

NOMINATIONS

For Pacifica Synod Council

Nominees on pages 4-2 through 4-3 will be voted on by every voting member of the assembly.

Nominee on page 4-4 will be voted on by **Orange County** voting members only.

Nominee on page 4-5 will be voted on by **Inland Empire** voting members only.

Nominee on page 4-6 will be voted on by **Hawaii** voting members only.

(Incumbent marked with asterix*)

There are no positions up for election in the San Diego area this year.

The positions of Treasurer and Person of Color/Primary Language other than English, will be voted on by every voting member of the assembly. The geographic area positions will be voted on by members of the geographic areas in the conference break-out sessions on Saturday, May 6.

Nominations for any position can be made from the floor by obtaining a form from the Secretary. Ten voting members' signatures are required for an individual to be nominated. If you are making a nomination for an "Area Representative" position, the 10 signatures must be from that "area." 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. Deadline for submitting floor nominations is **1:00pm Friday, May 5.**

NOMINEES FOR SYNOD COUNCIL

TREASURER

4 YEAR TERM



Allen K Easley

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Claremont, CA
Raincross Conference

I have been a law professor for 44 years and the dean of three different law schools over the past 16 years. I will be retiring this June. I have also been the treasurer at my church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, since 2014.

The three gifts I would bring to this position are:

1. I have been a teacher for most of my adult life. I think I am good at explaining complex things in ways that are understandable.
2. Although I am not an accountant, I understand budgets, having worked closely with CFOs as a law school dean, and having overseen Good Shepherd's finances for nearly ten years.
3. I believe strongly that oversight of the Church or Synod budget is about more than just balancing income and expenses. It is about helping to find ways to use the often scarce resources of the Church to further its mission. A very good trial lawyer once told me that "facts tell, stories sell." In the context of the Church, facts are about counting resources. But resources are drawn towards compelling stories. Those stories bring to life how we make a difference in our communities.

**NOMINEES FOR SYNOD COUNCIL, PERSON OF
COLOR/PRIMARY LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH**
3 YEAR TERM



Rev. Diana Chaterina Simanjuntak
HKBP First Batak Lutheran Church, Redlands
Big Bear Conference

The three gifts I would bring to this role are:

1. I will be present in humility by reminding us of God's love for all nations, inviting all of God's people in love to know, learn, and respect the many people present and their differences. Thereby, we can love one another, affirm and support each other, and unite all in God's love.
2. As an Indonesian Batak woman, I would love to introduce my life and the context of the Indonesian Batak people into the culture of this Synod. I will always strive to connect with others in God's love within this Synod.
3. In my experience, God's love gives motivation to share that love with others, this is strengthened by sharing meals, quality time and meeting each other's needs. I am a firm believer that in God's love we can do all things, celebrating what makes us different while uniting us in His love.

ORANGE COUNTY AREA VOTING MEMBERS ONLY

SYNOD COUNCIL, ORANGE COUNTY LAY / ANY GENDER (3 YEAR TERM)



Kay Fielder

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Cypress, CA
Son & Surf Conference

Program Development – If elected to the Pacifica Synod Council, I hope to bring my skills in program development and teaching to the group. As a Program Specialist for six local school districts, I was responsible for the development and implementation of new instructional programs for students with special needs, parent education workshops, and training for teachers. I gained experience in assessing needs, setting goals, developing and providing training to diverse groups, managing program implementation, and monitoring the success of program outcomes. In the 2021-22, I completed the ELCA's Thriving Leadership Formation program as a lay individual and have been able to use the spiritual practices I learned in educational settings at Mt. Calvary. Currently, I am participated in the Living the Resurrection training program that involves planning, implementing, and presenting numerous activities/events with our congregations aimed at developing our core values and establishing relationships in the community.

Collaboration – Working with others to produce or create something is often hard, but ultimately rewarding. When working with different groups in school districts and my church, I have learned the importance of listening carefully, communicating clearly, asking questions, recognizing and supporting one another's gifts, and resolving conflict. I enjoy discussing the ideas of others and working as part of a team. I was a member of the Pacifica Synod Assembly Planning Team in 2022 and greatly benefitted from this collaborative experience.

Service – As a member of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church for 28 years, I have discovered the joy of service to the Lord, my congregation, and my community. I would consider it a privilege to share that joy with the Pacifica Synod Council. I am currently active at Mt. Calvary as a member of the Carillon Choir, our Jubilation Praise Band, Worship and Music Committee, and Women's Ministry group. I serve as Worship Assistant and Lector. I am active in our Women's Ministry group and participate in planning and hosting events that provide resources to our church and local charitable organizations. I have coordinated Mt. Calvary's community outreach/social ministry program since 2020 and serve currently in that role. As a Lay Eucharist Minister, I visit members of our church in care centers or homebound each month. I have also taught Confirmation, Sunday School, and Vacation Bible School in years past. Being able to plan and lead Bible studies, music, and evening worship at our Women's Retreat has been a blessing to me. I hope that God will continue to grant me opportunities to serve others.

INLAND AREA VOTING MEMBERS ONLY

SYNOD COUNCIL, INLAND AREA ROSTERED MINISTER/ FEMALE (3 YEAR TERM)



Rev. Jennifer Shaw

St. John's Lutheran Church, Palm Desert, CA
Big Bear Conference

Faith – My hope and intention in my life and vocation is to share the good news of Jesus Christ because I believe it changes lives for the better.

Leadership Experience – In addition to serving on the Synod Council, I am the Dean of the Big Bear Conference, Leader of a Pacifica Synod Thriving Leadership Formation Cohort, and Trainer for the Rocky Mountain Synod Excellence in Leadership program.

Communication – I truly enjoy working with others, and have often been able to guide conversations and actions toward the completion of beneficial common goals.

HAWAII VOTING MEMBERS ONLY

SYNOD COUNCIL, HAWAII LAY / FEMALE (3 YEAR TERM)



Dana Westphalen

Joy of Christ Lutheran Church, Pearl City, Hawaii
Hukilau Conference

Devotion to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ - He is my Rock, the beginning of every day and truth through all seasons

Compassion for all God's creation - I pray everyday that I may live Micah 6:8 to do what is right and just, to love unconditionally, and to walk humbly with God always. I am a registered nurse and care for all souls.

Hospitality - I embrace the opportunity to welcome any person into the grace and loving embrace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ as they enter the world, as they live in the world, and as they may exit this world.

SYNOD WIDE BALLOT 2023

ALL VOTING MEMBERS VOTE ON THESE
POSITIONS

SYNOD COUNCIL

TREASURER

4 YEAR TERM, LAY OR ROSTERED, ANY GENDER
Vote for 1

- Allen Easley

PERSON OF COLOR/PRIMARY

LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH

3 YEAR TERM, LAY OR ROSTERED, ANY GENDER
Vote for 1

- Diana Chaterina Simanjuntak

INLAND AREA BALLOT

*VOTED ON BY: Raincross, Big Bear
Conferences*

SYNOD COUNCIL

ROSTERED MINISTER / FEMALE

3 YEAR TERM, *Vote for 1*

- Jennifer Shaw

CONFERENCE DEAN

VOTED ON BY Big Bear conference only

- Jennifer Shaw

ORANGE COUNTY AREA BALLOT

VOTED ON BY: Saddleback, Son & Surf,
Rejoice Conferences

SYNOD COUNCIL

LAY MEMBER / ANY GENDER

3 YEAR TERM, Vote for 1

- Kay Fielder

CONFERENCE CO-DEANS

VOTED ON BY Son & Surf conference only

- James Pike and Kinndlee Lund

HAWAII BALLOT

VOTED ON BY: Hukilau Conference

SYNOD COUNCIL

LAY MEMBER / FEMALE

3 YEAR TERM, Vote for 1

- Dana Westphalen



SAN DIEGO AREA BALLOT

CONFERENCE DEAN

VOTED ON BY West San Diego conference
only

- Cyndi Jones

CONFERENCE DEAN

VOTED ON BY Harvest conference only

- Amanda McGlynn