

MINNESOTA DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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Dear Brothers,

The Minnesota District Nominating Committee places the following names before you for the following positions. The candidates themselves have supplied the pertinent information found in the following pages.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Paul M. Schmeling, Chairman

Pertinent Information Nominations for Election - June 2008

1. DISTRICT MISSION BOARD – PASTOR – 6 year term, 2014

Rev. Timothy Bode, age 36; married, 3 children; Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, Elk River, MN, 9 years
Experience: District Nominating Committee, 4 years; Tutor at Nebraska Ev. Lutheran High School, 2 years

Rev. Andrew Fix, age 36; married, 3 children; Lincoln Heights Lutheran Church, Des Moines, IA, 8 years

Rev. Jeffrey Limpert, age 47; married, 6 children; Christ Our Rock Lutheran Church & Preschool, Rochester, MN, 11½ years

Experience: Red Wing Conference Essay Committee, 9 years; Red Wing Conference NPH Reporter, 5 years; MN District Evangelism Chairman, 10 years; South Central District Evangelism Commission, 4 years; South Central District Mission Board, 3 years; BHM & Parish School Early Childhood Task Force, 2 years; Northland Lutheran High School Board of Directors, 3 years

Rev. Wayne Shevey, age 35; married, 4 children; Apostles' Lutheran Church, Dardenne Prairie, MO, 9 years
Experience: Conference Secretary/Treasurer, 8 years; District Nominating Committee, 2 years

Rev. Keith Siverly, age 44; married, 2 children; St. Mark Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, 9 years
Experience: District Nominating Committee, 6 years; MVL Board Chairman, 7 years; LWMS Spiritual Advisor, 4 years; LIMA Board, 2 years; LACE Board, 4 years

2. DISTRICT MISSION BOARD – LAYMAN – 6 year term, 2014

Mr. Mark Enter, age 56; married, 2 children; Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Shakopee, MN, ½ year; Previous congregation ~ Faith Lutheran Church, Excelsior, MN, 5 years

Congregation Experience: South Atlantic District CCFS Committee, 3 years; Congregational Secretary, 3 years; Financial Secretary, 3 years; Treasurer, 6 years; Evangelism Chairman and/or Committee, 6 years; Board of Elders, 1 year; Stewardship Chairman, 9 years; Property Committee Chairman, 3 years; Nominating Committee Chairman, 13 years; Ministry Planning Coordinator, 15 years; Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chairman, 12 years; Building Committee Member, 3 years; Music Committee/Pianist at 2 mission congregations, 10 years

Other Experience: Attended/served 6 mission congregations and 2 larger congregations; Assisted 3 mission congregations go from rental through building; Served as Ministry Planning Coordinator, Sola Fide in Lawrenceville through selling church and land and purchasing/moving to new property;

Employer: Current = Director, Customer Support, Datalink Corp, 6 years; Previous = Director, Worldwide Services Mktg and Education, Scientific-Atlanta, 7 years

Mr. John (Jack) Meyer, age 53; married; Ascension Ev. Lutheran Church, Plymouth, MN, 3 years

Congregation Experience: President, 6 years; Treasurer, 3 years; Secretary, 4 years; Financial Secretary 2 years; Council Member at large/Education Chairman/Stewardship Chairman, 6 years

Other Experience: Currently Board member, Christian Life Ministries of Mpls/St. Paul, MN, < 1 year; Small business owner/operator, 7 years; Team Building/Leadership Facilitator, 3 years

Employer: Current = Family/Staff Minister, Ascension Ev. Lutheran Church, 3 years; Previous = FedEx, 26 years, Managing Director Planning and Administration, South America/Caribbean Region, FedEx 2 years

3. BOARD FOR PARISH SERVICES – EVANGELISM – COORDINATOR – 6 year term, 2014

Rev. Michael Dietz, age 58; married, 3 children; Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, St. Peters, MO, 9 years

Experience: Redwood Falls Conference Chairman, 4 years; Redwood Falls Conference Circuit Pastor, 4 years; Pacific Northwest Evangelism Commission, 2 years

Other: S.T.M. Degree in Systematic Theology, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, 1997; Th.D. Degree, Master's Graduate School of Divinity, 2001

Rev. Lon Kuether, age 44; married, 4 children; Saint Mark Ev. Lutheran Church, Bemidji, MN, 7½ years

Experience: Associate Pastor at Riverview Ev. Lutheran, Appleton, WI overseeing Evangelism and Youth Ministry, 1996 to 2000; Served on Board of Directors overseeing Appleton Chapter of WELS Life Resources

Rev. Jonathan Leach, age 31; married, 2 children; Christ the Lord Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cottage Grove, MN, 6 years

Experience: Conference LWMS Spiritual Growth Pastor, 4 years; Conference Reformation Festival Committee Chairman, 4 years

Other: Worked with Christian Life Resources, Milwaukee, WI for 1 year; worked with Christian Life Ministries, Little Canada, MN for 3 years; Member of St. Croix LHS Board of Regents, 2 years

4. BOARD FOR PARISH SERVICES – WORSHIP – COORDINATOR – 6 year term, 2014

Prof. David Bauer, age 53; married, 3 children; Martin Lutheran College, New Ulm, MN, 10 years

Experience: Worship Commission, Western Wisconsin District, 3 years; Member, MLS Governing Board, 1 year; Congregational Board of Outreach, 1 year; Congregational Member/Chairman Worship Committee, 7 years

Other: Masters in Church Music, Concordia College, River Forest, IL

Rev. Michael Berg, age 30; married, 2 children; St. John's Lutheran Church, Wood Lake, MN, 3 years

Experience: NPH Representative, 1 year; District Nominating Committee, 1 year

Rev. Craig Engel, age 35; married, 3 children; Immanuel Lutheran Church, Willmar, MN, 9 years

Experience: Conference LWMS Pastor Advisor, 2 years; MLC Ladies Auxiliary Pastoral Advisor, 4 years

Rev. Thomas J. Smith, age 51; married, 2 children; Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Owatonna, MN, 16 years

Experience: Minnesota District CCFS, 13 years; LWMS Minnesota Valley Circuit Pastoral Advisor, 4 years

5. BOARD FOR PARISH SERVICES – ADULT DISCIPLESHIP – COORDINATOR –

6 year term, 2014

Rev. Mark Kock, age 53; married, 3 children; Trinity Ev. Lutheran, Osceola, WI, 7 years

Experience: Everglades (SAD) Circuit Pastor, 1 year; South Atlantic Special Ministries Board, 2 years; Campus Pastor, Ohio State University, 4 years

Rev. Thomas J. Schultz, age 39; married, 4 children; St. John's Lutheran Church, Caledonia, MN, 9 years

Experience: New Life Resource Center Chairman/Board of Directors (LFL Pregnancy Center), 5 years

Rev. Richard Tuttle, age 44; married; St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Renville, MN, 4 years

Experience: District PNW, 2 years

6. NOMINATING COMMITTEE – CONFERENCES – 4 year term, 2012

Crow River

Rev. Don Main, age 53, married, 2 children, St. Peter's, Darwin, Minnesota , 9 years

Experience: Camp Luther Director, Eastern Conf. Dakota-Montana District, 4 Years, Dakota-Montana_District Commission on Youth Ministry, 3 Years, Rocky Mountain Chapter, WELS Lutherans for Life Board member, 2 Years, Youth Group Counselor, Emmanuel Lutheran, New London, Wisconsin, 3 Years

Mankato

Rev. Dennis Reichow, age 41; married, 5 children; St. John's Lutheran, Glencoe, MN, 8 years

Experience: Mankato Conference Secretary, 10 years; Local Advisory Board for Campus Ministry in Mankato, 12 years

Rev. Keith Siverly, age 44; married, 2 children; St. Mark Ev. Lutheran, Mankato, MN, 9 years

Experience: District Nominating Committee, 6 years; MVL Board Chairman, 7 years; LWMS Spiritual Advisor, 4 years; LIMA Board, 2 years; LACE Board, 4 years

New Ulm

Rev. Michael Gorte, age 34; married, 2 children; Immanuel Ev. Lutheran, Gibbon, MN, 2 years

Experience: Chairman, Western Conference, 2 years

Red Wing

Rev. Brian Kom, age 41; married, 4 children; Ascension Lutheran, Rochester, MN, 10 years

Experience: Conference Chairman, 4 years; Circuit Pastor, 6 years

Redwood Falls

Rev. Michael Berg, age 30; married, 2 children; St. John's Lutheran, Wood Lake, MN, 3 years

Experience: NPH Representative, 1 year; District Nominating Committee, 1 year

Rev. Richard Tuttle, age 44; married; St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Renville, MN, 4 years

Experience: District PNW, 2 years

Saint Croix

Rev. Mark Schwertfeger, age 56; married, 3 children; Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Shakopee, MN, 16 years

Experience: Conference Nominating Committee, 4 years; Camp Croix Board/Chairman, 9 years; LIMA Board/Chairman, 10 years; Western Circuit Pastor, 7 years; Vice Chairman, WLHS Board of Regents, 9 years; Lutheran Home Federation Board/Chairman, 9 years

Rev. Eugene Devries, age 34; married, 2 children; Redeemer Lutheran, St. Croix Falls/St. John's Lutheran, Centuria, WI, 2 years
Experience: Camp Croix Chairman, < 1 year

Southern

Rev. Wayne Shevey, age 35; married, 4 children; Apostles' Lutheran Church, Dardenne Prairie, MO, 9 years
Experience: Conference Secretary/Treasurer, 8 years; District Nominating Committee, 2 years

7. DISTRICT BOARD OF APPEALS – PASTOR – 6 year term, 2014

Rev. Robert Bushaw, age 59; married, 2 children; St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Jordan, MN, 22 years
Experience: Southern Conference Circuit Pastor, 8 years; Mankato Conference Circuit Pastor, 10 years; MN District Stewardship Committee, 4 years; MN District Stewardship Committee Chairman, 3 years; MN District Nominating Committee Chairman, 4 years
Other: Chaplain, Jordan Fire Dept, 10 years; CEU's in Grief Counseling, Legal Issues and Law in the Church, Sexual Abuse and Survivors of Sexual Abuse

Rev. John Dolan, age 55; married; Christ Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN, 2 years
Experience: CYD Advisory Member, 3 years; MLC Admissions Office, 7 years

8. DISTRICT BOARD OF APPEALS – TEACHER – 6 year term, 2014

Teacher Gary Bain, age 52; married, 4 children; West Lutheran High School, Plymouth, MN, 10 years
Experience: President, MN Teachers Conference, 4 years; President, NE District Teachers Conference, 4 years; NE District Evangelism Committee, 4 years; Wise Penny Board of Directors, 6 years
Other: Attended numerous workshops in the areas of education and U.S. History; Umpired J.O. fast pitch in local, state and national tournaments, 15 years

Teacher Nathan Bitter, age 35; married, 8 children; St. Mark Lutheran School, Bemidji, MN, 10 years

Teacher Jason Leitz, age 24; married; Teaches 4th grade at Crown of Life, West St. Paul, 1 year

Teacher Lyle Strehler, age 49; married, 2 children; Living Hope Lutheran, Bloomington, MN, 12 years
Experience: Served parish schools, 1993 to 1996; Held congregational positions at Trinity Lutheran, Belle Plaine, MN, 5 years; Held congregational positions at St. John's Lutheran, Milwaukee, WI, 10 years
Other: Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction; IT Networking education/expertise

9. DISTRICT BOARD OF APPEALS – LAYMAN – 6 year term, 2014

Mr. Kevin Doering, age 52; married, 3 children; St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, St. Clair, MN, 3 years

Congregation Experience: Lay Delegate (Alternate), Mankato, MN Conference, 1 year; MN District Lay Delegate, St. John's, St. Clair, MN, 1 year; Counting Committee/Finance Secretary, St. John's, New Ulm, MN, 5 years; Evangelism Committee, St. John's, New Ulm, MN, 6 years; Delegate to MN Valley LHS at Zion Ev. Lutheran, Winthrop, MN, 3 years

Employer: Administrator/HR, North Star Aviation, Mankato, MN, 10 years

Other: BS Business Admin/Aviation, Mankato State University; Director, MN Aviation Trades Association, 5 years; City Council Member, Gaylord, MN, 3 years

Mr. Jon Scharlemann, age 65; married, 8 children; St. John's, Redwood Falls, MN, 35 years

Congregation Experience: Sunday School teacher, 35 years; Chairman, Endowment Fund Committee, 10 years; Congregation Chairman, 5 years

Other Experience: District Special Ministries Commission, 6 years; Synod Officer, WELS Investment Funds, 2 years; Member Nat'l Planned Giving Institute, 25 years; Member, Philanthropy Tax Institute, 25 years; College of Financial Planning Institute, 10 years; MN Valley LHS Foundation, 15 years; AAL/Thrivent Representative, 15 years; WELS Christian Giving Counselor, 14 years

Employer: Current = VP of Mission Advancement, MLC, 2 years; Previous = Director, Mission Advancement, The Lutheran Home Association; 5 years