

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

2020 South Carolina Synod Assembly Elections

2020 South Carolina Synod Assembly Nominating Committee

2019-2020 Terms

Rev. Angela Jennings, Chair
Rev. Rebecca J. Lord-Philips
Rev. Leroy Cannon
Deacon Sarah Katherine Delap Bowers
Mr. Paul Peterson
Rev. Emily Edenfield

2020-2021 Terms

Ms. Kim Cooke
Mr. Daniel Crofts
Mr. Steve Reed
Rev. Rusty Kehl
Mrs. Elsa Hope
Mr. Tex Davis, Jr.

Positions open for election with description summaries of responsibilities:

SYNOD COUNCIL

Terms begin after Synod Assembly. Meetings are generally scheduled in June, September, December, February and April. Synod Council members have voice and vote at assemblies and are expected to attend. The synod council operates with internal committees. Most committees meet prior to the regular council meetings, but some may also meet at other times.

1. **Synod Council Lay Man** (Northern Area which includes Upstate, Foothills, & Heartland Conferences)
2. **Synod Council Rostered Minister** (At Large)
3. **Synod Council Rostered Minister** (Central Area which includes the Midlands, Saxe Gotha & Western Conferences)
4. **Synod Council Lay Woman** (Person of color or primary language other than English)
5. **Synod Council Lay Man** (At Large)
6. **Synod Council Lay Woman** (At Large)
7. **Synod Council Lay Woman** (Eastern Area which includes Epiphany, Amelia & Coastal Conferences)
8. **Synod Council Lay Man** (Person of color or primary language other than English)

COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE (six-year term without consecutive reelection)

The functions of the synod's discipline committee are set forth in the ELCA constitution and are more extensive than can be covered in this space. This committee, though rarely used, is available to the bishop when charges are brought against an ordained minister or lay rostered minister. Such charges may be "preaching and teaching in conflict with the faith confessed by this church; conduct incompatible with the character of the ministerial office; willfully disregarding or violating the functions and standards established by this church for the office of Word and Sacrament; willfully disregarding the provisions of the constitution...." Etc. (ELCA constitution 20.21.01.)

1. **Committee on Discipline - Rostered Minister**
2. **Committee on Discipline - Lay Man**
3. **Committee on Discipline - Rostered Minister**
4. **Committee on Discipline - Lay Woman**

CONSULTATION COMMITTEE (six-year term without consecutive reelection)

The synod's constitution provides the bishop a means to assist in resolving disputes that may arise in congregations when such disputes fail to be resolved internally or otherwise. In such a case, "the Consultation Committee of this synod shall consider the matter. If the Consultation Committee of this synod shall fail to resolve the issue(s), the matter shall be referred to the Synod Council, whose decision shall be final." (S17.11.)

1. **Consultation Committee – Rostered Minister**
2. **Consultation Committee – Lay Man**
3. **Consultation Committee – Rostered Minister**
4. **Consultation Committee – Lay Woman**

MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT COMMITTEE

An Endowment Grant Committee for the South Carolina Synod Mission Endowment Fund shall consist of the bishop of the South Carolina Synod or his or her appointee, the treasurer of this synod, and five members elected by the Synod Assembly. Two of the elected members shall be lay women, two shall be lay men and one shall be an ordained minister on the roster of this synod. The term of office for the five persons elected by the Synod Assembly to membership on this committee shall be three years; individuals so chosen may not serve more than two consecutive full terms. (a.) The members of the Endowment Grant Committee shall not receive compensation for their duties. (b.) The Endowment Grant Committee shall be responsible to the South Carolina Synod through the Synod Council and shall provide annually a report of disbursements to the Synod Assembly. (c.) The Endowment Grant Committee shall meet at least annually and provide the means, dates, and deadlines for grant requests, review such requests, and make recommendations for disbursements to the Synod Council through the synod's Finance Committee.

- 1. Mission Endowment Fund Grant Committee – Lay Man**
- 2. Mission Endowment Fund Grant Committee – Lay Woman**

***SOUTH CAROLINA LUTHERAN RETREAT CENTERS, INC.**

Members of the Board of Trustees elected by the synod assembly (9) and by the board (6) may serve two consecutive three-year terms. The board generally meets four times a year with one meeting being an overnight meeting. Members of the board benefit the work of the ministry by being active members of committees. The board promotes and coordinates the ministries at Kinard Conference Center and Coastal Retreat Center. It establishes goals and objectives; oversees policies; is accountable for fiscal affairs; and employs and supervises the Executive Director. Board members are to be active congregational members, skilled in interpersonal relationships, visionary, able to work cooperatively, and advocates for and financial supporters of this ministry.

- 1. South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers, Inc. - Lay Woman**

SC Synod Nominating Process

The Synod Council recommends and invites people from across the Synod to serve on the Nominating Committee. Representation is gender and clergy/lay person balanced. Committee members serve for two years. Half the committee rotates off each year. The Synod Council names the committee in September. The Nominating Committee meeting is set for early November.

The Committee members are asked to bring names of potential nominees for the specific open positions. They are encouraged to call the church leaders in their area to solicit names for nominees.

The positions open for nominations are announced in the Synod E-news (and in some cases in the SC Lutheran), which allows us to receive nominations from the general population of our Synod.

At the November meeting, all names that have been received are listed for the various positions which are up for election. The constitution is followed on how many nominees are presented for each election.

The committee considers gifts and any potential conflicts which might be present for each potential nominee. Example: sometimes one person is brought for two different positions and the committee has to decide which position to nominate them for; we check that a person is not nominated for a position that their spouse or immediate relative is already serving in; we make sure we are not putting two people up against each other from the same congregation or nominating someone from a congregation who is already represented on that council, board or committee etc. This conversation and discernment is surrounded in prayer.

The committee prioritizes the nominees into the order they wish to have them contacted.

The Committee members divide the list and call persons who have been nominated. All calls are made within 2 weeks of the meeting date.

Nominees are sent biographical information forms with a deadline to return the completed form. The Synod office tracks and follows up on the nominees with the help of the committee and prepares the slate of nominees for publication in our registration materials.

The entire slate for nomination is emailed to the nominating committee for review and approval.

Biographical information is published with registration materials for voting members of Assembly.

The Nominating Committee Chair makes the report of the ballots at Assembly and we accept additional nominations from the floor.

Synod Council - Lay Man - Northern Area

Term Ending 2023 (Elect 1)

Jimmy Reynolds

Jeffrey Stringer

Full Name: **James (Jimmy) Bernard Reynolds Jr**

Resides in: Simpsonville, SC

Congregation: Trinity Lutheran Church

Congregation City: Greenville

Email Address: jbreynoldsjr@gmail.com

Employment/Profession: Validation Engineer

Age Range: 46-60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

None

Service in local congregation

Congregation Council (December 2009 -December 2012) (December 2016 - December 2019)

Youth Advisor (January 2003 - May 2013)

Lay Communion Assistant (January 2013 - present)

Offering Teller (December 2002 to present)

Communion Clean Up (September 2000 to present)

Worship Committee Chair (2010 - 2012)

Parish Life Committee Chair (2018 to present)

Choir Member (August 2005 to present)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

None

Full Name: **Jeffrey Stringer**

Resides in: Greenville, SC

Congregation: Redeemer

Congregation City: Greer

Email Address: stringerjd@msn.com

Employment/Profession: Stringer Resource Group / Pension Plan Consultant

Age Range: 30-45

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

Congregational Representative – SC Synod Assembly – (2009-present)

Conduct of Elections Committee – SC Synod Assembly – (2019)

Candidate – SC Synod Vice-President – (2019)

Service in local congregation

Co-Chair – Finance Committee (2019-present)

Athletics Ministry Coordinator (2018-present)

Adult Leader – National Youth Gathering – (2012)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

Chairman – Fund the Mission – March of Dimes (2013-2014)

March of Dimes Ambassador Family (2012)

March of Dimes - Chef's Auction Committee (2104-2015)

Coordinator – Parker Neff Memorial Golf Outing (2019-present)

Candidate – SC Senate District 6 (2019)

Rules Committee – Greenville County Republican Party (2019-present)

Synod Council – Rostered Minister – At Large
Term Ending 2023 (Elect 1)
Rev. Rachel Hoffman
Rev. Erin Morris

Full Name: **Rachel Lyn Harriz Hoffman**

Resides in: Rock Hill, SC

Congregation: Grace Lutheran Church Congregation City: Rock Hill

Email Address: pastorrachel@gracerockhill.com

Employment/Profession: Pastor

Age Range: 30-45

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

Region 9 Women in Ministry Gathering Leadership Team (January 2020-Present)

Member of NC Synod Stewardship for All Seasons Cohort (May 2017-November 2018)

SC Synod Congregation Cluster Fellowship (January – May 2016)

Service in local congregation

Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church, Rock Hill, SC (December 2018 to present)

(Areas of Emphasis: Children, Youth, Christian Education, Outreach, Stewardship, Endowment)

Pastor, Lutheran Church of the Nativity, Arden, NC (June 2016 – November 2018)

(Areas of Emphasis: Youth, Family, Christian Education, Outreach, Stewardship, Preschool)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

Former Chair, current member of Winthrop Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry Advisory Board (Dec 2018-present)

In capacity as pastor, coordinator for Nativity's community Medical Equipment Loan Closet (April 2017 – May 2018)

Full Name: **Erin Christine Morris**

Resides in: Spartanburg, SC

Congregation: St. John's Lutheran Congregation City: Spartanburg

Email Address: pastorerinmorris@gmail.com

Employment/Profession: Pastor

Age Range: 30-45

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

ELCA National Convention Rep (2016)

ELCA National Youth Gathering Synod Coordinator (2012)

ELCA National Youth Gathering Exhibitor Coordinator (2009)

Service in local congregation

Currently Serving St. John's Lutheran (July 2019)

Previously served at St. Andrew's Lutheran in Mahtomedi, MN (2008-2019)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

Volunteer at Spartanburg Humane Society (August 2019 to present)

Synod Council – Rostered Minister – Central Area
Term Ending 2023 (Elect 1)
Rev. Timothy Bupp
Deacon Deborah Poole

Full Name: **Timothy L. Bupp**

Resides in: Columbia, SC

Congregation: Reformation

Congregation City: Columbia

Email Address: ptbupp@yahoo.com

Employment/Profession: Pastor

Age Range: over 60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

Southwestern PA Synod's Evangelism Taskforce (2000-2008)

Southwestern PA Synod's Sexuality Statement Conversation (1999-2003)

Butler PA's CommUnity Social Justice Group (2001-2009)

Service in local congregation

Zion Lutheran Church (2009-2013)

Reformation Lutheran Church (2013-present)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

The Mustard Seed Project (2009-2013)

Poor People's Campaign (2018-Present)

Harriet Hancock Center (2014-2019)

Full Name: **Deborah Poole**

Resides in: Lexington, SC

Congregation: Pisgah Lutheran Church

Congregation City: Lexington

Email Address: deborah@pisgahlutheran.org

Employment/Profession: Deacon

Age Range: 46-60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

ELCA Churchwide Voting Member (2019)

SC Synod Nominating Committee (2018-2019; Chairperson, 2019)

SC Synod Mission Endowment Fund (2018-2019; Chairperson, 2019)

Lifelong Faith Formation Network (Convener, 2014-2019)

Saxe-Gotha Conference Dean (2012-2016)

SC Synod Youth Steering Committee (Varied Years)

Service in local congregation

Associate in Ministry, Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church (1993-2005)

Deacon, Pisgah Lutheran Church (2005-Present)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

Pleasant Hill Elementary School Counseling Advisory Council (2014-2016)

Volunteer, Pleasant Hill Elementary School (2012-2018)

Synod Council – Lay Woman – Person of Color / Language Other Than English

Term Ending 2023 (Elect 1)

Alexandra Lautenschlaeger

LaTynia Taylor

Full Name: **Alexandra Lautenschlaeger**

Resides in: Spartanburg, SC

Congregation: St. John's Lutheran

Congregation City: Spartanburg, SC

Email Address: lautena@yahoo.com

Employment/Profession: Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist; Licensed Dietitian

Age Range: 30-45

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

None

Service in local congregation

Church Council, Executive Council Secretary, Council Liaison Communication & Technology Committee (2019-present)

WELCA Secretary (2014-2018)

St. John's WELCA Circle 4 Secretary (2013)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

Hub City Farmer's Market Board of Directors (2015-2018); Secretary (2016-2018)

Academy Nutrition and Dietetic Clinical Nutrition Practice Group Board of Directors (2014-2016)

German School of the Upstate Board of Directors (2012-2016)

South Carolina Academy of Nutrition Dietetics President (President Elect, President, Past President) (2011-2013)

Piedmont Dietetic Association President (2009-2010)

South Carolina Young Dietitian of the Year (2009)

American Diabetes Association Camp Independence Nutrition Director (2008-2010)

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetic Internship Preceptor (21 interns) (2007-2018)

German American Club of the Carolinas Board of Directors (2007-2009)

Union County Meals on Wheels Board of Directors (2003-2006)

Volunteer speaker at various church, support groups, professional CEU's in Upstate SC and Western North Carolina (2003-current)

Full Name: **LaTynia M. Taylor**

Resides in: Blythewood, SC

Congregation: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Congregation City: Columbia, SC

Email Address: tyniamtaylor@gmail.com or latyniamtaylor@yahoo.com

Employment/Profession:

Age Range: 46-60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

SC Synod Council/Finance Committee (May 2017 to Present)

Service in local congregation

St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

Hurricane Relief committee, Children's Christmas Committee, etc. (April 2017-Present)

St. Paul's Players, dinner theatre musical production of Christmas with Holmes and Watson based on

"The Adventure of the Copper Beeches" by Arthur Conan Doyle; (December 17, 2017)

Christ Mission, Health Ministry, Children's Ministry (August 2015-2017)

Cornerstone Baptist Church, Children's Church Director (December 2007-2013)

New Life International Christian Church Europe, Children's Church Director (June- 2006- November 2007)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

Muller Road Middle School Leadership Academy Volunteer

Lake Carolina Elementary Lower Campus PTO 2011-2015

Disabled Veterans Caregivers Program 2015 to Present

Synod Council – Lay Man – At Large
Term Ending 2023 (Elect 1)
Tex Davis
Robert Epting

Full Name: **C. Tex Davis, Jr.**
Resides In: West Columbia, SC
Congregation: Mt. Tabor
Congregation City: West Columbia
Email Address: gamecockpoppa@gmail.com
Employment/Profession: Attorney, South Carolina Judicial Branch - Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Age Range: 46-60

Service in Synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

SC Synod Nominating Committee (2019-2021)
Merger Committee for Mt. Tabor/Faith (2019-present)

Service in Local Congregation:

Served on Mt. Tabor Church Council (2014-2017); President (2017)
Served on a variety of Mt. Tabor Committees: Education, Youth, Endowment, Fellowship (2014-present)
Member of Building Fund Committee (2016-present)
Prepare a monthly breakfast for congregation to support Youth Projects (2013-present)

Service in Community:

South Carolina Bar Association (1998-present)
Greater West Columbia/Cayce Chamber of Commerce (2017-present)
Lexington School District #2 Superintendents' Parent Advisory Council (2018-present)

Full Name: **Robert E Epting**
Resides In: Batesburg, SC
Congregation: Wittenberg Lutheran Church
Congregation City: Leesville, SC 29070
Email Address: Robert.epting@applegreenstores.com
Employment/Profession: VP gas operations, Petrogas Group SC llc
Age Range: over 60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

President SCLMM (Feb/2019-Feb/2020)
Various positions SCLMM Executive Committee (2014-2020)
President Western Conference SCLMM (2014-2016)

Service in local congregation

Church Council at various times at Wittenberg Lutheran and Pisgah Lutheran Churches
Sunday School Teacher (1990-present)
Worship Assistant (1990-present)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

Lexington School District 3 board member (1994-2002)
USSSA umpire (2005-2009)

Synod Council – Lay Woman – At Large
Term Ending 2023 (Elect 1)

Linda Griffith
Cheryl Smith

Full Name: **Linda Griffith**

Resides in: West Columbia, SC

Congregation: Our Saviour Lutheran Church

Congregation City: West Columbia, SC

Email Address: lindagriffith2@aol.com

Employment/Profession: Retired Administrative Assistant

Age Range: over 60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

SC Synod Communicator/SC Lutheran (2019-present)

Delegate to two Synod Conventions & 4 WELCA Triennial Conventions

SCWELCA Board member

Service in local congregation

Our Saviour Lutheran Church (1970-present)

Served in various positions over the years – part-time church secretary; congregational council secretary-3 times, vice president; Sunday School Teacher; VBS Teacher and Coordinator; Altar Guild leader and member; Handbell Choir; Senior Group/Elderberries Coordinator currently; Memorial and Gifts Committee as chair and secretary; Finance Committee Secretary; WELCA Pres-VP-Sec; Circle leader

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

Graduate of Lexington High School and the University of South Carolina

Retired from University of South Carolina (*Employee of the Year*, Adm Employee Club Pres, Retirees Pres)

Lexington County Voter Registration and Election Commissioner (2011- 14)

Retired from Lexington County Legislative Delegation Office (2014-19)

Lexington County Poll Manager (est. 35 years)

Lexington County Library Board

Beta Sigma Phi International Women's Sorority (1972-present)

American Legion Auxiliary (2002 to present)

Full Name: **Cheryl Smith**

Resides in: Seneca, SC

Congregation: University Lutheran Church

Congregation City: Clemson

Email Address: cheryli@clemson.edu

Employment/Profession: Associate Professor of Genetics and Biochemistry, Clemson University

Age Range: 46-60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

SC Synod Communicator (beginning October, 2019)

Service in local congregation

Adult Sunday School teacher (since ~2016)

Church Council (December, 2017 until December, 2020)

Assisting minister (since ~2016)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

Two-by-Two mentoring group through University Lutheran Church (since 2014)

Marching band parent - (I help with the parent pit crew at each of the high school marching band competitions that Daniel High School has competed in since 2017)

I don't have other official services to describe here, but I do my best to help out when I can wherever I can. I also try my best to show my students (in my lab or in my classes) that I care about them as people and to help them as they navigate through college and the issues they encounter (failing a class, having problems with a professor/TA, deciding to change majors, mental health issues, family problems, deaths, etc.). I have students facing some pretty tough problems who simply need to know that their professors care.

Synod Council – Lay Woman – Eastern Area
Term Ending 2023 (Elect 1)
Cindy Davis
Jean Siewicki

Full Name: **Cynthia “Cindy” M. Davis**

Resides in: Charleston, SC

Congregation: Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Congregation City: Charleston

Email Address: cindy@cmdaviscpa.com

Employment/Profession: Principal of Cynthia M. Davis, CPA, LLC/Certified Public Accountant

Age Range: 46-60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

SC Synod Finance Committee member, (June 2017 – Present)

Executive Board Member (Treasurer) of Lutheran Social Services (Charleston) dba Tricounty Family Ministries, (2002-2005)

Presenter at Pre-Assembly Workshop for 2017 SC Synod Assembly “Treasurer Workshop on Compensation for Leaders”

Service in local congregation

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer- Congregational Treasurer (1993- 2018. In this position, I was a member of the Executive Committee of the Congregational Council during most of these years.)

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer- Confirmation Sunday School Teacher (2007-2019)

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer: Currently an active member of Skip Tapp Circle, Handbell choir, & Youth Committee

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer: Formerly Sunday School teacher for grades 1-2, Vacation Bible School leader, & Church Nursery Coordinator.

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

My Sister’s House, Charleston (Lowcountry Domestic Violence Shelter & Victim Service Provider):

Member of Board of Directors (Treasurer) 2008-2015

Member of Finance Committee 2015- Present

Mason Preparatory School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO):

President, June 2005- June 2006

Treasurer, June 2002- June 2004

Active Volunteer, September 1999- June 2002

Girl Scouts of Eastern Carolina

Co-Leader of Brownie, Junior, & Cadette Troop #85, August 2003- July 2009

Full Name: **Jean A. Siewicki**

Resides in: Awendaw, SC

Congregation: All Saints

Congregation City: Mt. Pleasant

Email Address: jeansiewicki@hotmail.com

Employment/Profession: Retired School Principal

Age Range: over 60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

Candidacy committee (2011-2022)

East Cooper Christian Network – I Beam Mentoring Chair (2010-2014)

Presentation on I Beam mentor program to Synod Assembly 2013

Service in local congregation

Chair of Worship and Music (2012-2014 - St. Paul’s

Choir (2011-2014 St. Paul’s)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

Back Pack Buddies for Title 1 elementary school (2011- present)

Reading Mentor for Elementary student (2011-2014)

SCASA – South Carolina Association for School Administrators (2000-2010)

Synod Council – Lay Man – Person of Color / Language Other Than English

Term Ending 2023 (Elect 1)

**LaVone Griffin
Jerry Strother**

Full Name: **Walter LaVone Griffin**

Resides in: Columbia, SC

Congregation: The Journey of Performing Arts Ministry & Ascension Lutheran

Congregation City: Columbia, SC

Email Address: Lavone.griffin62@gmail.com

Employment/Profession: Minister

Age Range: over 60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

Currently Assistant Minister (Ascension Lutheran, Living Springs Lutheran, Christ Mission)

Partnerships with area churches

Service in local congregation

SCLCY (since 2016)

Grace Works (since 2016)

Journey (since 2015)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

Union Baptist Church (since 2010)

Northeast Columbia Rotary Club (2019)

Community Services at large

Full Name: **Jerry Strother**

Resides in: Lexington, SC

Congregation: Christ Lutheran Church

Congregation City: Columbia

Email Address: jerry.strother56@gmail.com

Employment/Profession: Retired

Age Range: over 60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

Secretary, South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission (2017 – 2019)

Promotional Secretary, South Carolina Men in Mission (2019 – Present)

Service in local congregation

Church Security and Maintenance Supervisor (2015 – Present)

Transportation for Church and Youth Enrichment Programs (2016 – Present)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

Masonic Temple Member (1976 – Present)

Denny Terrance Community Association Member (2016 – Present)

Teamster and Machinist Union Member (1970 – Present)

Committee on Discipline – Rostered Minister
Term Ending 2026 (Elect 1)
Deacon Katie Holland
The Rev. Ashley Twitchell

Full Name: **Katherine Trier Holland**

Resides in: Charleston, SC

Congregation: Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Congregation City: Charleston

Email Address: k8ieholland@gmail.com

Employment/Profession: Deacon, Music

Age Range: 30-45

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

Churchwide Assembly Delegate in 2019

Service in local congregation

Rostered Deacon of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Charleston (2014-present)

Director of Music of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer (May 2010-2014)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

Charleston American Guild of Organists, Board, Subdean (2019)

Charleston American Guild of Organists, Board, Committee at Large (2018)

Full Name: **Ashley Twitchell**

Resides in: Greer, SC

Congregation: Pelham Road Baptist Church

Congregation City: Greenville

Email Address: ashley.twitchell@gmail.com

Employment/Profession: Pastor

Age Range: 30-45

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

First Call Theological Education Committee (2015-2018)

SC Synod Revisioning Task Force (2011-2012)

Service in local congregation

Pelham Road Baptist Church – Development Pastor (2017 – present)

Joy Lutheran Church – Associate Pastor (2012-2016)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

When Faith Hurts Training by Julie Valentine Center (October 2019)

Pinnacle Leadership – Clergy Cohorts

Holy Experiments (September 2017-May 2018)

Soul Gainers and Soul Drainers Lead Pastors (September 2015-May 2016)

Inner & Outer Personal Skills Associate Pastors (September 2014-May 2015)

Faith5 Training (February 2015)

Committee on Discipline – Lay Man

Term Ending 2026 (Elect 1)

**Ryan Johnson
Richard Moose**

Full Name: **Christopher Ryan Johnson**

Resides in: Greenwood, SC

Congregation: Immanuel Lutheran Church

Congregation City: Greenwood

Email Address: ryanjohnson324@yahoo.com

Employment/Profession: Greenwood County Magistrate Court/Judge

Age Range: 30-45

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

Attended and voted at Synod Assembly (2015)

Service in local congregation

Congregation Council (2015 – 2017)

Congregation Council President (2016 and 2017)

Fellowship Committee Chair (2018)

Nominating Committee (2019)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

Burton Center Foundation Board (2013 – present)

Greenwood Miracle League Board (2011 – present)

South Carolina Summary Court Judge's Association (2007 – present)

South Carolina State Bar Association (2006 – present)

Massachusetts Bar Association (2010 – present)

Sunday Soup Kitchen Team Leader (2014 – present)

Full Name: **Richard McAllister Moose**

Resides in: Greer, SC

Congregation: Trinity Lutheran

Congregation City: Greenville, SC

Email Address: rmm@dority-manning.com

Employment/Profession: Patent Attorney

Age Range: over 60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

Board Member (Chair, 3 years) Lutheran Homes of South Carolina (approx. 2008-2014)

Board Member (present Vice-Chair) Lutheran Homes of South Carolina Foundation (approx. start 2017)

Synod convention delegate (multiple times over 25 years)

Service in local congregation

Council Vice-Chair (Council is chaired by Sr. Pastor)(three different three-year terms; most recent ending 2014)

Congregation Treasurer (three consecutive one-year terms ending 2017)

Trinity Lutheran Foundation Comm. (multiple times over 25 years; have frequently chaired, most recent 2019)

Standing Committee memberships (25+ years; prior chair positions Education and Worship committees)

Sunday School Superintendent (thirteen consecutive years; till probably early 2000's)

Special Task Force Committees (Columbarium; Organ Rebuild; Funeral Policy; Wedding Policy)

Cantor; choir; handbell choir

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

Leadership Greenville graduate (Class XXV)

AID Upstate Board (prevent/treat HIV/Aids)(approx. 2015 to present; Board Chair 3 years and presently)

Committee on Discipline – Rostered Minister

Term Ending 2026 (Elect 1)

Rev. Roy Butler

Rev. Fred Suhr

Full Name: **Roy Mathis Butler**

Resides in: Columbia, SC

Congregation: Saint Timothy's Lutheran Church

Congregation City: Camden

Email Address: Chapbutler@gmail.com

Employment/Profession: Clergy

Age Range: 46-60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

Synod Council, 2015-2018,

Assisted with Disaster Relief, SC Synod, Hurricanes Joaquim (2015) and Matthew(2016)

SC Synod Liaison to South Carolina Christian Action Council

Service in local congregation

Pastor, Bethel Lutheran Church, White Rock

Staff Chaplain, Post Chaplain Office, Fort Jackson

Pastor, St. Luke Lutheran, Columbia

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

Golden Club in Camden, SC (2019)

Joint Headquarters National Guard (Air and Army) Senior Chaplain, (June 2014-September 2018)

Coach Middle School Sporting Clays Team (2015-2017)

Full Name: **Karl F. (Fred) Suhr, Jr.**

Resides in: Little Mountain, SC

Congregation: Christus Victor Lutheran Church

Congregation City: Columbia, SC

Email Address: fandjsuhr@live.com

Employment/Profession: Pastor of Christus Victor Lutheran Church, Columbia, SC

Age Range: Over 60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

ELCA Federal Chaplain – Retired as Senior Joint Forces Chaplain for South Carolina National Guard

SC Synod Consultation Committee (Past)

SC Synod Ministry Team for Congregational Life (Past)

Service in local congregation

Pastor, Christus Victor Lutheran Church (2012 – Present)

Christus Victor Lutheran Men in Mission (Honorary Life Member)

Teaching Parish Supervising Pastor (LTSS) (2012-2018)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

Board Member – Sharing God's Love (Community Outreach Ministry), Irmo, SC (2018 – 2019)

Member – The Citadel Alumni Association (1980 – Present)

Member – Reserve Officers Association

Committee on Discipline – Lay Woman
Term Ending 2026 (Elect 1)
Janet Boatwright
Sebrena Matthews

Full Name: **Janet Boatwright**

Resides in: Irmo, SC

Congregation: Redeemer

Congregation City: Columbia

Email Address: jpytulsa@cox.net

Employment/Profession: Retired, hospital Speech Pathologist

Age Range: over 60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

Love One Another, church council visitation committee (2018)

Love One Another, Redeemer chairperson (2019)

Service in local congregation

Member, Partners in Welcome Committee (2016-2019)

Active participant in Family Promise, and Lunch on Lawn (2015-present)

Local congregation Transportation Committee (2018-present)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

None

Full Name: **Sebrena L. Matthews**

Resides in: Prosperity, SC

Congregation: St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Congregation City: Leesville

Email Address: sblattimore@yahoo.com or smatthews@sled.sc.gov

Employment/Profession: State Government (SLED) Administrative Coordinator

Age Range: 46-60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

WELCA Western Conference Coordinator (2014-present)

Service in local congregation

Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Columbia, SC (WELCA Leader approximately 2004-2006)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church (2006-present) WELCA Leader (2006-present), Church Council member (2015-2017), Choir & Hand Bell member (2015-present), Congregational Fellowship Chairman (2018-present)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

Columbia Chapter DAR former Regent and current member (beginning 2000-present)

MSA Hospice Volunteer (beginning 2002-present)

Young Life volunteer (2014-2017)

Consultation Committee – Rostered Minister

Term Ending 2026 (Elect 1)

**Jim Nichols
Greg Van Dyke**

Full Name: **James (Jim) Nichols**

Resides in: Chapin, SC

Congregation: St. Thomas

Congregation City: Chapin

Email Address: Njmaryn@bellsouth.net

Employment/Profession: Lutheran Pastor--retired

Age Range: over 60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

Pastor, Reformation Lutheran Church, Columbia (1981-88)

Interim pastor of 5 SC congregations

Chair, SC Synod Candidacy Committee

Service in local congregation

Supply Pastor

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

Founding Executive Director Central SC Habitat for Humanity- (1988-1997)

Jimmy Carter Habitat International Work Projects

Order of the Palmetto

Full Name: **N. Gregory Van Dyke**

Resides in: Murrells Inlet, SC

Congregation: St. Peter's

Congregation City: Pawleys Island

Employment/Profession: Pastor

Age Range: 46-60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

Finance Committee, SC Synod (2016 – Present)

Finance Committee, Allegheny Synod (2000 – 2016)

Synod Council, Allegheny Synod: 2 terms (1998 – 2004); 2 terms (2008 – 2014)

Service in local congregation

Pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, (2016 – Present)

Pastor of St. David's Lutheran Church, Davidsville, PA (2006 – 2016)

Pastor of Spring Mills Lutheran Parish, Spring Mills, PA (1996 – 2006)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

Chaplain of Region III DMORT (Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team) (2011 – Present)

Habitat for Humanity Board, Georgetown County, (2016 – Present)

Amazing Journeys – Georgetown County Sheriff's Re-entry Program, (2019 – Present)

Consultation Committee – Lay Man

Term Ending 2026 (Elect 1)

Mike Metzler

Mike Taylor

Full Name: **Michael A. (Mike) Metzler**

Resides in: Columbia, SC

Congregation: Christus Victor

Congregation City: Columbia

Email Address: MikeMetzler01@gmail.com

Employment/Profession: Retired Air National Guard officer

Age Range: over 60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

None

Service in local congregation)

Church Council (2005-2008, 2011-2012, 2019-2020)

Lutheran Men in Mission (2000 – present)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

National Guard Association of South Carolina, 1992 - present

Full Name: **Robert M. Taylor**

Resides in: Batesburg-Leesville, SC

Congregation: Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church

Congregation City: Batesburg-Leesville, SC

Email Address: rmtaylor67@yahoo.com

Employment/Profession:

Age Range: over 60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

None

Service in local congregation

I have been Vice- Chair of Council many times

I have served as treasurer several different times the last being from 2011-2020

I am now back on council for three years beginning 2020

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

Past President and Chairman of B-L Chamber of Commerce and other organizations

Past President of South Carolina Automobile Dealers Association (1987-1988)

Past Board of Directors National Automobile Dealers Association (1988-2000)

Consultation Committee – Rostered Minister

Term Ending 2026 (Elect 1)

Deacon Ashlyn Cox

Deacon Dot Jeffcoat

Full Name: **Ashlyn Cox**

Resides in: Isle of Palms, SC

Congregation: Grace Lutheran

Congregation City: Gilbert, SC

Email Address: ashlynscox@gmail.com

Employment/Profession: Deacon, Christian Education and Fellowship Ministry

Age Range: 30-45

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

SCLCY board (2014-16)

LTSS alumni board (2018-19)

Service in local congregation

Coordinating WELCA, Youth/Family, Christian Ed programs; helping with Social Ministry & Evangelism Committees

Serving on Council in 2 different congregations

Holding a supporting role when dealing with congregational difficulties in the past (on synod level and court hearings)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc. (please include dates served)

Local Ecumenical Planning team for community events

Coordinating and planning meals for various groups (Salkehatchie, Family Shelter, GMS Football team) and hosting drives for several organizations (La Vie, Lutheran Services Carolinas, Lex 1 School District, Epworth Children's Home, Pets Inc., Lutheran World Relief)

Nominated For: **Dorothy L. Jeffcoat**

Resides in: Chapin, SC

Congregation: Reformation

Congregation City: Columbia

Email Address: dotjeffcoat@aol.com

Employment/Profession: Retired Deacon

Age Range: over 60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

Chair of SC Synod History Matters Team 2009-present

Member SC Synod Council, 2003-2008

Coordinator for Region 9 ELCA, 1988-2001

Service in local congregation

Several three year terms on Congregation Council including 2017-2019

Volunteer staff and Ministry Coordinator 2011- present

Chair of Congregational Constitution Review and Update Committee 2016-2017

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

None

Consultation Committee – Lay Woman
Term Ending 2026 (Elect 1)
Shirley Counts
Jan Redden

Full Name: **Shirley D. Counts**

Resides in: Little Mountain, SC

Congregation: St. John Evangelical Lutheran

Congregation City: Pomaria

Email Address: sdcounts10@gmail.com

Employment/Profession:

Age Range: over 60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

WELCA Member/ Treasurer of St. John Group

Heartland Conference Treasurer for one Term

Synod Assembly Delegate multiple years

Service in local congregation

Current General Fund Treasurer (2000 to present)

6 (four year terms) church council member

Served as Vice-president of Council one term

over numerous years been chair of the following committees – Finance, Christian Education, Mutual Ministry, Social Ministry, vacation Bible School Coordinator/ teacher, Sunday School teacher 20 + years, Sunday School Teacher of the year, member of call committee

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

WIN (Women In Nuclear) member

WLG (Women Leadership Group SCANA)

Full Name: **Jan B. Redden**

Resides in: Pomaria SC

Congregation: Pomaria Lutheran Church

Congregation City: Pomaria

Email Address: janredden@gmail.com

Employment/Profession: Administrative Assistant

Elementary & Secondary Education Newberry County School District

Age Range: over 60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

None

Service in local congregation

Pomaria Lutheran Church, Church Council (2020-2022)

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Church Council (1998-2000, 2003-2005)

Pomaria WELCA, President (2016-present)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

President NCAEOP (2004-2006)

Founding member Newberry Chamber Orchestra (2014-present)

Pomaria Reunion Festival Committee member(ongoing)

Mission Endowment Fund – Grant Committee – Lay Man

Term Ending 2023 (Elect 1)

Ron Kinsey

Ron Redd

Full Name: **Ronald M. Kinsey**

Resides in: Columbia, SC

Congregation: Christ Mission Church, ELCA Congregation City: Columbia, SC

Email Address: christmissionwinya@gmail.com

Employment/Profession:

Age Range: over 60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

Evangelism team (2019-currently serving)

Lutheran Men in Mission (2019-currently serving)

Church Property Caretaker (Trustee – currently serving)

Service in local congregation

None

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

Corinthian Lodge #11 – PHA (Junior Warden / 2 terms, Senior Warden / 1 term)

Danny Terrace Community Association Member (11 years)

Waverly Community Mass Choir President (2 years)

SC Statewide NAACP – King Day at the Dome Celebration Planning Committee (4 years)

Saint Augustine's University (Columbia, SC) Alumni Chapter (1 year)

Full Name: **Ronald Lee Redd (Ron)**

Resides in: Lexington, SC

Congregation: St. Stephen's Congregation City: Lexington

Email Address: Rredd7848@gmail.com

Employment/Profession: Retired Military and Civil Service

Age Range: over 60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

Synod Council 2017-Present

President Saxe Gotha Conference, South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission 2014, 2016-present

Secretariat South Carolina Via De Cristo 2008-11 and 2014-2017

Service in local congregation

President, St. Stephen's Lutheran Men in Mission (2011- Present)

Vice President St. Stephen's Church Council (2006)

St. Stephen's Church council (2005-2008, 2011-2014, 2017- 2020)

Synod Communicator for St. Stephen's (2017-present)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

President Greenslake Homeowners Association (Goose Creek SC) (1995-2003)

President St. Timothy Lutheran Church Goose Creek Church Council (1998-2000)

Mission Endowment Fund – Grant Committee – Lay Woman

Term Ending 2023 (Elect 1)

Leslie Connor

Diane Pitts

Full Name: **Leslie Connor**

Resides in: Spartanburg, SC

Congregation: St. John's Lutheran Church

Congregation City: Spartanburg

Email Address: lesliesconnor@gmail.com

Employment/Profession: Tutor/ Educator

Age Range: 30-45

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

None

Service in local congregation

Social Outreach Ministry committee (2011- 2015)

Christian Education Ministry (2010-present)

Adult/ children's Sunday school teacher (2011-present)

Committee chair (2014-2018)

Adult education coordinator (2018- present)

Congregational Council (2014-2018)

VBS coordinator (2018-present)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

Founder/ volunteer director, Eastside Arts Co-op (volunteer-led homeschool cooperative for students birth- 12th grade, inclusive of learning challenges, neurodiversity, gender orientation, faith, and race; approximately 50 students) (2010-2019)

Certified private tutor, National Tutoring Association

Full Name: **Dianne Jorgensen Pitts**

Resides in: Chappells, SC

Congregation: Immanuel

Congregation City: Greenwood

Email Address: diannejpitts@gmail.com

Employment/Profession: Retired Educator

Age Range: Over 60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

WELCA (Unit President, First Time Guest Coordinator for SCWELCA Convention-past five years)

Service in local congregation

Co-Director of the ILC Soup Kitchen, Golden Harvest Agency, record-keeping, grant writer

Served on Church Council and Pastoral Search Committee (around 2014-2016)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

Lions Clubs International – Past Council Chairperson for SC Lions, faculty for national and international institutes

Auxiliary member of the South Carolina National Federation of the Blind

Chairperson of the Lions Friends of the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind, fundraiser/grant writer

South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers (SCLRC) – Lay Woman

Term Ending 2023 (Elect 1)

Norma Mackey

Beverly Smith

Full Name: **Norma Jean Corley Mackey**

Resides in: Columbia, SC

Congregation: Christ Mission

Congregation City: Columbia

Email Address: normamackey@bellsouth.net

Employment/Profession: Social worker, LBSW Retired

Age Range: over 60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

Volunteer, Registration for Synod Assembly (2016, 2018)

Service in local congregation

Church Board Chair (2014 - Present)

Church Finance Committee (2014 – Present)

Camp Passion Coordinator (2015 – Present)

Choir President (2015 - Present)

Christian Education (2015 – Present)

Youth Director/Advisor (2016 – Present)

Camp Noah Coordinator 2016 (one-week program)

Church Council member (2017 – Present)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc 1(983 - Present)

National Association of Social workers (NASW) (1992 – Present)

Co-Chair Concerned Citizens United for Action (1992 – 1996)

SC Juvenile Justice Association (1978 – 2006)

More Justice (2017 – Present)

NAACP 2018 - Present

Poor People's Campaign 2018 - Present

North Montello Collation 2018 - Present

Full Name: **Beverly Jane Smith**

Resides in: Lexington, SC

Congregation: St. Matthews Lutheran Church

Congregation City: Lexington, SC

Email Address: Smithbeverly556@Yahoo.com

Employment/Profession: Lexington County Recreation Commission Director Pine Ridge/South Congaree Senior Center

Age Range: over 60

Service in synod, ELCA, interchurch agencies, etc.

Steering Committee for Saxa Gotha/ Western Conference (1985-1990)

Chairperson of Lutheran Church Youth (1990-1999)

Co-Chair of Lutheran Youth (1999-2016)

Service in local congregation

Sunday School Teacher (1968-1972)

Bible School Teacher (1968-1999)

Youth Leader (1969-2013)

Service in community, civic groups, professional associations, etc.

Work the Voting Polls (1999-2020)

Volunteer Firefighter (1974-2014)

CPR Instructor (2000-2020)