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61st Regular Convention

Section Seven: Nominations

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NOMINATIONS

REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT SECRETARY OF NOMINATIONS
SUBMITTED FOR THE ATLANTIC DISTRICT
CONVENTION JUNE 22ND-23RD 2022

District President

PASTOR - ELECT ①	
	Rev. Derek G. Lecakes Incumbent
	Rev. Dr. Dien A. Taylor
	<i>Rev. Scott Gemmin Declined</i>

1st Vice President, Non-geographical

PASTOR - ELECT ①	
	Rev. Dr. Dien A. Taylor Incumbent
	Rev. Dr. Johnson Rethinasamy
	<i>Rev. Adam Wiegand Declined</i>

Vice President, Region I

PASTOR - ELECT ①	
	Rev. Dr. Victor Nelson Incumbent
	Rev. Henry Albrechtsen
	<i>Rev. George Carstensen Declined</i>



Vice President, Region II

PASTOR - ELECT ①	
	Rev. Matthew Staneck Incumbent
	Rev. Dr. Johnson Rethinasamy
	<i>Rev Robert Boehler Declined</i>

Vice President, Region III

PASTOR - ELECT ①	
	Rev. David Wackenhuth Incumbent
	Rev. Travis Yee
	Rev. Bruce Nathan

CIRCUIT VISITORS

Circuit 1	Rev. Paul Wagner	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Glens Falls
Circuit 2	Rev. Daniel Cohn	St. John Lutheran Church, Stuyvesant
Circuit 3	Rev. Wayne Olson	St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Hyde Park
Circuit 4	Rev. Martin Tyce	Atonement Lutheran Church, Stony Point
Circuit 5	Rev. Dr. John Hannah	Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, Bronx
Circuit 6	Rev. Christoph Schulze	St. Paul & St. Matthew Lutheran Churches, Brooklyn & Canarsie
Circuit 7	Rev. Curtis Dorsey	Redeemer Lutheran Church, Glendale
Circuit 8	Rev. Justin Vetrano	The Life Lutheran Church Old Westbury
Circuit 9	Rev. Dr. George Kirkup	St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Holbrook
Circuit 10	Rev. Charles Byer	Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Aquebogue



NOMINEES FOR THE ATLANTIC DISTRICT

2022 Convention

District Secretary – Pastor

PASTOR - ELECT ①	
	Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell Incumbent

District Treasurer - Layperson

LAYPERSON - ELECT ①	
	Mr. Brian Martin

Board of Directors Region 1

PASTOR - ELECT ①	
	Rev. Adam Wiegand Incumbent
	Rev. Mohan Patrick Singh
	Rev. James Dorner
	Rev. John Young
	Rev. Stefan Gramenz
LAYPERSON - ELECT ②	
	Ms. Sue Stewart Incumbent
	Mr. Ed Kleinke Incumbent
	Mr. Mark Chaffee



Board of Directors Region 2

PASTOR - ELECT ①	
	Rev. Robert Boehler Incumbent
	Rev. Matthew Gonzalez
LAYPERSON - ELECT ②	
	Ms. Eliza Ko
	Ms. Twilia Evanson
	Mr. Richard G. Schaefer
	Mr. Leonides Maldonado

Board of Directors Region 3

PASTOR - ELECT ①	
	Rev. Travis Yee Incumbent
	Rev. Jake Allstaedt
	Rev. Brian Noack
LAYPERSON - ELECT ②	
	Ms. Ellen Farber Incumbent
	Mr. Mark Mather
	Mr. Edward Ritzmann
	Mr. Edward Colwell



Board of Directors, Commissioned Ministers

AT-LARGE - ELECT 3	
	DCE Christopher Boccalupo Incumbent
	Dcs. Raquel Rojas Incumbent
	Dcs. Janine Bolling Incumbent
	DCE Michelle Kollmeier
	Ms. Jane Lottes, Commissioned Teacher

District Nominations Committee

PASTORS - ELECT 2	
	Rev. Francis Rigobert
	Rev. Henry Albrechtsen
	Rev. John Young
COMMISSIONED MINISTERS - ELECT 2	
	Mr. Michael Schultz
	Mr. Gary Frederickson
LAYPERSON - ELECT 2	
	Ms. Ellen Farber Incumbent
	Ms. Sue Stewart Incumbent

LCMS Committee for Convention Nominations

LAYPERSON - ELECT 1	
	Mr. Bill Collins
	Mr. Richard Schaefer



NOMINEE INFORMATION

(Alphabetical by First Name)

REV. ADAM C. WIEGAND

Membership	St. Paul Saratoga Springs
Church Activity	
District/Synod Activity	LCEF Demographics Consultant 1997-2000 Circuit Visitor 2015-2018 Pastors Conference Committee 1998- 2015 Board of Directors, SonRise Lutheran Ministries 2009-2011
Education Background	M.Div. 1996, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis B.A. 1992, Concordia College, Bronxville
Community Service	Volunteer Chaplain, Saratoga Hospital 2000 - Present Assistant Scoutmaster, BSA 2012 - 2018 Board of Directors, Coburg Village 2019 - Present
Present Occupation	Pastor, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Saratoga Springs, NY 2000 - Present
Nominations	BOD, Reg. I, Ordained

MR. BRIAN MARTIN

Membership	Good Shepherd, Hurley, NY
Church Activity	Currently Atlantic District Lay Deacon (since 2018) and Church Property Manager Prior Service Congregational President and Vice President, Financial Secretary
District/Synod Activity	I provide Zoom I/T support for the Atlantic District Lay Deacon Classes and the Atlantic District Call to Prayer Zoom gatherings. I was a floor delegate for the last Atlantic District convention.
Education Background	A.A.S. Accounting - Ulster County Community College B.S. Accounting - State University of NY at Albany
Community Service	After my retirement and prior to beginning my service as Lay Deacon at Good Shepherd, I volunteered at the local SPCA.
Present Occupation	Retired Last position held, I/T Service Delivery Manager for IBM. Prior positions at IBM include, Financial Analyst, Internal Audit, and I/T Systems Analyst.
Nominations	BOD, Treasurer

REV. BRIAN BENJAMIN NOACK

Membership	Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Sayville
Church Activity	Word & Sacrament Ministry
District/Synod Activity	Circuit Visitor for Circuit 9 (2014-2017) District Pastoral Conference Committee 2017 Synod Convention Delegate (2013, 2016) Synod Convention Floor Committee on Finance Member (2016) Pastoral Counselor for LWML Suffolk Zone (2008- present) Pastoral Counselor for LWML Atlantic District (2012-2016) Pastoral Counselor for LWML National (2019-present)
Education Background	Bachelor of Arts in Accounting - Concordia College, Seward, NE (1998) Masters of Divinity - Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN (2004)
Community Service	Chaplain for Sayville Fire Department Chaplain for Community Ambulance Company Captain, Sayville FD Fire Police Squad
Present Occupation	Pastor of St. John's - Sayville (2004-present)
Nominations	BOD, Reg. III, Ordained

DCE CHRISTOPHER BOCCALUPO

Membership	Trinity Lutheran Church Islip
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DCE CHRISTOPHER BOCCALUPO

Church Activity	Youth Ministry, Worship, Young Adult Ministry, Sunday School, VBS, Council, Spiritual Care.
District/Synod Activity	Chair, Task Force 5 (youth) 2012- Present Board of Directors, 2016 - present (with Task Force 5 Lead Regional and District Youth Gatherings Training events and seminars).
Education Background	BA Christian Ministry Graduate: DCE Ministry Concordia, St Paul.
Community Service	Keep Islip Clean/ Local School Functions.
Present Occupation	Minister of Religion - Commissioned (DCE) at Trinity Lutheran Church in Islip
Nominations	BOD, Reg. III, Lay

MR. EDWARD COLWELL

Membership	Grace Lutheran Mastic Beach
Church Activity	Board of building and ground Board of building and grounds chair President of congregation Vice President of congregation Board of youth
Education Background	High School
Present Occupation	Medical Field Sales at Henry Schein
Nominations	BOD, Reg. III, Lay

REV. BRUCE NATHAN

Membership	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Middle Island, NY
Church Activity	Pastor 37 years; Choir, Elder, Newsletter editor
District/Synod Activity	Circuit Visitor; Vacancy Pastor
Education Background	B.S. Physics/Mathematics; MDIV CTS Ft. Wayne
Present Occupation	Retired February 1, 2018
Nominations	BOD, Reg. III, V.P.

REV. DAVID WACKENHUTH

Membership	St. James Lutheran Church - St. James, NY
Church Activity	Sole Pastor - Trinity Lutheran Church, Islip 1991-2014; Assistant Pastor - Trinity Lutheran Church, Islip 1986-1991; Vicar - Trinity Lutheran Church, Islip 1985-1986; Teacher - Emanuel Lutheran School, Patchogue 1970-1983; Teacher - Bethany Lutheran School, Parma, OH 1969-1970.
District/Synod Activity	Seasons of Discovery Facilitator 2014- present; Guest preaching within the District 2014-present; Suffolk Zone LWML Counselor 1987-1994; Circuit Counselor 1994-2012; Youth Coordinator Education Board.
Education Background	Concordia College, Bronxville AA 1965; Concordia River Forest, BA 1969; Ball State, Muncie, IL MA 1975; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Pastoral Colloquy 1986.
Present Occupation	Pastor Emeritus
Nominations	BOD, Reg. III, V.P.

REV. DEREK G. LECAKES

Membership	Christ Lutheran Church Woodside, NY
Church Activity	Associate Director (DCE), SonRise Lutheran Ministries, Pottersville, NY 1995-1999; Pastor, Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church



REV. DEREK G. LECAKES

- District/Synod Activity** Atlantic District 3rd Vice President region 1 2012-2015; Atlantic District Secretary (2010-2012); Atlantic District Task Force 7/8 chair (present); Lutherans Capital Area Relief Efforts Chair (present); Atlantic District Convention Practical Concerns Chair (present); Atlantic District – LC-MS Disaster Response Coordinator (present); Atlantic District Task Force 1 member and Chair; Board Member and President of SonRise Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, Atlantic District Pastoral Representative Region 1
- Education Background** B.A. Director of Christian Education (DCE) certification – Concordia College--St. Paul 1995; M. Div. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis 2003
- Community Service** Formerly served as Chaplain of the Niskayuna Police Department; Van Antwerp Middle School PTO treasurer 2014-2015; Hillside Elementary PTO treasurer (present); Niskayuna Rotary Treasurer 2010-2015; Niskayuna Rotary Board Member (2005-present); Schenectady Inner City Ministry member (2003-2015); Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Chapter President 2005-2009.
- Present Occupation** President/Bishop of the Atlantic District - LCMS
- Nominations** BOD, President

REV. DR. DIEN A. TAYLOR

- Membership** Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Bronx, NY
- Church Activity** Served at: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Bronx June 2000 – April 2001, Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Bronx, NY May 2001 through present.
- District/Synod Activity** Circuit Counselor, Member, Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Board of Regents, Concordia College Alabama, First Vice-President, LCMS Atlantic District, Vacancy Pastor for Atlantic District congregations, Leader of congregational revitalization efforts within the Atlantic District, Deaconess Internship, Vicarage and Fieldwork supervisor for future workers of the Church, Member, Task Force Five, LCMS Atlantic District
- Master of Ceremonies, National Youth Gathering, LCMS, Choir Director and Music Leader for LCMS Cross Cultural (Youth) Gatherings, Reviewer of music for CrossAccent (Journal for the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians) Composer of music for the Church, Parish musician and choir director, Adjunct Instructor for Concordia College-New York; Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne, Member of Religion Task Force, Concordia College-New York, Lecturer for Concordia University System schools, Lecturer for LCMS seminaries (Fort Wayne and St. Louis), Assistant to the Bishop/President, Atlantic District, LCMS First Vice-President, LCMS Atlantic District, Voting Delegate and Advisory Delegate, Committees (and subcommittee chair), LCMS and Atlantic District conventions, Member of LCMS Task Force on district restructuring Member of LCMS. Member of LCMS Task Force on colleges and universities. Doctrinal Reviewer (LCMS)
- Trained LCMS Reconciler (Reconciliation and Dispute Resolution), Worship leader, speaker and music leader for LWML gatherings and conventions (zone, district, national) Music leader for gatherings of the Atlantic District and LCMS Keynote speaker for gatherings of LCMS auxiliaries, Recognized Service Organizations and Maata Nakyvissa, Scandinavian Youth Gathering, Instructor, Atlantic District Lay Deacon program and Concordia Lay Deacon Program, Member of the Advisory Board of Teachers Interaction (LCMS Sunday School teacher magazine) Worship Committee member, Atlantic District, LCMS, Essayist, 641h Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Essayist, Regular Convention celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Atlantic District, LCMS Retreat Leader, Vice-President, Secretary, and President of The Birchbrook, Member, Clergy Coalition of the 47th Precinct (The Bronx)
- Education Background** Graduate, Grace Lutheran Day School, Queens Village, NY Graduate, Townsend Harris High School at Queens College B.A., Concordia College-New York M.Div., Concordia Seminary St. Louis; Ph.D. Fordham University, The Bronx, NY



REV. DR. DIEN A. TAYLOR

- Present Occupation** Pastor, Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Bronx, New York, Adjunct Instructor, Concordia College New York, Adjunct Instructor, Concordia Seminary St. Louis, Adjunct Instructor, Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne.
- Nominations** BOD, President
BOD, 1st V.P.

MR. EDWARD F. KLEINKE III

- Membership** St. Matthew/Albany (Unity Lutheran)
- Church Activity** Deacon – Lead Worship & Bible study, hospital & home bound visits, worship service @ Albany Center (assisted living facility), St. Matthew/Albany Board of Governance
- District/Synod Activity** Board of Directors, Region I Layperson
- Education Background** Bethlehem Central High School, BS Cornell University, AD Deaconate Program
- Community Service** Albany County Soil & Water Conservation District Board, Coburg Village Board, Albany County Farm Bureau Board
- Present Occupation** Deacon – St. Matthew/Albany, Landscape Architect, NYS Homeland Security Disaster Assistance
- Nominations** BOD, Reg. I, Lay

MR. EDWARD RITZMANN

- Membership** Grace Mastic Beach
- Church Activity** Lay Deacon
- Education Background** Eagle Scout, United States Marine Corps Veteran, Local 25 IBEW trade school graduate.
- Community Service** Trustee for the IBEW Local 25 retirement funds.
- Present Occupation** Electrical Contractor
- Nominations** BOD, Reg. III, Lay

MS. ELLEN FARBER

- Membership** Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Garden City, NY
- Church Activity** Women's Ministry co-leader, Bereavement group co-leader, Lay-Deacon, Worship leader, Worship band, church choir, Sunday School teacher, Confirmation, fund raisers, missions
- District/Synod Activity** AD BoD lay delegate, various task forces: (including prayer, Disaster relief (L.E.R.T. certified), Lay Deacons, health, youth), Witness in the Public Square, Festival of Workshops, Convention
- Education Background** B.S. Cardio-Respiratory Sciences
Lay-Deacon - Atlantic District
- Community Service** Co-leader for plant sales to raise monies for wounded Veterans, Scout supporter, Soles 4 Soles (Rotary), Lutheran Counseling Center, LSS, Lighthouse Ministries
- Present Occupation** Medicare Plan Product Analyst
(prior: Respiratory Therapist in a hospital setting)
- Nominations** BOD, Reg. III, Lay

REV. DR. FRANCIS RIGOBERT

- Membership** Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Schenectady
- Church Activity** Sole Pastor
- Education Background** M.Sc., B.Sc., Dip. Th.
- Community Service** Foundation Board member - Schenectady County Community College



REV. DR. FRANCIS RIGOBERT

Nominations District Nominations Committee, Ordained

REV. HENRY ALBRECHTSEN III

Membership All Saints Lutheran Church Lagrangeville, NY

Church Activity Sole Pastor

Education Background Certificate of Ordination - Concordia Seminary, St Louis

Nominations District Nominations Committee, Ordained

REV. JAMES DORNER

Membership St. Matthew & St. Paul's Albany

Church Activity Preach, Absolution, Vision Planning

Education Background M.Div Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Certificate of Lay Ministry, Concordia University Wisconsin

Community Service Little League Coach, Active in Neighborhood

Present Occupation Sole Pastor

Nominations BOD, Reg. I, Ordained

MS. JANE LOTTES, COMMISSIONED TEACHER

Membership Trinity Lutheran Church Hicksville

Church Activity Various call committees for church pastoral and school principal positions Member of the church campaign committee

District/Synod Activity Board of Regents, Concordia NY 2015-present Lutheran Schools Association (LSA) Board 2011-2015
Lutheran Counseling Center (LCC) Board, Board Chair 2007-2015

Education Background BS in Education, 1982, Concordia University - Nebraska

Community Service Organize Meal Packing Event at LuHi, 2010-2019 Committee and Board Service to the Association of Lutheran Development Executives (ALDE), also International Conference Co-Chair Thrivent Financial Chapter Board Speaker at a variety of development conferences for ALDE, Atlantic District workshops, ELCA, LSA, and other schools, churches, and organizations

Present Occupation Head of Advancement - Long Island Lutheran Middle & High School, Brookville - 1995 - present
Called Teaching Minister - Long Island Lutheran Middle & High School, Brookville - 1982-1987

Nominations BOD, Commissioned

DCS. JANINE BOLLING

Membership St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, NY

Church Activity Member of LWML Society "Women of God on the Move," past youth leader, young adult group leader, Family Friday Night director, VBS director, Sunday school teacher, Bible study leader, St. Peter's Singers Mass Choir member and soloist.

District/Synod Activity Atlantic District Task Force 5 (Youth) and 7 (Health and Human Care) member, Superstorm Sandy Relief and Recovery Team (Coalition of the Willing) AD Youth Leaders, LCMS Youth Gathering Speaker, LCMS Youth Gathering Bible study writer, Co-host Impartial Church Podcast for the Lutheran Hour, Founding Advisory Board member, Lutherans for Racial Justice, Curriculum Writer for Concordia Publishing House, Writer, CPH book Words of Peace and Protection, 2022 Multiethnic Symposium Speaker, Professor at Concordia University St. Paul (previous Professor at Concordia-NY).



DCS. JANINE BOLLING

- Education Background** BA Theology (Concordia University Chicago '11); MPA (Baruch College: Marx School of Public Affairs '17); EdD Candidate (Concordia University Wisconsin LIC1 Program)
- Community Service** ASPCA support member, Save the Children Child Sponsor, McCarren Park Clean Up Day Volunteer, North Brooklyn Angels Volunteer, NY Cares volunteer, Williamsburg Day volunteer.
- Present Occupation** Executive Director of Our Saviour Lutheran School
- Nominations** BOD, Commissioned

REV. JOHN M. YOUNG

- Membership** Our Savior, Fishkill
- Church Activity** Pastor, Volunteer musician
- District/Synod Activity** Circuit Visitor 2009-2015, 2019-2021, Synod Convention Delegate 2004, 2007, 2010, 2019
- Education Background** B.S. Engineering, Purdue University
M.Div. Concordia Seminary St. Louis
- Community Service** Kairos Prison Ministry, Love INC Board of Directors
- Present Occupation** Pastor
- Nominations** District Nominations Committee, Ordained

MR. LEONIDES MALDONADO

- Membership** Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church - The Bronx
- Church Activity** Assisting Minister for Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church: Serves alongside pastor to assist in worship, including leading of prayers, music, and Eucharistic assistant; Volunteer work at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, especially in work with youth and families; Lead assistant for Vacation Bible School (VBS) programs.
- District/Synod Activity** Worship Assistant at NorthEastern Lutheran Youth (NELY) Gathering, which was hosted by the Atlantic District; Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) at LCMS Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN (2019); Adult Chaperone at LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston, TX (2022)
- Education Background** Bachelor of Fine Arts (2019), Hofstra University
- Community Service** Assisting organizer with Forever Sincear, Inc., a non-profit organization geared towards preventing youth-on-youth violence in all communities, especially in the boroughs of New York City.
- Present Occupation** Film & Theater Actor; Film Production Assistant
- Nominations** BOD, Reg. II, Lay

MR. MARK E. CHAFFEE

- Membership** Our Savior's Lutheran Church Colonie
- Church Activity** Over the approximately 15 years that my family has been members at Our Savior's, I served on the School Board for a number of years as a member-at-large, as well as the Chairman of the Board. Subsequent to my service on the School Board, I also served on the Church Council for a number of years, initially as the Secretary (Officer / trustee), and then as the Church Council President. My term as President was recently completed in January of this year. I am currently working with Bishop Lecakes, Pastor Wrede, and Tom Roemke and an Assessment Team put together by Bishop Lecakes to evaluate certain aspects of Our Savior's and pursue deliberate opportunities for clarity and improvement in the areas of finance, mission/vision, structure, and church/school relationship. I have also helped with various renovation projects around the church and school campus over the years.
- District/Synod Activity** In July of 2019 I attended the LCMS - National Convention in Tampa, Florida.
- Education Background** B.S. - Accounting M.A. - Public Administration



MR. MARK E. CHAFFEE

Community Service I currently serve as the Chairman of the School Board for Augustine Classical Academy (ACA), a K - 12th grade, classical Christian school located in Mechanicville, NY. I have been serving on the School Board for approximately seven years. I also serve in other roles at ACA, including helping in the areas of finance, facilities, and the school's rowing program.

Present Occupation Retired as a Commission Officer (Staff Inspector) from the New York State Police after 25 years of service.

Nominations BOD, Reg. I, Lay

MS. ELIZA KO

Membership True Light Lutheran Church, New York

Church Activity President, Board of Trustees - 2005 to present Interpreter/Translator - English/Chinese - for Pastors/Guest Preachers or church programs/activities - occasionally and as needed - 1995 to present

Education Background MPA(Public Administration) & B.A.(Government Administration) Accelerated Bachelor's/Master's program - Feb. 1989. John Jay College, CUNY

Community Service

Present Occupation Director, New York Satellite Office Departmental Enforcement Center
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

Nominations BOD, Reg. II, Lay

MR. GARY FREDERICKSEN

Membership Christ Lutheran Church Woodside, NY

Church Activity Village Lutheran Church, Bronxville, Youth Work, 1982-1984 Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bayside, Youth Work, 1984-2002 Christ Lutheran Church, Woodside, Member, 2002 - present

Education Background University of Phoenix, Master of Information Systems, 2009 Concordia College, Bronxville, Lutheran Teacher Colloquy Program, 1994 SUNY Potsdam, BA Geology, 1978 SUNY Farmingdale, AA Liberal Arts 1976

Community Service Boy Scout Troop 1, Flushing, NY, past president Dad's Club 2010, active 1995-2012

Present Occupation Administrator, Teacher, Martin Luther School, Maspeth, NY

Nominations District Nominations Committee, Commissioned

REV. JAKE ALLSTAEDT

Membership St. John's Williston Park Williston Park

Church Activity I have been serving as the pastor of St. John's for over five years.

District/Synod Activity I served on the Bible Study planning team for the 2016 LCMS Youth Gathering working with the Bible Study leaders as well as writing and editing content. I also served as the "Trusted Voice" (the pastoral emcee) for the mass events of the 2019 LCMS Youth Gathering.

Education Background M.Div. Concordia Seminary St. Louis

Community Service I have co-written the content and music for numerous Vacation Bible School programs with Pastor Matthew González for use in both of our respective communities. St. John's reconnects with those kids at the end of October as our congregation provides a generous and family-friendly Trunk-or-Treat for Williston Park. We also serve the veterans in our community through free luncheons and other special services.

Present Occupation Pastor of St. John's Williston Park

Nominations BOD, Reg. III, Ordained



REV. DR. JOHNSON RETHINASAMY

Membership Immanuel Lutheran Church Whitestone

Church Activity Rev. Dr. Johnson Rethinasamy serves as the Senior Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in White-stone, New York (www.immanuelwhitestone.com) in the borough of Queens. His congregation worships in four languages . Pastor Johnson enjoys finding unique ways to do God’s mission work around his city and throughout the world. Pastor Johnson is passionate about raising up new church workers, especially first-generation immigrants to the United States and to the global church. He has raised more than 25 leaders around the world who are serving in the church and secular vocations. He believes in encouraging people, coming along side of them as a life coach. Pastor Johnson values taking the challenge of revitalizing struggling ministries toward a new outlook and new ministry presence in their community. He loves music. He appreciates various genres of music. You can listen to his music in Spotify. He plays several music instruments. He loves church history.

District/Synod Activity He also serves as the Mission Executive of the Atlantic District- LCMS (www.ad-lcms.org). He served as a mission strategist at the board for national missions in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod He serves on the board of North American Mission Executives in the LCMS. He has spoken at various conferences around the country to speak about Missions and mission trends.

Education Background Bachelor of Arts (University of Madras, India) Master of Arts (University of Madras, India) Bachelor of Education (Annamalai University, India) Diploma Teacher Education (Directorate of Teacher Edu-cation), India Bachelor of Christian Studies (Senate of Serampore College, India) Doctor of Ministry (New York Theological Seminary, New York)

Community Service He serves on the board of Martin Luther School, Maspeth He served on the board of Lutheran Social Services He co-founded Globally Engaging Lutheran Network inc - a think-tank and networking platform for creative mission and church planting initiatives to partner with indigenous leaders and churches around the world. He is very much involved in the local civic assoication of his neighbor-hood. He connects with civic and religious communities to speak against religious persecution. During the height of COVID, he initiated mask distribution, feeding the first responders, supporting the local police precinct, keeping peace in the community. He assists and guides to the right direc-tion for people with immigration to seek professional help and support. He is a world traveller. He has led and organized several group travels to the Holy Land and to Germany to celebrate Reforma-tion 500 He has been on mission trips to all the countries in Central America and Kenya and finding support to some of the projects in those regions during the lock down times of COVID.

Present Occupation Senior Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran Church Whitestone, New York Mission Executive, Atlantic Dis-trict - Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Nominations BOD 1st V.P.

MR. MARK H. MATHER

Membership St. Paul Amityville

Church Activity Currently Council President Served 17 out of the last 19 years as either President or VP Usher

District/Synod Activity Lay Delegate for past three AD Conventions Circuit Lay Delegate to past LCMS Convention

Education Background MBA Marketing Management FEMA Trained MEP

Community Service Current Chair of Town of Babylon Youth Advisory board and served on board for 25+ years. Past Chairman and serve on Suffolk County Youth Board. Founded and run the CBP(Customs) Annual Toy Drive, for past 32 years.

Present Occupation Deputy Chief Customs & Border Protection (CBP) Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

Nominations BOD, Reg. III, Lay

REV. MATTHEW RYAN GONZALEZ

Membership Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church - The Bronx



REV. MATTHEW RYAN GONZALEZ

Church Activity Pastor of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church: Helped to revitalize the religious education and outreach programs at Trinity; Continually working to create new opportunities for men, women, youth, young adults, families, etc. at Trinity.
Vacancy Pastor at The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Saviour: Leading the revitalization of the congregation.
Executive Minister (Head of School) at Our Saviour Lutheran School: Leads the Executive Leadership Team of the school to guide and determine the manner in which the school serves and operates. Engages weekly with the faculty, staff, and student body. Serves as Chaplain for all of Our Saviour (Grades 8-12); Leads weekly worship services as a “school mission plant” and directs community service programs.

District/Synod Activity Chair of Atlantic District Conference Committee; Adjunct Professor at Concordia College—New York (2016-2019); Pastoral Counselor to the Atlantic District LWML (2014-2018); Atlantic District Coordinator for the LCMS National Youth Gathering (2013; 2016; 2019); Guest Editor of the Lutheran Forum of the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau (2014-2016); Bible Study Presenter at the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA (2016); Leader for the MOSAIC (Multi-Ethnic) Initiative at the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN (2019).

Education Background M. Div. – 2011, Concordia Seminary-St. Louis, MO
B.A. (Theology) – 2007, Concordia College-New York Fellows Honors Degree – 2007, Concordia College-New York

Community Service Co-Founder of Lutherans for Racial Justice; Founding Member of The Unbroken Cord; Helped strengthen the partnership between Our Saviour Lutheran School and the New York Lightning; Works with local government (State Senators; Assemblypersons; Bronx Borough President) and the NYPD Community Affairs Bureau for the proper care of the surrounding neighborhoods of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, and Our Saviour Lutheran School.

Present Occupation Pastor at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church – The Bronx, New York Vacancy Pastor at The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Saviour – Bronx Executive Minister (Head of School) at Our Saviour Lutheran School

Nominations Board of Directors, Region II

MR. MICHAEL SCHULTZ, COMMISSIONED TEACHER

Membership Village Lutheran Church Bronxville

Church Activity Trustee Board and Executive Committee Member Christian Education Task Force Village Brass (Trumpet) Lector/Assistant

Education Background BS Business Administration (Concordia College-NY '90) MS Education (Iona College '96) Colloquy (Concordia College-NY '02) NYS High School Coaching Certification (Baseball) (SUNY Cortland '15)

Community Service Volunteer Basketball Coach - The Chapel School Chargers CYO Basketball Graphic Artist - Bronxville Schools Athletics

Present Occupation Principal, The Chapel School, Bronxville Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, Bronxville High School

Nominations District Nominations Committee

REV. MATTHEW STANECK

Membership St. John Lutheran Church, Glendale

Church Activity Preaching, leading worship, teaching Bible Study, outreach, coordinator, landlord; Associate Editor of Lutheran Forum (2015-present); Coordinator of St. John's Urban Farm

Education Background B.A Political Science and Classics, Valparaiso University; M. Div. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis



REV. MATTHEW STANECK

District /Synod Activity	Current Member of the Atlantic District Praesidium, Vice President Region II. Board of Directors (5 years)
Present Occupation	Sole Pastor, St. John Lutheran Church
Nominations	BOD, Reg. II, V.P.

DCE MICHELLE KOLLMEIER

Membership	Lutheran Church of the Resurrection Garden City
Church Activity	DCE Chancel Assistant Office Administrator Sunday School VBS Adult Bible Study Confirmation
Education Background	MA Theology 2021 DCE, 2021
Community Service	VBS Director Night in Bethlehem - Director Meal Packing/ via Rise Against Hunger
Present Occupation	DCE at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Garden City, NY
Nominations	BOD, Commissioned

REV. MOHAN PATRICK SINGH

Membership	Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Schenectady
Church Activity	Pastor
Education Background	M.Div., Undergraduate in Guyana
Community Service	Schenectady Care Ministry w/Zion Schenectady, Community support, Schenectady Inner City Mission
Present Occupation	Sole Pastor
Nominations	BOD, Reg I, Ordained

DCS. RAQUEL A. ROJAS

Membership	Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Bronx
Church Activity	Women's groups, Young adult group, Youth group, Children's group, Men's group, Diaconal Care, Technology, Sunday School, Administrative, Vacation Bible School, Food Pantry, Choirs (adult and youth) Exercise Group, Adult Catechumenate, Youth Catechumenate, Trustee
District/Synod Activity	Concordia Theological Seminary Deaconess Representative (September-2009-May 2009), Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church- Board of Trustees (2010-Present), LWML Atlantic District - Chair for Spiritual Life (2010-2014), Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)- National Young Women's, Representative (2011), Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Reconciler (January 2014- Present), NY Roman Catholic and Lutheran Dialogues (2010-2012), Atlantic District LCMS Convention Floor Committee Member - Practical Matters (2012), LCMS Atlantic District Task Force 5 Youth and Religious Education (January 2013-Present), LWML Atlantic District - Vice President for Spiritual Life (2014-2018), American Lutheran Publicity Bureau - Board Member (2011-2015), Lutheran Social Services of New York - Board of Directors (2015- 2021), LCMS Atlantic District Board of Directors (April 2018- present), LWML Atlantic District - Vice President for Human Care (2018-2020), LCMS Convention Advisory Delegate (2019), Atlantic District LCMS Task Force 6 Communications and Technology Chair, (September 2020-present), Concordia Deaconess Conference - Membership committee July- 2019-2021, LWML Atlantic District - Planner, Public Relations, Webmaster (2020-2022), Concordia Deaconess Conference - Executive Committee- Member-at-Large for, Membership (June 2021- present), LWML Atlantic District - President (2022-present)
Education Background	Bachelor's Degree -Psychology, Master of Arts - Deaconess Studies ACPE Certi
Community Service	LCMS representative in Washington, DC advocating immigration reform (2013)
Present Occupation	Deaconess of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Bronx



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Nominations BOD, Commissioned

MR. RICHARD G. SCHAEFER

Membership Redeemer Bayside

Church Activity Elder Chairman of Board of Elders Lay representative to circuit and multiple AD conventions Choir member Secretary General volunteer

District/Synod Activity Synod Board for Pastoral Education (secretary/executive board), 6 years Synod Higher Education Committee (Tampa Convention 2019) Circuit lay representative to synodical convention (2001, 2019)

Education Background B.A. Anthropology, Queens College, CUNY A.M. American Civilization, University of Pennsylvania Ph.D. Historical Archaeology, University of Pennsylvania

Community Service Outdoor Living Nativity

Present Occupation Archaeologist, journal editor

Nominations District Nominations Committee, Lay

REV. ROBERT BOEHLER

Membership St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School

Church Activity Pastor

District/Synod Activity AD Board of Directors, Lutheran Schools Association Board

Education Background M.Div. Biblical Studies, Historical Studies

Community Service Wartburg Adult Care Community Board

Present Occupation Pastor

Nominations BOD, Reg. II, Ordained

REV. DR. ROBERT HARTWELL

Membership Village Lutheran Church, Bronxville

Church Activity Pastor

District/Synod Activity Atlantic District Secretary; Vice-President; Task Force Coordinator; Grace at Ground Zero Chairperson

Education Background M.Div. Concordia Theo. Seminary, Ft. Wayne 1993
D.Min. New York Theological Seminary, NY 2002
MBA Baypath College Longmeadow, Mass 2011

Community Service Lutheran Counseling Center Board Member; Counseling Center Bronxville, Board Member; Bronxville, Eastchester, Tuckahoe Interfaith Council Co- chair; Concordia College Religion Task Force

Present Occupation Senior Pastor

Nominations BOD, Secretary

REV. STEFAN GRAMENZ

Membership The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Christ the King Pawling

Education Background BA (English Literature) - Concordia University Wisconsin, 2014 M.Div. - Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, 2018



REV. STEFAN GRAMENZ

Community Service Pawling Resource Center board member, Rotary member

Present Occupation Pastor

Nominations BOD, Reg. I, Ordained

MS. SUSAN Y. STEWART

Membership St Pauls Saratoga Springs

Church Activity Assisting at worship, teaching Bible Studies, help lead preparation for congregation Red Letter Challenge

District/Synod Activity Served on Atlantic District Diaconate Board while initial guidelines were being developed, on Task Force Two and as a lay delegate on the Atlantic District Board of Directors

Education Background BA in Philosophy, University of Maine

Community Service Served on local library board and as president during land purchase and library design for a new library building. Served as curriculum chair for the Saratoga Springs Academy for Lifelong Learning

Present Occupation Project Planner and Manager Contract Manager and Administrator

Nominations BOD, Reg. I, Lay

REV. DR. VICTOR NELSON

Membership Resurrection Lutheran, Cairo

Church Activity Senior Pastor and everything that goes with it.

District/Synod Activity Current Member of the Atlantic District Board of Directors. (5 years); , Current Chairman of Task Force 2, Revitalization of Congregations; Member of Nominating Committee for 2015 Atlantic District Convention; Past Member of Task Force 3, Finances and Stewardship; Past Circuit Counselor - 2 Terms; Past Member of SonRise Board; Presenter for Workshops and Congregational Check-ups; Teacher for Deacons-in-Training; Completed Pastoral Leadership Training

Education Background B.S. Chemistry, M.S. Physical Therapy, M. Div. Concordia Theological Seminary

Community Service Recent: Hurricane Irene Flood Relief Projects, Cairo Food Pantry, Past: President of Tri-County Crisis Pregnancy Center, President of Gowanda Ministerial Association.

Present Occupation Senior Pastor, Resurrection Cairo

Nominations BOD, Reg. I, V.P.

REV. TRAVIS YEE

Membership Trinity Lutheran Church, Glen Cove

Church Activity Pastor, 7 1/2 years

Education Background Concordia Seminary 08, Concordia College New York 04

Community Service Food Pantry, Homeless Ministry, Volunteer with local organizations

Present Occupation Pastor, USA Army Reserve Chaplain

Nominations BOD, Reg. III, Ordained

MS. TWILA EVANSON

Membership St. Peter's, Brooklyn Brooklyn

Education Background Bachelor's degree in Social Work from Concordia College in Bronxville, NY and a Master's degree in Social Work from Fordham University.

