

2017 Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly Elections

Nominee Information

POSITIONS TO BE NOMINATED BY THE I-K SYNOD NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Synod Council (Clergy) - 3 positions

- 3 at large positions
 - Can be either male or female (3 year term each)

Synod Council (Youth) – 1 position

- 1 at large position
 - Can be either male or female (2 year term)
 - Youth representative shall be a confirmed person, a member of a congregation of the synod, and shall not have attained the age of 18 at the time of the election.

Discipline Committee - 1 position

- 1 clergy, female (6 year term)

Consultation Committee - 2 positions

- 1 clergy, male or female (6 year term)
- 1 lay position, male or female (6 year term)

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, Indiana-Kentucky Corporation Board – 2 positions

- 1 clergy, male or female (3 year term)
- 1 lay male (3 year term)

Vice-President of the Synod – 4 year term

- The vice president shall be a layperson (male or female).
- The vice president shall be a voting member of a congregation of this synod.
- The vice president shall not receive a salary for the performance of the duties of the office.

POSITIONS TO BE NOMINATED BY THE I-K SYNOD CONFERENCES

Synod Council (Lay)

- 3 positions—one nominee from each conference (3 year term each)
 - Lay female: 1 position – Indianapolis Conference
 - Lay male: 2 positions – Evansville and South Central Conferences

The nomination form is available on the Indiana-Kentucky Synod website:

<http://iksynod.org/2017-assembly/>

POSITIONS TO BE NOMINATED BY THE I-K SYNOD NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Synod Council - Clergy at Large (3 Positions, male or female)

Rev. Amy J. Beitelschees-Albers

Member: Holy Trinity, Harlan, IN

Conference: Northeast

Occupation: Pastor

Congregation service: Pastor for shared ministry at Holy Trinity, Harlan, IN and St. Mark's, Butler, IN.

Synod/Conference service: Have served on Synod Council the last 3 years, have served on Synod Council Executive Committee last 2 years, have helped with Conference yearly Pre-Lenten Retreat (worship, food, etc.)

Current Community service: Helping Hands (making knitted items for hospitals and nursing homes); volunteer at local food bank; with congregation - local Christian youth center, yearly mission trip, yearly local mission week, help cook and serve outreach meals to community.

List specific gifts or talents you think you would bring to this position:

Having served 1 term, I have a good sense of current needs/direction the Council/synod is facing.

Am able to see larger picture while still planning/implementing smaller steps.

Willing to seek relevant change while honoring meaningful traditions.

Want to continue serving God/Church in this way.

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Rev. Jessica King

Member: Faith, Goshen, IN

Conference: North Central

Occupation: Pastor

Congregation service: Associate Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Goshen IN. (November 2014 to present)

Synod/Conference service: Synod Council Clergy / Reference and Counsel committee

Current Community service: Reading Camp and Spring into Reading through local schools

List specific gifts or talents you think you would bring to this position:

I believe that my gifts of creative thinking, listening with a discerning ear, and a light hearted attitude will be an asset to Synod Council as we continue to see the new thing God is doing among us locally and across this mission territory.

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Rev. Randy Schroeder

Member: St. Paul's, Middlebury, IN

Conference: North Central

Occupation: Pastor

Congregation service: Learning, Teaching, Discerning, Loving, overall being with the beloved people to whom God has called me.

Synod/Conference service: Co-Dean of the awesome North Central Conference

Current Community Service: working with Middlebury Food Pantry, Volunteer at Java Ridge (High School Coffee shop), Middlebury Ministerium, Volunteer with High School Band and Choral Booster Groups

List specific gifts or talents you think you would bring to this position:

The gifts and talents I bring to the council include but are not limited to: my love of God and God's creation, my sparkling personality, my discerning demeanor to look for what God is doing in the midst of the desert ... What an EXCITING time we live in!!!

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Synod Council Youth
(1 at large position, male or female)

Morgan Bodie

Member: Messiah, Brownsburg, IN

Conference: Indianapolis

Occupation: Student

Congregation service: Peer leader, worship reader, nursery, food pantry, clothing pantry, Family Promise, Wheeler Mission, help with children's events

Synod/Conference service: N/A

Current Community service: Prayer leader at school, vice president of National Junior Honor Society at New Augustana North, Relay for Life, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Curtain Call Dance Studio Community Performers for nursing homes, Riley Hospital, Cancer Society, etc.

List specific gifts or talents you think you would bring to this position: Morgan's top three spiritual gifts are leadership, exhortation and mercy. She is very willing to state her views and those of her peers respectfully and jump in to serve wherever there is a need. Her strong faith and love for Jesus shines through in discussions. She is very strong in prayer. All these will enhance the synod council.

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Lutheran Outdoor Ministries I-K Board of Directors
(1 Clergy position, male or female)

Rev. Adam Ruschau

Member: Redeemer, Jasper, IN

Conference: Evansville

Occupation: Pastor

Congregation service: Pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Jasper, IN

Synod/Conference service: Active participation in the Evansville Conference Ministerium meetings and activities

Current Community service: I teach a public-school ministry class once a week.

List specific gifts or talents you think you would bring to this position:

Having been a long-time camp counselor, camp volunteer and pastor, I not only have a deep passion for outdoor ministries, but also a good knowledge of what these ministers are really about, how important they are and a desire to form stronger connections between congregations and our camps.

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Rev. Richard Hartman

Member: Epiphany, Fort Wayne, IN

Conference: North East

Occupation: Pastor

Congregation service: Pastor at Epiphany Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN for 17 years

Synod/Conference service: N/A

Current Community service: Lead volunteer chaplain with Fort Wayne police department, Assistant Director of Region IV of the International Conference of Police Chaplains, Steering committee of STOP Suicide Northeast Indiana, Committee member of Health Vision of Fort Wayne.

List specific gifts or talents you think you would bring to this position:

*Previously served on the LOMIK board as: member, secretary and chair
Participated in Confirmation Camp for the past 20 years
Have a passion for our LOMIK camps and their ministry.*

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Lutheran Outdoor Ministries I-K Board of Directors (1 Lay male)

Erik Johnson

Member: Christ, Zionsville, IN

Conference: Indianapolis

Occupation: Software Quality Assurance Consultant for Fusion Alliance

Congregation service: High School Sunday School teacher and volunteer with youth group

Synod/Conference service: Currently on the LOMIK Board of Directors.

List specific gifts or talents you think you would bring to this position:

I have been active with Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Indiana-Kentucky since 1986, when I started working at Lake Luther. I have been involved in park boards (Brownsburg), church council (Messiah-Brownsburg) and Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Indiana-Kentucky Board of Directors for the past 3 years and have been involved in strategic planning in all of these positions. I have a passion for the camp ministry and look forward to continuing with it in the future.

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George Schmalz

Member: St. Andrew, Speedway, IN

Conference: Indianapolis

Occupation: Plant Manager at National Gypsum Company

Congregation service: Primary service has been to volunteer for Lutheran Outdoor Ministries (LOMIK).

Synod/Conference service: Primary service for last several years has been through being a Board of Director for LOMIK since 2009 and serving as Vice President of the organization since 2011. George has provided leadership within the group, demonstrates a strong passion for the continued success of outdoor ministries, has maintained good attendance for meetings, attends and participates in special events, participates in multiple work day assignments per year for the camps, is co-chair for the Chief Executive transition task force and has managed multiple major special projects for the camps.

Current Community Service: George participates with his two local high schools in providing coaching to seniors as they prepare for higher education and/or entering the workforce. This is accomplished through panel discussions, mock interviews and mock job fairs. In addition, George participates with his residential homeowners association both in assisting in steering the group and volunteering manual labor.

List specific gifts or talents you think you would bring to this position:

As a past camper, summer staff member for 4 years while in school and current Board of Director of LOMIK, I share a love for our camps and the ministry we engage in with our congregational youth and adults. My professional experience in human resources, occupational safety and leadership greatly assists the camps with such items as negotiating insurance contracts, managing capital projects, reviewing/editing human resource policies, camper safety and security, implementing background investigation checks for on-site personnel, employment, etc. I feel that expertise in these areas is very important to continue to help positively shape Outdoor Ministries. It would be an honor and privilege to continue to serve.

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**Indiana-Kentucky Synod Vice President
(1 Lay position, male or female)**

C. Theodore Miller

Member: Gloria Dei, Crestview Hills, KY

Conference: East Kentucky

Occupation: Senior Central Staff Counsel, Kentucky Supreme Court

Congregation service: Finance Committee, Chancel Choir, Communion Assistant, Lay Reader, Counter, Bible Study and Men's Groups

Synod/Conference service: Indiana-Kentucky Synod Vice-President and Region 6 Steering Committee

Current Community service: Various Gloria Dei and Northern Kentucky Bar Association activities.

List specific gifts or talents you think you would bring to this position:

I'm a lifetime Lutheran and pastor's son, whose faith grew in campus ministry and then on congregation councils. After serving multiple years as President of two congregations plus 12 years as Synod Secretary and currently as Synod Vice-President, I'm still energized by working with dedicated servants across the Church.

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Gregory (Shawn) Hall

Member: St. John, Louisville, KY

Conference: South Central Kentucky

Occupation: Carpenter

Congregation service: Property Committee

Synod/Conference service: N/A

Current Community service: N/A

List specific gifts or talents you think you would bring to this position: I am eager to learn more about our synod. I am outgoing and filled with the Holy Spirit. I don't meet a stranger.