

## Section 2 – Reports of Assembly Committees

### Report of the Nominations Committee

#### Committee Roster

Rev. Thomas Arth [H/N], Rev. Hans Borch [K/W], Rev. Wendell Grahman [ES-S],  
Eleanor McLeod [ELW], Bishop Michael J. Pryse, Chairperson [ES-S], Rev. Paul Roellchen-Pfohl [N],  
Rev. Elina Salonen [L], Rev. James Slack Jr. [A], Rev. Annette Smith [O/StL],  
Rev. David Tin [T], Rev. David Wunderlich [GB]

#### ***Nominations for Synod Council***

(Note – A representative must be elected from each of the following conferences: Hamilton/Niagara, Kitchener/Waterloo and Northern.)

#### **Lay Persons (Three to be elected) Term: 2008 – 2012**

Carol Christensen [O/StL]  
Reid DeLong [A]  
Brian Koivu [N]  
Jim Krats [N]  
Brenda Schott [K/W]  
Janet Weber [K/W]

#### **Clergy (Three to be elected) Term: 2008 – 2012**

Rev. Colin Cameron [H/N]  
Rev. Riitta Hepomaki [N]  
Rev. Kevin McLeod [H/N]  
Rev. Richard Pryce [K/W]  
Rev. Jeff Smith [L]  
Rev. Gigi Young [T]

#### ***Nominations for WLS Board of Governors***

#### **Lay Persons (One to be elected) Term: 2008 – 2011**

Jenny Rajaballey [K/W]  
Marianne Thornton [O/StL]

#### **Clergy (Two to be elected) Term: 2008 – 2011**

Rev. Norine Gullons [OStL]  
Rev. Olavi Hepomaki [N]  
Rev. Stephen Kristensen [A]  
Rev. Julio Romero [H/N]

#### **Lay Persons (Two to be elected) Term: 2009 – 2012**

Vicki Huehn [OStL]  
Suzanne McClennan [T]  
Jeff Snyder [K/W]  
Marge Watters-Knebel [T]

**Clergy (Two to be elected) Term: 2009 – 2012**

Rev. Ed Bastian [L]

Rev. Kimberlynn McNabb [A]

Rev. Heather Spencer [O/StL]

Rev. Heidi Wachowiak [K/W]

***Biographical Data for Nominees to Eastern Synod Council***

(Note – A representative must be elected from each of the following conferences: Hamilton/Niagara, Kitchener/Waterloo and Northern.)

**Lay Persons (Three to be elected) Term: 2008 – 2012**

**Carol Christensen** – St John, Ottawa – *Ottawa/St Lawrence Conference*

*Occupation:* Planner, City of Ottawa

Eastern Synod Council – member

St John Congregational Council – previous member/Chair

St John Social Ministry Committee – member

Anglican/Lutheran Joint Working Group – member

**Reid DeLong** – St Paul's, Bridgewater – *Atlantic Conference*

*Occupation:* Retired

Church Council – Chair

Rails to Trails – Director

Lunenburg County Historical Society – Director

Nova Scotia Labour Relations Board – Management

**Brian Koivu** – Trinity, Sudbury – *Northern Conference*

*Occupation:* Financial Consultant, Investors Group

Congregational Council – member

Synodical Resource Development Committee – past Chair

Synodical Resource Person for Support

WLU Seminary Board of Governors – past member

**Jim Krats** – St Timothy's, Copper Cliff – *Northern Conference*

*Occupation:* Transmission Lines Program Officer, Hydro One

St Timothy's, Copper Cliff – Chairperson (2000-2004)

Eastern Synod Council and Finance and Personnel Committee – 2004 – present

Sudbury Finnish Rest Home – HR Accreditation, Building Committee, Personnel Committee and Care Services Board member

St Timothy's, Copper Cliff 110 Anniversary and Fellowship Committees

**Brenda Schott** – St James, Elmira – *Kitchener/Waterloo Conference*

*Occupation:* Human Resources Consultant, Manulife Financial

Church Council – Chairperson

Sunday School Teacher

Assisting Minister

Personnel Committee – Chairperson

**Janet Weber** – St Paul’s, Cambridge – *Kitchener/Waterloo Conference*

*Occupation:* Stay-at-home mother

Sunday School Teacher and Youth Group Leader – current

Parent Volunteer on Two School Councils – current

Eastern Synod Learning Ministry Team – past Coordinator and member

Stewardship Resource Program for ELW in collaboration with Lutheran Planned Giving (published 2007) – writer

Eastern Synod Council – member

### **Clergy (Three to be Elected) Term: 2008 – 2012**

**Rev. Colin Cameron** – Holy Cross, Burlington – *Hamilton/Niagara Conference*

*Occupation:* Pastor, Holy Cross, Burlington

Eastern Synod Council – member, 2008-2009

Hamilton/Niagara Council – Secretary/Treasurer (to 2009)

St John’s, Hamilton – Pastor (2004-2008)

**Rev. Riitta Hepomaki** – St Matthew’s, Sudbury – *Northern Conference*

*Occupation:* Pastor, St Matthew’s Evangelical Lutheran Church

Finlandia Nursing Home – board member

Finlandia Village Ethics Committee - member

Northern Conference – Resource Person for Learning

Landsdowne Public School Council – member

**Rev. Kevin McLeod** – Faith, Hamilton – *Hamilton/Niagara Conference*

*Occupation:* Pastor, Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hamilton

Conference Dean, Conference Secretary and Conference Council – member

Lutheran/Anglican/Roman Catholic (LARC) Committee of Southern Ontario

Witness Sub-Committee member and Conference Resource Person

The Hamilton East Ministries (T.H.E.M.) – Ecumenical Social Ministry

**Rev. Richard Pryce** – St Philip, Kitchener – *Kitchener/Waterloo Conference*

*Occupation:* Pastor, St Philip Lutheran Church, Kitchener, Ontario

Eastern Synod Council – 2004 – present

K/W Conference Resource Person for Support/Stewardship

Lanark Heights Long Term Care, Kitchener – Part-time Chaplain

Interfaith Grand River

K-W Council of Churches

**Rev. Jeff Smith** – Redeemer, London – *London Conference*

*Occupation:* Pastor, Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, London, Ontario

Eastern Synod Council – member

House of Bishops – Local Arrangements Committee

London Conference Executive – Luther House Representative

London Lutheran Campus Ministry Council

**Rev. Gigi Young** – Toronto Chinese – *Toronto Conference*

*Occupation:* Pastor, Toronto Chinese Lutheran Church

ELCIC – Special Interest Council Member – 2003 to present

Toronto Conference Council Member – 2003 to present

Toronto Chinese Lutheran Ministerial Chairperson – 2006 to present

Scarborough Community Children Choir Organizer – 2007 to present

## **Biographical Data for Nominees to WLS Board of Governors**

### **Lay Persons (One to be elected) Term: 2008 – 2011**

**Jenny Rajaballey** – St Mark's, Kitchener – *Kitchener/Waterloo Conference*

*Occupation:* Administration, Grand River Hospital, Vice-President

St Mark's Lutheran Church Council

Sunday School Teacher, Grade 7, 8 & 9

Projects at St Mark's (ie Safe Church)

Big Sister (previous)

**Marianne Thornton** – Faith, Ottawa – *Ottawa/St Lawrence Conference*

*Occupation:* Physiotherapist, Ottawa Hospital

Faith Lutheran, Ottawa – Council Chair

Faith Lutheran, Ottawa – Worship Committee Chair

Faith Lutheran, Ottawa – organist (interim)

Eastern Synod Youth Gathering Planning Committee 2007 – Chair

### **Clergy (Two to be elected) Term: 2008 – 2011**

**Rev. Norine Gullons** – South Dundas Evangelical Lutheran Parish – *Ottawa/St Lawrence Conference*

*Occupation:* Pastor, South Dundas Evangelical Lutheran Parish, Morrisburg/Williamsburg, Ontario

Eastern Synod Public Policy Advisory Committee – 2007

Rural Ministry Symposium – Ecumenical Planning Team

Winchester District Memorial Hospital – Pastoral Care Advisory Committee

ELCIC Planning Team Representative

**Rev. Olavi Hepomaki** – St Matthew's, Sudbury – *Northern Conference*

*Occupation:* Pastor, St Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sudbury, Ontario

Helsinki University, Faculty of Theology, Student Association – Council member

Clergy Union of ELCF, Ostrobothnia District – Secretary

Lapua Diocese – Consultant and Trainer for Confirmation Teachers

Northern Conference – Youth Resource Person

**Rev. Stephen Kristenson** – St John's, Mahone Bay – *Atlantic Conference*

*Occupation:* Pastor, St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia

Alberta Synod – Bishop (1994-2006)

Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon, SK – Board Member (1994-2006)

The Bethany Group, Camrose, AB – Board Member (1984-1992); Ex-officio (1994-2006)

Mahone Bay Interchurch Council (current)

Mahone Bay Ministerial (current)

**Rev. Julio Romero** – Trinity, Fort Erie – *Hamilton/Niagara Conference*

*Occupation:* Pastor, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fort Erie, Ontario

St Paul's Church/Good Shepherd Church, Niagara Falls – Pastor

Trinity Lutheran Church, Fort Erie - Pastor

**Lay Persons (Two to be elected) Term: 2009 – 2012**

**Vicki Huehn** – St Mark's, Kingston – *Ottawa/St Lawrence Conference*

Occupation: Executive Director, Frontenac Community Mental Health Services  
National Planning Committee 2008, Canadian Lutheran Youth Gathering – Chair  
National Program Committee, Youth Ministry – Chair 1988-1994  
National Board, Psychosocial Rehabilitation Canada – current Co-Chair  
Service Systems Advisory Group, National Mental Health Commission – current member

**Suzanne McClennan** – Redeemer, Toronto – *Toronto Conference*

*Occupation:* Lawyer (Self-employed)  
WLS Board of Governors  
Redeemer Lutheran – Council Chair, Newsletter Editor  
Toronto Conference – Council and Past Treasurer  
Court of Adjudication – Past President

**Jeff Snyder** – St Matthews, Kitchener – *Kitchener/Waterloo Conference*

*Occupation:* Consulting Partner, Cremasco Partners Inc.  
Congregational Board Chair  
Choir Member...including bells!  
Instructor: Pension Asset Management Certified Employee Benefits Specialist

**Marge Watters Knebel** – St Philips, Toronto – *Toronto Conference*

*Occupation:* Co-owner, Knebel Watters & Associates 1995-2005; Currently – Career Development Coach  
Eastern Synod Examining Committee for Ordination Candidates, 2004-present  
Waterloo Lutheran Seminary Foundation Committee, 1999-2006  
ELCIC National Church Council, 1991-1999  
Various Congregational Committees including Congregational Council

**Clergy (Two to be elected) Term: 2009 – 2012**

**Rev. Ed Bastian** – St Ansgar, London – *London Conference*

Occupation: Interim Pastor, Bethany Lutheran Church, Woodstock, Ontario  
Eastern Synod Council – past member  
Eastern Synod Candidacy Committee (CCOM) – current member  
Lutheran Social Services – past Board member  
Mental Health Association – past Board member

**Rev. Kimberlynn McNabb** – Resurrection, Halifax – *Atlantic Conference*

*Occupation:* Pastor, Resurrection Lutheran Church, Halifax, Nova Scotia  
WLS Board of Governors, 2006-2009  
C.S.C. Halifax Chaplaincy Board – Secretary, 2006-present  
Atlantic Lutheran Campus Ministry (ALCM) – Chair  
In Mission for Others: Taking It Home – team member

**Rev. Heather Spencer** – St Mark's, Kingston – *Ottawa/St Lawrence Conference*

*Occupation:* Pastor, St Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kingston, Ontario  
C.L.R.P. (Learning), Atlantic Conference  
Board of Directors, Bridgewater and Area Food Bank  
E.L.W. Synodical Vice-President  
Board of Directors, South Shore Regional Hospitals, Pastoral Care Department

**Rev. Heidi Wachowiak** – St Peter’s, Cambridge – *Kitchener/Waterloo Conference*

*Occupation:* Pastor, St Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cambridge, Ontario

Cambridge Memorial Hospital – Spiritual Care Advisory Committee

Waterloo Lutheran Seminary – ROTA – Guest Pastor

Puppy Club – volunteer at senior’s homes with my dogs

Past numerous synod and national committees particularly related to youth ministry and parish life

***ELCIC Nominees to WLS Board of Governors***

Church at Large Representatives: The National Church Council has reduced the number of Church at Large Representatives it appoints to serve on the WLS Board of Governors to one person. Martin Appavoo presently serves the Board in this capacity.

## **Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel**

### ***Reference and Counsel Committee Members***

#### **Clergy**

Rev. Mark Van House – Chairperson

Rev. Liz Kuglin Alyea

Rev. Kristine Lund

Rev. Kevin Baglole

#### **Lay**

Laurie Knott

Rod Kruger

Bev Strucke

Margaret Christensen

**Advisory** – Rev. Dr. Mark Harris

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## **Report of the Committee on Report of the Bishop**

### ***Report of the Bishop Committee Members***

#### **Clergy**

Rev. Anne Krueger – Chairperson

Rev. Martin Malina

Rev. Terri-Ann Mattiasson

#### **Lay**

David Gellner

Linwood Lantz

Debbie Van Vehmendahl

**Advisory** – Dorothy Frook

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## **Report of the Committee on Registration**

### ***Registration Committee Members***

#### **Clergy**

None

#### **Lay**

Irene Fancy - Registrar

Carolin Heinze

Wilma Marie Bindernagel

**Advisory** – Rev. Wendell Grahlman

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## **Report of the Committee on Minutes**

### ***Minutes Committee Members***

#### **Clergy**

Rev. Dennis Becker  
Rev. Heather Spencer

#### **Lay**

David Weind  
Kimberly Strassburger – Chairperson

**Advisory** – Rev. Wendell Grahlman

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## **Report of the Committee on Elections**

### ***Elections***

#### **Clergy**

Rev. Jouko Jyrkama

Rev. Christie Morrow

#### **Lay**

Alven Choi– Chairperson

Alice Bartleman

**Advisory** – Rev. Guenter Dahle

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