

## NOMINEES

[\* indicates incumbent eligible for re-election]

**Synod Council** (Two clergy, one lay female, to be elected for three years; one female youth to be elected for two years)

**A. Clergy**

1. Timothy Boyer
2. Paul Buzzard
3. Barbara Davis
4. John Hassler\*
5. Roxanne Kringle\*
6. Donald Schwartz
7. Robert vonFrisch

**B. Lay Female**

1. Leslie Joy Wagner

**C. Female Youth**

1. Christie Kaufman\*

**Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia**

(One lay female, to be elected for three years)

Susan Ebbert Wambaugh

**Committee on Discipline**

**Clergy** (Two to be elected for six years, two to be elected for four years)

1. John Houck
2. Dennis Moore
3. Grace Olson
4. Susan Ruggles

**Lay** (Three to be elected, one for six years, one for four years, one for two years)

1. Suzanne Tucker Irwin
2. Gwen Krapf
3. Sherry Lockhart

**Voting Members to the 2009 Churchwide**

**Assembly** (\* denotes the individual has been a voting member at a previous Churchwide Assembly)

**Group A.**

(Eleven to be elected—the bishop, the synod vice president and upon nomination of mission districts, three clergy, three lay male and three lay female)

**Group B.**

(Three persons of color or persons with a primary language other than English to be elected—one clergy, one lay male and one lay female)

**Clergy** (one to be elected)

Barbara Davis\*  
Abera Hellemo\*

**Lay Female (one to be elected)**

Patsy J. Woodson\*  
Ying-Chu (Susie) Kramer\*

**Lay Male (one to be elected)**

**Group C** (Eighteen to be elected—six clergy, six lay male, six lay female)

**Clergy** (six to be elected)

1. Timothy D. Boyer
2. Walter Breiner
3. Paul Buzzard
4. Cindy G. Camp\*
5. Richard H. Elliott
6. John P. Fritch\*
7. Michael A. Frost
8. Mary Gade\*
9. Harold Hand
10. David Heckler
11. Roxanne M. Kringle
12. Lyn L. Langkamer\*
13. Bruce D. MacLaughlin\*
14. Grace Olson\*
15. Fred S. Opalinski\*
16. Peter A. Pettit\*
17. Dennis S. Ritter\*
18. Susan Ruggles
19. Donald J. Schwartz
20. Carl D. Shankweiler\*
21. Rick Summy\*

**Lay Male** (six to be elected)

1. Edward Cool\*
2. Guy Ehler\*
3. Martin L. Everhart\*
4. Robert H. Hensley
5. Glenn Miller
6. Kenneth Miller\*
7. Charles R. Rush\*
8. Victor K. Unks
9. John H. Ziegler\*

- 1) Congregational membership
- 2) Occupation/current position
- 3) Previous positions

- 4) Service in congregation
- 5) Service in wider church
- 6) Service in community

**Lay Female** (six to be elected)

1. Nadine Anderson\*
2. Sharon Ann Burns
3. Heidi Buzzard
4. Elizabeth Elterich\*
5. Frances L. Ferrari
6. Barbara A. Keener\*

7. Karen S. Matthias-Long\*
8. Linda Maule
9. Joanne D. Rush\*
10. Jean Sandberg\*
11. Barbara-Anne G. Taylor\*
12. Nancy I. Terry

**BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINEES**

**SYNOD COUNCIL**

**Clergy**

**Timothy D. Boyer**

- 1) St. John, Coplay
- 2) Pastor
- 3) Pastor, Christ, Easton; pastor, St. James, Geigertown
- 4) N/A
- 5) Former member, synod council
- 6) Coplay Recreation and Welfare food bank; Whitehall area CROP walk

**Paul Buzzard**

- 1) St. Michael, Hamburg
- 2) Pastor
- 3) Pastor St. John, Friedensburg; clerk at WaWa
- 4) N/A
- 5) Former secretary, Schuylkill mission district; former treasurer, Schuylkill mission district
- 6) Lifetime member, Friedensburg Fire Co.; local nursing home worship services

**Barbara A. Davis**

- 1) St. Peter, Bethlehem
- 2) Chaplain, Hospice St. John
- 3) Chaplain, Good Shepherd Hospital; interim pastor, St. Andrew, Summit Lawn
- 4) N/A
- 5) Candidacy Committee; Witness and Service Ministry Team
- 6) Inner City Faith Collaborative Team; Allentown South Side Ecumenical Ministerium

**John Hassler\***

- 1) Christ, Penn Forest Township
- 2) Pastor
- 3) Student
- 4) N/A
- 5) Treasurer, Hazleton-Lehigh Mission District; interim dean, Hazleton-Lehigh Mission District
- 6) Active in Jim Thorpe Area Ministerium

**Roxanne Kringle\***

- 1) St. John, Farmersville
- 2) Pastor
- 3) Pastor, St. Andrew, South Philadelphia
- 4) N/A
- 5) Dean, Bethlehem-Easton Mission District; Chair, Connection Building Ministry Team
- 6) Participant, Muscular Dystrophy Lock-up, Multiple Sclerosis Walk

**Donald Schwartz**

- 1) Grace, Bethlehem
- 2) Pastor
- 3) Engineering Coordinator, Merck & Co.
- 4) N/A
- 5) Past president, Schuylkill mission district professional group; past president, Tri-Valley Ministerium
- 6) Board member, Share Care Faith in Action; Benefits CheckUp Program

**Robert vonFrisch**

- 1) Trinity, Lehighton
- 2) Pastor
- 3) Pastor, Schwarzwald, Reading; pastor, Weatherly Parish
- 4) N/A
- 5) Former synod council member; SALM field supervisor
- 6) Board chair, Shepherd House, Inc.; mission trip fund raiser

**Lay Female**

**Leslie Joy Wagner**

- 1) Jerusalem, Schuylkill Haven
- 2) Director of Development, Pottsville Hospital
- 3) Crisis intervention specialist, Schuylkill County Crisis; housemother, Bethany Children's Home
- 4) Church council member and president; chair, Jerusalem Child Care Center
- 5) NEPS Leadership Development Ministry Team; coordinator of synod assembly displays

- 1) Congregational membership
- 2) Occupation/current position
- 3) Previous positions

- 4) Service in congregation
- 5) Service in wider church
- 6) Service in community

- 6) President, Schuylkill Leadership Association; president, Pottsville Lions Club

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**Lay Female**

**Susan Ebbert Wambaugh**

- 1) Atonement, Wyomissing
- 2) Independent financial advisor
- 3) Financial associate, Lutheran Brotherhood (Thrivent); consultant to Lutheran Brotherhood home office
- 4) Church Council member; Sunday school teacher
- 5) Synod council member; board of directors, Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries
- 6) Developed FLEX, foreign language experience for 300+ elementary students; member, advisory council for elementary education in Wilson School District

**COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE**

**Clergy**

**John Houck**

- 1) Holy Trinity, Leesport
- 2) Pastor
- 3) Pastor, Huffs, Huffs; pastor, Allegheny, Alleghenyville
- 4) N/A
- 5) Dean, East Berks mission district; Synod council
- 6) Past member of Cumru Twp. and Longswamp Twp. Lions Clubs; Troop Committee member of Boy Scout Troop 160

**Dennis Moore**

- 1) Union, Schnecksville
- 2) Pastor
- 3) Associate of the Bishop/director of ministry for the Lehigh mission district ; senior pastor, Trinity, Butler PA
- 4) N/A
- 5) Dean, Northern Lehigh Valley mission district; voting member of Churchwide Assembly, 1991
- 6) Advisory board, Adult/Residential Services of Lehigh County; Achievement Award Liaison for LCTI for the Lehigh Valley Corvette Association

**Grace Olson**

- 1) Zion Lehigh, Alburdis
- 2) Interim pastor, Jerusalem, Western Salisbury

- 3) Pastor, St. John, Easton; Assistant to the Bishop, Metropolitan NY Synod
- 4) N/A
- 5) ELCA Discipline Committee; NEPS Gay & Lesbian Ministry Task Force
- 6) Board, ProJect of Easton; board, Air Products Community Advisory Panel

**Susan Ruggles**

- 1) St. John, Easton
- 2) Pastor
- 3) Assistant pastor, St. John, Nazareth; outreach coordinator, Lafayette College
- 4) N/A
- 5) Member, Joint Conflict Resource Team; coordinator, synod assembly registration
- 6) Tutor, English as a Second Language; leader of Bible study in juvenile detention center

**Lay Female**

**Suzanne Tucker Irwin**

- 1) Zion (Spies), Reading
- 2) secretary/bookkeeper/assistant teacher, KinderCare Learning Center, Exeter, PA
- 3)
- 4) Congregational council member; Christian education committee
- 5) Former member of synod council, voting member of churchwide assembly in 2001 and 2003
- 6) Family Promise of Berks County; Volunteer Home Care volunteer driver for seniors in need of transportation

**Gwen Krapf**

- 1) St. Andrew, Easton
- 2) Administrative aide, St. Andrew, Easton (Associate in Ministry)
- 3) Teacher in adult education; Lutheran Campus Ministry
- 4) Chair of Worship & Music Committee; secretary of women's group
- 5) Lutheran Congregational Services committees; LCA Parish Education Committee
- 6) CROP Walk, Church Women United

**Sherry Lockhart**

- 1) Hope, Reading
- 2) Church Administrator, St. John, Reading
- 3) Secretary, VF Corporation; Accounting Clerk, CNA Insurance
- 4) Secretary, Congregation Council; Lay Eucharistic Minister

- 1) Congregational membership
- 2) Occupation/current position
- 3) Previous positions

- 4) Service in congregation
- 5) Service in wider church
- 6) Service in community

- 5) West Berks mission district council; voting member to the 2005 Church-wide Assembly
- 6) Volunteer, Sovereign Performing Arts Center and Berks Art Council; Past Financial Director for SW Berks Thrivent Chapter

**Lay Male**

**Lloyd G. Wertz**

- 1) Trinity, Pottsville
- 2) Administrative Director, Pottsville Hospital Behavioral Health Services
- 3) Executive Director of Luther Ridge at Seiders Hill Retirement Facility
- 4) Vice-president, Church Council; Chairperson, Staff Support Committee
- 5) Synod Council; Social Ministry Staff Support to Schuylkill Mission District Council
- 6) Board Member, Chamber of Commerce; Advisory Board, Schuylkill County Office of Senior Services

**VOTING MEMBERS,  
CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY**

**Group B: Persons of Color or Primary Language other than English**

**Clergy**

**Barbara A. Davis\***

- 1) St. Peter, Bethlehem
- 2) Chaplain, Hospice St. John
- 3) Chaplain, Good Shepherd Hospital; interim pastor, St. Andrew, Summit Lawn
- 4) N/A
- 5) Candidacy Committee; Witness and Service Ministry Team
- 6) Inner City Faith Collaborative Team; Allentown South Side Ecumenical Ministerium
- 7) Served previously as a voting member in 1987, 1989, 1993, 1995, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007

**Abera Hellemo\***

- 1) Bethany, West Reading
- 2) Pastor
- 3) Laboratory Technologist
- 4) N/A
- 5) None
- 6) Participation at West Reading borough Council meeting and opening prayer
- 7) Served previously as a voting member in 2007

**Lay Female**

**Ying-Chu (Susie) Kramer\***

- 1) Christ, Hamilton Square
- 2) Teacher, Blair Academy
- 3) Teacher, Concordia Middle School, Minhsiung, Taiwan
- 4) Sunday School teacher; Vacation Bible School teacher, coordinator
- 5) New Jersey Synod multicultural conference planning team
- 6) Volunteer at Safe Harbor soup kitchen; volunteer at adult literacy program
- 7) Served previously as a voting member in 2003

**Patsy Woodson\***

- 1) St. John, Easton
- 2) Church secretary
- 3) Operations and Controls Specialist, Prudential Financial Corp.
- 4) Chairperson, Outreach Committee; Church Council
- 5) Synod Assembly delegate
- 6) Afterschool tutor; prepare and distribute Thanksgiving baskets
- 7) Served previously as a voting member in 2005

**Group C: At Large**

**Clergy**

**Timothy D. Boyer**

- 7) St. John, Coplay
- 8) Pastor
- 9) Pastor, Christ, Easton; pastor, St. James, Geigertown
- 10) N/A
- 11) Member, synod council
- 12) Coplay Recreation and Welfare food bank; Whitehall area CROP walk
- 13) Has not served previously as a voting member

**Walter Breiner\***

- 1) Zions, Weatherly; St. Matthew, Rockland Twsp.
- 2) Pastor
- 3) Refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic, Kraft Foods
- 4) N/A
- 5) Dean, Hazleton-Lehigh mission district
- 6) Weatherly School District Wellness Committee; Boy Scout counselor and committee member
- 7) Served previously as a voting member in 2005

- 1) Congregational membership
- 2) Occupation/current position
- 3) Previous positions

- 4) Service in congregation
- 5) Service in wider church
- 6) Service in community

**Paul Buzzard**

- 7) St. Michael, Hamburg
- 8) Pastor
- 9) Pastor St. John, Friedensburg; clerk at WaWa
- 10) N/A
- 11) Former secretary, Schuylkill mission district; former treasurer, Schuylkill mission district
- 12) Lifetime member, Friedensburg Fire Co.; local nursing home worship services
- 13) Has not served previously as a voting member

**Cindy G. Camp\***

- 1) Zion Lehigh, Alburdis
- 2) Director of Disaster Response Ministries, Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries
- 3) Pastor, Jerusalem Schuylkill Haven
- 4) N/A
- 5) Member, synod Candidacy Committee; member, Spiritual/Emotional Care Committee, Lutheran Disaster Response
- 6) Volunteer, Elementary School library; leadership in PTA
- 7) Served previously as a voting member in 2007

**Richard H. Elliott**

- 1) Holy Spirit, Emmaus
- 2) Pastor
- 3) Pastor, New Hanover, Gilbertsville; pastor, St. James, Wheeling WV
- 4) N/A
- 5) Family Life Services advisory panel; Lehigh County Conference of Churches Long Range Planning Board
- 6) Thiel College Board of Directors
- 7) Has not served previously as a voting member

**John P. Fritch\***

- 1) St. James, Coopersburg
- 2) Pastor
- 3) Pastor, St. John, Fogelsville; manager, men and boys clothing, family shoes, Warners, Philadelphia
- 4) N/A
- 5) Dean, Lehigh mission district; former chair, synod Evangelism Team
- 6) Volunteer at nursing homes; various community choral groups
- 7) Served previously as a voting member in 2007

**Michael A. Frost**

- 1) Zion's Stone, West Penn Twsp.
- 2) Pastor
- 3) Pastor, St. John, Effort; pastor, St. John, Williams Twsp.
- 4) N/A
- 5) Former member, Witness and Service Ministry Team; participant in Shared Ministry Group
- 6) Member, Tamaqua Ministerium; past leader in Tamaqua High School baccalaureate service
- 7) Has not served previously as a voting member

**Mary W. Gade\***

- 1) Ziegels, Breinigsville
- 2) Pastor
- 3) Pastor, Zion, Old Zionsville; pastor, St. Matthew, Allentown
- 4) N/A
- 5) Chair, synod Candidacy Committee; Mission District dean
- 6) Northwestern Lehigh Ministerium; IMPACT Board of Directors (foster care program for teens in the court system)
- 7) Served previously as a voting member in 2005

**Harold Hand**

- 1) Trinity, Pottsville
- 2) Pastor
- 3) Pastor, St. Mark, Birdsboro; pastor, Jerusalem, Schuylkill Haven
- 4) N/A
- 5) Former member, NEP synod council; former member, Delaware-Maryland synod council
- 6) Division chair of local United Way; previous involvement in American Cancer Society
- 7) Has not served previously as a voting member

**David Heckler**

- 1) St. Paul, Hawley
- 2) Pastor
- 3) Pastor, Maidencreek, Blandon; pastor, Hobbie Parish
- 4) N/A
- 5) Member, NEPS Appalachian, Small-Town & Rural Ministries Committee; Convener, Accessibility Ministries Team
- 6) Board member, Wayne County Habitat for Humanity; coordinator of CROP Walk
- 7) Has not served previously as a voting member

- 1) Congregational membership
- 2) Occupation/current position
- 3) Previous positions

- 4) Service in congregation
- 5) Service in wider church
- 6) Service in community

**Roxanne Kringle**

- 1) St. John, Farmersville
- 2) Pastor
- 3) Pastor, St. Andrew, South Philadelphia
- 4) N/A
- 5) Dean, Bethlehem-Easton Mission District; synod council
- 6) Participant, Muscular Dystrophy Lock-up, Multiple Sclerosis Walk
- 7) Has not served previously as a voting member

**Lyn L. Langkamer\***

- 1) St. John, Allentown
- 2) Pastor
- 3) Pastor, Good Shepherd, Kreidersville; pastor, Zion, Shoemakersville
- 4) N/A
- 5) Synod Council; convener, Lehigh Mission District professional leaders association
- 6) Rotary Club member; board member, Alliance for Building Community
- 7) Served previously as a voting member in 2005 and 2007

**Bruce D. MacLaughlin\***

- 1) Good Shepherd, Easton
- 2) Pastor
- 3) Pastor, Holy Trinity, Catasauqua; pastor, Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Lehigh Valley
- 4) N/A
- 5) Dean, Bethlehem-Easton mission district; Registrar, Northeast Region Youth Gathering
- 6) Easton Hospital Community Relations Committee; Wilson Area High School Hall of Fame Committee
- 7) Served previously as a voting member in 1999, 2003 and 2007

**Grace Olson\***

- 1) Zion Lehigh, Alburts
- 2) Interim pastor, Jerusalem, Western Salisbury
- 3) Pastor, St. John, Easton; Assistant to the Bishop, Metropolitan NY Synod
- 4) N/A
- 5) ELCA Discipline Committee; NEPS Gay & Lesbian Ministry Task Force
- 6) Board, ProJect of Easton; board, Air Products Community Advisory Panel
- 7) Served previously as a voting member in 1993 and 2001

**Fred S. Opalinski\***

- 1) Trinity, Reading
- 2) Pastor
- 3) Senior pastor, Trinity Latrobe
- 4) N/A
- 5) Dean, West Berks mission district; ELCA Church Council member
- 6) Board of directors, Habitat for Humanity; Reading Lutheran Parish
- 7) Served previously as a voting member in 1989, 1991, 1997, 1999 and 2001

**Peter A. Pettit\***

- 1) Holy Spirit, Emmaus
- 2) Director, Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding and assistant professor of religious studies, Muhlenberg College
- 3) Pastor, Hope, Riverside CA; Director, Ancient Biblical Manuscript Center, Claremont CA
- 4) N/A
- 5) Member, ELCA Consultative Panel on Lutheran-Jewish relations; regular forum presenter at synod assembly
- 1) Treasurer of local Rotary Club and member of district scholarship committee; member of West Walnut Neighborhood Association
- 2) Served previously as a voting member in 1995, 1999 and 2003

**Dennis S. Ritter\***

- 1) Trinity, Kutztown
- 2) President and CEO of Lutheran Congregational Services
- 3) Pastor, St. John, Kutztown; pastor, Arndts, Easton
- 4) N/A
- 5) Former dean, East Berks Mission District; former member, synod stewardship committee
- 6) Member, Kutztown Area School Board; charter member, East Penn Valley Kiwanis Club
- 7) Served previously as a voting member in 1995

**Susan Ruggles**

- 1) St. John, Easton
- 2) Pastor
- 3) Assistant pastor, St. John, Nazareth; outreach coordinator, Lafayette College
- 4) N/A
- 5) Member, Joint Conflict Resource Team, coordinator, chair, synod assembly registration

- 1) Congregational membership
- 2) Occupation/current position
- 3) Previous positions

- 4) Service in congregation
- 5) Service in wider church
- 6) Service in community

- 6) Tutor, English as a Second Language; leader of Bible study in juvenile detention center
- 7) Has not served previously as a voting member

**Donald Schwartz**

- 1) Grace, Bethlehem
- 2) Pastor
- 3) Engineering Coordinator, Merck & Co.
- 4) N/A
- 5) Past president, Schuylkill mission district professional group; past president, Tri-Valley Ministerium
- 6) Board member, Share Care Faith in Action' Benefits CheckUp Program
- 7) Has not served previously as a voting member

**Carl D. Shankweiler\***

- 1) Trinity, Valley View
- 2) Pastor
- 3) Director, Genesis education ministry of Lutheran Welfare Service; Editor, adult and volunteer leader resource, LCA Division for Parish Services
- 4) N/A
- 5) Synod Council; former chairperson, NEPS Saxony Companion Synod Committee
- 6) Chair, Log House Project of Tri-Valley Historical Society; member, Tri-Valley Lions Club
- 7) Served previously as a voting member in 1989, 1991, and 1993

**Rick Summy\***

- 1) Atonement, Wyomissing
- 2) Pastor
- 3) Director of Admissions, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia; Coordinator, ELCA Region 7
- 4) N/A
- 5) Initial interview trainer for ELCA Candidacy committees; NEPS Gay and Lesbian Ministry Task Force
- 6) West Reading-Wyomissing Rotary Club; former board member, Internal Review Board, Grand View Hospital
- 7) Served previously as a voting member in 2003

**Lay Male**

**Edward C. Cool\***

- 1) Holy Trinity, Bethlehem
- 2) Retired manager of engineering

- 3) Manager of Project Engineering, Bethlehem Steel Corp; Senior Consultant in Engineering Dept., Bethlehem Steel Corp.
- 4) Chair, Stewardship Committee; Sunday School Teacher for adult Bible study class and confirmation class
- 5) Synod Council; Member, Bishop's Advisory Panel consulting with conflicted congregation
- 6) Vice President and member of executive board, Minsi Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America; board member, Lutheran Congregational Services
- 7) Served previously as a voting member in 2005 and 2007

**Guy W. Ehler\***

- 1) St. Andrew, Easton
- 2) Retired
- 3) Pricing specialist, PPL Telecom; Manager, Network Recording, AT&T
- 4) President and Secretary, Congregation Council; Growth and Outreach Committee
- 5) Synod Council; synod Mission Interpreter coordinator
- 6) Volunteer for Miller-Keystone Blood Bank; Camerata Singers
- 7) Served previously as a voting member in 2005 and 2007

**Martin Luther Everhart\***

- 1) St. Paul, Dallas
- 2) Manager, King's/Weis Market
- 3)
- 4) Member, secretary and treasurer, Congregation Council; Synodically Authorized Lay Minister at St. Luke-Reformation, Noxen
- 5) Synod Council; chair, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Mission District Council
- 6) Board member, Back Mountain Food Bank; board chair, Back Mountain Ministerium
- 7) Served previously as a voting member in 2005 and 2007

**Robert H. Hensley**

- 1) Good Shepherd, Wilkes-Barre
- 2) Retired chemistry teacher
- 3)
- 4) President, Congregation Council; Stewardship chair
- 5) Chair, synod Gay & Lesbian Ministry Task Force; co-convenor, LC/NA Central Pennsylvania Chapter

- 1) Congregational membership
- 2) Occupation/current position
- 3) Previous positions

- 4) Service in congregation
- 5) Service in wider church
- 6) Service in community

- 6) Artistic board, Music Box Dinner Playhouse; board of directors, Bloomsburg University Alumni Association
- 7) Has not served previously as a voting member

**Glenn Miller**

- 1) Zion Lehigh, Alburdis
- 2) Self-employed CEO, Mortgage Company
- 3) Insurance claims manager; construction claim consultant
- 4) Worship assistant; congregation council
- 5) Voting member of synod assembly
- 6) Member, Chamber of Commerce; voting board
- 7) Has not served previously as a voting member

**Kenneth Miller\***

- 1) St. James, Coopersburg
- 2) Retired director, therapeutic recreation, Allentown State Hospital
- 3) Business manager; Philadelphia State Hospital; director, vocational rehabilitation, Philadelphia State Hospital
- 4) Social Ministry committee; Pastoral Care Team
- 5) Member, Policy Council, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMP); NEPS Gay and Lesbian Ministry Task Force
- 6) President, Solehi Housing Corporation; board, Solehi Food Bank
- 7) Served previously as a voting member in 2001 and 2005

**Charles Rush\***

- 1) Zion United, Brodheadsville
- 1) Semi-retired
- 2) Production supervisor, Bell & Howell Co.; tool services supervisor, Ingersoll Rand Co.
- 3) Council President and secretary; chair of numerous committees
- 4) Pocono Mission District council and task force on gambling addiction, Synod Council Finance Committee
- 5) Chair, Monroe County Municipal Waste Authority; board member, Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Network
- 6) Served previously as a voting member in 2007

**Victor K. Unks**

- 1) St. John, Easton
- 2) Customer service, Capital Blue Cross
- 3)

- 4) President, Congregation Council, chairperson, stewardship committee
- 5) Chair, Bethlehem-Easton Mission District council; synod assembly usher
- 6) Helped with campaign for state representative
- 7) Has not served previously as a voting member

**John H. Ziegler\***

- 1) St. Peter, Pine Grove
- 2) Retired teacher
- 3)
- 4) President, Congregation Council, Chairperson of the Stewardship committee
- 5) Synod Council, Chairperson of the finance committee; Synodically Authorized Lay Minister
- 6) Board of directors, historical society; president, Pine Grove Area Council of Churches
- 7) Served previously as voting member in 1991, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2003 and 2005

**Lay Female**

**Nadine R. Anderson\***

- 1) St. John, Easton
- 2) School psychologist
- 3) Psychologist in inpatient child and adolescent psychiatric unit; taught psychology at university level
- 4) Member and treasurer, Congregation Council; chair, mutual ministry committee
- 5) Member, NEPS Gay & Lesbian Ministry Task Force; workshop presenter at LIFT
- 6) Founder and executive committee member, Easton Area Unity Coalition; executive committee member, teachers' union
- 7) Served previously as voting member in 2007

**Heidi Buzzard**

- 1) St. Michael, Hamburg
- 2) Student, Kutztown University
- 3)
- 4) Youth leader, Bible school craft coordinator
- 5) Attended Symdano; attended two ELCA national youth gatherings
- 6) Southeast Schuylkill Thrivent Chapter youth coordinator and records director; College of Visual And Performing Arts freshman mentor
- 7) Has not served previously as a voting member

- 1) Congregational membership
- 2) Occupation/current position
- 3) Previous positions

- 4) Service in congregation
- 5) Service in wider church
- 6) Service in community

**Sharon Ann Burns**

- 1) St. Peter, Bethlehem
- 2) Title I coordinator and reading specialist, Wilson Area School District
- 3) Reading specialist, Pocono Mountain School District; arts and crafts supervisor for City of Bethlehem Bureau of Recreation
- 4) Member and secretary, Congregation Council; editor of congregational newsletter
- 5) Presenter at LIFT; member, NEPS Gay and Lesbian Ministry Task Force
- 6) Coordinator, American Cancer Society Daffodil Days; American Cancer Society Relay for Life
- 7) Has not served previously as a voting member

**Elizabeth M. Elterich\***

- 1) St. Peter, Bethlehem
- 2) Associate in Ministry for Education/Youth/Outreach
- 3) Second grade teacher
- 4) Sunday School superintendent; Women of the ELCA Bible study leader
- 5) Synod Leadership Development Ministry Team; member, NEPS Campus Ministry Affinity Group
- 6) Participant in CUNA community organizing conversations in Bethlehem; member, Community in Schools committee at Fountain Hill Elementary School
- 7) Served previously as a voting member in 1999 and 2001

**Frances L. Ferrari**

- 1) Zion United, Brodheadsville
- 2) Self-employed CPA
- 3) CPA, John J. Riley, Inc.; para-legal with law firm in Philadelphia
- 4) Congregational council; chair, stewardship committee
- 5) Synod council member; treasurer, Pocono mission district
- 6) VNA Hospice board member; involved with Habitat for Humanity
- 7) Has not served previously as a voting member

**Barbara A. Keener\***

- 1) Messiah, Bethlehem
- 2) Retired Staff Associate, Deaf Ministry, Lutheran Congregational Services
- 3) Draftsperson, Temple Univ. Research Institute, Philadelphia, PA; draftsperson, Kulicke & Soffa Manufacturing

- 4) Facilitator, prayer shawl ministry; member, congregational council
- 5) NEPS Educational Ministry Staffer (23 yrs.), Coordinator (2 yrs.); Member, NEPS Gay and Lesbian Ministry Task Force
- 6) Volunteer with deaf ministry; volunteer at local theaters
- 7) Served previously as a voting member in 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005 and 2007

**Karen S. Matthias-Long\***

- 1) St. John, Emmaus
- 2) Director of Ministry Resources, Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod
- 3) Director of Congregational Ministries, Jordan Orefield; Director of Education and Outreach, St. Mark, Reading
- 4) Sunday School teacher; member, World Hunger Task Force
- 5) Curriculum writer for LCA and ELCA (confirmation, camp, senior high Sunday School); member, Association of Lutheran Resource Centers
- 6) Get Out the Vote phone calls
- 7) Served previously as a voting member in 1987, 1999, and 2003

**Linda M. Maule**

- 1) Messiah, Bethlehem
- 2) Associate in Ministry
- 3) Elementary school vocal music specialist, Bethlehem School District; Organist/Choir director
- 4) Social ministry coordinator; coordinator of worship and music
- 5) Member of synod Worship Team; member, synod team to introduce *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*
- 6) Board member, Greater Bethlehem Area Council of Churches; participant, prison ministry team conducting worship services for maximum security inmates at Northampton County Prison
- 7) Has not served previously as a voting member

**Joanne D. Rush\***

- 1) Zion United, Brodheadsville
- 2) Semi-retired, part-time administrative assistant, Pocono synod office
- 3) Payroll, human resources and service admin., for Bell & Howell Co.
- 4) Treasurer; member, Health Ministry Team
- 5) Secretary, Pocono Mission District Council

- 1) Congregational membership
- 2) Occupation/current position
- 3) Previous positions

- 4) Service in congregation
- 5) Service in wider church
- 6) Service in community

- 6) Member and newsletter editor, Western Pocono Lions Club; volunteer, Monroe County Meals on Wheels
- 7) Served previously as a voting member in 2003

**Jean Sandberg\***

- 1) St. Mark, Lackawaxen
- 2) Educator, currently teaching Special Education
- 3) Disability Service Specialist; personnel department and assistant to Executive VP of major company
- 4) Youth leader; Council secretary
- 5) Hotel Life Team Coordinator and member, national Lutheran Youth Gatherings, 2000, 2003 and 2006; Mission District Council chair
- 6) President, Pocono Thrivent chapter; Special Olympics coach
- 7) Served previously as a voting member in 2007

**Barbara-Anne G. Taylor\***

- 1) St. Peter, Bethlehem
- 2) Associate in Ministry for Parish Administration
- 3) Coordinator, Southside Ministries, Bethlehem; teacher of Spanish and German
- 4) Youth group leader; stewardship committee leader
- 5) Synod Secretary; NEPS Slovenia companion synod committee
- 6) Board member/secretary, Greater Bethlehem Area Council of Churches;

member, Bethlehem Mayor's Anti-Gang Task Force

- 7) Served previously as a voting member in 2005 and 2007

**Nancy I. Terry**

- 1) St. John, Ringtown
- 2) Retired
- 3) Social service casework supervisor, PA Department of Public Welfare
- 4) Christian Education director; Social Ministry committee chair
- 5) Tanzania Companion Synod committee secretary and member of delegation that visited Tanzania; Symdano staff
- 6) Treasurer, Friends of Ringtown Area Library; treasurer and past president, Pilot Club of Pottsville (international service organization)
- 7) Has not served previously as a voting member

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