

Synod Council

LAY MALE Name: Juan Carlos Cabrera

Home Congregation: Santa Maria, Fitchburg, WI

Occupation: Administrative Assistant

Age: 30-45

Education: College

Congregation & Community: Altar Care, Lector

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Synod Council Member

What gifts would you bring to this position? I believe I bring diversity to our Synod Council and I have a strong love for the Church.



LAY MALE Name: Trevor Thom

Home Congregation: Immanuel Evangelical, Watertown, WI

Occupation: Director of Communications-Trinity Church- United, Beaver Dam, WI

Age: 18-29 **Education:** High School Diploma, some college

Congregation & Community: Congregation Council Member, Evangelism Chairperson, Online and Print Communications Volunteer

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Synod Council (2014-Present), Churchwide Assembly Voting Member (2016 & 2019)

What gifts would you bring to this position?

Above all, I bring a deep, abiding love for our church - and the work we do together as congregations, synods, and the churchwide organization. I bring both thoughtfulness and a sense of humor and joy to the table. I strive to serve God and my fellow siblings in Christ in all that I do.

LAY FEMALE Name: Sandra Ballestero

Home Congregation: San Jose, Beloit, WI

Occupation: Treasurer

Age: 30-45

Education: High School and some College

Congregation & Community: National Night out and Family Fun night w/ St. Paul, Special Latino Celebrations

What gifts would you bring to this position? Bilingual, strong communication skills, positive attitude, enthusiasm for helping others.



CLERGY MALE

Name: Rev. Andy Twiton

Home Congregation: Trinity Lutheran, Madison

Occupation: Renewal Pastor

Age: 30-45

Education: M. Div. Luther Seminary, B.A. Gustavus Adolphus College

Congregation & Community: Missio Madison Fellow-Ecumenical Missional Practitioner Cohort, Advisory Council-Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin, Renewal Pastor, Racial Equity Task Force.

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Synod Council, Synod Council Representative Synod Campus Ministry Oversight Team

What gifts would you bring to this position? I have a passion for what we can do as church together. I love to discern and dream about where the Spirit is leading the church in the future. I bring some experience with the synod council, and I try to bring a fun, caring, collaborative, and steady spirit to this work.



CONSULTATION COMMITTEE – 6 year term

LAY MALE Name: Ross Larson

Home Congregation: Good Shepherd-Madison & Verona

Occupation: Software Developer **Age:** 30-45

Education: Luther College 2002, Fox Valley Technical College 2014

Congregation & Community: Feed My Starving Children event volunteer, 2019 Synod Assembly Voting Member

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: ECSW/NGLS Bi-synodical Candidacy Committee 2009-2015, ECSW Synod Council 2009-2015

What gifts would you bring to this position? I have history with the church in a variety of contexts, and I am willing to listen and speak my mind.



Rostered Name: Rev. Holly Slater



Home Congregation: St. Paul Liberty

Occupation: Pastor **Age:** 30-45

Education: MDiv LSTC

Congregation & Community: Deerfield softball board Member and coach, Joint Forces for Families Board Member

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Lutherdale Camp Board Secretary, Dean of East Dane Conference

What gifts would you bring to this position? Listening, serving in variety of situations with variety of people, interest in larger church.

Rostered Name: Matthew Poock

Home Congregation: St. John's, Evansville, WI

Occupation: Pastor **Age:** 30-45 **Education:** BA Luther College; MDiv Luther Seminary

Congregation & Community: President of the Board for the Evansville Ecumenical Care Closet, Board Member for Lutherdale Bible Camp, City of Evansville Park and Recreation Board Member, Internship Supervisor

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Dean for the North Rock Conference, Churchwide Voting Member 2013 & 2019

What gifts would you bring to this position? I am a careful listener and have an open mind. I appreciate good order and God's abundant grace. I enjoy working collaboratively with a team and seeking God's will.



DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE – 6 year term



Rostered Name: Erik Jelinek

Home Congregation: Central, Edgerton, WI

Occupation: Pastor **Age:** 30-45 **Education:** M. Div

Congregation & Community: Crime stoppers, Synod Worship Committee, Synod Outreach Committee, Synod Nominating Committee

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Churchwide Stewardship Team, Churchwide Voting Member

Rostered Name: Rich McLeer

Home Congregation: St. John's Evangelical, Boscobel, WI

Occupation: Interim Pastor **Age:** 46-65

Education: BA New York University, M. Div Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, PreMed work, Teaching License, UW Police, M-Div Wartburg

Congregation & Community: Kiwani's, Ecumenical Ministry, American Legion, Food Pantry Leadership

Synodical/Churchwide Activities: Synod Reference & Counsel committee, UW Madison Campus Ministry Board

What gifts would you bring to this position? Personal integrity, compassion, respect, empathetic, responsible, professional & relatable.

