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 for an individual to be nominated. 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 11.

* Incumbent

TREASURER
  Mr. Gary Kakert*
  Mr. Tom Pankow

LAY AT LARGE, Female, Ethnic or English as Second Language
  Ms. Dámaris Allen

BIG BEAR CONFERENCE #5, Clergy
  The Rev. Kim Eifert Krogstad*

SADDLEBACK CONFERENCE #7, Lay
  Ms. Daneen Pysz

HUKILAU CONFERENCE #10, Lay
  Mr. Rafael del Castillo*
  Mr. Mark Fornwall

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE
  Ms. Emily Erisman
  Mr. Travon Thomas
**Treasurer**

Name: Mr. Gary Kakert  
Congregation: King of Glory, Fountain Valley  
Conference: Son & Surf #8  
Present Employment: President, Edoxs Corporation

Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- I have 20 years of experience as a financial office (Treasurer/Financial Secretary) at King of Glory, Fountain Valley.
- Business experience domestically and abroad with a multinational corporation, US government and as a small business owner.
- I have served as treasurer for the last four years and have grown in my understanding of synod business. My flexible schedule has allowed me to be available to address synod issues.

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**Treasurer**

Name: Mr. Thomas Pankow  
Congregation: St. Paul, Fullerton  
Conference: Rejoice #9  
Present Employment: Retired Financial Executive

Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- Strong financial management.
- Experience with church and non-profit organizations (currently serving as Vice-President at St. Paul and as Treasurer for Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Services).
- Enjoy strategic planning and analysis.
CANDIDATE FOR LAY AT LARGE, Female, Ethnic or English as Second Language
(3-year term)

Lay at Large, Female, Ethnic or English as Second Language

Name:          Ms. Ingrid Dámaris Allen
Congregation: Clairemont Lutheran Church/
               Iglesia Luterana Clairemont
Conference:   West San Diego #2
Present Employment: Children’s & Youth Director at Clairemont
               Lutheran Church

Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

❖ As an immigrant in this country, I can offer a different perspective that what other people see the church in general and in our synod.

❖ I believe strongly that diversity should be a priority for our Synod.

❖ As a graphic designer, artist, and musician I could bring new ideas to the council of how to reach out to more people like me in creative ways.
CANDIDATE FOR BIG BEAR CONFERENCE #5, clergy (3-year term)

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<td>Name: The Rev. Kim Eifert Krogstad</td>
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Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:
- **Experience:** I have served a variety of congregations in a variety of settings, chaired the Mission Support Table and currently serve on Synod Council.
- **Passion:** I love this church and am willing to ask the hard questions and do the hard work to keep us honest, faithful, and focused.
- **Imagination:** Mark Twain said, “Anyone who can only think of one way to spell a word obviously lacks imagination.” I am an awful speller but hopefully that means I can also think of more than one way to do the work which we have been entrusted.

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

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<td>Name: Ms. Daneen Pysz</td>
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<td>Congregation: Gloria Dei, Dana Point</td>
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<td>Present Employment: Ministry of presenting “The Bible’s ‘Bad’ Girls” performed at various churches, retreats, luncheons, and Bible studies.</td>
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Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:
- **I believe the Lord has blessed me with a great deal of compassion & empathy for others.**
- **I am a conscientious person and strive to the best of my ability to fulfill all the tasks that are expected of me in any position given to me.**
- **My pastor, David Mattson, asked if I was interested in this position. After praying to the Lord for guidance, I am honored that my Pastor would think of me for this position on the Synod Council which is quite humbling.**
Hukilau Conference, Lay

Name: Mr. Rafael del Castillo
Congregation: Calvary by the Sea, Honolulu
Present Employment: Lawyer

Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

❖ Passion

❖ Perspicacity.

❖ Perseverance.

Hukilau Conference, Lay

Name: Mr. Mark Fornwall
Congregation: Kihei Lutheran, Kihei
Present Employment: Retired

Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

❖ Deep faith, love, and respect for God and all of creation and as a result a desire to serve.

❖ Considerable knowledge of the church from a variety of leadership and teaching positions filled at each of the congregations (3) to which I have been a member.

❖ Considerable leadership experience through both lay and church-related services. This includes participating in or chairing boards and committees as well as service on the resolutions committee for the Southeast Synod Assembly several years ago.
CANDIDATES FOR YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE (2-year term)

Youth Representative

Name: Ms. Emily Erisman
Congregation: Bethlehem, Encinitas
Conference: Harvest #3
Present Employment: College Student

Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- Compassionate leader — I am a sophomore in college at California Lutheran University and I am a member of our campus ministry council. This gives me the opportunity to help lead worship and plan events. I have learned there are many ways to do this, but my best way is through methodical work and an understanding of how to push others to be their best selves.

- Patient listener — I respect others and take the time to hear what they’re saying before responding. This ability to listen while interpreting others grants me the best understanding of a situation. I found in my experience, whether it is the friend sitting across from you or the co-worker you are in conflict with, most people just want to be heard and I have a gift for that.

- Church nerd — I have a deep love for the church. Being a pastor’s kid has granted me an all access pass to the church and what I discovered is I never want to leave. This makes me someone to be counted on. In my plan to be a pastor there is so much value in an experience like this one. I’ve been going to synod assemblies my whole life and I still can’t get enough of them. I would be honored to serve in this capacity.

Youth Representative

Name: Mr. Travon Thomas
Congregation: Our Redeemer, Garden Grove
Conference: Son & Surf #8
Present Employment: High School Student

Three Gifts You Offer to this Position:

- I have been described as having a very good sense of understanding and maturity that many teenagers are seeming to be lacking. Many people leave me to look after others my age, give or take a few years.

- I love taking leadership roles and being a big representative or man-in-charge of any organization or division, and I’ve been told that I’m good with that leadership. I try to look out for groups rather than just attempt to make personal gain. I am a captain of the Varsity Football team and a leader in my church Youth Ministry, Choir, and VBS.

- I tend to think very logically and understand other peoples’ opinions or views and don’t overreact to differences in ideals. I can discuss different views and opinions about many different things, and seem to be strong at playing the “devil’s advocate” which I’ve been told is a good quality for being able to communicate and understand another party’s side.