Ron Bostick

Mrs. Hilary Tew

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District Nominating Committee

Northern Region – Commissioned Member
(No Candidate)

Southern Region – Ordained Member

Rev. John Brunner

Rev. Peter Frank

Central Region – Lay Member (Elect One)

Mr. Bill Evans

Mrs. Beth Elgert

Nominations For 2026 Lcms Convention: Committee For Convention Nomination (Ccn)

Dr. Paul Fowler

Mrs. Beth Elgert

Mr. Ron Bostick

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

The Rev. Dr. William A. Harmon

Congregational Membership

King of Glory Lutheran Church and School, Williamsburg, VA

Education

Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA

Doctor of Ministry: Leadership and Renewal (2015 – 2020)

Lifeforming Coach: Leadership, Growth, and Life Coaching (2016)

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

Master of Divinity (1994 – 1998)

Vicarage: Hope Lutheran Church, Warren, MI (1996 – 1997)

Concordia College, New York

Bachelor of Arts (BA), Judeo-Christian Heritage (1990 – 1994)

Baltimore Lutheran High School, Towson, MD (1986 – 1990)

Congregational Service

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Associate Pastor, Youth and Family Ministry (1999 – 2002)

Senior Pastor (2002 – 2008)

Community Lutheran Church

Associate Pastor, Family Ministry (1998 – 1999)

King of Glory Lutheran Church

Senior Pastor and Executive Director (2008 – 2022)

Pastoral Assistant (2024 – Present)

District Service

Southeastern District



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2025 SED Convention

Vice President, Central Region (2012 – 2022)

Governance Committee (2012 – 2022)

Chair, Governance Committee (2017 – 2022)

Board of Directors (2012 – Present)

President (2022 – Present)

Southeastern District Convention

Chaplain (2012)

Congregational Outreach Chair (2015)

Floor Committee Chair (2018)

Mission Development Chair (2022)

Atlantic District

Synod Convention Delegate (2004)

Circuit Visitor (2003 – 2008)

Other Service

Garden City Clergy Fellowship (1999 – 2008)

Co-Chair (2001)

Board of Directors, Long Island Lutheran Middle and High School (2003 – 2008)

Garden City Community Council: Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention (2005 – 2008)

Board of Directors, Lutheran Social Services of New York (2006 – 2008)

Board of Directors, Williamsburg Community Faith in Action (2008 – 2012)

Presenter, LCMS National Youth Gathering (2013, 2016)

Chair, Care and Comfort Fund: Concordia, New York (2019 – 2021)

Facilitator, The Great Sending (2021 – 2022)

Mercy Floor Committee, LCMS Convention (2023)

LCMS Worker Wellness Alliance (2023 – Present)

Ministry Focus, Board of Directors (2024 – Present)

Presidential Candidate / Vision Statement

Rev. Dr. Bill Harmon

He doesn't simply ask for a *drink*; Jesus offers the water of life.
He doesn't just go to the *sycamore tree*; Jesus goes to the man's house.
He *offers* more.

He doesn't just provide a meal; Jesus feeds 5,000 with five loaves and two fish.
He doesn't just *attend* a wedding; Jesus turns water into the finest of wine.
He *provides* more.

He doesn't *just* walk on water; Jesus calms the storm.
He doesn't simply *give* hope; Jesus is our hope.
He *is* more.

Immeasurably More!

Jesus dies for the salvation of our souls.
He conquers death and the devil.
He rises from the dead.
He lives, and therefore, we live—
forgiven, restored, reconciled, empowered, and loved for all eternity.

Immeasurably More!

God continues to act, even today. He doesn't stop at the bare minimum. He is not a God of scarcity. He doesn't just pause at "more." He moves beyond it—Immeasurably More. This is the message and power of the Church. God the Spirit dwells within us and among us, blessing the body of Christ with all the gifts, opportunities, and abilities to love and serve both God and neighbor.

As a District, we look ahead with joy, trusting in a God who does *immeasurably more* through the saving power of Jesus Christ. This joy inspires and grounds us as we connect people with Him. Together, we will engage with our mission stations—celebrating their unique identity, understanding their context, affirming their worth, and building meaningful relationships.

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By walking alongside our mission partners, we will foster an environment of possibility rooted in the transformative power of the Gospel. Our love and service will support their calling, empowering them to connect others with Jesus. Through this shared mission, lives will be transformed, and God's Kingdom will continue to grow.

Together, as the church in this region, we move forward with boldness, prioritizing wellness and witness. Our focus is on securing vital resources to strengthen the church's impact in the Mid-Atlantic, empowering us to fulfill our mission and bring this vision to life. With courage and trust in our Savior and Lord, the Southeastern District is poised to launch the *Immeasurably More Initiative*, which includes:

- **300+ Worker Wellness Grants** per triennium to congregations to support wellness plans for each of our 300+ active church workers.
- **Increased debt relief** to allow workers to focus their resources on their families and calling.
- **Increased student scholarships** to recruit church workers and assist them in affording their educational experience, including commissioned workers and ordained (residential, SMP, EIT candidates, and commissioned colloquy candidates).
- **Leadership Development** to cultivate leaders (rostered and lay) who are spiritually grounded, mission-driven, and prepared to navigate the challenges of modern ministry by fostering collaboration, innovation, and personal growth.
- **21+ New Ministry Starts** per triennium, including congregations, schools, and community outreach ministries/organizations.
- **10+ Ministry Renewals** per triennium in both high-density and underserved communities to continue serving as a beacon of hope and joy through the Gospel where they are planted.
- **Social Media Engagement** to share God's message of hope with the 33+ million people living in the SED region and beyond.

We have the opportunity to do more. Even more.

In a world plagued by hate, we will speak love.

In a society often divided, we will speak unity.

In an age of skepticism and doubt, we will speak hope.

Together, we will support each other, celebrating our uniqueness and our unity in Christ. Together, we will engage and impact the communities we serve.

Together, we will plant, revitalize, renew, and develop in His name.

Together, we trust the Holy Spirit to provide...

Immeasurably More.

VICE PRESIDENT, NORTHERN REGION

The Rev. Dr. Lloyd D. Gaines Sr. *(Incumbent)*

Congregational Membership

Peace Lutheran Church, Washington, DC

Education

Newburgh Theological Seminary

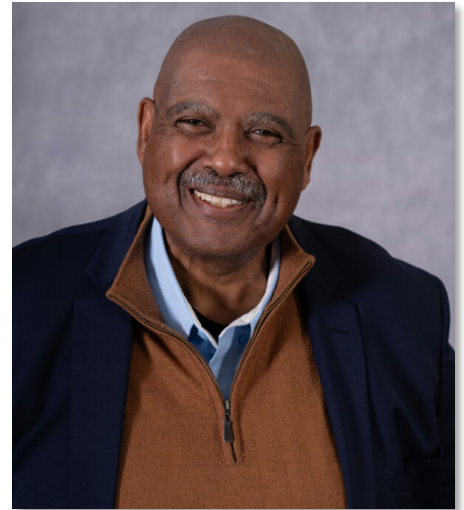
Doctor of Divinity (2020)

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

Master of Divinity (1984)

Concordia College, Bronxville, NY

Bachelor of Arts



Congregational Service

Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, Washington, DC

Sole Pastor (1988 – 1997)

St. Philip's Lutheran Church, Cleveland, OH

Pastor (1984 – 1988)

Peace Lutheran Church

Senior Pastor (2014 – Present)

District Service

Southeastern District

Vice President, Northern Region (2018 – Present)

Board of Directors

District Staff: Director of Multicultural Ministries

Mission and Ministry Facilitator (1997 – 2013)

Circuit #8 Counselor (1991 – 1997)

Member, Coalition of Lutherans in Black Ministry (1973 – Present)

Other Service

Mission Planters' Institute (Dean) (2004 – 2006)

LCMS Black Clergy Caucus (Secretary) (2000 – 2003)

Camp Linn Haven (Dean) (1992 – 2003)

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The Rev. Eric Ruble

Congregational Membership

Trinity Lutheran Church, Cumberland, MD

Education

Immanuel Lutheran Grade School, Baltimore, MD (1985)
Baltimore Lutheran Middle School (Now Concordia Prep) (1991)
Essex Community College (1992)
Concordia Bronxville, New York (1996)
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (2002)

Congregational Service

Trinity Lutheran Church
Pastor (2002 – Present)

Other Service

Board Member, The Wyneken Project (Baltimore, MD)



VICE PRESIDENT, CENTRAL REGION

The Rev. Tim Bohlmann *(Incumbent)*

Congregational Membership

Bethany Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Education Center,
Fishersville, VA

Education

University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA
Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN
Bachelor of Arts
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO
Master of Divinity

Congregational Service

Trinity Lutheran Church, Elmore, OH
Pastor (1992 – 1997)

Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Beavercreek, OH
Pastor & Church Planter (1997 – 2002)

Greenwood Lutheran Mission, Greenwood, SC
Pastor & Church Planter (2003 – 2005)

Bethany Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Education Center, Fishersville, VA
Pastor (2005 – Present)

Led the congregation through a major relocation, selling a 90-year-old building and acquiring land to construct a new ministry facility, where the congregation celebrated its 250th anniversary in 2022.

District Service

Bowling Green University Campus Ministry Board
Member/Chairman

Bowling Green University, Bowling Green, OH
LCMS Representative

Toledo LWML Advisor, Ohio District, LCMS
Ohio District, LCMS

Convention Nominations Committee Member (1996)
Convention Registration Committee Chairman (1999)
Circuit Counselor (Visitor) (1999 – 2002)



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Southeastern District, LCMS

Conference Planning Board Member/Chairman (2006 – 2013)

Spiritual Life Team Member (2007 – 2014)

Blue Ridge Circuit Convention Delegate (2010, 2016)

Convention Nomination Committee (2022 – 2023)

2nd Vice President, Central Region (2022 – Present)

Other Service

United States Naval Reserve Chaplain

Battalion Chaplain, 3rd Battalion, 25th Marines, Cleveland, OH (1989 – 1998)

Chaplain, Camp Lejeune, NC

Billy Graham Association

Donor Ministries Representative with Radio Ministry, Black Mountain, NC (2003 – 2005)

Volunteer Chaplain

Fishburne Military School, Waynesboro, VA (2005 – Present)

Augusta County Fire and Rescue, Company 10, Staunton, VA (2009 – 2019)

Comfort Care Women's Health

Board Member/Chairman, Staunton, VA (2010 – 2019)

Southeastern District, LCMS

Nominations Committee Member (2022)

Foreign Mission Experience

Grew up in the mission field in the Philippines (1965 – 1972)

Led a Lutheran Youth Encounter International Team, New Dawn, to the Philippines and New Zealand (1987 – 1988)

Participated in a Mission India experience (2015)

VICE PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN REGION

The Rev. David Ziehr *(Incumbent)*

Congregational Membership

St. Stephens Lutheran Church, Hickory, NC

Education

University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL

B.S. in Counseling (1988)

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

Master of Divinity (1992)

Congregational Service

Concordia Lutheran Church, Sarasota, FL (1992 – 1995)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Gardendale, AL (1995 – 2000)

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Caledonia, MI (2000 – 2005)

St. Stephens Lutheran Church, Hickory, NC (2005 – Present)

District Service

District Reconciler (2012 – 2022)

Circuit Visitor (2018 – 2022)

3rd Vice President, Southern Region (2022 – Present)

Other Service

Certified Christian Conciliator with Peacemaker Ministries



SECRETARY

The Rev. Thomas Foelber

Congregational Membership

Saint James Evangelical Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD

Education

Bethany College, Lindsborg, KS

Concordia College, Bronxville, NY - B.A. in Education

Saint Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, MD

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN - M.A. in Religion

Congregational Service

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Catonsville, MD (Teacher) (1975 – 1978)

Baltimore Lutheran High School, Towson, MD (Teacher) (1978 – 1985)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hancock, MD (Pastor) (1989 – 1992)

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, Anderson, SC (Pastor) (1993 – 1998)

Greenwood Lutheran Church, Greenwood, SC (Mission Pastor) (1995 – 1998)

St. James Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD (Pastor) (1999 – 2014)

District Service

Circuit Counselor (Circuit 19 (1997 – 1999) & Circuit 3 (2002 – 2004, 2015 – 2018, 2022 – 2025))

Pastoral Conference Planning Committee (1997 – 2000)

Other Service

Capital District Lutheran Laymen's League (Pastoral Advisor) (1991 – 1992)

Director, Anderson Area Medical Center - Clergy Staff (1995 – 1998)

Synodical Convention Delegate - 1992 (Pittsburgh), 1995, 1998, 2013 (St. Louis)

Synodical Convention Floor Committees (1995, 1998, 2001, 2013)

National/District Synodical Relations Task Force (1999 – 2001)

Consensus on Worship Project – Washington, D.C. Area Committee (2000 – 2001)

Synodical Doctrinal Reviewer (Assigned to Concordia Publishing House) (1999 – 2002)

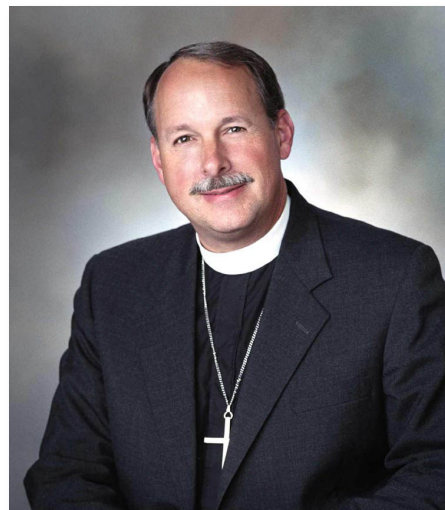
Director, Baltimore Lutheran High School Association (1999 – 2012)

Vice President, Baltimore Lutheran High School Association (2002 – 2009)

Wittenberg English Ministry – Pastor in Residence (Wittenberg, Germany) (2007, 2011)

Seminário Concórdia – Pastor in Residence (São Leopoldo, Brazil) (2014)

Lutherans for Life – Maryland Chapter Vice President (2017 – 2020)



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The Rev. Wayne Fredericksen

Congregational Membership

Our Savior Lutheran Church & School, Arlington, VA

Education

Concordia College – New York, Bronxville, NY - B.A. (1984)

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO - M.Div. (1991)

Congregational Service

St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School, Yonkers, NY (Teacher & Youth Director) (1984 – 1987)

St. Luke Lutheran Church & School, Cabot, PA (Associate Pastor) (1991 – 1994)

Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Mt. Pocono, PA (Sole Pastor) (1994 – 1998)

Zion Lutheran Church & School, Wilton, IA (Sole Pastor) (1999 – 2006)

Our Savior Lutheran Church & School, Arlington, VA (Senior Pastor) (2006 – Present)



District Service

Southeastern District

Floor Committee Member (2018)

Scholarship Committee Member

Giving Tuesday Presentation Team Participant (Multiple Years)

Iowa District East

Youth Committee Member & Chair (2000 – 2005)

Confirmation Retreat Leader

Circuit Visitor (2005 – 2006)

Atlantic District

Nominating Committee Member (1985)

Eastern District

Nominating Committee Member (1993)

Other Service

Lutheran Youth Encounter

Quake/Construction Zone Workshop Presenter (Various Years)

Pittsburgh Regional Sunday School Workshop

Planning Team Member (1991 – 1993)

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The Rev. Wayne Puls

Congregational Membership

Grace, Woodbridge, VA

Education

Concordia College – Ann Arbor, MI

B.A. (1980)

Concordia Theology Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN

M.Div. (1984)



Congregational Service

Martin Luther High School, Maspeth, (Queens) NY (Religion Teacher) (1984 – 1986)

Lutheran Church of St. John, Flushing (Queens) NY (Youth Pastor) (1984 – 1986)

Trinity Lutheran Church, Hicksville, NY (Assistant Pastor) (1986 – 1988)

Trinity Lutheran Church, Hicksville, NY (Senior Pastor) (1988 – 2012)

Hope Lutheran Church, Wake Forest, NC (Senior Pastor) (2012 – 2024)

Grace Lutheran Church, Woodbridge, VA (Senior Pastor) (2024 – Present)

District Service

Southeastern District

Chairman Board Directors, Lutheran Servant for Christ (SED Disaster Response) (2021 – Present)

Southeastern District Disaster Response Management Team (2018 – 2021)

Circuit Visitor (2007 – 2009)

Atlantic District

Disaster Response Taskforce (2005 – 2007)

Other Service

LCMS Disaster Response Taskforce (2006 – 2007)

TREASURER

Mr. Ronald Adolphi, Ph.D. *(Incumbent)*

Congregational Membership

King of Glory Lutheran Church and School, Williamsburg, VA

Education

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

B.A.B.A. (Finance)

Butler University, Indianapolis, IN

Ed.M. (School Administration)

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY

MBA (Army Comptrollership)

California Coast University, Santa Ana, CA

Ph.D. (Management)

Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, DC

Diploma



Employment

United States Army and Army Reserve (Finance Corps – Colonel O-6, Command & Staff Advisor, Office of Inspector General, DoD) (1968 – 1998)

Federal Civil Service (Retired Senior Executive Service (SES), Director for Finance and Management Policy, Office of Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) (1990 – 2002)

PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP (Director, Washington Federal Practice) (2003 – 2008)

CALIBRE Systems, Inc. (Technical Director, Financial Management) (2008 – 2013)

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans (Financial Representative, Williamsburg, VA) (2015 – 2019)

Congregational Service

St. John's Lutheran Church, Franconia, VA

Treasurer (1978 – 1980)

Financial Secretary (1980 – 1981)

Vice President (1982 – 1984)

President (1984 – 1986)

Comptroller (1986 – 1989)

Minister of Financial Resources (1994 – 1997)

Member, Long-Range Planning Committee (1992 – 2006)

Chartered Organization Representative, Pack 867 & Troop 1107 (1998 – 2011)

Lay Minister (1987 – 2012)

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Senior Choir Member (1976 – 2013)
King of Glory Lutheran Church, Williamsburg, VA
Adult Choir (2013 – Present)
Endowment Committee (2014 – 2020)
Worship Assistant (2015 – 2019)
Commissioned Lay Deacon (2019 – Present)
Care Team (2019 – Present)
Stephen Minister (2021 – Present)

District Service

Southeastern District
Board of Directors & Treasurer (2022 – Present)
Floor Committee #2, SED Convention (1985)
Evaluation Committee (1985 – 1988)

Other Service

Boy Scouts of America (BSA)
Local Leadership
Unit & District Commissioner (1972 – 1998)
Assistant District Commissioner, National Capital Area Council (1974 – 1976, 1976 – 1978)
Chairman, NCAC Protestant Committee on Scouting (1979 – 1992)
Committee Chairman, Troop 1107, Mt. Vernon & George Washington Districts (1979 – 1993)
Chartered Organization Representative, St. John's Lutheran Church (1998 – 2011)
Member, Colonial Virginia Council Executive Board (2018 – Present)
Regional & National Leadership
Northeast Region (NER)
Member, NER Religious Relationships Committee (Chair, 2015 – 2018)
NER Board Member (2013 – 2018)
NER Advisory Council (2018 – 2021)
National Committee Roles
National Protestant Committee on Scouting (1981 – 1990)
National Religious Relationships Committee (1990 – Present)
Chair, NRRC Literature Development & Review Committee (2000 – 2017)
Youth Development Team (2011 – 2015)
Second Century Society Major Market Chair – BSA National Foundation (2012 – 2014)
Training & Special Events
Lutheran Conference on Scouting, Philmont Training Center (1980, 1981, 1982, 1985, 2012)
BSA National Jamboree Staff (National Relationships Tent - NLAS) (2005, 2010)
Faith and Beliefs Staff, 24th World Jamboree, Summit Bechtel Reserve, WV (2019)

COMMISSIONED MEMBER

Mrs. Tracey Clements *(Teacher)*

Congregational Membership

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Kingsville, Maryland

Education

Concordia University New York – Bronxville, NY

B.A. Elementary Education (1997)

Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, WI

M.A. Education in Curriculum & Instruction (2008)

Congregational Service

Calvary Lutheran School, Baltimore, MD (Teacher) (1997 – 2003)

Hartford Lutheran School, Bel Air, MD (Teacher) (2003 – 2006)

Long Island Lutheran Middle & High School, Brookville, NY (Teacher) (2006 – 2016)

St. Paul's Lutheran School, Kingsville, MD (Teacher) (2018 – Present)

District Service

TEC21 Facilitator for the SED (2020-2022)



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Mr. Scott Osbourn *(Teacher)*

Congregational Membership

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Kingsville, Maryland

Education

Concordia University Chicago – River Forest, IL B.A.

Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, WI M.Div.

Congregational Service

Immanuel Lutheran School, Bay City, MI (Teacher) (1999 – 2001)

St. John's Lutheran School, Arnold, MO (Teacher / Principle) (2001 – 2009)

St. John's Lutheran School, Ellisville, MO (Teacher / Principle) (2009 – 2021)

St. Paul's Lutheran School, Kingsville, MD (Principle) (2021 – Present)

District Service

- Missouri District
 - Admin, Conference Planning Committee (2019)
- NSLA
 - Team Captain, Team Member, Consultant on various Teams in Missouri & Maryland (2016 – Present)



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Mr. Wesley Spottiswood

Congregational Membership

Hope Lutheran Church, Wake Forest, NC

Education

Concordia University Irvine – Irvine, CA

B.A. in Christian Education Leadership (2017)

Christ College DCE Certification (2018)

Congregational Service

Hope Lutheran Church, Wake Forest, NC (DCE) (2018 – Present)

District Service

Southeastern District

Creator & Coordinator, Middle School Youth Gathering (2018 – Present)

Creator & Coordinator, Men's District Gathering (Current)

District Service

LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) Certified



LAY MEMBER

Mr. Ron Bostick *(Incumbent)*

Congregational Membership

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cary, NC

Education

Wayne State University - B.S. in Mathematics

Syracuse University - M.S. in Computer Science

Congregational Service

Resurrection Lutheran, Cary, NC

Stephen Leader (2001 – Present)

Triangle Area Stephen Minister Coordinator (2005 – Present)

Men's Ministry Leader (Current)

Chairperson, Circuit Committee that established Jordan Lutheran, Apex, NC

Leader of seven Uganda Mission Trips (2010 – Present)

Visitation Ministry & Shut-ins (2019 – Present)



District Service

Southeastern District

Task Force for SED / Peru Relationships (2003)

SED Representative at Peru Forum (2005 – 2024)

Leader of two Peru Mission Trips (2010 – 2020)

SED Board of Directors Personnel Committee (2018 – 2022)

Member, Lay Deacon Task Force (2020)

Investigative Team Member, Reconciling Congregational Conflict (2021)

SED Board of Directors Governance Committee (2022 – 2025)

Board of Directors (2018 – Present)

District Service

IBM (Programmer) (1969 – 2001)

North Carolina National Guard (1969 – 1990)

Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity / Thrivent Trips to Central America Participant (2005 – 2020)

On – Call Chaplain at Local Hospital (2010 – 2022)

LCMS Short – Term Mission Trips: India (2011) China (2008, 2010)

Participant, NC Eastern Via de Cristo (1980 – Present)

Board of Directors, Life For Uganda (2018 – Present)

Male Advocate at Gateway Women's Care (2021 – Present)

Immeasurable Hope

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Dr. Endalkachew Kidanewold *(Incumbent)*

Congregational Membership

Ethiopian Evangelical Mekane Yesus Lutheran, Cary, NC

Education

Concordia University Irvine – Irvine, CA
B.A., Bth/BD, MA Psy D

Congregational Service

Elder (2012 – Present)

District Service

Southeastern District
Board of Directors (2021 – Present)

Other Service

Board Member in the Ethiopian Evangelical Mekane Yesus Lutheran Fellowship in
North America 2005 – 2013
Board Chairman 2018 – 2021



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Mrs. Melanie Mesick

Congregational Membership

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Newport News, VA

Education

Christopher Newport University, Newport News, VA
B.A. in Communication, Minor in Psychology

Congregational Service

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Hampton, VA (Worship Leader) (2007 – 2019)
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Hampton, VA (Youth Leader) (2009 – 2019)
SED Lay Deacon at Large (2021 – Present)
Resurrection Lutheran School, Newport News, VA (School Director) (2019 – Present)

District Service

Southeastern District
SED Lay Deacon at Large
SED Circuit #12
Lay Deacon Advisory Board Member (2024 – Present)

Other Service

NLSA Team Member (2022 – Present)
Resurrection Lutheran Church, Newport News (Worship Leader) (2019 – 2023)
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Hampton, VA (School Board Officer) (2015 – 2018)



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Mrs. Nancy Nolley *(Incumbent)*

Congregational Membership

Prince of Peace, Charlotte, NC

Education

Computer Science, Investment – Series 6.63, Stephen Ministry

Communications & Technology

Bible Study Training & Gospel Outreach

Congregational Service

Sunday School Teacher

LWML Grant Leader

Christian Education

Elder

Thrivent Financial

Serving the Homeless, Volunteer

Women's Ministry Outreach

District Service

Southeastern District

LCEF Loan Committee

Finance Committee (2018- 2021)

Lay Member (2018 – Present)

Assistant Board Chairman (2018 – Present)

Governance Committee (2022- Present)

Other Service

LWML Mission Grants VP

Project Outpour, Volunteer (Serving the Homeless)

Women's Ministry Outreach

Lutheran Lay Member League Online Courses.



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Mrs. Hilary Tew *(Incumbent)*

Congregational Membership

Jordan Lutheran Church, Apex, NC

Education

B.A. in Spanish Language and Literature

Congregational Service

Disaster Response Volunteer's Team Lead (2017 – Present)

Spanish Teacher (2020 – 2022)

Refugee Assistance (2022 – Present)

Treasurer (2017 – 2022)

District Service

Southeastern District

SED BOD – Finance Committee (2022 – 2025)

District Disaster Management Team (2018 – Present)

Other Service

Animal Rescue Foster & Adoption Counselor (2021 – Present)

Refugee Assistance (2021 – Present)



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Mr. W. James Young

Congregational Membership

Grace Lutheran Church (LCMS), Woodbridge, VA

Education

Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, VA
B.A. in Political Science & History, magna cum laude (1986)
Phi Beta Kappa; Honors in Political Science and History
Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA
J.D. (1989)

Congregational Service

Grace Lutheran Church, Woodbridge, VA
Congregational President / Trustee (2022 – 2023)
Elder (2014 – 2022, Vice Chairman 2020 – 2022)
Primary Author, Child Protection Policy (2012 – 2013)
Board of Stewardship (2010 – 2014)
Chairman & Primary Author, By-Laws Revision (2019)
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church (ELCA), Woodbridge, VA
Music & Worship Committee (2001 – 2010)
Acolyte & Lector Coordinator (2001 – 2010)
Church Choir (Bass I, 2010 – Present)

District Service

Southeastern District - Congregational Lay Delegate, SED Conventions (2018, 2022)

Other Service

National Right to Work Legal Defense & Education Foundation, Inc.
Staff Attorney (1989 – Present)
Lead trial or appellate counsel in multiple landmark labor law cases, including Janus v. AFSCME (2018), Harris v. Quinn (2014), Knox v. SEIU (2012), and others.
Testified before congressional subcommittees on labor law.
Legal & Academic Contributions
Instructor, Northern Virginia Law School, Alexandria, VA (1994 – 1997)
Published legal articles and political commentaries in Cato Supreme Court Review, Federalist Society Free Speech & Election Law Newsletter, Washington Times, and others.
Community & Civic Engagement
Prince William County
Commission on Human Rights (Commissioner, 2009 – 2019; Parliamentarian, 2017 – 2019)
Chairman, Bi-Partisan Election Task Force (2013)



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2025 SED Convention

Board Member & President, Prince William Committee of 100 (1995 – Present; President, 2015 – 2016)

Boy Scouts of America

Unit Committee Chairman, Cub Scout Pack 689 (2007 – 2011)

Unit Committee Chairman, Boy Scout Troop 964 (2009 – 2013)

Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 342 (1981 – 1982)

Eagle Scout, Order of the Arrow (Brotherhood Member)

Hampden-Sydney College

Alumni Association Board Member (2014 – 2017)

Co-founder & Board Member, Hampden-Sydney Bar Association (2015 – 2022)

Republican Party Involvement

Leadership roles at local, district, and state levels, including Parliamentarian, Chairman, and Rules Committee

Chairman for multiple conventions and committees (1991 – Present)

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE - ORDAINED

The Rev. Dr. John G. Brunner

Congregational Membership

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Franklin, NC

Education

Concordia Junior College, Milwaukee, WI - A.A. (1966)

Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, IN - B.A. (1968)

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO - M.Div. (1972)

Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, IL - D.Min. (1986)

Congregational Service

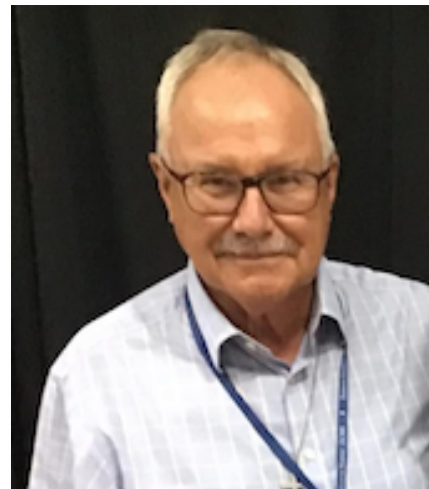
St. John's & Peace Lutheran Churches, Columbia & Hecla, SD (1972 – 1977)

Trinity Lutheran Church, Wausau, WI (1977 – 1987)

Christ Memorial Lutheran Church, Malvern, PA (1987 – 2000)

Eastern District LCMS, District President (2000 – 2009)

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Franklin, NC (2009 – 2017, 2020 – 2022 Vacancy Pastor)



District Service

South Dakota District

Youth Ministry Task Force (1972 – 1977)

North Wisconsin District

Youth Ministry Committee (1977 – 1980)

Parish Service Board (1980 – 1987, Chair 1984 – 1987)

Eastern District

Parish Services Board (1988 – 1991)

Vice President (1991 – 2000)

District President (2000 – 2009)

Other Service

Philadelphia Lutheran Ministries (Secretary)

Downingtown, PA Community Planning Committee (Member)

H.O.P.E. (Nonprofit Transitional Housing Ministry) (Secretary)

Macon County, NC, CareNetwork (Board Member, Secretary, Chair)

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

2025 SED Convention

The Rev. Peter Frank

Congregational Membership

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Conover, NC

Education

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

M.Div. (2024)

Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, WI

B.A. in Theological Languages and Pre-Seminary Studies (2007)

Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, ID

Business Administration and Management (2004)



Congregational Service

St. Peter's Conover, NC, (Senior Pastor) (2024 – Present)

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE - LAY MEMBER

Mrs. Elizabeth (Beth) Elgert

Congregational Membership

King of Glory Lutheran Church, Williamsburg, VA

Education

Cambridge College, Charlestown, MA

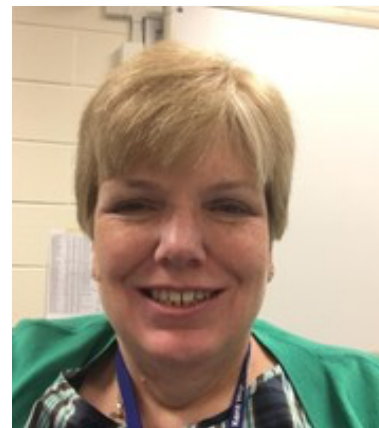
M.S. School Leadership and Administration

University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND (1988)

B.S. Elementary Education and Teaching

University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA

B.A. in Communication and Media Studies (1983)



Congregational Service

Church Council Chair (2012 – 2014)

Church Congregation VP (2008 – 2010)

Call Committee Member (2006 – 2008, 2011, 2019, 2021 – 2022)

Church Congregation President (2010 – 2012)

Church Congregation Secretary (2007 – 2008)

Meal Ministry, Bell Choir Member, VBS Volunteer, Small Group Leader

New Kent County Public Schools as a Technology Integration Specialist

District Service

Southeastern District

Lay Member, District Board of Directors (2012 – 2022)

Chair of the District BOD (2019 – 2022)

Lay Delegate to LCMS National Convention (2015, 2019, 2023)

Other Service

Mid-Atlantic Lutherans in Mission Board of Directors (MALIM) (2023 – Present)

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

2025 SED Convention

Mr. William (Bill) Evans, Jr.

Congregational Membership

Grace Lutheran Church, La Plata, MD

Education

John Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

B.A. in Applied Mathematics

Loyola University, Baltimore, MD

M.B.A

Congregational Service

Verizon Communications (1972 – 2002)

Lutheran Services in America (2003 – 2009)

Community IT Innovators (2009 – 2023)

District Service

Southeastern District

Advisory Delegate – SED Convention (2025)

Other Service

Grace Lutheran Church Congregational President

Health Partners – Board of Directors

International Social Services – USAB Branch Board of Directors



LCMS COMMITTEE FOR CONVENTION NOMINATIONS

Mr. Ron Bostick

Congregational Membership

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cary, NC

Education

Wayne State University

B.S. in Mathematics

Syracuse University

M.S. in Computer Science

Congregational Service

Resurrection Lutheran, Cary, NC

Stephen Leader (2001 – Present)

Triangle Area Stephen Minister Coordinator (2005 – Present)

Men's Ministry Leader (Current)

Chairperson, Circuit Committee that established Jordan Lutheran, Apex, NC

Leader of seven Uganda Mission Trips (2010 – Present)

Visitation Ministry & Shut ins (2019 – Present)



District Service

Southeastern District

Task Force for SED / Peru Relationships (2003)

SED Representative at Peru Forum (2005 – 2024)

Leader of two Peru Mission Trips (2010 – 2020)

SED Board of Directors Personnel Committee (2018 – 2022)

Member, Lay Deacon Task Force (2020)

Investigative Team Member, Reconciling Congregational Conflict (2021)

SED Board of Directors Governance Committee (2022 – 2025)

Board of Directors (2018 – Present)

District Service

IBM (Programmer) (1969 – 2001)

North Carolina National Guard (1969 – 1990)

Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity / Thrivent Trips to Central America Participant (2005 – 2020)

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES – COMMITTEE FOR CONVENTION NOMINATIONS (CCN)

2025 SED Convention

On – Call Chaplain at Local Hospital (2010 – 2022)

LCMS Short – Term Mission Trips: India (2011) China (2008, 2010)

Participant, NC Eastern Via de Cristo (1980 – Present)

Board of Directors, Life For Uganda (2018 – Present)

Male Advocate at Gateway Women’s Care (2021 – Present)

Mrs. Elizabeth (Beth) Elgert

Congregational Membership

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Lay Delegate to LCMS National Convention (2015, 2019, 2023)

Other Service

Mid Atlantic Lutherans in Mission Board of Directors (MALIM) (2023 – Present)

Dr. Paul R. Fowler

Congregational Membership

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Olney, MD

Education

Medical Degree – Board-Certified Physician

Law Degree – Admitted to the Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court and four states



Occupation

Chief Risk Officer (Physician & Attorney), U.S. Public Health Service, Rockville, MD

General Counsel (Judge Advocate), American Legion Department of Maryland

U.S. Army (Retired, Recalled to Active Duty)

Volunteered to return from retirement to serve as a frontline physician during the COVID-19 pandemic

Assigned to Ft. Rucker, AL

Congregational Service

Selected by CCN for 2016 Ballot – Concordia Publishing House Board

Alternate Delegate, LCMS Committee for Convention Nominations (CCN) (2006)

Circuit Lay Delegate, LCMS Convention (2007)

Alternate Circuit Lay Delegate, LCMS Convention (2013, 2019, 2022)

LCMS Presidential Election Lay Voter (2019, 2022)

District Service

Nominated for Southeastern District Board of Directors (2015)

Elected Delegate, Southeastern District Convention (2018, 2022, 2025)

Elected Layperson, Circuit Forum (2018, 2022, 2025)

i-Neighborhood District Workgroup (Participant)

Nominated to serve on next District Convention Bylaws Committee