

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 3 Regions
(to be elected if the present 3 Regions of the District are retained)
(as of June 11, 2009)

The new Board of Directors will consist of 18 members, including the three elected Vice-Presidents and the elected District Secretary. The 18 members will be an equal balance between rostered workers (Ministers of Religion, ordained and commissioned) and lay persons.

NORTHWEST – Ordained Minister (choose one):

Rev. Lee Genter – Chaplain, Lutheran Home
Rev. Lance O’Donnell - Emmanuel, Van Wert
Rev. William Stottlemeyer – St. Stephen, Defiance

NORTHEAST – Ordained Minister (choose one):

Rev. Hosea Ekong - Victory, Youngstown
Rev. Gerry Matzke - Zion, Painesville
Rev. David Timm, Royal Redeemer, N. Royalton
*Rev. Larry Wesolik, St. Paul, Westlake

SOUTHERN – Ordained Minister (choose one):

*Rev. Dennis Dobbins - St. Timothy, Huber Heights
Rev. James Gau - Our Savior, Newark
Rev. John Hohe - Beautiful Savior, Powell
Rev. John Hood – St. James, Columbus
Rev. Scott Tessin – Messiah, Cincinnati

NORTHWEST - Lay People (choose three):

Carl Rausch – St. Paul, Napoleon
Roger Schlade – Trinity, Toledo
* W.I. “Joe” Strieter – Shepherd of the Valley, Perrysburg

NORTHEAST - Lay People (choose three):

*Howard Chavalia- Hosanna, Columbia Station
Fred Kressierer - Hope, Aurora
Joseph Kress – Redeemer, Cuyahoga Falls
*Gary Likowski – Royal Redeemer, North Royalton
Phil Oberhaus – Hosanna, Columbia Station

SOUTHERN - Lay People (choose three):

*Larry Beal – Trinity, Logan
*Sandra Danneman – Life in Christ, Grove City
Charles Elsea – Redeemer, Lancaster
Frank Farr – Kings of Kings, Mason
*Jim Frye – Messiah, Cincinnati
Gailyn Thomsen – Redeemer, Sidney
Terry Worst – Our Savior, Newark

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS – AT LARGE (choose two):

*Kenneth Boerger - Bethany, Parma
Dale Lehrke - St. Paul, Westlake
Gil Schepmann – King of Kings, Mason
* Christine Spohn - Trinity, Toledo

* = incumbent

ORDAINED MINISTER – NORTHWEST REGION

NAME: Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

CHURCH: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Van Wert, OH

POSITIONS IN LOCAL CONGREGATION/COMMUNITY:

Congregation

- Pastor (sole) 2002-Present

Community

- Post-tornado long-term recovery committee (2002-2003)
- Community health board member (2004-2006)
- Member of local neighborhood association (2003-present)
- Rotary club member (2002-2009)
- Crisis pregnancy center volunteer (Present)
- Cub scout den assistant
- Youth sport coach

POSITIONS IN CHURCH-AT-LARGE

- Seminary field work supervisor (2002 - Present)
- Ph.D. Candidate (Missiology) (2001- Present)
- PALS participant (2002-2005)
- Ohio District Human Care Board/Task Force
- Lutheran Women's Missionary League zone counselor (2006 – Present)
- Ohio District Wellness Group Participant (2006 – Present)
- Synodical convention delegate (2007)
- Human Care Floor Committee (2007 Synodical convention)
- Delegate-2008 Theological Convocation on Synodical Structure and Governance
- Ohio District Lutheran Church Extension Fund Board

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NAME: Rev. Lee Genter

CHURCH: Chaplain at Lutheran Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Napoleon (2002-Present)

POSITIONS IN LOCAL CHURCH:

- Pastor at Redeemer Convoy 1992 -2002
- Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church, Fayette, Iowa 1987-1992
- Mission Developer / Church Planter, Good Shepherd, West Union, Iowa 1988-1992

POSITIONS HELD IN CHURCH AT LARGE

- Ohio District Mission Board
- NW 1 Circuit Counselor
- Iowa District East Evangelism Committee

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NAME: Rev. William Stottlemeyer

CHURCH: St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Defiance, Ohio

POSITIONS IN LOCAL CONGREGATION

- Pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Defiance, OH 2002 – present
- Pastor of Immanuel & St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, MN 1990-2002
- Zion Lutheran Church, Emblem, WY & St. John Lutheran Church, Lovell, WY (vicarage) 1998-1999

POSITIONS IN CHURCH-AT-LARGE

Ohio District Lay Training Task Force 2008 – present
Synodical Convention Pastoral Delegate 2001, 2004
Seminary Field Worker Supervisor 2003 - 2005

OTHER:

Regular Leader for Chapel at Vancrest Health Care Center, Holgate, Ohio
Youth Baseball Coach - 1995-2000, 2007

ORDAINED MINISTER – NORTHEAST REGION

NAME: Rev. Hosea Ekong

CHURCH: Victory Lutheran Church, Youngstown, OH

POSITIONS IN LOCAL CONGREGATION:

- Serving as Pastor of Victory Lutheran Church
Director, Operation Learning Community Program, Inc., an after-school program.

POSITIONS IN CHURCH-AT-LARGE:

- Served on the Ohio District Board for Mission Services
Served on the Board of Lutheran Family and Children’s Services
Zone Counselor, Lutheran Women’s Missionary League - Youngstown;
Junior Pastoral Counselor, Ohio District LWML
Currently serves as Senior Pastoral Counselor, Ohio District LWML
Member of Learning Community Group

OTHER: Conducts worship services first Saturday of each month at Shepherd of the Valley, Poland, OH.

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NAME: Rev. Gerry Matzke

CHURCH: Zion Lutheran Church, Painesville, OH

POSITIONS IN LOCAL CONGREGATION

- Senior Pastor: 2006-Present
Pastor - St. Paul, Chuckery, OH 1999-2006
Pastor - St. Paul, Rochelle, IL 1990-1999
Associate Pastor - St. Peter, Hemlock, MI 1981-1990
Principal - Trinity, Warren, MI 1975-1979
Teacher and Principal - Lutheran School Association, Decatur, IL 1968-1975

POSITIONS IN CHURCH-AT-LARGE

- Ohio District Board of Directors 2002-2006
Ohio District Human Care Board 2000-2006 Chairman 2002-2006
Ohio District Convention Arrangements Chairman 2003
Ohio District Code of Regulations Task Force Chairman 2003-2006
Synodical Convention Delegate 2001
Northern Illinois District Parish Nurse Network Pastoral Advisor 1993-1999
Concordia Wisconsin Parish Nurse Training Pastoral Advisor 1993-1999
Michigan District Board of Christian Education 1997-1999
Michigan District Day School Committee 1997-1999
Michigan District School Funding Task Force 1998-1999

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NAME: Rev. Larry Wesolik, EM

POSITIONS IN LOCAL CONGREGATION

Senior Pastor 1993 - 3/31/09

As a retired Pastor since 04/01/09

- Bible class participant
- Bible class leader
- Stephen ministry trainer and leader

POSITIONS IN CHURCH-AT-LARGE

- Ohio District Board of Director – 2007 to present.
- Ohio District Board for Missions - 2005-2006
- Pastoral Coach associated with Transforming Congregations Network effort of the Ohio District. - current

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NAME: Rev. Dave Timm

CHURCH: Royal Redeemer Lutheran Church, North Royalton, OH

POSITIONS IN LOCAL CONGREGATION

- Associate Pastor....typical pastoral duties
- Director of Care Ministries....1 full time,3 part time staff
- Confirmation program....130 students / 10 small groups
- Staff Leadership Team member

POSITIONS IN CHURCH-AT-LARGE (none)

OTHER: Married 36 years....4 children; 5 grandchildren (plus 1 on the way)

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ORDAINED MINISTER – SOUTHERN REGION

NAME: Rev. Dennis L. Dobbins

CHURCH: St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Huber Heights, OH

BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION:

Dennis attended Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebraska, where in 1988 he received his Bachelor of Science in Education, Lutheran Teachers Diploma and Director of Christian Education Certification. His one year internship for the Director of Christian Education was served at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN. He received a divine Call to serve as their Director of Youth and Christian Education where he served from 1988 to 1992. He accepted a divine Call from Concordia Lutheran Church, Sikeston, MO. in 1992 and served as their Director of Youth and Christian Education for two years. In 1994, he accepted a divine Call to Grace Lutheran Church, Columbus, IN to serve as Director of Youth and Christian Education. In the summer of 1996 he entered Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, to prepare for the pastoral ministry in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. His year of vicarage was spent at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Huber Heights, Ohio. On June 27, 1999, he was ordained and received a divine Call as Pastor of St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Huber Heights, Ohio.

POSITIONS IN CHURCH-AT-LARGE

- Ohio District Board of Directors: September 2008 - present
- Huber Heights Fire Department Chaplain: 2000 - present
- Indiana District Youth Board: 1988 - 1992
- Indiana District National Youth Gathering Coordinator: 1989 & 1992

OTHER: Member of the Miami Valley Women’s Center Pastoral Advisory Board: 2000 - 2007

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NAME: Rev. James Gau

CHURCH: Our Savior Lutheran Church, Newark, Ohio

POSITIONS IN LOCAL CONGREGATION:

- Our Savior Lutheran Church, Newark, Ohio – 1/05-present
- Vacancy and Pulpit Supply, Columbus, Ohio – 4/96-12/04
- St. Luke’s Lutheran, Manhattan, Kansas – 6/93-3/96
- Immanuel, Hoxie and Grace, Hill City, Kansas – 6-90-5/93

POSITIONS IN CHURCH AT LARGE:

- Kansas District Youth Board (1992-95)
- Kansas District Campus Pastor Board (1993-96)
- Kansas District Evangelism Board (1993-96)
- Kansas District Evangelism Trainer (1994-95)
- LCMS National Youth Board (1992)
- Ohio District Youth Board (2006-08)
- Ohio District Circuit Counselor (2006-present)
- Ohio District Convention Chairman (2006 and 2009)

OTHER:

- STM in Exegesis/Systematics 2009
- Leading current congregation through Transforming Congregations (second year)
- Financial Planner with American Express Financial Advisors (1998-2004)

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LAY PERSON - NORTHWEST REGION

NAME: Carl A. Rausch

CHURCH: St. Paul Lutheran Church (Flatrock Twp.), Napoleon, Ohio

POSITIONS IN LOCAL CONGREGATION: Chairman

POSITIONS IN CHURCH-AT-LARGE: None

OTHER: Delegate to 2003 and 2006 Ohio District Convention; Delegate to LCMS 2007 Convention in Houston, TX.

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NAME: Dr. Roger E. Schlade

CHURCH: Trinity Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio

POSITIONS IN LOCAL CONGREGATION:

- Recently Board of Elders for 6 years
- Chairman for the last 3 years
- Stewardship Board
- Currently chair of our Trinity Call Committee

POSITIONS IN CHURCH-AT-LARGE:

- 6 year term on the Ohio District Stewardship Board

OTHER: I help organize a Trinity golf outing each year and co-chair a fishing outing on Lake Erie for Christian fellowship among our Trinity men; member of the church choir; greeter; reader and member of an ushering team.

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NAME: W. I. ("Joe") Strieter

CHURCH: Shepherd of the Valley, Perrysburg, OH

POSITIONS IN LOCAL CONGREGATION:

- PAST
Congregation President, Vice President, Chairman Board of Stewardship, Chairman Board of Elders, Member Boards of Stewardship, Lay Ministry, and Christian Education; Sunday School Superintendent; Sunday School Teacher (adult and youth), Building Committee Member
- PRESENT
Building Committee Member, Substitute Adult Bible Class Teacher

POSITIONS IN CHURCH-AT-LARGE:

- PAST
Lay Delegate Synodical Convention 2001, 2004, 2007
Lay Delegate District Convention, 2000, 2003 (Floor Committee)
2006 Lay Member, Ohio District Board of Directors (2004-5)
- PRESENT
Lay Member, Ohio District Board of Directors (Northwest)
Member, President's Circle, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (Development)
Guest lecturer at CTSFW
Lay Delegate to Circuit for 2007 Synodical Convention (until 2010)

OTHER: Cleveland Lutheran High School Class of 1954; Valparaiso University Class of 1958

LAY PERSON - NORTHEAST REGION

NAME: Howard K. Chavalia

CHURCH: Hosanna Lutheran Church, Columbia Station, OH

POSITIONS IN LOCAL CONGREGATION

- Immediate Past Congregational Chairman
- Past Stewardship Chair
- Past Capital Campaign Chair for recent building project

POSITIONS IN CHURCH-AT-LARGE

- Current member of District Board of Directors
- Current member of District Fan Into Flame Steering Committee
- Current Guest Leader for Consecrated Stewards process
- Current presenter in stewardship training for vicars
- Past Chair of Stewardship Committee

OTHER

- Current Advisor for the Lorain County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
- Current Board President for the Midview Local School District Endowment Fund

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NAME: Joseph Kress

CHURCH: Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cuyahoga Falls, OH

POSITIONS IN LOCAL CONGREGATION

- Business Manager – 2004 to Present.
- Also serve or have served Redeemer as:
 - Sunday School Teacher
 - Chairman – Board of Stewardship
 - Member – Redeemer Christian School Board of Education
 - Advisory Member – Board of Trustees
 - Usher and Greeter

POSITIONS IN CHURCH-AT-LARGE

- Ohio District Convention Layman Voting Delegate (2006)
- Synodical Convention Layman Voting Delegate (2007).

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NAME: Fred Kressierer

CHURCH: Hope Lutheran Church, Aurora, OH

POSITIONS IN LOCAL CONGREGATION:

- Presently serves as the Chairman of the Building Committee
- Chairman of the Stewardship Committee
- Member of the Board of Elders

POSITIONS IN CHURCH-AT-LARGE:

- I presently serve as the secretary/treasurer of the Redeemer Crisis Center located on West 30th Street in Cleveland and have worked there for the past nine years.
- I have represented Hope as the Lay Delegate at the past four district Conventions and my circuit at the Synodical convention.
- Also, I served the District as a member of the District Endowment Committee

OTHER: I am a life-long member of the LCMS, married for 47 years to Sheila, father of four grown children, grandfather of 6. I am a 1961 graduate of the Virginia military Institute, and retired after 30 years service from American Express Company where I was the manager of the Central Region.

NAME: Sandy Danneman

CHURCH: Life in Christ (mission congregation), Grove City, OH

POSITIONS IN LOCAL CONGREGATION

- Treasurer
- Organist

POSITIONS IN CHURCH-AT-LARGE

- Board of Directors – Ohio District
- Commission for New Missions – Ohio District
- Board of Directors – African Immigrant Ministries – Synod
- Vice-President - Central Ohio Mission Association

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NAME: Charles M. Elsea

CHURCH: Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lancaster, OH

POSITIONS IN LOCAL CONGREGATION

- Elder
- ODLCEF Representative
- (Former) President of Youth Group

POSITIONS IN CHURCH-AT-LARGE

- (Former) Member, Ohio District Youth Board
- (Former) Member, LCMS Council for Lutheran Youth Fellowship Representatives

OTHER:

Employment: Stebelton, Aranda, & Snider, LPA (will join as associate attorney, 2009)
 (currently a student at Ohio State University Moritz College of Law; expected graduation 6/09)
 Member, Board of Directors of Fairfield County Big Brothers Big Sisters

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NAME: Frank R. Farr

CHURCH: King of Kings, Mason, OH

POSITIONS IN LOCAL CONGREGATION

As a Layman in a congregation:

- Elder
- Chairman – Board of Stewardship
- Adult Bible Study Leader
- Sunday School Teacher – Adults
- Congregational President

POSITIONS IN CHURCH-AT-LARGE

- Congregational District Representative

OTHER: Currently employed as Director, Regulatory Affairs, A.M. Todd Ingredients | Flavors
 Active in trade association committees.

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POSITIONS IN CHURCH-AT-LARGE

- Lay Delegate (OH Dist, Circuit S4);
- 2007 LCMS Synodical Conference, Houston, TX
- Participant at the Theological Convocation on *Congregation — Synod — Church*, St. Louis, MO sponsored by the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance (Aug 2008).

OTHER:

Education

BSLA, Biology/Education, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois – 1974

BS, Social Psychology, Park University, Parkville, Missouri – 1987

MBA, Capital University, Columbus, Ohio – 1991

Ministry Specialist, Certificate, Ohio District – Lutheran Church Missouri Synod – 2008

Employment Experiences

The Ohio Department of Education, Office of Career-Technical and Adult Services - State Approving Agency for Veterans Education and Training, Field Consultant & State Director

(DVA – G.I. Bill Educational benefits). (1994 – to date)

The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, Assistant Manager of Training, Departmental

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS – AT LARGE

NAME: Kenneth Boerger

CHURCH: Bethany Lutheran Church, Parma, OH

POSITIONS IN LOCAL CONGREGATION:

- Principal, Bethany Lutheran School
- Member of Bethany Church Council
- Member of Bethany Voter’s Assembly
- Member of the Bethany Budget Sub-committee of Church council

POSITIONS IN CHURCH-AT-LARGE:

- Member of the Ohio District, Board of Directors
- Member of the Concordia Plan Services, Board of Trustees, Board of Directors, LCMS
- Treasurer of the Greater Cleveland Lutheran Principal’s Association

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NAME: Dale A. Lehrke

CHURCH: St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, Westlake, Ohio

POSITIONS IN LOCAL CONGREGATION AND SCHOOL:

1995-1999 8th grade Teacher (Science, History, and Religion)
 1999-2003 Principal and Adult Education Instructor
 2003-2008 8th grade Teacher (History, Algebra, and Religion)
 2008-present Principal

POSITIONS IN CHURCH-AT-LARGE:

- National Lutheran School Accreditation Commissioner (2000-2003)
- National Lutheran School District Accreditation Commission (1999-present)
- Cleveland Lutheran Elementary Principal Treasurer (1999-2003)

OTHER: I have been and active member of the congregations that I have served, since graduating from Concordia, River Forest. I have faithfully served as an Elder, Chairman of the Board of Parish Education, Sunday School Superintendent, and Youth Advisor as previous past experiences. I have a daughter who is a sophomore in college, and my son will be a senior at Lutheran High School West in Rocky River, Ohio next school year. My wife and I will be celebrating 23 years of marriage this summer.

