

## NOMINATIONS FOR SYNOD COUNCIL POSITIONS

Nominations can be made from the floor by obtaining a form from the Information Table located in the foyer. Ten voting members' signatures are required in order to place the name in nomination. If you are making a nomination for a conference position, the 10 signatures must be from that conference. Nominations are valid only if prior to the nominations being closed, the nominee has, either directly or indirectly, indicated her/his willingness to serve if elected.

**NOTE: Floor nominations must be turned in by 5 p.m. Thursday, May 21.**

\* Incumbent

TREASURER (4-year term)

**Ms. Kaye Hambleton**  
**Mr. Fred Luhman**

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE (2-year term)

**Ms. Kristen Naus\***  
**Ms. Laura Szabados**

LAY AT LARGE (3-year term)

**Mr. Lyle Roberts\***

CLERGY AT LARGE (3-year term)

**The Rev. Steve Bieghler\***  
**The Rev. Michael Hagenow**

CLERGY AT LARGE female (3-year term)

**The Rev. Karin Boye**  
**The Rev. Karla Seyb Stockton**

WEST SAN DIEGO CONFERENCE #2 Clergy (3-year term)

**The Rev. Paul Bieber**  
**The Rev. Karen Marohn\***

RAINCROSS CONFERENCE #4 Clergy (3-year term)

**The Rev. Charles Aden\***  
**The Rev. Mark Allert**

BIG BEAR CONFERENCE #5 Clergy (3-year term)

**The Rev. Tim Edmondson**  
**The Rev. Larry Spielman**

SADDLEBACK CONFERENCE #7 Clergy (3-year term)

**The Rev. Kim Eifert Krogstad**

SON & SURF CONFERENCE # 8 Lay (3-year term)

**Ms. Georgina Califf\***  
**Ms. Christie Coates**

## CANDIDATES FOR TREASURER (4-yr term)

### Treasurer

Name: Ms. Kaye Hambleton  
Congregation: Shepherd of the Valley, La Mesa  
Conference: Sonshine #1  
Present Employment: Attorney



### Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- ❖ Gift of Communication: I am a good listener, and I have a gift of enabling members of families and other groups to express their concerns in a calm way, to work together to solve problems, and if possible, to build a consensus.
- ❖ Gift of Management and Service: First as a high school and college teacher and then over more years as wife, mom and attorney, I have grown to have good sense about management which includes setting goals, establishing priorities, using time, money and other resources effectively, delegation of tasks and following up. I am a hard worker who would much rather be behind the scenes. I also have a gift (modeling after my parents who were North Dakota farmer-ranchers) of looking for the open window and not being stymied by what may seem to be lacking.
- ❖ Third Gift: I love being a Lutheran. I love the gift of God's grace which forgives and sets us free to forgive others, to love and to serve. I certainly am not claiming perfection in this or any area, but if participation in the Church at the synod level is a place where I can contribute, then I am willing to take that on.

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Treasurer

Name: Mr. Fred Luhman  
Congregation: Grace, Huntington Beach  
Conference: Son & Surf #8  
Present Employment: Hospital Financial Consultant



Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- ❖ The gift of finance. After obtaining my CPA certificate in Wisconsin, I spent 25 years as Vice-President of Finance at Beverly Hospital in Montebello. In 2001 I started my own consulting business specializing in hospital finance and accounting.
- ❖ The gift of administration. With a Master of Business Administration degree from California State University at Long Beach, I have had extensive experience in hospital management as well as at Grace Lutheran Church where I have served in various council and committee positions including congregational president. I also served in various board positions including president of the Southern California Chapter of The Healthcare Financial Management Association.
- ❖ The gift of being a part of the body of Christ. I was confirmed as a Lutheran in Wisconsin and have been an active member of the Lutheran church all my life. After relocating to California in 1964, my wife and I became members of King of Glory Lutheran Church in Fountain Valley. In 1984 we joined Grace Lutheran Church of Huntington Beach where our children were confirmed and were active in the Luther League.

**CANDIDATES FOR YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE (2-year term)**

Youth Representative

Name: Ms. Kristen Naus  
Congregation: Our Savior's, Banning  
Conference: Big Bear #5  
Present Employment: Incumbent, student



Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- ❖ I am a student and a young adult. I am very involved with the youth programs throughout the church and the community.
  - ❖ I have been on Synod Council for the last 2 years. Also have been a part of Our Savior's Lutheran Church council for the last 5 years.
  - ❖ I am very enthusiastic in the work of the Lord.
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Youth Representative

Name: Ms. Laura Szabados  
Congregation: King of Kings, Oceanside  
Conference: Harvest #3  
Present Employment: Student, AVID tutor



Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

As a Youth Representative for the Synod Council, I believe

- ❖ my understanding of the needs of my community's youth,
- ❖ my ability to communicate effectively with my church congregation as well as the synod, and
- ❖ my dedication to serving my community as a youth representative

will all be valuable assets to the synod council.

**CANDIDATE FOR LAY-AT-LARGE (3-year term)**

Lay at Large

Name: Mr. Lyle Roberts  
Congregation: Iglesia Luterana, Hemet  
Conference: Raincross #4  
Present Employment: Retired Telephone Exec.



Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- ❖ Organizational and listening Skills – Ability to listen to complex problems and ideas and work with others for reasonable solutions.
- ❖ Leadership Abilities – Directed a staff of 45 for a nine-state regulatory operation and have served in the Kiwanis organization as past Lt. Governor, Club President and current Club Secretary.
- ❖ Have good computer skills and am currently developing a Data Tracking System for the Pacifica Synod Council to enable the rapid retrieval of all Council, Executive Committee and Synod Assembly minutes.

## CANDIDATES FOR CLERGY-AT-LARGE (3-year term)

### Clergy at Large

Name: The Rev. Steve Bieghler  
Congregation: Lamb of God, Anaheim  
Conference: Rejoice #9  
Present Employment: Pastor



### Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- ❖ **Synodical Experience:** In addition to currently serving on the Synod Council, I have also served the Pacifica Synod in a variety of other ways, including: Synod Assembly planning team, PALLMM Cabinet member, Professional Leaders' Conference planning team, and on other miscellaneous task forces. This has given me a good perspective on how the synod functions and helped develop strong working relationships with synod staff and other key persons in leadership.
- ❖ **Pastoral Experience:** I have been a pastor for 21 years. Since coming to the Pacifica Synod in 2001, I have served in both settled calls and intentional interim ministry settings. This has given me an opportunity to know and work with many of our synod's clergy and lay leaders. I feel I have benefited very much from these collegial and pastoral relationships. I have learned much from all these persons about the challenges our congregations face and the hopes they have for their futures.
- ❖ **Leadership Skills:** I continue to work on my leadership capacity through personal study and continuing education, particularly in the areas of leadership development. I am very interested in the current thinking and writing on "missional leadership" which is particularly relevant, I think, to our synod's congregations. I think it is important to be continually learning. I hope it will also be an asset I can bring to becoming a better leader in our synod.

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### Clergy at Large

Name: The Rev. Michael Hagenow  
Congregation: Clairemont, San Diego  
Conference: West San Diego #2  
Present Employment: Associate Pastor



### Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- ❖ Fresh ideas for the continuing mission of the Pacifica Synod and the ELCA.
- ❖ A commitment to honor Lutheran identity while lifting up the voices of the marginalized.
- ❖ Organizational and leadership experience through involvement in Pacifica Synod's Hunger and Housing Ministry Team and Border Concerns Ministry Team. Locally I am also involved in the Coalition for a Hate Free San Diego. I also served two years as class convener in seminary at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

## CANDIDATES FOR CLERGY-AT-LARGE (3-year term)

### Clergy at Large

Name: The Rev. Karin Boye  
Congregation: Christ, Orange  
Conference: Son & Surf #8  
Present Employment: Interim Pastor



### Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- ❖ Love for the church: The Pacifica Synod is part of the worldwide Christian community of faith. Our churches' visible expressions, the Lutheran tradition and the call to constantly reform itself towards God's good future is an exciting foundation for this temporary institution called "church." And I feel blessed and privileged to be part of this, God's endeavor.
- ❖ Curiosity: Born in Germany and ordained 1986 in Hamburg I have served as a pastor in different capacities in Germany, England and the Pacifica Synod. Curiosity always was a driving force in my life, which keeps out boredom or routine and makes room for joy. It also creates space for thinking outside of the box.
- ❖ Experience: Having served on the worldwide first Lutheran female Bishop's Theological Advisory Board, the EKD's Committee on Discipline, and now after eight years of "abstinence" I feel it is time to get involved again on the Synod level.

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### Clergy at Large

Name: The Rev. Karla Seyb Stockton  
Congregation: Incarnation, Poway  
Conference: Harvest #3  
Present Employment: Associate Pastor



### Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- ❖ Prayerful approach to life.
- ❖ A caring concern for people as individuals and as part of the larger whole.
- ❖ Willingness and enthusiasm for serving: for the good of the Synod Council, for the good of the Pacifica Synod and for the good of my congregation.

**CANDIDATES FOR WEST SAN DIEGO CONFERENCE #2 (3-year term)**

Conference #2 Clergy

Name: The Rev. Paul Bieber  
Congregation: All Saints, San Diego  
Conference: West San Diego #2  
Present Employment: Pastor



Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- ❖ A legal as well as a theological background.
  - ❖ A passion for ecumenism.
  - ❖ A commitment to God's gifts in word and sacrament as the source of all we do as the church.
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Conference #2 Clergy

Name: The Rev. Karen Marohn  
Congregation: St. Peter's by the Sea, San Diego  
Conference: West San Diego #2  
Present Employment: Pastor



Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- ❖ A heart for ministry and mission of God's church.
- ❖ Willingness to be of service, ability to listen, good participant at meetings and committee work.
- ❖ Deep faith and prayer life.

**CANDIDATES FOR RAINCROSS CONFERENCE #4 (3-year term)**

Conference #4 Clergy

Name: The Rev. Charles Aden  
Congregation: Shepherd of Life, Lake Elsinore  
Conference: Raincross #4  
Present Employment: Pastor



Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- ❖ Love for the Lord's work through the church.
- ❖ Good Listener.
- ❖ My leadership style is by consensus.

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Conference #4 Clergy

Name: The Rev. Mark Allert  
Congregation: Peace, Corona  
Conference: Raincross #4  
Present Employment: Pastor



Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- ❖ Love of God.
- ❖ Love of Church.
- ❖ Love of neighbor and self.

## CANDIDATES FOR BIG BEAR CONFERENCE #5 (3-year term)

### Conference #5 Clergy

Name: The Rev. Tim Edmondson  
Congregation: Spirit of Peace, Big Bear City  
Conference: Big Bear #5  
Present Employment: Pastor



### Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- ❖ **WIDE RANGE OF MINISTRY EXPERIENCE.** I've served as pastor in a variety of settings for nearly 20 years; from large congregations to now a young mission congregation, thus providing a wide experiential context helping me relate to congregations across the colorful spectrum of the Pacifica Synod. I work closely in an exciting partnership with other denominations (Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian). This ecumenical connection is not only mandated by Christ, but a necessary life-blood of our ELCA and Pacifica Synod.
- ❖ **CREATIVITY, RESOURCEFULNESS, "OUT OF THE BOX" THINKING.** As a mission developer pastor, conventional ideas and methods do not necessarily produce desired results. Creativity is key especially with outreach as the goal. In a declining denomination (as far as numbers) our thinking needs to be centrifugal –something that spins out from our Lutheran heart to those who are non-churched and never-churched. In other words, I'm all for the ongoing reformation of Christ's Church. Tradition is important also as we find comfort, strength, and guidance in what has been. How do we as the Church balance this "breathing in" and "breathing out?" How can we be relevant to those who know nothing "Lutheran" and yet retain loyalty to a foundation that has lasted centuries? How do we not throw out the baby with the bathwater?
- ❖ **HEAD AND A HEART FOR THE CHURCH; ITS MISSION AND MESSAGE.** Ministry is hard work, but mostly it's an adventure – a wild-ride (kind of like a roller-coaster)! Who can be sure where and how God is going to show up? Nonetheless, we trust. I have a good head, am blessed with a capable mind – an often "way too practical" mind. But it's challenged by a faith that at its heart says to risk and chance and believe in things that we cannot see and to walk into a future yet unknown. Our synod is doing well to move forward in new ways and new ministries in a rapidly changing environment, and yet, we as the ELCA face huge issues that challenge our core theological and biblical understandings. The course is faithfulness with success never guaranteed. And let that faithfulness be a resounding "Yes" to the Spirit of God moving in our midst, creating in us new ways to speak to our midst, creating in us new ways to speak to our cultural context, making sure we remain relevant to people's lives while at the same time being true to heart of the Gospel.

With these in mind, it would be a holy privilege to serve on our Synod Council.

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Conference #5 Clergy

Name: The Rev. Larry Spielman  
Congregation: Trinity, Victorville  
Conference: Big Bear #5  
Present Employment: Pastor



Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- ❖ I have above average understanding of synod constitutions having served on two different Synod Constitution Teams. I have served on boards outside of the Church such as Medical Ethics Team for a medical school.
- ❖ I have advanced degrees not only in Ministry, but also in Leadership and Administration. I am an analytic thinker who is able to grasp complex issues. I am a doer; I put my feet where my mouth is. I have advanced emotional intelligence – meaning I am able to feel with understanding.
- ❖ I am willing to ask hard questions that sometimes need to be asked so good decisions are made. I am a team player – when it comes time to act I am supportive even if my point of view does not prevail. I have been a pastor for about 28 years which has given a wide range of experiences. I am open to transformative movements of the Spirit in fresh and traditional ways. I love Jesus and love the spiritual life.

**CANDIDATE FOR SADDLEBACK CONFERENCE #7 (3-year term)**

Conference #7 Clergy

Name: The Rev. Kim Eifert Krogstad  
Congregation: Christ, San Clemente  
Conference: Saddleback #7  
Present Employment: Pastor



Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- ❖ I've learned that, especially in the church, ends never justify the means. Sometimes the means we use say as much, if not more, about who we are as any decision does.
- ❖ I love the church and am unwilling for us to settle for anything less than being the church.
- ❖ I can admit when I've made a mistake and that I don't know everything.

**CANDIDATES FOR SON & SURF CONFERENCE #8 (3-year term)**

Conference #8 Lay

Name: Ms. Georgina Califf  
Congregation: Our Saviour's, Orange  
Conference: Son & Surf #8  
Present Employment: Lecturer, Cal. State Fullerton



Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- ❖ Extensive involvement at the congregational level has given me a basic understanding of the mission and business of the church.
  - ❖ On the Synodical level, service on Synod Council has given me further opportunity to contribute to the work of the wider church.
  - ❖ Member of Synod Council, 2007-09; Liaison to Elections Committee, 2009, President of congregation, 2005-07; Congregational Call Committee, 2003.
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Conference #8 Lay

Name: Ms. Christie Coates  
Congregation: King of Glory, Fountain Valley  
Conference: Son & Surf #8  
Present Employment: Real Estate Consultant,  
Performance Coach



Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- ❖ Devotion to serving others in all areas of my life, including working with Habitat for Humanity.
- ❖ Working with others to achieve the goals and dreams they desire to achieve.
- ❖ Experience in the Real Estate industry including being a Real Estate Broker and working with an investment firm.