

Nominee Biography Information



Occupation: Disabled
Demographics: Female
31+
LGBTQIA+

JENNIFER ACKERMAN

FIRST, LORAIN - NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

My main interest in the church is:
helping it grow and focus on our current members

SYNOD SERVICE

CURRENT:
Synod Council
Churchwide WELCA
executive board member

PREVIOUS:
Vice President NEOS
Women's Organization

CONGREGATION SERVICE

CURRENT:
Choir Member
Call Committee

PREVIOUS:
Worship & Hymn
Selection Committee

COMMUNITY SERVICE

PREVIOUS:
Oberlin's Musical
Union Member
LCCC Community
Choir



Occupation:
Demographics: Female
Young Adult (18-30)

JHAYDA AMMONS

ST. PAUL, BELLVILLE - SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

My main interest in the church is:
servicing others and learning to love like Christ

SYNOD SERVICE

PREVIOUS:
Attended 2022 ELCA
Churchwide Assembly

CONGREGATION SERVICE

PREVIOUS:
Youth Group
Acolyte

COMMUNITY SERVICE

PREVIOUS:
Work Camps



Occupation:
Demographics: Male
31+
BIPOC

BOBBY BARNES

NEW COVENANT, EAST CLEVELAND - NORTHEAST CONFERENCE

My main interest in the church is:
to see the church grow

SYNOD SERVICE

CURRENT:
Synod Council

PREVIOUS:
ELCA Churchwide
Assembly

CONGREGATION SERVICE

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Occupation: Professor of Music
Demographics: Male
31+

ROWLAND BLACKLEY

PEACE, ASHLAND - SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

My main interest in the church is:
gathering the people of God together to hear the Gospel, share the Eucharist, support each other, pray, and do God's work outside the walls of the church building

SYNOD SERVICE

PREVIOUS:
Synod Council
Discipline Committee

CONGREGATION SERVICE

CURRENT:
Music Director

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CURRENT:
Community Music
Presentations
PREVIOUS:
Ashland Symphony
Chorus Board of
Directors & Search
Committee



Occupation: Graduate Student
Demographics: Male
Young Adult (18-30)

ALEXANDER CLEVINGER

ADVENT, UNIONTOWN - SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

My main interest in the church is:
to spread God's love to the community

SYNOD SERVICE

CURRENT:
Synod Council
PREVIOUS:
Lutheran Outdoor
Ministries in Ohio -
Summer Staff 2017-2018

CONGREGATION SERVICE

CURRENT:
Church Council

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CURRENT:
Lake Township FISH
Food Bank
PREVIOUS:
Invasive Species
Control



Occupation: Retired
Demographics: Female
31+
BIPOC

CAROLINE COLE

NEW COVENANT, EAST CLEVELAND - NORTHEAST CONFERENCE

My main interest in the church is:
to win souls for Christ

SYNOD SERVICE

CURRENT:
One Body, Many
Members Anti-Racist
Conversations Affinity
Group

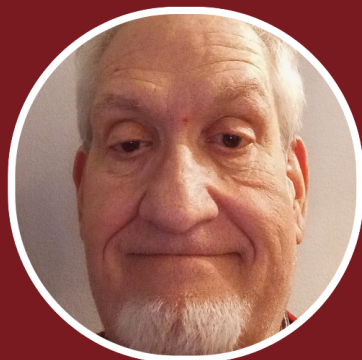
CONGREGATION SERVICE

CURRENT:
Church Council
Secretary
Director of Hunger
Center
President of African
Descent Lutheran
Association

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CURRENT:
Fairfax Renaissance
Development Corp.
Board
Northeast Ohio
Alliance for Hope
Board

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REV. DAVID CONNOR

My main interest in the church is:

following Jesus as best I can every day

GOOD SOIL, ROCKY RIVER - NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

Occupation: Pastor - Retired

Demographics: Male
31+

SYNOD SERVICE

CURRENT:

Supply Pastor

PREVIOUS:

Global Mission Committee
Camp Luther Advisory
Board & Volunteer

CONGREGATION SERVICE

PREVIOUS:

Interim Pastor in 27
Congregations - 5
different Synods

Resident Pastor in 3
Congregations in Ohio

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CURRENT:

Lakewood Rangers
Swim Team Volunteer

PREVIOUS:

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic
Railroad Volunteer
All Aboard Ohio
Volunteer



REV. KRISTINA CROG

My main interest in the church is:

to share the love and acceptance of Jesus Christ with all people

ST. JACOB, MASSILLON - SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Occupation: Pastor

Demographics: Female
31+

SYNOD SERVICE

CURRENT:

ELCA Churchwide
Disciplinary Committee

PREVIOUS:

Synod Council
Synod Executive
Committee

CONGREGATION SERVICE

CURRENT:

St. Jacob, Massillon

PREVIOUS:

Jerusalem, Seville
St. Peter, New Pittsburg

COMMUNITY SERVICE

PREVIOUS:

Cleveland Rape Crisis
Center
Lutheran Foundation
of America Greater
Cleveland Chapter



LEO FRANCK

My main interest in the church is:

building community with each other and God

CELEBRATION, CHARDON - NORTHEAST CONFERENCE

Occupation: Student

Demographics: Young
Adult (18-30)
LGBTQIA+

SYNOD SERVICE

PREVIOUS:

NEOS LYO Board
Member

CONGREGATION SERVICE

PREVIOUS:

Call Committee
God's Work, Our Hands
events
Food Pantry

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CURRENT:

CapFam Days of
Service

PREVIOUS:

Lake County Humane
Society
MPL Youth Programs

Nominee Biography Information



Occupation: Clergy - Retired
Demographics: Male
31+

REV. DONALD FRANTZ

My main interest in the church is:
**serving God to the best of my ability,
using my God given talents wherever the
Spirit leads**

CHRIST, AVON LAKE - NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

SYNOD SERVICE

PREVIOUS:
Synod Assembly
Resolutions Committee
Lutheran Outdoor
Ministries in Ohio Board

CONGREGATION SERVICE

CURRENT:
Interim - First, Lorain
PREVIOUS:
Interim - Church of the
Master, Bedford
Pastor - Parma, Parma

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CURRENT:
Lorain Co. CoOp
Ministry Board Member
PREVIOUS:
Superintendent's
Advisory Committee -
Wilmington City
Schools



Occupation: Medical
Research Librarian - Retired
Demographics: Female
31+

GRETCHEN HALLERBERG

My main interest in the church is:
**expanding the diversity of the
church and its role(s) in the world**

PEACE, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS - NORTHEAST CONFERENCE

SYNOD SERVICE

CURRENT:
Voting Member to Synod
Assembly

CONGREGATION SERVICE

CURRENT:
Dandelion Project
Worship & Music,
Creation Care, and
Personnel Committees
PREVIOUS:
Church Council
President

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CURRENT:
Cleveland Museum of
Natural History Volunteer
PREVIOUS:
Board Member/President
for several library
organizations (local,
regional, state)



Occupation: Teacher
Demographics: Female
31+

JANET HARTMAN

My main interest in the church is:
**worshipping regularly and sharing my faith
with the young people of the
congregation**

ZION, YOUNGSTOWN - SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

SYNOD SERVICE

CURRENT:
Synod Council Lay
Representative
WELCA Board

CONGREGATION SERVICE

CURRENT:
Sunday School Teacher
Youth Music
Adult Choir
Communion Server

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CURRENT:
Changing Hearts
God's Work, Our Hands
Day
PREVIOUS:
Rescue Mission

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Occupation: **Pastor**
Demographics: **Male**
31+

REV. JEREMY HOLLINGSHEAD

My main interest in the church is:
helping us do a better job of doing the things Christ tells us to do

MARTIN LUTHER, YOUNGSTOWN - SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

SYNOD SERVICE

CURRENT:
Synod Secretary

PREVIOUS:
Synod Council Member
Synod Council Executive Committee

CONGREGATION SERVICE

CURRENT:
Pastor

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CURRENT:
MVAC Board

PREVIOUS:
CropWalk Organizer
Community Garden Overseer



Occupation: **Engineer**
Demographics: **Male**
31+

DAVID JOHNSON

My main interest in the church is:
doing God's work in the world

BETHESDA ON THE BAY, BAY VILLAGE - NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

SYNOD SERVICE

CONGREGATION SERVICE

CURRENT:
Dandelion Project
Usher/Greeter
BSA Chartered Organization Representative

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CURRENT:
LMM Financial/Audit Committees Board Member

PREVIOUS:
Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Volunteer
Cleveland Chapter of ASM International - Chairman



Occupation: **Bank VP - Retired**
Demographics: **Male**
31+

KEVIN KAMPFER

My main interest in the church is:
sharing the message of God's love, hope, and grace for all people

TRINITY, MAGNOLIA - SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

SYNOD SERVICE

CURRENT:
Synod Vice President
Synod Council Executive Committee

CONGREGATION SERVICE

CURRENT:
Congregation President
Lector
Lay Worship Leader
Prepare Monthly/Yearly Financial Reports

COMMUNITY SERVICE

PREVIOUS:
Massillon Urban League Board of Directors-Treasurer
Mount Union College Alumni Council
Junior Achievement Educator

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Occupation: Pastor
Demographics: 31+
LGBTQIA+

REV. LAURA KUNTZ

CHRIST, AVON LAKE - NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

My main interest in the church is:

to receive and share the Good News of Jesus

SYNOD SERVICE

CURRENT:
Intentional Interim
Ministry

CONGREGATION SERVICE

CURRENT:
Interim - Christ, Avon
Lake

PREVIOUS:
Interim - Bethel,
Middleburg Heights
Interim - St. Timothy,
Mansfield

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CURRENT:
Proclaim community
planning and support
Local Lakewood
cleanup crew



Occupation: University
Instructor - Retired
Demographics: 31+

KIRK LOMBARDY

TRINITY, MADISON - NORTHEAST CONFERENCE

My main interest in the church is:

carry out the work of God through
worship and service with our church
community and the NE Ohio Synod

SYNOD SERVICE

CURRENT:
Synod Council

CONGREGATION SERVICE

CURRENT:
Council President
Worship & Digital
Media

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Occupation: Retired
Demographics: Female
31+

BEVERLY LUND

PEACE, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS - NORTHEAST CONFERENCE

My main interest in the church is:

fostering & deepening each member's
relationship with Christ, enabling them to
more fully engage in the world as Jesus did

SYNOD SERVICE

CURRENT:
Synod Council
Hunger Team Affinity
Group

CONGREGATION SERVICE

CURRENT:
Peace & Justice Ministry
Creation Care Task
Force
Children's Closet
clothing community
outreach

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CURRENT:
Hunger Network:
Pantry & Food Rescue
volunteer
Malachi House
volunteer
Community Emergency
Response Team (CERT)

Nominee Biography Information



Occupation: **Pastor**
Demographics: **Male**
31+

REV. STEVEN MAHAFFEY

My main interest in the church is:
to help guide others in using their spiritual gifts for mission and outreach, and to assist others in deepening their walk with God and others through educational and service opportunities

ST. MATTHEW, MEDINA - NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

SYNOD SERVICE

CURRENT:
First Call Theological Education - Presenter

PREVIOUS:
S.Ohio Thrive Campaign
S.Ohio Call Committee for Assistant to the Bishop

CONGREGATION SERVICE

CURRENT:
St. Matthew, Medina

PREVIOUS:
St. Luke, Marietta
Developer/Leader of Youth Service Ministry at Lord of Life, Dublin

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CURRENT:
Thrivent Action Team Organizer

PREVIOUS:
Harmar Rowing Club, Marietta - President
Local Organizing Committee for Midwest Rowing Championship



Occupation: **Pastor**
Demographics: **Female**
31+

REV. JANE MOKREN

My main interest in the church is:
sharing the word of God with others encouraging telling our stories as well as serving

ZION, DOYLESTOWN - SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

SYNOD SERVICE

CURRENT:
Voting Member to Synod Assembly

CONGREGATION SERVICE

CURRENT:
Pastor

PREVIOUS:
Council President
WELCA Study Leader

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CURRENT:
Community VBS Planner/Leader w/ UMC Partner

CURRENT:
Interfaith Caregivers, Akron
Hudson Garden Club Treasurer & Volunteer



Occupation: **Pastor**
Demographics: **Male**
31+

REV. PAUL MOODY

My main interest in the church is:
growing in love, sacramentally sustained

MESSIAH, LYNDHURST - NORTHEAST CONFERENCE

SYNOD SERVICE

CURRENT:
Synod Worship Committee
First Call Cohort Mentor

CONGREGATION SERVICE

CURRENT:
Messiah, Lyndhurst
Pub Theology

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CURRENT:
Hillcrest Interfaith Association Convener
Sundays and Seasons
Gospel Reflections
Commentaries
Contributor

Nominee Biography Information



Occupation: Office Manager/Events Coord.
Demographics: Female
31+

SONY RICHARDSON-GILROY

ST. LUKE'S, CUYAHOGA FALLS - SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

My main interest in the church is:
finding ways for us, as people of God, to engage with our communities and be welcoming to all

SYNOD SERVICE

CURRENT:
Synod Staff

CURRENT:
Synod Assembly Voting Member
ELCA Communications Conference Attendee

CONGREGATION SERVICE

CURRENT:
Council Secretary
Altar Guild
Gifts & Memorial committee chair

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CURRENT:
BSA Troop 166, Charter Org. Representative
Making Strides Against Breast Cancer participant

PREVIOUS:
Relay For Life of Cuyahoga Falls, committee member and team captain



Occupation: Physical Therapist/Rehab Manager
Demographics: Female
31+

ERIN SLATES

ST. JOHN, MCZENA (LAKEVILLE) - SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

My main interest in the church is:
church health and growth in a changing world

SYNOD SERVICE

PREVIOUS:
ELCA Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

CONGREGATION SERVICE

CURRENT:
Steward for Council Operation AED Committee Member

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CURRENT:
American Heart Association CPR Instructor



Occupation: Pastor
Demographics: Female
31+

REV. CHELSEA SPENCER

NEW LIFE, YOUNGSTOWN & GRACE, HUBBARD - SOUTHEAST CONF

My main interest in the church is:
to proclaim Christ crucified to the world in today's context while remaining faithful to the Lutheran theological and scriptural lens through which we understand the Gospel

SYNOD SERVICE

CURRENT:
Synod Congregational Systems Resource Team

PREVIOUS:
Synod Council Nominating Committee

CONGREGATION SERVICE

CURRENT:
New Life, Youngstown Grace, Hubbard

PREVIOUS:
Martin Luther, Bucyrus & Nevada, Nevada

COMMUNITY SERVICE

PREVIOUS:
Licensed Foster Parent for county Children Services

Nominee Biography Information



Occupation: Student
Demographics: Male
Youth (13-17)

AUGUST WEIGHT

ST. MATTHEW, MEDINA - NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

My main interest in the church is:
being an active member of my congregation and my
youth group. I will be attending the ELCA Youth
Gathering in July and I am looking forward to grow
in my faith.

SYNOD SERVICE

CURRENT:
Synod Council

CONGREGATION SERVICE

CURRENT:
Luther League
President
Choir Member

PREVIOUS:
Luther League
Secretary

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CURRENT:
Key Club
Latin Club

Synod Vice President Resume



KEVIN KAMPFER

Canton, Ohio * kkampfer@sbcglobal.net

NORTHEASTERN OHIO SYNOD SERVICE

2021 - Present : Vice President

2017 - Present : Synod Council - (Representative for the Southern Conference -2017-2021)

2018 - Present : Audit and Finance Committee

2019 - Present : Executive Committee

CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Magnolia, OH.

2010 - Present : President of the Congregation and Church Council

2005 - 2010 : Vice President of the Congregation and Church Council

2005 - Present : Lay Worship Leader, Lector

2015 - Present : Prepare monthly and year-end financial reports to assist our Treasurer

WORK HISTORY

2012 - Present : Retired

CHARTER ONE fka CHARTER ONE BANK, FSB (Citizens Financial acquired Charter One Bank, FSB in 2004)

2005 - 2012 : Vice President, Branch Sales Manager

NMLS ID # 753606

CHARTER ONE BANK, FSB (Charter One Bank, FSB acquired First American Savings Bank, FSB in 1992)

2000 - 2005 : Vice President, Branch Manager Administrative Services

*Returned to solely managing day-to-day operations of a branch and originating loans as all administrative services functions were moved to Cleveland and then out of state.

1992 - 2000 : Vice President, Eastern Ohio Division - Savings

Manager, Administrative Services

FIRST AMERICAN SAVINGS BANK, FSB fka FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OF CANTON

1992 - 1992 : Vice President - Savings

Corporate Security Officer

Purchasing Agent

1989 - 1992 : Senior Branch Manager - Canton Main Office (Corporate Headquarters)

Corporate Security Officer

Purchasing Agent

1980 - 1989 : Branch Manager Trainee/Branch Manager/Senior Branch Manager

NATIONAL CITY BANK

1979 - 1980 : Branch Manager Trainee

Synod Vice President Resume Cont'd



KEVIN KAMPFER

Canton, Ohio * kkampfer@sbcglobal.net

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Massillon Urban League Board of Directors, 1996 - 2006; Board Treasurer, 1997-2006
(*The Massillon Urban League was merged into the Stark County Urban League in 2006.*)

Mount Union College Annual Fund Committee, 1979 - 1998

Mount Union College Alumni Council, 1990 - 1996

Junior Achievement Educator, 1985 - 1986

Mount Union College Board of Trustees, 1979 - 1980

EDUCATION

B.A., Mount Union College, Alliance, OH., 1979

Degree of Distinction, The Institute of Financial Education, 1987

Graduate, Ohio Savings and Loan Academy, 1988

Growing in Faith - The Diakonia Program - 2023 to Present

Synod Secretary Resume



REV. JEREMY HOLLINGSHEAD

Salem, Ohio

EDUCATION

8/2012-5/2016

Trinity Lutheran Seminary M.Div.

Bexley, Ohio

9/1998-5/2001

Ohio Christian University BA

Circleville, Ohio

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

9/2020-present

Pastor Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church

- Preaching & Teaching Faith Formation classes and creating curricula
- Community organizing and strategic planning for ministry initiatives
- Worship planning and leading
- Providing for various pastoral care needs
- Serving on North-eastern Ohio Synod Council
- Serving on North-eastern Ohio Synod Council Executive Committee

11/2019-9/2020

Interim Pastor Saint James Lutheran Church

- Preaching & Teaching Faith Formation classes and creating curricula
- Community organizing and strategic planning for ministry initiatives
- Worship planning and leading
- Providing for various pastoral care needs

8/2015-11/2019

Pastor Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church

- Preaching & Teaching Faith Formation classes and creating curricula
- Community organizing and strategic planning for ministry initiatives
- Worship planning and leading
- Providing for various pastoral care needs

9/2018-11/2019

Adjunct Professor University of Rio Grande

- Teaching speech and communication classes
- Teaching Introduction to Humanities
- Constructing syllabi
- Helping first generation college students in Appalachia gain skills and confidence necessary to succeed in a collegiate environment

Synod Secretary Resume Cont'd



REV. JEREMY HOLLINGSHEAD

Salem, Ohio

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY Continued

3/2005-8/2012

Chemical Reactor Operator

- Made phenol/formaldehyde polymers in a thermochemical reactor
- Ran formaldehyde and urea formaldehyde concentrate plants

1/2000-3/2005

Chemical Dependency Counsellor

- Ran Group and individual counselling sessions and provided assessments
- Planned curricula for several types of group therapy

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Ordained an ELCA Lutheran Pastor in March of 2017

Expanded Hope Garden at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in size, food production, and distribution

Elected to Northeastern Ohio Synod Council 2021

Elected to Northeastern Ohio Synod Council Executive Committee 2022

Served as President of Jackson Ministerial Alliance 2017-2019

Received the Pearch Gift from Trinity Lutheran Seminary for dedication to ministry in Appalachia in May of 2016

Received the Schaaf award for outstanding achievement in the field of church history from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in May of 2013