



**Southeastern Minnesota Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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# **2015 Nominations Workbook**

**for**  
**Synod Officers**  
**Synod Council Tables**  
**Committee on Consultation**  
**Committee on Discipline**  
**and**  
**Augsburg College Corporation**  
**Board**

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<p><b>Instructions</b></p> <p>The Synod Nominating Committee is responsible for nominating one person for each position for which an election will be held at the 2015 Synod Assembly. In advance of the assembly, the nominating committee seeks nominees for consideration. Nominations in specific categories also can be made by voting members on the floor of the assembly.</p> <p>This booklet is designed to aid you in recommending nominees to the nominating committee. For each board or committee for which there will be an election, you will find the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A list of the position for which nominations are sought, along with any restrictions placed on a given nomination,</li> <li>• A list of people whose terms are expiring,</li> <li>• A list of continuing members of the board or committee, and</li> <li>• A job description for the board or committee.</li> </ul>	<p>The Synod Nominating Committee is responsible for nominations for committees and vacancies on the Augsburg College Corporation Board. It welcomes names of people who would be appropriate for these posts.</p> <p>Please provide the nominating committee with the names, contact information and list of leadership qualities of as many people as you deem qualified for the various vacancies indicated, and please encourage others to submit nominations as well.</p> <p>The nomination process is governed by the principles detailed in the Constitution, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod. Please nominate only people who match the requirements of a given category. Recommend a nominee to the nominating committee by sending the person's name and contact information to <a href="mailto:nominations@semnsynod.org">nominations@semnsynod.org</a></p> <p>Nominees must complete the nomination form at <a href="http://www.semnsynod.org/nominations">www.semnsynod.org/nominations</a> or submit a hard copy of the the nomination form by February 23, 2015.</p>
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†S6.04.A01 *It is the goal of this synod that 10 percent of the membership of synod assemblies, councils, committees, boards, and/or other organizational units be persons of color and/or persons whose primary language is other than English.*

†S6.04.B09. *It is the goal of this synod that at least 10 percent of the voting members of the Synod Assembly, Synod Council, committees, and organizational units of this synod be youth and young adults. The Synod Council shall establish a plan for implementing this goal. For purposes of the constitution, bylaws, and continuing resolutions of this synod, the term "youth" means a voting member of a congregation who has not reach the age of 18 at the time of election or appointment for service. The term "young adult" means a voting member of a congregation between the ages of 18 and 30 at the time of election or appointment for service.*

## **Synod Vice-President**

### ***Southeastern Minnesota Synod Council Executive Committee***

#### ***Job description***

***Officer: Vice-President***

++S8.01 The officers of this synod shall be a bishop, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer.

S8.22. The vice president shall chair the Synod Council.

S8.23. In the event of the death, resignation, or disability of the bishop, the vice president, after consultation with the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, shall convene the Synod Council to arrange for the conduct of the duties of the bishop until a new bishop shall be elected or, in the case of temporary disability, until the bishop resumes full performance of the duties of the office.

S9.05. The Synod Nominating Committee shall nominate at least one person for vice president; additional nominations may be made from the floor.

1. The vice-president serves as chair of the Executive Committee of the Synod Council. The Executive Committee meets up to 6 times a year. Meeting dates and times are scheduled at the discretion of Executive Committee members. The Executive Committee meetings are normally held in the Synod Office conference room at Assisi Heights, Rochester.
2. The vice-president serves as chair of the Synod Council. The Synod Council meets at least 4 times a year (in February, April, September and November).
3. The vice-president reports to the Synod Council at each meeting on the actions of the Executive Committee.
4. The vice-president reports to the Synod Assembly each year on the actions of the Synod Council.
5. The vice-president chairs the Synod Nominating Committee.

Qualifications:

1. Be a voting member of an ELCA congregation in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod.
2. Have an understanding of the relationship between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Southeastern Minnesota Synod and the local congregations.

**Ann Peterson has been nominated by the synod council for a second term as Synod Vice-President.**

## Synod Council – Global Mission Companion Synods Table

*The Global Mission/Companion Synods Table of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA, see themselves as vital members of the body of Christ who are called to joyful and willing participation in God's mission to the world.*

The Global Mission/Companion Synods Table will:

1. Provide leadership to the Southeastern Minnesota Synod and its congregations in the ongoing development of ELCA global mission programs, Southeastern Minnesota Synod efforts, special projects and activities.
2. Coordinate and develop the companion synod relationships with the Central Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Colombia (IELCO).
3. Educate congregations and individuals about the global mission efforts in our synod and encourage participation.

Characteristics desired for the range of table participants:

- **Commitment to Jesus Christ**
- **Advocate for mission**
- **Willing to listen and learn**
- **Ability to work with a team**
- **Visionary**
- **Patient**
- **Doer**
- **Believer in community and mutuality**

<b>Global Mission/Companion Synods Table</b>	
<b>2 year term on the Synod Council and the Global Mission/Companion Synods Table</b>	
<b>Vacancy – Lay or Clergy</b>	
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## Committee on Consultation

++S11.02 The Committee on Consultation of this synod shall consist of at least six persons and not more than 12, of whom half shall be ordained ministers and half shall be lay persons, who shall each be elected by the Synod Assembly for a term of six years without consecutive reelection.

The Consultation Committee meets when called upon by the bishop to advise the bishop on matters relating to possible discipline of congregations and/or pastors on the roster of the synod. They meet only on an as-needed basis.

*Vacancies restricted to the conference listed below.*

<b>Committee on Consultation</b>	
<b>6 year term on Committee on Consultation without consecutive re-election.</b>	
<b>Vacancy –Clergy (BER)</b>	
<b>Vacancy – Clergy (CR)</b>	
<b>Vacancy – Lay (ZR)</b>	

<b>Committee on Consultation</b>	<b>Term</b>
Ms. Carol Rask (lay BER)	2011-2017
<b>VACANCY (clergy BER)</b>	<b>** 2015-2021</b>
Mr. Leon Nerison (lay CR)	2011-2017
Rev. Karl Rydholm (clergy CR)	2014-2020
Ms. Lori Ruthenbeck (lay MR)	2010-2016
Rev. Tammy Dahlvang (clergy MR)	2014-2020
<b>VACANCY (lay RR)</b>	<b>** 2015-2021</b>
Rev. Stephanie Frey (clergy RR)	2011-2017
<b>VACANCY (lay ZR)</b>	<b>** 2015-2021</b>
<b>VACANCY (clergy ZR)</b>	<b>** 2015-2021</b>

## Committee on Discipline

- †S11.03. The Committee on Discipline of this synod shall consist of 12 persons of whom six shall be ordained ministers and six shall be laypersons, who shall each be elected by the Synod Assembly for a term of six years without consecutive reelection.
- a. The functions of the Committee on Discipline of this synod are set forth in Chapter 20 of the *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*.

The Committee on Discipline of this synod may be called upon to serve on a discipline hearing committee in the event the bishop of this synod, or by the bishop of this church, or are brought by others and the matter has not been withdrawn or dismissed under the consultation process. Discipline may be brought against ordained ministers, lay persons on the official rosters of this church, or congregations.

- A discipline hearing committee shall be convened to conduct a hearing whenever charges are brought by the synodical bishop or by the bishop of this church, or are brought by others and have not been withdrawn or dismissed under the process described in ELCA Bylaw 20.21.06.
- The voting members of this committee shall be composed of 12 persons of whom six shall be the members of the Committee on Discipline of the synod and six shall be selected from the Churchwide Committee on Discipline under the process described in ELCA Bylaw 20.12.12.
- A hearing officer selected from the Churchwide Committee of Hearing Officers under the process described in ELCA Bylaw 20.21.14, shall preside as the nonvoting chair of the discipline hearing committee.

*From Rules Governing Disciplinary Proceedings against an Ordained Minister, A rostered Layperson, or a congregation of this Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.*

***Vacancies restricted to the conference listed below.***

<b>Committee on Discipline</b> <b>6 year term on Committee on Discipline without consecutive re-election.</b>	
<b>Vacancy –Clergy (BER)</b>	
<b>Vacancy – Lay (At-large))</b>	



<b>Committee on Discipline</b>	<b>Term</b>
Mr. Allan Halvorsen (lay BER)	2011-2017
<b>VACANCY (clergy BER)</b>	<b>** 2015-2021</b>
Mr. Keith Holt (lay CR)	2013-2019
Rev. David Krinke (Clergy CR)	2011-2017
Mr. James Nagel (lay MR)	2010-2016
Rev. John Petersen (clergy MR)	2011-2017
Mr. Burton Svendsen (lay RR)	2012-2018
Rev. Louise Stromberg (clergy RR)	2013-2019
Mr. Randy Demmer (lay ZR)	2011-2017
Rev. Steve Rheingans (clergy ZR)	2013-2019
<b>VACANCY (lay at-large)</b>	<b>** 2015-2021</b>
Rev. Betsy Dartt (clergy at-large)	2011-2017

## **Augsburg College Corporation**

The constitutional support for ELCA colleges is through the Vocation and Education Program Unit (ELCA Constitution 16.12.C05). This Unit sets forth policies for the colleges of the church which are faithful to the Lutheran tradition and which assure that the colleges are an essential expression of God's mission in the world; are faithful to the will of God as institutions providing quality instruction in religion and are a lively ministry of worship, outreach and service; are faithful to the world by preparing leaders committed to truth, excellence and ethical values; and are faithful to students in their dedication to the development of mind, body, and spirit.

The ELCA oversees the application of these policies at Augsburg College through the governing members of the Corporation which includes representatives from the four synods within Augsburg's designated region: Minneapolis, Saint Paul, Southeastern Minnesota and the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin. Other governing members include representatives from the Board of Regents, faculty, and college administration and student body. ELCA congregations outside of the four synods may participate with the governing members in an advisory capacity.

The primary task for the governing members of the Augsburg Corporation is to represent the church for the purpose of electing the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents is the official governing group of the College. They are entrusted with the authority to elect the College President. To carry out this task of electing Regents, the Augsburg Corporation Governing Board meets annually in the fall. In addition to electing the Board of Regents, the governing board members are asked to strengthen Augsburg College spiritually and academically, to promote and represent the college in appropriate forums, and to provide oversight and whatever other forms of assistance it may find feasible and appropriate.

The ELCA has established a process for you to be in mission with Augsburg toward the fulfillment of the church's vision for the college.

David Wold  
College Pastor and Director of Ministries

### **Term of office:**

**Augsburg College Corporation Board consists of 17 members who serve for two years and can run for two consecutive terms.**

***Vacancies restricted to the conference listed below.***

**Augsburg College Corporation Board Vacancies (9):**

<b>Augsburg College Corporation Board 2 year term</b>	
<b>VACANCY –Lay or Clergy (MR)</b>	
<b>VACANCY – Lay or Clergy (BER)</b>	
<b>VACANCY – Lay or Clergy (ZR)</b>	
<b>Boorsma, Rev Mark D. (BER)</b>	<b>Eligible for second term</b>
<b>Breimhorst, Rev Craig R. (CR)</b>	<b>Eligible for second term</b>
<b>Forbes, Rev Jeffrey S. (Jeff) (ZR)</b>	<b>Eligible for second term</b>
<b>Hagen, Rev Karna Marie (ZR)</b>	<b>Eligible for second term</b>
<b>Myers, Rev Andrea (at large)</b>	<b>Eligible for second term</b>
<b>Nelson, Mr Craig (BER)</b>	<b>Eligible for second term</b>
<b>Wiste, Ms Cindy (at large)</b>	<b>Eligible for second term</b>

**Augsburg College Corporation Board**

<b>Augsburg College Corporation Board</b>	<b>Term (1 or 2 term)</b>
<b>Boorsma, Rev Mark D. (BER)</b>	<b>2013-2015</b>
<b>Breimhorst, Rev Craig R. (CR)</b>	<b>2013-2015</b>
Bussert, Rev Joy (CR)	2014-2016 (1)
Dartt, Rev Betsy Ann Haglof (RR)	2014-2016 (1)
Eversole, Rev Kerry B. (RR)	2014-2016 (1)
<b>Forbes, Rev Jeffrey S. (Jeff) (ZR)</b>	<b>2013-2015</b>
<b>VACANCY (BER)</b>	
<b>Hagen, Rev Karna Marie (ZR)</b>	<b>2013-2015</b>
Holt, Mr Keith (CR)	2014-2016 (2)
Jessen, Rev Arne (MR)	2014-2016 (1)
Klawiter, Rev David (Dave) (MR)	2014-2016 (1)
<b>VACANCY (MR)</b>	
<b>Myers, Rev Andrea (at large)</b>	<b>2013-2015</b>
<b>Nelson, Mr Craig (BER)</b>	<b>2013-2015</b>
Stromberg, Mr James (RR)	2014-2016 (1)
<b>Wiste, Ms Cindy (at large)</b>	<b>2013-2015</b>
<b>VACANCY (ZR)</b>	

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