

Nominations Addendum

Effective May 8, 2024

The following are not late nominations. These nominees were nominated through the appropriate nomination process.

Those nominated were invited to submit responses to these two questions:

1. List three current or past congregational, synodical, or churchwide service activities.
 2. Describe your sense of God calling you into mission and service in Southeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA. What are the gifts, skills, experiences, and areas of expertise that you could bring to the work?
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2024 ELECTION BALLOT

Each year at the Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly, voting members vote for individuals to serve in different leadership capacities on council, tables, and teams.

Synod Council - Rostered

Vote for up to 3.

Rev. Sam Mailleue

(First Lutheran in Le Sueur)

1. Chairman of the Le Sueur Area Food Shelf; Spiritual Director Certification through Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary; a co-chair of the Le Sueur Area Ministerial Association
2. I bring a real passion to ecumenical ministry and a desire to find common ground in the faith we have in Jesus Christ. Since I wasn't born into Lutheranism but rather came to the ELCA as an adult, I love sharing with others the many ways in which being a Lutheran embraces the nitty-gritty and how God is at work in some of the unlikeliest of places or people. As a

newer person to the synod—my first call was a NC synod congregation—I believe I may be able to offer a different perspective on the SEMN synod council.

CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY BALLOT

The year prior to each ELCA Churchwide Assembly (CWA), the synod assembly will elect its voting members. The next CWA will take place in Arizona, 7/28-8/2/2025.

Lay Male Voting Member

Vote for up to 5.

Jeffrey Vetsch

(Grace in Waseca)

1. Liturgist, Head Usher, Worship Team Chair, and past congregation council member
2. Our motto at Grace Lutheran is to Connect, Belong, and Serve. I try to live each week by connecting with others and in our community. God calls me to serve in many ways and places. In our community and at Grace Lutheran. Serving as a lay voting member for the Southeastern Minnesota synod of the ELCA is just another way I can serve my congregation and my God.

Lay Female Voting Member

Vote for up to 4.

Twylla Vetsch

(Grace in Waseca)

1. Faith formation teacher, alter guild member, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, past council member
2. I have been called to serve God. This to me means to show God's love and

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giveservice to all whom I encounter. To greet those who enter Grace Lutheran church and make sure they feel welcome. To joyfully serve others thru teaching, ushering, communion and caring about God's people of all ages. And now to reach past our congregation into the Synod wide community.

Rostered Male Voting Member

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Rostered Female Voting Member

Vote for up to 3.

Rev. Jenna Couch

(Crossroads Campus Ministry in Mankato)

1. *(No response.)*
2. *(No response.)*

Rev. Mary Iverson

(Trinity in New Richland)

1. Upcoming Dean of Minnesota River Conference, SE MN Synod Sabbatical Committee, Synod Assembly Credentials Committee
2. I've never attended the Churchwide Assembly but have always been interested in serving in this vital role. I have long explored the important roles that the social statements play within our denomination and hope to continue to work on the development and implementation of these statements. It would be an honor to represent our synod as we explore the future of the ELCA.