

SYNOD COUNCIL VICE PRESENT

Lay Male or Female – Elect 1
Ferry, Ann

SYNOD COUNCIL

Rostered Male or Female – Elect 1
Holliday, Rev. Regina
Pile, Rev. Nathan
Tomkiel, Rev. Paul

Lay Female – Elect 1
Kaltenbaugh, Gretel

Lay Male – Elect 1
Weschler, Kenneth

Young Adult – Age 18-30 – Elect 1
Peese, Burton

Youth – Age 15-18 - Elect 1
Horn, Manetta

CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

Lay Male or Female – Elect 1
Kaltenbaugh, Gretel
Koch, Terry

Rostered Male or Female – Elect 1
West, Rev. Rebecca

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

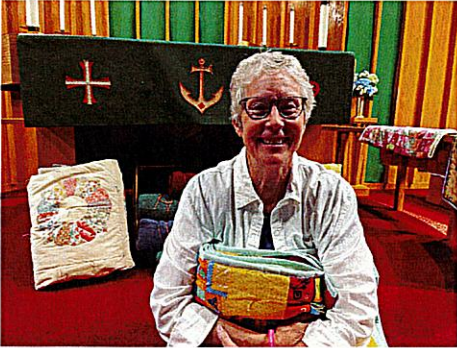
Rostered Male or Female – Elect 3
NO NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

Lay Male or Female – Elect 3
Naugle, Traci
Peese, Michele
Thatcher, Margaret “Peggy”

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VACANCIES	NOMINATION INFORMATION	
SYNOD VICE PRESIDENT (4-YR. TERM) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lay – Male or Female (1)	Last Name	Ferry
	Middle Initial	L.
	First Name	Ann
	Address	3753 Coxes Creek Rd.
		Somerset, PA 15501
	Preferred Phone	814-279-5843
	Email address	Aelf57@yahoo.com
	Congregation	Messiah, New Centerville
Conference	Laurel Highlands	
SYNOD COUNCIL [3-YR. TERM] <input type="checkbox"/> Rostered (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Female (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Male (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (1) Age 18-30 <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (1) Age 15-18 (2-YR. TERM)		
CONSULTATION CMTE. [6-YR. TERM] <input type="checkbox"/> Lay – Male or Female (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Rostered (1)		
DISCIPLINE CMTE. [6-YR. TERM] <input type="checkbox"/> Rostered (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Lay – Male or Female (3)		
INSERT DIGITAL PHOTO HERE 	In 150 words or less, describe your gifts that will contribute to the open position. I have listened and learned about the varied roles VPs service in the ELCA. (The VPs of the ELCA meet several times a year via zoom and that has been very helpful for whomever serves in this role.) I have been privileged to get to know many people throughout our synod from my time at Sequanota and various committees I have served on. I have been privileged to attend 2 churchwide assemblies and talk to people throughout the ELCA about their concerns and what is working for their area. Again, listening and being open to varied ideas helps me to be a servant for all God's people.	

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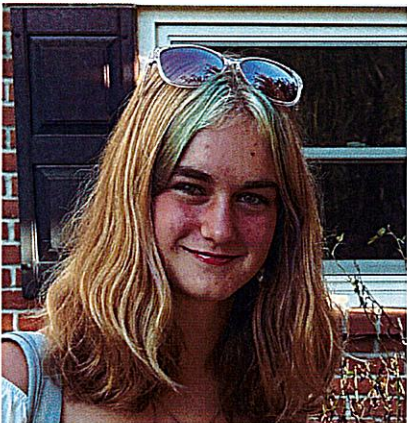
VACANCIES	NOMINATION INFORMATION	
SYNOD VICE PRESIDENT (4-YR. TERM) <input type="checkbox"/> Lay – Male or Female (1)	Last Name	Holliday
	Middle Initial	S.
SYNOD COUNCIL [3-YR. TERM] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rostered (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Female (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Male (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (1) Age 18-30 <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (1) Age 15-18 (2-YR. TERM)	First Name	Regina
	Address	189 Main Street, Grantsville, MD 21536
CONSULTATION CMTE. [6-YR. TERM] <input type="checkbox"/> Lay – Male or Female (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Rostered (1)	Preferred Phone	202-441-9664
	Email address	reggieart123@yahoo.com
DISCIPLINE CMTE. [6-YR. TERM] <input type="checkbox"/> Rostered (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Lay – Male or Female (3)	Congregation	Horner Lutheran Church
	Conference	Laurel Highlands Conference
INSERT DIGITAL PHOTO HERE 	In 150 words or less, describe your gifts that will contribute to the open position.	<p>God gifted me with an ability to work with a lot of different people and connect them to each other. I am a member of several ecumenical groups made up of church members, community organizations, and pastors. I am a rural bi-vocational pastor and a member of the Allegheny Synod Hunger Team. I would like to help ELCA members access resources to help them thrive.</p> <p>I want to visit with those that do not feel heard and bring their perspectives to council. Throughout my life I felt called to help organizations, boards, councils, and businesses to move from dysfunction to stability to excelling at their mission in our world. I hope to serve on the Synod council as a rostered leader with a ministry to represent the voice of the small rural church.</p>

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	Middle Initial	G
	First Name	Manetta
	Address	1441 Willowbrook Dr. Boalsburg, PA 16827
	Preferred Phone	814-380-1094
	Email address	manetta.g.horn@gmail.com
	Congregation	Grace Lutheran Church
Conference	Nittany	
	In 150 words or less, describe your gifts that will contribute to the open position.	I want to be on Synod Council because it's a chance to share my voice and hopefully make a difference in the church. I like listening and learning about what's going on, and I hope to offer a perspective that is often unknown—or even missing. I feel that my voice would be a helpful addition to the many already great voices in our synod trying to make our synod better for everyone.

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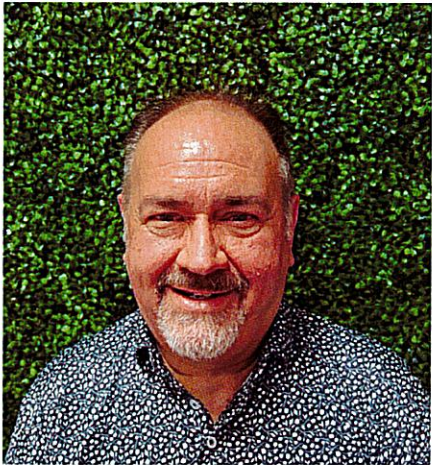
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SYNOD VICE PRESIDENT (4-YR. TERM) <input type="checkbox"/> Lay – Male or Female (1)	Last Name	Kaltenbaugh
	Middle Initial	E
SYNOD COUNCIL [3-YR. TERM] <input type="checkbox"/> Rostered (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lay Female (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Male (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (1) Age 18-30 <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (1) Age 15-18 (2-YR. TERM)	First Name	Gretel
	Address	180 Frankstown Rd
		South Fork, PA 15956
	Preferred Phone	814-244-9159
CONSULTATION CMTE. [6-YR. TERM] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lay – Male or Female (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Rostered (1)	Email address	gretelek@gmail.com
	Congregation	Mount Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church
DISCIPLINE CMTE. [6-YR. TERM] <input type="checkbox"/> Rostered (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Lay – Male or Female (3)	Conference	Johnstown
	In 150 words or less, describe your gifts that will contribute to the open position.	
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SYNOD VICE PRESIDENT (4-YR. TERM) <input type="checkbox"/> Lay – Male or Female (1)	Last Name	Koch
	Middle Initial	L
	First Name	Terry
	Address	2819 W Chestnut Ave
		Altoona, PA 16601
	Preferred Phone	814-934-8555
	Email address	TK2teach@gmail.com
SYNOD COUNCIL [3-YR. TERM] <input type="checkbox"/> Rostered (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Female (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Male (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (1) Age 18-30 <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (1) Age 15-18 (2-YR. TERM)	Congregation	Bethany Evangelical Church, Altoona
	Conference	Blair/Huntingdon
CONSULTATION CMTE. [6-YR. TERM] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lay – Male or Female (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Rostered (1)	In 150 words or less, describe your gifts that will contribute to the open position.	At the Synod level, I am a member of Synod Council, Synod Assembly Committee, and on the LAMPa Policy Council. At my church, I am the Treasurer, Technology Coordinator for the worship screens and live streaming, I also coordinate the monthly meal giveaway ministry. Education: 1993 graduate of Penn State University- B.S. in elementary education, with Minor in psychology 2001 graduate of PSU – M.Ed. In counseling Experience: > I am retired from the Altoona Area School District as a teacher and school counselor. > Adjunct Professor at Penn State Altoona > 15 domestic mission trips with Group Workcamps. > On the Board of the HOPE Drop-In Center, Altoona > Volunteer facilitator with Healing Patch, a Children's Greif Peer to Peer Support program.
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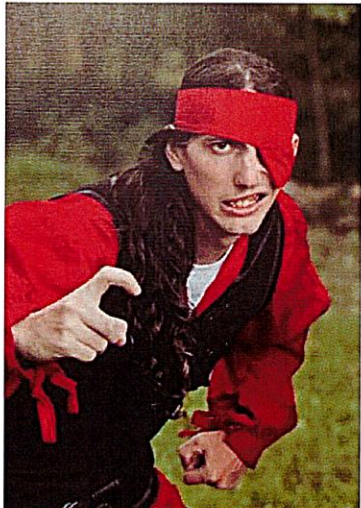
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	Middle Initial	L
	First Name	Traci
	Address	2819 W Chestnut Ave
		Altoona, PA 16601
	Preferred Phone	814-934-8616
	Email address	tracinaugle@gmail.com
	Congregation	Bethany- Altoona
	Conference	Altoona
	In 150 words or less, describe your gifts that will contribute to the open position.	I am a practicing attorney in Blair County, Pennsylvania. As you can see on my attached resume, I recently completed two 3-year terms (extended for 1 year due to an active case) on the Hearing Committee of the PA Supreme Court Disciplinary Board. We heard allegations of misconduct by other practicing attorneys and made recommendations for discipline to the Disciplinary Board. While I hope that my services would be rarely called upon if elected to this Committee, I feel that I would possess the critical thinking skills combined with compassion necessary to determine if an ethical violation occurred and, if so, what discipline would be appropriate.

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	Middle Initial	W
	First Name	Burton
	Address	298 Broad Road Aaronsburg, PA 16820
	Preferred Phone	(814)-810-6382
	Email address	1truemagicman@gmail.com
	Congregation	St Mark Lutheran Church, Pleasant Gap
	Conference	Nittany
	In 150 words or less, describe your gifts that will contribute to the open position.	Leadership abilities and interpersonal connection skills learned through serving a decade of summers on camp staffs in various capacities and Synods.


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	Middle Initial	D
	First Name	Michele
	Address	PO Box 48, 298 Broad Road
		Aaronsburg, PA 16820
	Preferred Phone	814-470-5511
	Email address	mdh8@psu.edu
	Congregation	St. John’s Lutheran Church, Millheim, PA
	Conference	Nittany
	In 150 words or less, describe your gifts that will contribute to the open position.	My current position as a Transfer Credit Specialist, and work with Penn State University has instilled in me the gift of confidentiality. The skills of knowing when to say something and when to keep it to myself. I also bring the gift of listening before reacting, hearing all sides of the situation will be important in this position. Not only will I listen but I will be able to ask questions to make sure I am making a fair decision in any case I am presented with. Growing up I have never been a part of the gossip from the town I live in or even when I was in school. I feel I would make a good team mate for the Discipline Committee based on my life experiences and work of being a member of Synod Council, currently having served on the Transition Team and the Startzel Grant Committee.

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SYNOD VICE PRESIDENT (4-YR. TERM) <input type="checkbox"/> Lay – Male or Female (1)	Last Name	Pile
	Middle Initial	A
	First Name	Nathan
	Address	184 Sequanota Road
		Boswell, PA 15531
	Preferred Phone	814-629-6627
	Email address	nathan@sequanota.com
	Congregation	Sequanota Conference Center & Camp
	Conference	Laurel Highlands
	SYNOD COUNCIL [3-YR. TERM] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rostered (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Female (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Male (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (1) Age 18-30 <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (1) Age 15-18 (2-YR. TERM)	In 150 words or less, describe your gifts that will contribute to the open position.
At Sequanota, we have lived the realities of the shifting church every day since my arrival as the Executive Director. I have experience managing tight budgets, exploring new ways to do faith formation, and "living in the world, but not of the world." I have served nationally in Lutheran Outdoor Ministries (the professional organization for Lutheran camps and retreat centers) as our national Board Chair. I possess strategic planning leadership skills and have worked with the Board of Directors and congregations to raise funds for renovating Sequanota's facilities. I continue to serve within the Synod through the "Go Tell It IN the Mtns." initiative and the reconciliation team. I am a systems thinker and strive to collaborate with others to find the best ways forward. The church is reforming. My life experiences, Lutheran theology, and adaptive leadership skills will also enable me to contribute effectively to this open position.		
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SYNOD VICE PRESIDENT (4-YR. TERM) <input type="checkbox"/> Lay – Male or Female (1)	Last Name	Thatcher
	Middle Initial	L.
	First Name	Margaret "Peggy"
	Address	510 E. Walton Avenue
		Altoona, PA 16602
	Preferred Phone	814-943-4749
	Email address	mlthatcher46@gmail.com
SYNOD COUNCIL [3-YR. TERM] <input type="checkbox"/> Rostered (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Female (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Male (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (1) Age 18-30 <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (1) Age 15-18 (2-YR. TERM)	Congregation	Zion Lutheran, Petersburg
	Conference	Blair-Huntingdon
CONSULTATION CMTE. [6-YR. TERM] <input type="checkbox"/> Lay – Male or Female (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Rostered (1)	In 150 words or less, describe your gifts that will contribute to the open position.	I believe my age and life experiences could offer significant support to this committee. Serving on the Discipline Committee would be one of sacred trust, requiring confidentiality, prayer, and deep commitment. I believe I can serve with sincere integrity and objectivity.
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	Middle Initial	A
	First Name	Paul
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	Preferred Phone	717-440-3453
	Email address	paultomkiel@gmail.com
CONSULTATION CMTE. [6-YR. TERM] ___ Lay – Male or Female (1) ___ Rostered (1)	Congregation	St Paul Lutheran, Pine Grove Mills
	Conference	Nittany
DISCIPLINE CMTE. [6-YR. TERM] ___ Rostered (3) ___ Lay – Male or Female (3)	In 150 words or less, describe your gifts that will contribute to the open position.	As the youngest pastor in our synod and with ten years of ordained ministry, I welcome new ideas, but I also value the wisdom of older leaders and traditions. I enjoy conversations with people, yet I know some of the best insights come from quiet voices. I try to listen to everyone instead of assuming I know what is best. Outside the church, I chair a committee in my local township. This work has taught me to pay attention to details, follow proper processes, and keep the common good in mind. My faith in Christ guides all I do. It calls me to balance good order with grace, to share the Gospel, to care for neighbors, and to love God's Creation.
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	Middle Initial	J.
	First Name	Kenneth
SYNOD COUNCIL [3-YR. TERM] <input type="checkbox"/> Rostered (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Female (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lay Male (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (1) Age 18-30 <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (1) Age 15-18 (2-YR. TERM)	Address	366 SunnySide Road Bedford, PA 15522
	Preferred Phone	814-979-8887
	Email address	Kwesch7539@comcast.net
CONSULTATION CMTE. [6-YR. TERM] <input type="checkbox"/> Lay – Male or Female (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Rostered (1)	Congregation	Zion, Everett
	Conference	Bedford
DISCIPLINE CMTE. [6-YR. TERM] <input type="checkbox"/> Rostered (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Lay – Male or Female (3)	In 150 words or less, describe your gifts that will contribute to the open position.	I am an open honest person, who likes to help with church items. I am computer literate and working on being a lay minister.
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	Middle Initial	
	First Name	Rebecca
	Address	2239 Crabtree Lane
		Johnstown, PA 15905
	Preferred Phone	724-689-5996
	Email address	pastor@moxhamlutheran.org
SYNOD COUNCIL [3-YR. TERM] <input type="checkbox"/> Rostered (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Female (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Male (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (1) Age 18-30 <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (1) Age 15-18 (2-YR. TERM)	Congregation	Moxham Lutheran
	Conference	Johnstown
CONSULTATION CMTE. [6-YR. TERM] <input type="checkbox"/> Lay – Male or Female (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rostered (1)	In 150 words or less, describe your gifts that will contribute to the open position.	I’ve served five years as pastor of Moxham Lutheran Church. My ability to exercise fairness and good judgment makes me a good fit for this committee. Thank you. Pastor Rebecca West
DISCIPLINE CMTE. [6-YR. TERM] <input type="checkbox"/> Rostered (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Lay – Male or Female (3)		
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