

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, Shepherd of Life



Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- ❖ A prayerful desire to do God's will in all matters.
- ❖ As former dean, a leader in establishing the new start, River of Light Lutheran Church, Riverside, which has since folded. I bring a perspective of what went wrong, so hopefully we can learn and succeed next time.
- ❖ A heart for the growth of Christ's Church.

Conference #4 Clergy

Name: The Rev. Larry Koger
Congregation: Hope, Temecula
Conference: Raincross #4
Present Employment: Sr. Pastor, Hope, Temecula



Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- ❖ I have served as a pastor at small, medium and large congregations and understand the unique joys and challenges of various sized churches.
- ❖ I have a passion both for mission and for traditional Lutheran theology, for reaching out with God's love to the community and the world while holding fast to the central truth that we are justified by grace through faith apart from works of the law.
- ❖ I have an interest in strategic planning, have worked with congregation councils on strategic plans and understand the role of a council person in helping an organization, like the synod, reach its goals.

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

Conference #7 Clergy

Name:	The Rev. Bill Snyder
Congregation:	Mission, Laguna Niguel
Conference:	Saddleback #7
Present Employment:	Pastor, Mission, Laguna Niguel



Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- ❖ Trained Bridgebuilder Consultant—Intervention for conflicted congregations.
- ❖ Facilitator for “Healthy Congregations” program for promoting health in congregations and leaders.
- ❖ Heart for mission—member of Board of Outreach.

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

Conference #8 Lay

Name: Ms. Sheila Wenzel
Congregation: Resurrection, Huntington Beach
Conference: Son & Surf #8
Present Employment: retired Administrative Secretary



Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- ❖ Leadership – Served on congregation council as vice-president and president, on Lutheran Social Services of Southern California board and executive committee, as past president of WELCA at the local level and as past member of the ELCA Board for Social Ministries.
- ❖ Vision – Positive, hopeful outlook for the Pacifica Synod, its congregations and people, believing that together we can focus on common missions with aggressive goals. Strong commitment to developing a trusting, communicative relationship between the synod council and congregations.
- ❖ Personal – Desire to serve those who sit along side me in the pew with a listening ear and good sense of humor, and dedicated determination to present these views to the synod council. I consider it a gift and a privilege to serve my synod and my conference.

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:

- ❖ Active in congregational leadership positions—Congregation president 2003-05, Call Committee chair 2002. Many organizational skills.
- ❖ Active volunteer/leader in social ministry projects
- ❖ I have a profound love for the Gospel.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY POSITIONS

As with synod council positions, nominations can be made from the floor by obtaining a form from the Nominations Table located in the foyer. Ten voting members' signatures from the nominee's conference are required in order to place the name in nomination. 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. Each conference will elect one voting member.

CONFERENCE # 1 Sonshine – Lay, Female
Ms. Pam Prescott

CONFERENCE #2 West San Diego – Clergy, Female
The Rev. Gloria Espeseth
The Rev. Maria Santa Cruz

CONFERENCE #3 Harvest – Lay, Female
Ms. Linda Jacobson

CONFERENCE #4 Raincross – Youth
Ms. Courtney Robertson

CONFERENCE #5 Big Bear – Lay, Male
Mr. Allen Brakke
Mr. Felton Anderson

CONFERENCE #6 Mariposa – Clergy, Male
The Rev. Jake Bell
The Rev. James Pike

CONFERENCE #7 Saddleback – Lay, Female
Ms. Susan Garnett
Ms. Jane Porphir

CONFERENCE #8 Son & Surf – Clergy, Person of Color or
Primary Language Not English
The Rev. Minh-Hanh Nguyen

CONFERENCE #9 Rejoice – Lay, Male
Mr. Skip Becker

CONFERENCE #10 Hukilau – Clergy, Female
The Rev. Karen Perkins
The Rev. Ruth Peterson

CANDIDATES FOR CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY POSITIONS

Sonshine Conference #1 – Lay, Female

Name: Ms. Pam Prescott
Congregation: Good Shepherd, Alpine
Conference: Sonshine #1
Present Employment: Substitute Teacher



Three Gifts You Offer to this Position

- ❖ I am an enthusiastic proponent of music in our church, a mission congregation struggling to grow. Many of our members are not lifelong Lutherans and don't have a strong musical background. I believe the gift of my musical enthusiasm helps free members to sing out and to hear the words spoken through that music.
- ❖ I have been teaching at the middle school level since 1972. I am organized and able to collect information as well as share it upon my return.
- ❖ I lived overseas, in Saudi Arabia, for 18 years and have experience with a wide variety of ideas, opinions and cultural differences. I would love to participate in a gathering of Lutherans from across the country, to hear their stories and join in worship with them.

CANDIDATES FOR CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY POSITIONS

West San Diego #2 – Clergy, Female

Name: The Rev. Gloria Espeseth
Congregation: Gethsemane, San Diego
Conference: West San Diego #2
Present Employment: Pastor, Gethsemane, San Diego



Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- ❖ Commitment to the church’s deliberation assemblies at congregational, synodical and churchwide levels.
- ❖ Avid reader and thinker about issues before the Churchwide Assembly in 2005.
- ❖ Open to the Spirit’s movement in the Churchwide Assembly as we worship, pray, study, play and deliberate. I have the conviction that the Assembly is a decision-making process not a pre-made, done deal.

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West San Diego #2 Clergy, Female

Name: The Rev. Maria Santa Cruz  
Congregation: Our Savior’s, San Diego  
Conference: West San Diego #2  
Present Employment: Pastor, Our Savior’s, San Diego

No photo submitted

Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- ❖ I offer 14 years of service to the church community and seven years of service as an ordained pastor.
- ❖ Being female and from the Mexican culture, I offer first-hand and realistic knowledge of the needs of the Hispanic community; but, more importantly, the needs of the Mexican community, since the majority of the Hispanic ministries in the Southwest are made up of Mexican people!
- ❖ My knowledge and experience of how combined ministries, through support, cooperation, communication and application, like the two ministries at Our Savior’s, can become “One Ministry in Two Languages.”

## CANDIDATES FOR CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY POSITIONS

### Harvest Conference #3 Lay, Female

Name: Ms. Linda Jacobson  
Congregation: First, Vista  
Conference: Harvest #3  
Present Employment: Database Management



### Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- ❖ The gift of listening and being able to sit for long periods of time while doing it.
- ❖ The gift of understanding and discernment as many reports are presented during the assembly.
- ❖ The gift of speech. Not only to speak up at a large gathering but to bring back and share the information with members of the synod, cluster, and/or congregation.

## CANDIDATES FOR CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY POSITIONS

### Raincross #4 – Youth

Name: Ms. Courtney Robertson  
Congregation: Peace, Corona  
Conference: Raincross #4  
Present Employment: student



### Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- ❖ I have many gifts I can bring to this position. Among them are dedication, enthusiasm and a genuine concern for the life and well being of the church. I am dedicated to watching the church grow in its people.
- ❖ After attending the youth convocation at the 2005 Churchwide Assembly, I am inspired and determined to do what I can to help find the best path for our church to follow on a number of different issues.
- ❖ I am enthusiastic about attending the Churchwide Assembly. Growing up in the Lutheran Church has made it a part of who I am and I want to gladly watch it prosper. I have a genuine interest in the church's future. I have seen first-hand what goes into running a unified church and my love and interest in governing bodies and the church combine and draw me in, driving my desire to be a part of the church body.