

SECTION IV

NOMINATIONS

TABULATION OF NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDUM

DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Nominee	# of Nominations	Response
Rev. Allan Buss	31	Accepted Nomination
Rev. B. Keith Haney	23	Accepted Nomination
Rev. Kristopher Whitby	10	Accepted Nomination

The nominees below did not have a sufficient number of nominations (5), according to the Bylaws, to be placed on the ballot.

Rev. Roger Gallup	1
Rev. Dr. Kenneth Krause	1
Rev. Timothy Kinne	1
Rev. Mark Schulz	1
Rev Andrew Steinmann	1

DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT, NORTH REGION

Nominee	# of Nominations	Response
Rev. Micah Greiner	8	Accepted Nomination
Rev. Kristopher Whitby*	5	Accepted Nomination

The nominees below did not have a sufficient number of nominations (2), according to the Bylaws, to be placed on the ballot.

Rev. Charles Mueller, Jr.	1
Rev. Larry Tieman	1

DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT, WEST REGION

Nominee	# of Nominations	Response
Rev. Ken Krause	7	Accepted Nomination

The nominees below did not have a sufficient number of nominations (2), according to the Bylaws, to be placed on the ballot.

Rev. Jay Klein	1
Rev. Marcus Nelson	1

DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT, EAST REGION

Nominee	# of Nominations	Response
Rev. Steven Anderson	12	Accepted Nomination

The nominees below did not have a sufficient number of nominations (2), according to the Bylaws, to be placed on the ballot.

Rev. Henry Biar	1
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Rev. Elstner Lewis	1
Rev. Daniel Teller	1

DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT, SOUTH REGION

Nominee	# of Nominations	Response
Rev. Cory Estby	7	Accepted Nomination

The nominees below did not have a sufficient number of nominations (2), according to the Bylaws, to be placed on the ballot or were not one of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

Rev. Robert Geaschel	1
Rev. Michael Gudgel	1
Rev. Ronald Rock	1
Rev. Mark Schulz	1

DISTRICT SECRETARY

Rev. David Juhl
Rev. James Kellerman

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Congregation Name: Immanuel Lutheran Church
 Congregation City: Belvidere

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1964
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1990
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2000

<p>Congregation</p>	<p>CONGREGATION IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, Belvidere, Illinois Senior Pastor, 2000 to Present Vicarage Supervisor, 7 Years</p> <p>ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH, Dundee, Illinois Sole Pastor, 1990 to 2000</p> <p>BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, Dundee, Illinois Vacancy Pastor</p> <p>ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH, Hampshire (Pingree Grove), Illinois Vacancy Pastor</p> <p>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Hampshire, Illinois Vacancy Pastor</p> <p>VICARAGE Mt. Olive, Corning and St. Paul, Red Bluff California, 1988-1989</p>
<p>District</p>	<p>NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT – LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD First Vice President, 2006 to 2015 Board of Directors, 2000 to 2015 Chairman General Pastoral Conference, 2001 to 2004 Mission Board, 1997 to 2000</p>
<p>Synod</p>	<p>ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, Concordia University, Mequon, Wisconsin</p> <p>ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, Concordia University, River Forest, Illinois</p> <p>ASIAN MINISTRY COMMITTEE, 1997-1999</p> <p>SYNODICAL CONVENTION DELEGATE, 1992, 1998, 2010, 2016</p> <p>CONVENTION FLOOR COMMITTEE, 1998, 2010, 2016</p> <p>CONVENTION, 2016 Morning Worship Preacher</p>

	<p>ENGLISH DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL WORKER CONFERENCE, Spring 2017 Presenter "The Pastor and the Hard to Love"</p> <p>Ethiopian Evangelical Mekane Yesus Pastoral Conference, Addis Abba, Ethiopia, Spring 2016 Presenter "Preaching and the Word of God"</p> <p>CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WISCONSIN BOARD OF REGENTS, 2016 – Present (Appointed)</p> <p>LCMS World Relief Kenya Mission Trips, 2006 and 2008</p>
Community	<p>BELVIDERE FIRE CHAPLAIN, 2010 to Present</p> <p>BELVIDERE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 2001 to Present</p> <p>RUTLAND/DUNDEE TOWNSHIP FIRE CHAPLAIN, 1994 to 2000</p> <p>ELGIN BREAKFAST ROTARY, 1996 to 1998</p> <p>UNITED WAY OF DUNDEE TOWNSHIP, 1993 to 1997</p>

Please share a word about your:

<p>Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:</p>	<p>The Lord brought me to faith in Holy Baptism in 1964 and has kept me in this holy faith through Word and Sacrament in the life of His Church. I am a sinner deserving God's eternal wrath, but Jesus Christ is my only Savior, and in Him I have Eternal Life. I confess "Jesus is Lord" only by the power of the Holy Spirit. (I Cor 12:3)</p> <p>Christ loves the Church, and He bought her with His Blood. The Lord has given me love for His Church as well. God has challenged me over the years, refined and matured me, but generously forgiven me all my sins in Christ. What a beautiful gift, "the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins."</p> <p>Over the years I've been blessed by Christian parents, wonderful Sunday school teachers, amazing Lutheran educators, and faithful Pastors. I have been guided, cared for, and taught by the laymen and laywomen in the congregations I have served for almost 28 years (St. Peter, Gilberts, and Immanuel, Belvidere). I've been fortunate to serve in both a small and a large congregation.</p> <p>The LCMS and the NID have been a gift to my family, our communities, and the whole Christian Church. While not perfect, there is nowhere else I'd rather serve as a Pastor than the LCMS. All of my Ordained Ministry has been in the Northern Illinois District, and it is a great community of faith, service, and mission.</p> <p>I value the LCMS and the NID for Lutheran Theology, Lutheran schools, mercy ministry, Christian education, and a passion to bring Christ to the world. The NID has gifted workers, a talented staff, a Christ-centered community, enriching congregations, and enormous opportunities.</p>
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	<p>Challenges today and ahead? Of course, but the Lord is at work in us and sometimes even in spite of us. There are plenty of joys ahead as well!</p> <p>I am committed to the Bible as God’s inerrant and infallible Word. I subscribe to the Book of Concord as a true, faithful explanation of that Word. My life verse which guides me is Hebrews 12:2-3 “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”</p>
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve: Our greatest challenges are the Devil, the world hostile to God, and our own sinful nature. “Thanks be to God who has given us the Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:57)

Recently I spoke with some Pastors of another Lutheran Church body who said that people really don’t need to know about Jesus to get to Heaven and that there is no hell to which God would send people. A main takeaway was how glad I am to be a part of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod where we confess what Jesus taught and have a passion to share both Law and Gospel that all might be saved. (Romans 6:23; John 14:1-6) We are motivated to gratitude and faithfulness by the Holy Spirit, and we are happy to do the work He gives us to do.

We are gifted by Christ to build each other up and promote healthy congregations, schools, agencies, and professional workers. This begins with repentance and God’s Holy Absolution. Once that is done, there are some very human things we can do as well.

We are not afraid to ask hard questions and then look for answers in Scripture, the Lutheran Confessions, the wisdom of the Church, and God’s people today led by the Holy Spirit. Because the world is changing so fast, the future will not be “business as usual,” but we can take the lead in partnerships, encouragement, spiritual support, and engaging new opportunities. The NID is a vital part of the LCMS and God’s Work around the world.

We as congregations and ministries can rediscover a commitment to “read, mark, learn and take to heart” God’s Word so that we might excel in this most holy faith given us. (Jude 20) Our power is God’s power through His gifts. Let us walk together as we grow in God’s Word and read the Bible more often!

We can build on our recent blessings, including New Starts New Believers, as we promote Christ-centered mission, witness and outreach. The joy we have been given in Christ (John 15:11) emboldens us in worship, witness, discipleship, catechesis, generosity, and a healthy life together. We are all in this together. After the Lord acts, we act as One! (Ephesians 4:4-6)

The frontline in the Church remains the congregations which are gathered around Word and Sacrament and then scatter into the world, living their calling by loving God and serving neighbors. May God bless, keep, and grow us all. May God’s good and gracious will be done.

Additional Information

Occupation	<p>Wrote a chapter, “It’s All About Jesus” for Lutheranism 101, published by Concordia Publishing House, 2010</p> <p>Numerous book endorsements for Concordia Publishing House</p>
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	<p>Lutheran Witness Article, “Full of Grace and Truth” (The Local Congregation in Mission), May 2016</p> <p>Contributing Editor, Journal of Lutheran Mission</p>
Education	<p>ST. JOHN’S LUTHERAN SCHOOL, Watertown, Wisconsin, 1978</p> <p>LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL, Lake Mills, Wisconsin, 1982</p> <p>CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, Mequon, Wisconsin Bachelor of Arts, 1986</p> <p>CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Ft. Wayne, Indiana Master of Divinity, 1990</p> <p>TRINITY EVANGELICAL DIVINITY SCHOOL, Deerfield, Illinois Doctor of Ministry Program, Completed Courses</p> <p>PLI – GET Program for Senior Pastors</p> <p>Continuing education courses from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne</p>

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Congregation Name: St. Andrew Lutheran Church
 Congregation City: Rockton

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1971
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2007
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2015

Congregation	Senior Pastor, Gospel Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, WI 1999-2007 Director of Outreach and Evangelism, L.U.T.H.E.R. Plan, St. Louis, MO 1996-1999 Sole Pastor, Berea Lutheran Church, Detroit, MI 1993-1996
District	Mission Facilitator, Northern Illinois District, 2007-Present Urban Liaison to District Youth Board Michigan District 1994-1996 LWML Pastoral Advisor, 2001-2004 Member of the Board of Evangelism, South Wisconsin District 2004-2005 Chair of the Board of Evangelism, South Wisconsin District, 2005-2007
Synod	Delegate to the Synodical Convention 2004 Synodical Convention Floor Committee on Congregation- 2004
Community	Board Member of International Student Ministry, INC 2009-Present Chairman of the NAME (North American Mission Endeavor) 2014-2015 Member at Large of NAME, 2011-2014 Board of Jeremiah Ministry, Milwaukee, 2004-2007 President of the Transitional Housing, Milwaukee 2004-2007

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship,	A seminary professor once told me about preaching, "If you are not a little nervous in the pulpit you have no business being there." That is how it feels contemplating
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<p>study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:</p>	<p>serving Northern Illinois as your district president. However, like in preaching, I realized that God gifts and prepares you for how He wants to use you for ministry. And God is preparing His church for the mission opportunities that lie ahead.</p> <p>Our culture has changed, and we find ourselves in a time when people are struggling with more and more stressful situations, social challenges and choices. One of those choices is not to make use of the gifts of the means of grace and fellowship offered in our churches. However, the Word of God has not lost its effectiveness, and the saving message of Jesus Christ and His Good News is needed more now than ever. I'm praying that if I am elected as the next Northern Illinois District President, that God will use me and my gifts to come alongside and help equip congregations to do ministry in a post-Christian world. It is my prayer that the Spirit of God will bring more and more people to faith in Jesus as their Savior and strengthen those saints who are already in our midst.</p> <p>My faith journey is a bit different. I was not born into the Lutheran Church. Rather, God led me to it at a very early age. When I was about four years old, I realized something was missing in my Southern Baptist Church. It was hard to hear God clearly amongst all the emotion and hyper spiritualism. It was through attending a Lutheran pre-school that I listened to the Gospel message daily. I convinced my mom that this was the church body for me, and she and the entire family became Lutherans due to the working of the Spirit through the Word and the Lord's precious Gospel message.</p> <p>My doctrinal positions are in complete agreement with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Here is why that statement is compelling to me. I not only voluntarily believe, teach and confess these beliefs, but they are at the heart of our outreach. When I served in the parish, I often asked people why they picked the church I was pastoring, since there were so many other churches. The answer always came down to this, "You preach Christ and Him crucified. You are not hip and trendy, and you don't preach about the New York Times bestseller. This church unpacks Scripture in a way that the person in the pew understands it, and we can hear the Gospel in an engaging and thought-provoking way." Our confessions are the backbone of who we are. We are called to stand firm on that bedrock and lovingly proclaim that life-saving message of the Gospel to our flock and a lost and dying world.</p> <p>It has been a blessing to be called into the Office of the Holy Ministry and also given the task to oversee the gifts of Word and Sacrament in several urban parishes. I stand in awe at how God could use me as a flawed, yet forgiven, saint preaching and teaching the Word of God, and witnessing that Word flowing in the hearts and lives of the congregations and people God called me to serve. It is indeed humbling to be an overseer of the holy things of God and to be the head of such a loving and supportive family. I am married to a remarkable Christian companion, Miriam, a pastor's kid, and we have six amazing children. (Our children are Mitchell, Todd, Sharon, Jonathan, SaraGrace, and Zane.)</p> <p>If it is the Lord's will that I am elected to serve the Northern Illinois District as your next servant leader, I will gladly accept that opportunity, with the hope and</p>
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	expectation it also comes with your continued prayers and patience as God grows us together in the years ahead.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

Challenges:

The church is in grave peril from a variety of dangers: secularism, politics, heresies, consumerism, and just plain old sin. Fear can cause us to pull back and hunker down and wait for the storm winds to pass over. Paul in 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 says, “Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.” In these brief verses, he reminds us that we must never to forget that the church is built upon the Rock, Jesus Christ (Mt. 16:16), over which the gates of hell itself shall not prevail.

The church in Corinth struggled with a myriad of problems in the area of spiritual immaturity. In other places in Paul’s letter, he dealt with these issues individually. Many of the issues are the same today. For example, the arrogance of those who were in leadership positions, factions and cliques within the church, and chaos in worship services just to name a few. All that being said, the glass is not half empty or half full. It is overflowing with opportunities for us to address these and other issues with the Good News of Jesus Christ and the constant love, forgiveness, strength, encouragement and other blessings that He brings us through God’s Word.

Opportunities:

The answer to the push of conformity by the post-Christian society is not a call to become a compromising church. What the world needs are strong confessional churches founded on the truth of God’s Word. We need a church ready to stand on the strength of the Rock, Jesus Christ and point people to the only source of light in a dark world. We need to point people to Jesus. Standing firm alone is not the only thing the world needs to see from the church. The church must also be characterized by love. We must be loving in all that we do. We are not only to do things with love but in love: it is to be the atmosphere that we breathe and the context in which we work. As we deal with each other and an unbelieving world we are firm, yet loving. It is the balance we, who have been given that vocation as parents, live in daily.

Goals:

One goal is to reestablish our mission presence in the urban centers in our district. The mission needs to start with Chicago, but Chicago is not our only urban center. We have Aurora, Rockford, Kankakee, and Joliet just to name a few. We also need to develop training to help smaller congregations more effectively leverage their strengths to reach those in their communities with the message of Jesus Christ.

One need millennials are crying out for is discovering their sense of vocation. We can use our Lutheran Schools as a vehicle to not only teach the truth of God’s Word but to also turn them into vocational training centers to benefit the families we serve who are seeking their place in the world. Our society has become post-Christian. To address that change we need to equip, empower, and encourage our pastors, commissioned workers, and lay people to ministry in this new, yet challenging opportunity period in our history. Finally, we need to continue to develop a culture of collaboration based on the

Gospel and God's Word that unites us. Those who know, teach those who are seeking ways to do it better.

Additional Information

Occupation	I serve as a mission facilitator in the Northern Illinois District. At the direction of the convention six years ago we were given the task to improve the calling congregation process. So, President Gilbert assigned me that responsibility. Since then, over the last four years, I assisted over 50 congregations and consulted with another 20 during the call process. When this new role started, the call process was obsolete and often discouraged our congregational leaders. I used my gifts of creating organizational strategies to revamp the call process to help it become more productive. The old process would normally take a congregation between 18-24 months just to get organized and extend a call to a potential pastoral candidate. The current call preparation time has been shortened to approximately 3-6 months. The updated process has also been able to keep more Pastors on candidate status from falling through breaks in the structure.
Education	Concordia Seminary - Master of Divinity - 1993 Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College at Baton Rouge- Bachelor of Science, Computer Science, 1987 Southern University Laboratory School High School diploma -1983

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Congregation Name: Saint Paul Lutheran Church and School
 Congregation City: Mt. Prospect, IL

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1996
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2003
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2003

<p>Congregation</p>	<p>I began serving our Lord as a pastor at Guardian Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, FL in 1996. I was the sole pastor there for just over 7 years. During that time our Lord blessed His people at Guardian to relocate the congregation, build a new facility and open a K - 5 grade school as part of our mission to the community.</p> <p>Our Lord called me to be Associate Pastor at Saint Paul Lutheran Church and School in Mt. Prospect, IL in the fall of 2003. Along with general pastoral duties, I served as lead pastor of our adult discipleship by overseeing our 20+ small group Bible studies. I was also instrumental in helping to launch our "Church has Left the Building" service outreach to our community. During this time, I have also been blessed to serve with a number of our short-term mission teams around the world.</p> <p>In the spring of 2012, our Lord moved the members of Saint Paul to call me to the office of Senior Pastor in which I currently serve. I still serve as our adult discipleship leader and am blessed to occasionally travel with our short-term mission teams. My primary responsibilities are now providing leadership, mentoring, and oversight for our church and school staff and serving as a key leader in setting vision and direction for our congregation's ministry.</p>
<p>District</p>	<p>I served on the Board of Directors for Lutheran Social Services of Northeast Florida, 1997 - 2001 I have served as pastoral counselor for the LWML's Florida-Georgia District, 1998 - 2001 I have served as pastoral counselor for the LWML's Northern Illinois District, 2007 - 2009</p> <p>I was honored to write and produce the Ablaze, District Anniversary Celebration, videos and skits.</p> <p>I began serving as North Region Vice President in 2014, completing Pastor Christenson's term as fourth Vice President.</p> <p>I was elected to serve as the North Region Vice President as third Vice President at the 2015 convention.</p>

Synod	I served as Pastoral Counselor for the national LWML, 2009 - 2013
Community	I served as chaplain for the Association of Retired Intelligence Officers, Northeast Florida, 2001 - 2003 I served as host of radio talk show, "Faith Talks" in Jacksonville, IL 2000 - 2002 I was a member of the Loin's Club, Mt. Prospect, IL, 2010 - 2013.

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	<p>I rejoice that our Lord Jesus has given me a joyful faith in Him as my Savior through His Word and Sacraments. I am a first generation Lutheran who came to know Jesus through the Word that was taught at Christ Lutheran Grade School in Peoria, IL, where my parents enrolled me in second grade.</p> <p>Being able to receive Christ's forgiving grace each week through Word and Sacrament ministry and rejoicing to be renewed as His child in the waters of Holy Baptism each day is central to my life as a follower of our Lord. His grace in my life is my life and the foundation of my personal relationships as well as my service to Jesus and His people as a pastor. I regularly feed on His Word in my daily devotional reading of Scriptures and prayer, usually at lunch time if I'm able to be alone at that time with my Lord. I am honored and humbled that my Lord has used me in the past 21 years to bring His Word and Sacraments to His people as a pastor. I'm especially thrilled whenever my Lord uses me to draw His people deeper into His Word through teaching or when He uses me to introduce someone to the Good News!</p> <p>I was drawn to study to be a pastor because of the biblical, Christ-centered confession of the LCMS. The truth of the Gospel and our Lord's gift of grace are the blessings with which our Lord equips us for our own salvation and for sharing with the world, always seeking engaging ways to connect with the lost, while never changing the content of the message. In the NID, I believe our Lord is giving us a wonderful opportunity to be His missionaries as the world's nations can be found represented within our district. I am always seeking ways to couple the truth of God's Word with Christ's compassion for the lost and needy in NID, and I love when I'm able to equip others to do the same.</p>
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

To say the least, we face challenging times in our district, with declining attendance of worship in many congregations, declining resources available to care for those our Lord places in our care, and with the genuine desire to fulfill our Lord's work in bringing His Gospel to the lost in the midst of a world that seems more and more to be set against that work being accomplished. Those who seek to occupy places of leadership within our district, and I am honored to have been nominated to be a leader as either president or vice-president, will have the challenge of how to effectively be servants to help equip, nurture, and support our brothers and sisters in the NID for the work our Lord has for us, while also, I believe, being a source of encouragement to our family in Christ during these difficult days. Yet, our Lord has not left us alone in this. His promise to be with us always is as true as ever. Our Lord still blesses us with His Word and Sacraments, and the dwelling of His Spirit so while we may feel "hard pressed on

every side" as the Apostle Paul once penned, likewise, we are not crushed. I believe our Lord is preparing His Church in the midst of these challenges, calling us to repent, giving us the joy of His forgiving grace, and readying us by His Word to carry His redeeming message to the people of northern Illinois. If I am honored to serve as a leader among us, it will be my goal to keep us firmly committed to the truth of God's Word and to assist each person and congregation in our NID in finding effective, winsome ways to the used by the Spirit to bring the message of the Gospel to all, that fellow believers might always be encouraged in their faith, and that the lost might become "new believers" in Christ.

Additional Information

Occupation	I currently serve as Senior Pastor at Saint Paul Lutheran Church and School in Mt. Prospect, IL
Education	Concordia College, River Forest, IL BA (psychology major), 1990 Concordia Serminary, St. Louis, M.Div. 1996

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 Congregation City: Chicago, IL

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1970
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1970
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2003

<p>Congregation</p>	<p>I served my seminary fieldwork (1995-1997) at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Missouri under supervisor, Pastor James Hoppes. I served my vicarage year (1997-1998) at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Torrington, Wyoming under supervisor, Pastor Marvin Temme. After my Ordination (July 11, 1999), I began serving at Messiah Lutheran Church, 62nd and Monitor, Chicago. I served as sole pastor of Messiah until October 31, 2003. I served as vacancy pastor at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and School, Chicago from January 2003 until November 2003. I was installed as pastor of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and School, Chicago, Illinois on November 9, 2003, where I still serve as sole pastor.</p>
<p>District</p>	<p>I have served the Northern Illinois District as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A member of the Program Committee for the Northern Illinois District East Region Pastoral Conference from 2000-2003, and from 2014-2016. b. Vice-Chairman of the Northern Illinois District East Region Pastoral Conference from 2003-2011, and 2016-2017. c. Secretary Pro Tem of the Northern Illinois District East Region Pastoral Conference. d. A member of the Nominating Committee for the Northern Illinois District General Pastoral Conference 2005-2006. e. A member of the Program Committee for the Northern Illinois District General Pastoral Conference from 2000-2003. f. Treasurer for the Northern Illinois District General Pastoral Conference from 2007-2010. g. East Region Clergy Representative on the Northern Illinois District Board of Directors from 2003–2015. h. Circuit Visitor for Northern Illinois District Circuit East 19 from 2015-2016. i. East Region Vice-President of the Northern Illinois District since 2016. j. A member of the Theology and Church Relations floor committee for the 2006 Northern Illinois District Convention.

Synod	I have served the Synod as: a. Voting Clergy Delegate from (former) Circuit 20 of the Northern Illinois District at the 2001 Synodical Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. b. Voting Clergy Delegate from (current) Circuit 19 of the Northern Illinois District at the 2007 Synodical Convention in Houston, Texas.
Community	I have attended CAPS meetings and Chamber of Commerce meetings in my community.

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	<p>I strive to use my gifts and abilities to the glory of God and benefit of God's people. I am fully dependent, in all things, on God's grace shown to me in Jesus Christ, and fully confess that the Old and New Testaments - God's inerrant Word - speak of Jesus Christ, the world's Salvation. I accept the three Ecumenical Creeds as faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures and believes that the Lutheran Confessions are in full agreement with that one, scriptural Faith. I attend the Divine Service of Holy Communion every Lord's Day, where Jesus feeds my with His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of my sins. I regularly study God's Word and the Lutheran Confessions privately, as well as with the brother pastors in my circuit, and with other pastors, as I am able.</p> <p>I fully support the objectives of the synod as found in the synod's constitution, especially the first objective to "Conserve and promote the unity of the true faith (Eph. 4:3-6; 1 Cor. 1:10), work through its official structures toward fellowship with other Christian church bodies, and provide a united defense against schism, sectarianism (Rom. 16:17), and heresy." The Northern Illinois District, as the synod in this place, has the privilege to confess Christ and His saving Gospel from the urban populations of Chicago, Joliet, Rockford, and Aurora out to the rural communities of Marengo, Walnut, and Elizabeth. To do this, the district must be supportive of its pastors, teachers, and other church workers, must evangelically strive for consistency in doctrine and the practice which flows from that doctrine, and must seek to reach those who do not yet know or believe the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ.</p>
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

The East Region of the Northern Illinois District is facing a time of great challenge and great opportunity. Our Urban Communities are changing, some becoming more upwardly mobile, some becoming less so. We must look at how we can think creatively to keep our presence - the presence of the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ - in our East Region communities. It may take new partnerships with other suburban LCMS congregations, or new ways of funding and deploying pastors and other church workers. But now is a time to start working on these issues in earnest, so that we - by God's grace - not only retain our current congregations in the city, but see them expand the ministry in those places.

Additional Information

Occupation	Minister of the Gospel
Education	St. Paul's Lutheran Grade School, Brookfield, IL, Diploma, 1984

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Congregation Name: Zion Lutheran Church
 Congregation City: Grant Park

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1976
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2005
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2005

Congregation	--Sole Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Grant Park, IL (2005-present)-- preaching/liturgy, teaching bible classes and catechesis, administration of Sacraments, weddings/funerals, counseling, and duties as needed. --Mission Trip Facilitator for Hurricane Disaster Relief (2006, 2007) --Adult Choir Director (2005-2008); Choir Member (2008-2011)
District	South Region Pastoral Conference Registrar/Treasurer (2005-2008) South Region Pastoral Conference Chairman (2008-2010) South Region Pastoral Conference Chairman (2013-2015) General Pastoral Conference Nominating Committee (2011) Northern Illinois Confessional Lutherans (NICL) member (2006-present) District Nominations Committee Member (2012-present) Circuit Visitor (2014-present) General Pastoral Conference Vice-Chairman (2017-present)
Synod	Convention Pastoral Delegate for Circuit #27 (2010)
Community	Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Chapter President (2006-2009) Beecher Part-Time Players, Stage Actor (shows in 2006, 2008, 2012, 2015) Zion Lutheran School Parent-Teacher League President (2011-2014) Assistant Co-Ed Soccer Coach (2014, 2015) Volunteer for River Valley Pregnancy/Parenting Resource Center (occasional since 2010) Advocate/Speaker for Gift of Adoption, Chicagoland region (2016-present)

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation.	"I Know My Faith is Founded on Jesus Christ, my God and Lord!" It is this confession of faith that I proclaimed as a child growing up in a loving, Christian family. It is in this truth proclaimed in the all-sufficient Word of God that I am able to rest secure. From the day I was called as a child of God in Holy Baptism as an infant, I have continued to read and learn; to stumble and grow; to sin and be forgiven. "I believe, Lord, help my unbelief." Every day is an opportunity to be strengthened in God's Word through the study of Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, to give praise and thanksgiving to
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View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	Him who created, redeemed, and sanctified me, and to serve those whom He has placed in my midst throughout my vocations as father, husband, son, pastor, and more! Through the Holy Scriptures, I hear the voice of my Savior--He who bestows faith, truth and life eternal. That same voice calls out to bring peace, joy and salvation to a hurting and lost world. United under Scripture and the Confessions, congregations agree to 'walk together' for a common good and benefit. I look to synod and district to provide opportunity for continued growth of its church workers; aid in supporting Christian education at all levels; offer supervision and counsel for pastors, teachers, etc; oversee congregations for proper uniformity in church practices that are in harmony with our confession of faith; and direct local congregations to be proclaimers of God's love to the world, and doers of His mercy to those in need.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

The opportunity to serve as regional vice-president requires careful discernment, responsible discussion and listening, patience and devotion to fellow members of Christ's body.

The District serves to support the 210+ congregations focused locally, but entrusted to work together in regions. I would encourage pastors to revisit their ordination vows in what/how they have been called to serve God's Church, and remind congregations of the great joy and truth of the Holy Spirit's work through the means of grace and the living/active power of God at work in our lives, bearing the fruit of good works. It is through God's Word at the font, the pulpit and the altar which deliver His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. "The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works." Psalm 145:21

Additional Information

Occupation	General Elementary Music Teacher for K-5 grade (1999-2001); Pastor (2005-present); Husband (18 years of marriage); Father of 4 (Three sons {15, 4, 2}, one daughter {13})
Education	Bachelor of Arts in Music Education, Ball State University, Muncie, IN Dec 1998 Master of Divinity, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN May 2005 Doxology Grad for continuing education (2012)

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Congregation Name: St. Peter
 Congregation City: Arlington Heights
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Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1981
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2007
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2007

Congregation	Lead Pastor (June 2010 - present) Associate Pastor (July 2007 - June 2010)
District	Planning Committee Member & Treasurer for North & West Regions Pastors Conference (2010 - present) Pastoral Voting Delegate (2015 District Convention) Circuit Visitor for N-3 (2015-2018)
Synod	Pastoral Voting Delegate (2016 Synod Convention)
Community	Chaplain for Arlington Heights Police Department (2010 - present)

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	As a life-long Lutheran and product of the Lutheran education system (every moment of my academic life!), I love this Church. I love our focus on Jesus and His grace. I love our passion for the Word of God. I love our robust understanding of the sacraments, vocation, and the priesthood of all believers. I love our commitment to children and their education. I love our focus on reaching lost people and introducing them to Jesus by what we do and say. While far from perfect, my Church has so much potential and, I pray, will be used by Jesus in ways we could never even dare to dream, as long as we get out of our own way and follow His lead!
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

We are at a critical time. The world is changing around us, and we need to learn how to embrace that reality and still cling tightly to what we've been given from those who have gone before us. We need strong, bold leadership that will not be content to sit idly by and hope for better days. We need

innovative, careful thinkers who can evaluate the many opportunities that are before us and know which ones to pursue.

We have exactly what the world needs - Jesus, hope, purpose, peace, grace - and a wonderful system to deliver it to them (churches, schools, community centers, etc.). The challenge is to figure out how to connect with the people God gathers around us to share with them the things we have been given in abundance.

What a wonderful opportunity, even in this messed up, crazy world!

Additional Information

Occupation	I'm lead pastor of a wonderful suburban church and school, working closely with a dedicated team of staff and volunteers to make it better every day. We haven't figured everything out, but we're excited to experiment and explore, seeking fresh ways to proclaim the Gospel to the people around us and in our building (we don't have far to go to find lost people!).
Education	Elementary & High School - St. Matthew Lutheran, Holt, MI (1999) Bachelors in Arts (Double Major: Religious Studies & Biblical Languages) - Concordia University, Ann Arbor (2002) Lutherische Theologische Hochschule, Oberursel, Germany (2005-06) Masters of Divinity - Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (2007)

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 Congregation City: Rockford

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1955
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1990
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 1990

Congregation	Pastor at First Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids MN 1986-1990 Pastor at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Rockford IL 1990-present
District	Served at almost every district convention since the mid 1960s (having been a page at the conventions in my earlier years), served on floor committees, served as secretary of the district, and a vice president of the district, also on the Constitution Committee, the Board of Directors and the Presidium, Circuit Life Coordinator for my circuit.
Synod	Delegate to many Synod conventions, served on the floor committee for theology and church relations at two of those conventions.
Community	Serve on the Board of Directors and Finance Committee of Rockford Lutheran Schools, many nursing home worship services, lead devotions at Carpenter’s Place (for the homeless) and nursing homes, mentor a student weekly at an inner city elementary school, monthly jail visits, etc.

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	I’m thankful to God for the faith he gave me that first dwelt in my parents and their parents. What a wonderful gift! I love to sing God’s praises both literally and figuratively. I’m enthusiastic about the mission of the LCMS and especially the NID.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

As a vice president I am to support the district president, and the churches and people of the West Region.

Additional Information

Occupation	Hospital Accountant 1978-1982 Parish Pastor 1986 to present
Education	BS 1978 in Accounting and Finance CPA 1980 MDiv 1986

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Congregation Name: Our Savior
 Congregation City: Momence

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1972
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2007
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 1007

Congregation	2002-2007: Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Iuka, IL 2007-Present: Pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Momence, IL
District	Former Zone Counselor, NID Zones 27 and 28, Lutheran Women's Missionary League Member of a Koinonia Project Group in NID from 2015-2016 NID South Region Pastors Conference Chairman from 2010-2013, 2018-
Synod	Pastoral Delegate to the 2004 LCMS Convention. Participant in Doxology: The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel in 2008-2009.
Community	Member of the Momence Ministerial Association.

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	<p>I am baptized into Christ. I became a child of Paradise on June 18, 1972. This is the greatest day of my life because of what God did for me through water and His Word. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, this is the solid rock on which I stand.</p> <p>It is my pleasure to preach and teach Jesus Christ and Him crucified to my flock in Momence. Giving the Gifts in Word and Sacrament is all joy.</p> <p>Rejoicing in the Gifts Christ freely gives His Church is the bottom line for all of God's people in the Northern Illinois District. Let His people be fed each week with the riches from the storehouse of the Kingdom of God. Let them hear the mighty deeds of Jesus Christ. Let them rejoice in their baptism. Let them eat and drink the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins. Let them be set free to love and serve their neighbor. This is the joy we have as the body of Christ in Northern Illinois.</p>
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

I am happy to serve for whatever position the Northern Illinois District should have me serve.

Additional Information

Occupation	Pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Momence, IL
Education	B.A. Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL (1994) M.Div. Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN (2002)

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Congregation Name: First Bethlehem
 Congregation City: Chicago

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1962
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1988
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 1994

Congregation	Assistant Pastor, Concordia Lutheran Church, Chicago (1991-1993) Vacancy Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church, Chicago (1994-2012) Pastor, First Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Chicago (1994-present)
District	Nominations Committee, NID General Pastors' Conference (1993, 2007) Chairman, NID Board for Singles Ministry (1994-1997) LWML Zone Counselor, Zone 1 (later E16) (1994-2008) Program Committee, General Pastors' Conference (1995-1996) Program Committee (2001-2004), Treasurer (2006-2008), and Secretary (2016-present), East Region Pastors' Conference NID District Committee for Convention Nominations (2002-2004) Member (1998-present) and Chair (2012-present), NID Constitution Committee Floor Committee Chair, NID Convention (2012) District Secretary (2015-present)
Synod	Adjunct faculty member teaching theological languages (primarily Latin) and theology at Concordia University Chicago (1993-present) Delegate, Synod Convention (1995) Member of the Steering Committee for the "Lutheranism and the Classics" Conference at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne IN (2011-present)
Community	Near Northwest Neighborhood Network (1994-2000) Delegate (1994-present), Director (1998-present), and Secretary (2000-2016), President (2016-present), Concordia Cemetery Association, Forest Park, Illinois East Wicker Park Organization (2003-2007)

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study,	Ever since I stumbled across C.F.W. Walther's Law and Gospel at the age of 19, I have been enamored by Lutheran theology, especially its focus on justification by grace through faith and its insistence that all articles of faith lead to or flow from this chief
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participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	<p>article. The gospel is so vibrant and life-giving that hearing and speaking it never grows old. That is why both in corporate worship and in private devotions my emphasis is on hearing God's Word.</p> <p>But we live in an increasingly skeptical world that doesn't give the Word a fair hearing. That is why I agree with the NID's current emphasis on helping congregations make connections with their community and be the hands and feet of Jesus in a hurting world in order to plant gospel seeds that will in time bear fruit.</p>
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

The district secretary's work is largely a behind-the-scenes sort of job that enables the rest of the district to do their work. Having served as district secretary since 2015, as well as having been part of the Constitution Committee for many years, I know how to pay attention to such mundane but necessary details that enable the church as a whole to focus on the more important mission tasks.

Additional Information

Occupation	Pastor and university instructor
Education	B.A., Concordia College, Ann Arbor MI (1985) M.Div., Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne IN (1988) M.A. and Ph.D., Loyola University Chicago (1991, 1996)

Timothy Bayer

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Congregation Name: St Mark Lutheran Church
 Congregation City: St Charles

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1983
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2016
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2016

Congregation	Faith - Oak Lawn, IL; Student Ministry/DCE Fieldworker (2002-2005) Faith - St. Louis, MO; Student Ministry/Seminary Fieldworker (2005-2007); Multi-Site, Missions & Teaching Pastor (2008-2013) Christ Victorious - Chaska, MN; Vicar/Intern (2007-2008) Concordia - Pullman, WA; Senior Pastor (2013-2016) St. Mark's - St. Charles, IL; Senior Pastor (2016 - Present)
District	MO District Pastoral Delegate (2012) NOW District - President's Mission Advisory Team (2013-2016) NOW District - Circuit Visitor (2014-2016) NOW District Pastoral Delegate (2015) Center for Applied Lutheran Leadership (CALL) - Instructor (2015-Present) NID - North & West Region Conference Planning Team (2016 - Present) NID LCEF Loan Committee (2017 - Present) NID Pastoral Delegate (2018)
Synod	Center for US Missions - Church Planter Assessor (2010-2015) LCEF - VisionPath Facilitator (2016-Present)
Community	International Student Ministry, Board of Directors (2011-2013) Palouse Care Network, Board of Directors (2013-2016) Alternatives to Violence, On-Call Responder (2013-2015) Lutherhaven Ministries, Board of Directors (2014-2016) Kiwanis International (2014-2016) College Hill Association Vision Facilitator (2015) Concordia University, Alumni Association Task Team (2017-Present) District 303, Parent Teacher Organization (2017-Present)

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the	I am a regular worshipper, student, and participant in God's mission at St. Mark's in St. Charles. The LCMS is a storied narrative complete with community, dysfunction, repentance, and forgiveness. To participate in witness, mercy, and life together is what it means to be wrapped in the story of God. In the NID, inviting an increasing number of people into God's story through local congregations and more importantly, individual relationships with people who not yet know that they are God's loved blood-bought child, is how the lines of our chapter are written. In the end, God is creating a renewed family that will enlarge and multiply. Centered on God's Word and His Sacraments, every community is a center of mission potential to
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LCMS, and especially the NID:	demonstrate God's presence and power to an unbelieving world, one person, one family, one community at a time.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:
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Together, we can transform dying urban ministries into vibrant centers of mission. We can build a stronger network of congregations to maximize our reach and resources in local communities. By focusing on leadership development, effective resource management, and implementing an aligned strategic vision centered on God's faithful mission, the NID will be able to better support and resource Jesus' church for His mission.

Regents

Concordia University Chicago is rooted in Jesus and exemplifies learning and leadership. The University has an incredible opportunity to impact the faith and life of thousands of students. Concordia continues to demonstrate their ability to equip students for their future vocations as faith-based leaders and life-long learners. The opportunity to multiply and send missional leaders into all areas of society will strengthen and transform the church and world. I am proud to be an alumnus of Concordia and would be privileged to help influence its future.

Additional Information

Occupation	Senior Pastor at St. Mark's - St. Charles
Education	BA, Concordia University (River Forest) MDIV, Concordia Seminary (St. Louis) EdD (Candidate, ABD), Concordia University (Portland)

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Congregation Name: Resurrection
 Congregation City: River Forest

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1947
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1981
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 1981

Congregation	All of my congregational experiences have been as a Called worker: Teacher - Trinity Lutheran Church & School, Danville, IL 1969-1970 Teacher - St. Luke's Lutheran Church & School, St. Louis, MO 1970-1973 D.C.E. - Trinity Lutheran Church, Salina, KS 1973-1975 Pastor - Hope Lutheran Church, Highland, IL 1976-1980 Teacher - Metro East Lutheran High School, Edwardsville, IL 1980-1981 Interim Pastor - Resurrection Lutheran Church, River Forest, IL 1987-2013
District	Communications Committee, Kansas District Board of Education, Northern Illinois District Concordia University Chicago Board of Regents 2015-2018
Synod	Theology Professor - Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, IL 1981-2013 Colloquy Committee for Commissioned Ministry
Community	Board of Directors, Walther Lutheran High School, Melrose Park, IL 1994-2000 & 2010-2016

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	I am blessed to be able to say that I have not know a day without Christ. Being baptized into His Church I was bless with a Christian home and family and with opportunities to attend Lutheran schools from grade school through seminary training. Being called by congregations and an agency of the LC-MS to serve as teacher, D.C.E, pastor, and professor has been a blessing beyond compare. Through the Means of grace God has initiated and nourish my faith and equipped me to server Him and my neighbor. Service in the Church as afforded opportunities for worship and study. All of these blessing are the results of God working through His people in the congregations of the LC-MS. The Synod was formed and continues to be an organization within the Church dedicated to preserving a commitment to the sacred Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions, doing together what a congregation may not be able to do by itself - missions, training Church professionals, etc.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

The growth of a secular world view in today's culture heightens the importance and urgency of providing a Christian foundation for future Lutheran lay and professional leaders as well as other Christians seeking a biblical foundation for a life of service to God and neighbor. Concordia must continue to be such a place, center in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Board of Regents is responsible for maintaining the Gospel centeredness of the university and its fulfilling its role as an educational agency of the Lutheran Church. The growing need for professionally trained Ministers of Religion: Commissioned to serve as Deaconesses, D.C.E.s, Teachers, and Ministers of Music, along with providing pre-seminary education for future Pastors, must continue to be of central importance for the Regents, faculty, and administration. The LC-MS and its congregations must see higher education as a mission field ripe with opportunities to be the Church around the world.

Additional Information

Occupation	Retired
Education	B.S. Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Neb. 1969 Pastoral Colloquy Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO 1975 M.A. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO 1978 M.A. Concordia University Chicago, River Forest IL 1982 Ph.D. Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL 1987

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 Congregation City: Elgin
 Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1978
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2007
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2007

Congregation	2007-Present - Sole Pastor, Calvary Lutheran Church, Elgin
District	2013-Present NID Nominations Committee, chairman 2014-Present N5 Circuit Visitor 2016-Present Site Coordinator for pastors' annual Continuing Education Opportunities with CTSFW. 2012-2015 Member of Koinonia Project pilot group 2009 NID District Convention Committee member
Synod	2016-Present Praesidium's appointment to CUC Board of Regents 2015-Present Regular article contributor, LCMS's lutheranreformation.org Blog 2013 Delegate to convention
Community	2016-2017 Oversaw congregation's establishment of Swaddling Clothes center 2013 Guided congregational volunteers in establishment of Annual Clothing Giveaway 2013-2015 LERT member

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	<p>Thanks be to God that my faith depends not on its strength, but on its Lord. What joy to live in the one Faith of the Holy Christian Church - that Jesus Christ died to save sinners and, having conquered the grave, delivers the benefit of the forgiveness of sins and strengthening of faith through His precious Word and Sacraments.</p> <p>Thus, I cherish the Divine Service and regular Bible Study, both in the privilege as pastor to serve, and in the privilege as member to be served.</p> <p>As those who are regularly served by Christ, the congregations of the LCMS and its Northern Illinois District have wonderful opportunity to share the Gospel of Christ with all sinners in their various contexts: inner-city, suburbia, rural, at home and abroad...sharing with them the proclamation of repentance and forgiveness in Christ, accompanied by faith's love toward fellow sinners and their bodily need. Such is our exclusive gift to a society confused and led astray by religious plurality.</p>
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

The Nominations Committee has the very important task of not only making sure enough names fill the ballot for the Convention, but also that each name on the ballot be a qualified, skilled nominee whose experience and talents will be a benefit to the district, if elected. The Nominations Committee's goal should be to provide a ballot of nominees at each convention that - no matter who is elected - will provide talents and experience, rooted in and guided by Lutheran theology, for the benefit of our district.

Additional Information

Occupation	Pastor - Calvary Lutheran Church
Education	MDiv - Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne BA - San Jose State University, San Jose, CA CE - Continuing Education units earned through CTSFW.

Mark W. Birkholz

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Congregation Name: Faith
 Congregation City: Oak Lawn

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1978
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2006
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2008

Congregation	Fieldworker, Emmaus Lutheran Church, Dorsey, IL 2000-02, 03-04 Intern, St. John Lutheran Church, Wheaton, IL 2000, 01, 02, 05-08 Vicar, Grace Lutheran Church, LeMars, IA, 2002-2003 Pastor, Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oak Lawn, IL 2008-present
District	East Region Pastor's Conference, Program Committee General Pastor's Conference, Nominations Committee & Program Committee District Convention Floor Committee, 2012 District Board of Directors, 2015-18
Synod	Research Assistant for Reference and Museum, Concordia Historical Institute, 2000-2002 Reformation Blog Author, 2016-17 Lutheran Witness Author, 2017
Community	Faith Hope and Peace Ministries (LCMS RSO), Board of Directors, 2009-present Oak Lawn Community Partnership, 2012-present

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	As a pastor, making my personal worship and study a priority can be a challenge. Our family has devotions together in the morning and evening, and we try to worship together in different congregation about once a month. I have participated in several writing projects, which helps to keep my studies current and provide content to share with my congregation. These are aspects of my life with which I continue to struggle, but I am grateful for the support of my family, my congregation, and several pastors who serve as mentors and friends. The mission of the LCMS is to reach out with the gospel both to strengthen our current members for service to Christ in their various vocations, and to engage people outside the church with the love of Christ. Often providing mercy in times of crisis gives an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to open hearts to trust in Jesus. The goal of mission is always to connect people to Christ, and particularly to the body of Christ in Christian congregations.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

Having served on the Board of Directors, I am aware of some the challenges that face our district, particularly in terms of finances. Since congregational contributions are in decline, we will need to be creative with the resources that we have, as well as reach out to those who chose not to support the district financially. We will also be electing a new district president at this convention, and the Board will need to work with him in setting the goals and direction for our district.

The Northern Illinois District has many church workers and lay leaders who are a blessing to their congregations and communities. The role of Board of Directors is to assist the District President and Staff in serving them in a way that is faithful to our confession of faith, our district bylaws, and our legal responsibilities. The Lord has blessed us with many opportunities to work together in His mission.

Additional Information

Occupation	Pastor, Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oak Lawn
Education	BA, Concordia University River Forest, 2000 MDiv, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 2004 MTh (OT), Australian Lutheran College, North Adelaide, 2005 PhD (NT), Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL 2013

George Borghardt III

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Congregation Name: George Borghardt III
 Congregation City: McHenry

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1991
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2010
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2010

Congregation	I have served at Zion Ev. Lutheran Church in McHenry, IL as the Senior Pastor since 2010.
District	I have held no district offices.
Synod	I have held no synodical office.
Community	I am the Vice President at Faith Lutheran High School in Crystal Lake, IL. I have served on the BOD of Faith since 2011. I have also served as the President of the Higher Things since 2012. Higher Things is a national Lutheran Youth organization whose mission is to "assist parents, pastors, and congregations in promoting a distinctly Lutheran identity in our church's youth and young adults. Higher Things is an RSO of the LC-MS.

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	Jesus says, "As you are going, make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to hold dear everything that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28). We are to preach the Gospel to all creation (Mark 16). We are to "sing forth the praises of the one who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light" (1 Pet 2:9). This is the mission of the church and of the NID.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

I believe that the experience that I have both in my church, school, and in Higher Things, would make me uniquely suited to assist on the Board of Directors of the NID.

Additional Information

Occupation	Senior Pastor, Zion Ev. Lutheran Church in McHenry, IL
Education	I received my undergraduate degree in Classics from Louisiana State University in 1996. I received my MDIV from Concordia Seminary in 2000.

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 Congregation City: Naperville

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1988
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2014
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2014

Congregation	I have served as the 8th-grade teacher and Athletic Director at Bethany Lutheran Church and School since 2014. Prior to serving at Bethany, I served as the 6th-grade teacher at St. John Lutheran School in Merrill, WI.
District	I am currently serving on the NID program committee for the teacher's conference.
Synod	N/A
Community	I am fairly new to my community but have served through several community outreach projects at Bethany.

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	I attend weekly services at Bethany and participate in a bible study with the faculty at Bethany. I also attend a monthly Theology on Tap study. As a member of an LCMS congregation, I believe that the bible is the true word of God. In turn, the Lutheran Confessions are a summary of that truth. I am saved by grace alone through faith alone. I also have the opportunity to share the gospel with others both in my occupation but also as a Christian serving others.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

I have the opportunity to serve on the nominations committee and nominate individuals that share strong beliefs in the core Lutheran teachings.

Additional Information

Occupation	Teacher/Athletic Director Bethany Lutheran Church and School
Education	I have my B.S. in Elementary Education and Lutheran Teaching Diploma from Concordia University Nebraska

Eric Brown

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Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1977
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2015
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2015

Congregation	Pastor - Zion Lutheran of Lahoma, OK 2004-2015 Vacancy Pastor - Trinity Lutheran of Enid, OK 2011-2015 Pastor - Trinity Lutheran Church of Herscher, IL 2015-current Co-Host of Higher Thing's "Gospeled Boldly" podcast (2015-current)
District	Camp Lutherhoma Board of Directors - 2006-2009 Circuit Counselor/Vistor of the Enid Circuit - 2009-2015 Circuit Visitor of Circuit 28 - 2016-current
Synod	2 time National Convention delegate (2007, 2013)
Community	Member of the Lions since 2007

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	Spiritual growth is not a matter of precise human planning or our own goals and visions; it is a gift of the Holy Spirit. We acknowledge and understand that the Spirit works using the Word of God; therefore any renewal or growth must be centered around the Word of God; in preaching, in Baptism and the Supper, and in diligent and regular communal bible studies. Demographics will neither grow nor doom Christ's Church. The harvest will be what the Lord wills; the size is beyond our determining. Our task is to be in the Word richly. Get in the Word, Missouri!
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

Resources are always limited and seem to be becoming even more limited. The question we must ask ourselves when using these resources within the Church is whether we are using them to serve our own wants, whims, and plans or whether we are using them to serve our neighbor by giving them the Gospel of Christ Jesus. People need Jesus and His Cross, not our pet desires. This means we need to cast aside a lot of our own ego and rather serve the neighbor. Or as the Small Catechism describes it, we need daily contrition and repentance so that daily the new man would arise and love and serve the neighbor.

Additional Information

Occupation	Pastor and Husband/Father
Education	B.A University of Oklahoma, 2000 - Classic and Japanese History M. Div Concordia Theological Seminary, 2004 - Historical Theology

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Congregation Name: North Shore Ministry
 Congregation City: Lake Forest

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1966
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2017
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2017

Congregation	<p>1996- Associate Pastor and then sole Pastor for Alive in Christ Lutheran Church, a new church in Columbia, MO. Initially, I was responsible for Evangelism, Discipleship, Youth and helping with the Pastoral responsibilities</p> <p>1998- Missionary at Large and Church Planter in Springfield, MO; by God's grace planted River of Life and then was called by the congregation to serve as their Pastor in 2003.</p> <p>2009- Network Supported Missionary, called by our North American Mission Board to serve in partnership with the NJ District. Responsible for helping churches plant new worshipping communities, primarily among non-Anglos. I used the House Church model and had a very strong emphasis on Prayer for Mercy, Ministry and Multiplication. Trained lay people to help their Pastors in this Prayer and Planting ministry; with an ultimate goal of enrollment in our Synod's pastoral/deaconess training routes.</p> <p>2017- Pastor for Faith Lutheran Church & North Shore Lutheran Ministries, in Lake Forest, IL</p>
District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Operation Barnabas Counselor -Mission Board -Served on District Staff in Missions -Lay Ministry Training -LWML District Counselor (Jr) -LWML District Counselor (Sr) -Evangelism Board -Disaster Response Team -Church Planting -Cross Cultural Vicarage Supervision -Communications & Publicity -Fundraising -Cross Cultural Leadership Training
Synod	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Operation Barnabas Council -Lutheran Hour Ministries trainer in Prayer and Planting House Churches -LWML Presenter and Trainer

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Guest speaker on KFJQ -Keynote speaker on Prayer and Planting for multiple District Conventions. -Air Force Chaplain endorsed by Ministry to the Armed Forces (30 years military service) and recipient of the St. Martin of Tours Award. Was the Wing Chaplain for our largest base in the Middle East (10,000 souls); collected and distributed over 5K hardbound copies of Luther's Small Catechisms & placed over 600 copies of LSB in our Armed Forces chapels, in theater. -I developed an app for prayer, "iPrayU"; it is used by over 300 LCMS congregations. -Network Supported Missionary
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Selected by the Office of Assistant Secretary of Health (OASH) in Washington, DC to review grant proposals serving our Urban and Ethnic population. Most current grant proposal review awarded over \$3m in Federal grants. -2015 Chaplain of the Year for the Air National Guard; -Police Chaplain (Springfield, MO & Lake Forest, IL) -American Legion Chaplain -Chosen by the elected Freeholder for the City of Newark to develop collaboration between church, civic and civil authority to serve the residents of Newark, NJ with after school mentoring, health fairs and assist with disadvantaged households. -Air National Guard Chaplain; mobilized five times (domestic and overseas); chosen to serve at the National Guard Bureau as the Chaplain for Domestic Operations (2015); where we coordinate response for flooding, hurricane, tornado, civil unrest and terror in local communities across the 50 states and 4 territories. -Letter of Commendation from Jersey City Municipal Council for community work

Please share a word about your:

<p>Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:</p>	<p>I am a sinner saved by grace. I thank God that He has redeemed me, a lost soul and I thank Him for His Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, which with Scripture, Prayer, Confession & Absolution, the conversation and consolation of the Saints; He uses to strengthen me in my daily walk with Him. I believe that we are fortunate to have these present in our congregational worship; that the historic liturgy is reliable in delivering them and that we have flexibility within our Confessions re how we present them.</p> <p>I believe that we must intentionally prioritize the development of church workers at the congregational level and that we need greater emphasis on non Anglo outreach, leadership development and church planting; but this has to be done in a sustainable way.</p> <p>We must recognize and celebrate where the Holy Spirit is granting the increase in our mission endeavor.</p> <p>I begin my day with personal Bible study and prayer; and I pray with my family at night.</p>
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

I think that the challenges which face CUC / the NID Board of Directors are:

- confidence in presenting Christ to the current culture
- not enough collaboration with non LCMS entities
- a humble but bold LCMS identity
- funding
- focusing and leveraging the amazing assets and resources we already have available to us
- moving beyond education and into discipleship
- connecting with the non Anglo population
- leveraging technology, especially social media

Everyone of these challenges is just an opportunity waiting for it's moment.

Goals:

- faithful and full throated proclamation of the Gospel
- new starts, new believers, new disciples, new leaders; which in turn by the power of the Holy Spirit repeats.
- increased student enrollment, endowed chairs for Professors, connection with New Americans
- increased perception of CUC as a high quality academic institution
- greater international partnerships

Additional Information

Occupation	Parish pastor and Air Force Chaplain with the Illinois Air National Guard.
Education	B.A. from Valparaiso University MDiv from Concordia Seminary Air Command and Staff College from Maxwell Air University

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Congregation Name: Bethel
 Congregation City: Gurnee

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1948
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1948
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 1982

Congregation	Choir 2004-present President 2003-2004 Property Management Board 1983-1987, Chairman 1985-1987 Elder 1993-1994, 2013-2016 Preschool adviser 1986-1996 PADS Greeter 2016-present Call Committee 2016-2017 Sunday School teacher 2004 Building Committee 2002-2003 Nominating Committee 2002
District	None
Synod	None
Community	Board of Education, Warren Township High School (District 121, Gurnee) 2000-2002 Warren High School Vision Committee 1998-1999 Little League coach 1988-1991

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	Although I hope that the songs of the choir inspire the congregation, singing in the church choir actually supports my faith more than I thought. During my time serving as an Elder, assisting with Holy Communion during the service has been an honor for which I am thankful. My faith needs to show outside of the church building . I work on that every day. With God's help, I try. With respect to the LCMS and the NID, both organizations need to continue to support Concordia University Chicago. Having a learning asset such as Concordia within the NID and also in the LCMS is a blessing. The "mission" of the church is to share the word of God. Concordia needs to equip their students to live a life based in God's love.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

As a board member, I would place an emphasis on the future of Concordia. The past is important, but new challenges and opportunities will develop that must be addressed to allow the university to flourish. As the University becomes more diverse, it is important that the historic, Christian message of the University shines strong.

I believe that my ability to analyze situations and make appropriate and timely decisions will allow Concordia to continue to provide a Christ centered atmosphere for learning. The policies established by the board must provide the staff with clear guidance in operating the university.

Additional Information

Occupation	<p>I currently work part-time as a consultant for a heavy civil construction company. The bulk of my professional career has been with heavy civil construction companies in the Chicago area. Positions held during my career have been as engineer, estimator, vice-president and/or president. I have also served on the Board of Directors of two construction companies.</p> <p>I taught part-time for two semesters at the College of Lake County ("Soil Mechanics" 1992 and "Principles of Heavy Construction" 1993). Teaching isn't easy.</p>
Education	<p>Concordia Teachers College, River Forest 1965-1966</p> <p>Valparaiso University, BS in Civil Engineering 1970</p> <p>Northwestern University 1970-1971 Completed all coursed work for MSCE. I decided my future was going to be in construction and I decided to leave the program.</p>

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Congregation Name: Trinity
 Congregation City: Tinley Park

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1984
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1984
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2001

Congregation	<p>Trinity Tinley Park: Board of Elders 14 years, Chair 6 years. Board of Missions 2 years. Usher 6 years. Adult confirmation class instructor 2 years.</p> <p>St. John Lansing: School Board member 2 years. Usher 4 years. Basketball coach 6 years.</p> <p>St. John Calumet City: Board of Elders 3 years Board of Finance 13 years Usher 13 years.</p>
District	<p>Northern Illinois District Convention: Lay delegate 2000, 2006, 2009, 2012, 2015.</p>
Synod	<p>Synodical Convention: Lay delegate 2013.</p>
Community	<p>Village of Orland Park: Parking and Traffic Advisory Board 2005-present. Orland Memorial Park Cemetery Association 2005-present.</p> <p>Village of South Holland: Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals member 13 years, Vice-Chair 4 years. Library Board member 6 years, President 2 years.</p> <p>Chicago Bar Association: Legislative Committee 2003-present.</p> <p>Illinois Family Coalition Board of Directors 15 years.</p>

	Lansing Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors 3 years.
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Please share a word about your:

<p>Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:</p>	<p>I was bless to be born into a Christian home to parents who encouraged active attendance and participation in church service. I have tried to instill this same principle in my kids. My wife taught at an LCMS grade school for 4 years. My wife and I have participated in small group bible studies at Trinity Tinley Park since 2006. Our son and daughter are graduates of LCMS grade schools.</p> <p>The mission of the LCMS is to share the saving grace of Jesus Christ as stated in the Great Commission, Matthew 28: 16-20. The mission of the NID is to provide support for the many ministries of parishes, schools and LCMS organizations.</p>
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

I am seeking a position on the Board of Directors. It is my desire to serve Our Lord with the experience, education and gifts that have been given to me. Challenges include declining church attendance and closing of schools and parishes. I feel there are also opportunities, especially among our Spanish speaking population. My goals are to increase resources so that the NID can provide even greater services to our parishes.

Additional Information

Occupation	<p>Associate General Counsel Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation. 2009-present</p> <p>Adjunct Professor Trinity Christian College 2006-present</p>
Education	<p>John Marshall Law School Juris Doctor</p> <p>Chicago State University Bachelor of Arts</p>

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 Congregation City: Beecher

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1984
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2014
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2014

Congregation	As a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, I helped organize and plan our inaugural Oktoberfest in 2014. I have also played in our chime choir for various special services since 2015. Another activity I enjoy participating in is Ladies Aid, which was re-established at St. Paul's in 2015.
District	I have been serving on the CUC Board of Regents since January 2017. As a board member, I am on the Academic Committee and the Student Success Committee. It has been a joy to support the mission and work of Concordia.
Synod	
Community	I am a blood donor and an Educational Materials Development Volunteer for Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered (FORCE).

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	<p>I enjoy being part of a community of believers who teach and confess the same faith in the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as revealed to us in Holy Scripture. The Bible is the only rule and norm for my faith because it is God's inspired, inerrant Word. This is where I turn to for true comfort and understanding.</p> <p>The life and words of Jesus are what I strive to model my own life after. We are saved by grace through faith, not by our own works (Ephesians 2:8-9). Yet we are also created to do good works. In fact, "faith apart from works is dead" (James 2:26). Therefore, I understand the importance of serving others in my vocation and sharing the love of God with all people.</p> <p>The faith I have in my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is the most important aspect of my life. I cherish it above all material possessions. It influences my thoughts, words, and deeds, and I am eager to share this faith with others.</p>
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

A challenge in serving CUC is effectively sharing the Gospel in a changing mission field. While the student body is certainly different than when CUC was founded in 1864, we are still called to share the love of Christ with the community.

As a designated Hispanic Serving Institution, there are also new opportunities that await CUC. These are opportunities to reach out and engage the community in genuine and relevant ways that we may not have done so previously. When CUC is able to provide an education for first generation or low income students, these students are more empowered to make a difference in their communities.

My goal is to support the mission and values of CUC. I will continue to set high standards for CUC in terms of academic excellence and faithful stewardship. Another goal is to assist CUC in providing a supportive and innovative environment in which students can effectively learn and develop into servant-leaders.

Additional Information

Occupation	I currently work as a Histotechnologist at the University of Chicago Medicine.
Education	I earned my B.S. in Biology from Concordia University Wisconsin and completed a clinical training program in histotechnology in 2007. I earned my M.S. and Ph.D. in Molecular and Integrative Physiology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2010 and 2014, respectively.

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Congregation Name: Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church
 Congregation City: Bolingbrook

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1995
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1995
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2005

Congregation	St. Peters Lutheran Church Schaumburg IL (1993-2002) Heritage Lutheran Church Valparaiso, IN (2002-2005) Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church Bolingbrook, IL (2005-present) Chairman of the Preschool (Council Position) (2005-2010) Webmaster (2006-present) Chairman of Congregation (2010-present) Board of Trustees (2014) Elder (2015-present) Sunday School Superindendnt (2017-present)
District	2012 NID Convention Delegate NID Nominations Committee for 2014 Convention (Secretary) NID Nominations Committee for 2018 Convention (Secretary)
Synod	2013 Convention Delegate
Community	Christmas in April Volunteer, Valparaiso Indiana ~2001-2002 Valparaiso School of Law Distinguished Alumni 2006 Valparaiso College of Engineering IEEE S-PAC Speaker 2010 Valparaiso College of Engineering Masters in Engineer Guest Speaker 2011, 2012, 2014 Little Tee's Assistant Coach 2013 Bolingbrook Soccer Coach 2015-present

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the	My faith is founded on the inerrant written word of God as correctly understood by our beloved confessions, namely the Book of Concord. The mission of our synod should be to share the Gospel, teaching and baptizing sinners, as she was called. My family receives God's great gifts at a Divine Service. My wonderful wife, Katie, never ceases to inspire me with her love and patience in caring for our five children Adam (9), David (7), Rebekah (6), Mary (4), and Stephen (2). Most visits to a Divine Service, result in my telling at least one of my children to "listen to pastor." A phrase that resonates within me, particularity as we visit other congregations while on travel. It highlights, that my congregation and pastor are not any different from any other
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LCMS, and especially the NID:	LCMS congregation giving absolution in the stead and by the command of Our Lord Jesus Christ and preaching words that are not empty, but life giving words.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

Having previously served on the Nominations Committee as secretary, I can understand the work of the committee. I enjoyed working with a diverse group and working together to produce a ballot with members of the body of Christ based on their unique talents and skills and consistent with the views of all our delegates. A job that is not easy, given the wealth of capable volunteers in our district, but working together, we can and will succeed.

Additional Information

Occupation	Patent Attorney at the U.S. Department of Energy (2005-present)
Education	Bachelors of Science in Electrical Engineering (BSEE) Valparaiso University (2002) Juris Doctor (JD) Valparaiso School of Law 2005

Aaron Doehring

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Congregation Name: Ascension
 Congregation City: Niles

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1969
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2001
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2014

Congregation	I have served as music minister/kantor in the Chicago area for both NID and English District parishes since 1995. From 1997-2001 I served as kantor and liturgical deacon at Grace English Lutheran Church, Chicago, Illinois, and taught music in their dayschool. Pastors John Paul Salay and Sean Esterline served the called pastorate and Bishop-emetitus Roger Pittelko served the interim vacancy. From 2001-2014 I served NID's urban congregation of St. Paul-Austin (Chicago) as minister of music. For much of that time I also served as an elected deacon/elder. Called pastors to this congregation included Stephen Everette and Andrew Schermbeck. Vacancy pastors included Don Gourlay and John Rhoads. In September of 2014, I was installed as kantor at St. John Lutheran Church, Niles, Illinois, which merged with Our Savior Lutheran Church, Norwood Park, in 2015 to form Ascension Lutheran Church of Niles. I served on the merging committee and currently serve as deacon/elder.
District	Most recently, I served on the Nominations Committee for the District Convention during the past triennium. Prior to this, I served as delegate to the 2006, 2009, and 2012 district conventions for St. Paul-Austin (Chicago).
Synod	
Community	I live in Jefferson Park, and in an effort to serve my immediate neighbors, I participate in activities and do some volunteering at St. John's-Mayfair (Chicago), while retaining church membership at the congregation I am serving as kantor/music minister. I also hold a secular position in the retail sector as a regional merchandiser in big box sports stores. My territory spans from Chicago to the far western suburb of Geneva, and all points in between. Flexible scheduling will ensure availability for district meetings.

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the	Christ is the center of all that we do, be it in the secular or sacred realm, serving as a manager or an entry-level worker, serving as district board member, kantor, or congregant. The week begins with receiving our Lord's gifts in Word and Sacrament in His House. As the week progresses and faith merges with the world, we serve are neighbor in our various vocations, be that as a church worker or a fast food worker. As a person with professions in both the sacred and secular realm, one always feeds the other. Receiving the Lord's Gifts provides the strength to face all that the world throws at us, and having a secular vocation keeps one grounded in real-world
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mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	situations, providing opportunities for witness as well as prayer for those we come in contact with.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

The first term on any committee is a big learning curve, as a new person assimilates into an existing structure with seasoned committee members, forms new relationships, etc. This is especially true for the Nominations Committee, which doesn't meet every month, but rather meets as needed to get the process started and then to finalize nominations. Having served one term now, I am better equipped to serve consecutive terms.

Additional Information

Occupation	My secular vocation is visual merchandising in brick and mortar stores. I have been in the retail sector since 1995, and in third party merchandising since 2001.
Education	1988 graduate of Valley Lutheran High School 1992 graduate of Concordia-Ann Arbor (Music major, Religious Studies minor, Parish Assistant certificate) I have also completed coursework in the Master of Church Music program at Concordia-Chicago.

Paul Eggert

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Congregation Name: Zion
 Congregation City: Beecher

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1973
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1984
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2005

Congregation	Teacher, St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, Ann Arbor, MI 1973-1984 Assistant Principal and Teacher, Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Burr Ridge, IL 1984-1988 Principal and Teacher, Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Burr Ridge, IL 1988-1999 Principal and Teacher, First Lutheran Church and School, Clearwater, FL 1999-2003 Principal and Teacher, St. Andrews Lutheran Church and School, Park Ridge, IL 2003-2005 Principal and Teacher, Zion Lutheran Church and School, Beecher, IL 2005-2016
District	Northern Illinois District Board of Directors, 2009-Present
Synod	
Community	

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	My faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is the bedrock of my life and has always been the foundation of my ministry. I have been active in the worship life of every congregation that I have served, specifically emphasizing the servant role that all of us must embrace. My wife and I have been blessed with deep and lasting friendships with Pastors, teachers, and especially lay members that have enriched our lives as we ministered together in the life of the parish. I believe that the mission of the Synod and District must continue to be sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to new believers in whatever way possible. As our culture changes, we must continue to adjust the way we minister to those around us.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

The Northern Illinois District Board of Directors must continue to be the leaders of the major initiatives of the District. This includes monitoring progress in the work of the District staff which includes the

programs that are ongoing and those being developed. It is a privilege to serve in this role and be actively involved in the District's mission and vision.

Additional Information

Occupation	Principal Emeritus at Zion Lutheran Church and School, Beecher, IL
Education	Associate of Arts Degree, Concordia Luther Junior College, Ann Arbor, MI 1971 Bachelor of Arts Degree, Elementary Education, Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, IL 1973 Master of Arts Degree, Elementary Education, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI, 1978

Timothy Eischen

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Congregation Name: St. John Montrose
 Congregation City: Chicago

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1974 (confirmed)
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1974
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2014

Congregation	For the past two years, I have served as an Elder / Deacon at St. John's Lutheran Church in Chicago (on Montrose), under Pastor Rich Heinz. Prior to that, I was active over many years at my former parish, St. Paul, Skokie, serving on a variety of boards and offices, including V.P. of the congregation, Chairman of the Church Council, and Evangelism & Outreach Board. This was throughout the late 80's, into the 2000's, under Pastors Walter Holm and E. Lee Jones.
District	I have not served the Church heretofore at the District or Synodical level.
Synod	I have not served the Church heretofore at the District or Synodical level.
Community	I have been quite active for many years in the Norwegian-American ethnic community here in the Chicago area. I am the founder of the only active Scandinavian folk ensemble (band) in the Chicago area, and we've been performing for over 25 years at this point.

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	<p>By the grace of God, I have been a fervent - and forgiven - Lutheran all my life. I recall fondly the seriousness with which I participated in confirmation classes under Rev. James G. Baumann, at St. Paul / Skokie, who had a tremendous impact upon my spiritual formation. Under his influence, and then subsequently that of Dr. Norman Nagel and Rev. Daniel C. Brockopp, I developed a keen appreciation for the importance of good liturgy in the life of the Church, and the role that regular prayer plays in the life of the individual Christian, his/her congregation, and the Church universal. I am passionate on the necessity of keeping worship focused on Christ and the gifts with which He provides us via Word and Sacrament.</p> <p>Regarding the 'mission' of the LCMS and the NID, I contend it to be nothing more and nothing less than to support the faithful pastors who have been called to this holy ministry (Word and Sacrament), and the congregations to whom they are called to serve in Christ's name.</p>
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

I bring no pre-set agenda of "goals" in this regard. Rather, I wish only to be of service to my Lord and His Church in ways that are appropriate to my vocation and in keeping with our Lutheran Confessions. My overriding passion, I suppose, is for the Church to stay focused upon the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in whom alone we find our light and our salvation. This we do most 'authentically' when we gather as His people to hear His Word rightly preached, and His Sacraments rightly administered.

Additional Information

Occupation	Currently working as a free-lance retail and merchandising consultant. Formerly worked in retail as a buyer, department manager, and as a store manager for many years.
Education	BA in Lutheran Theology from Valparaiso University.

Rev. Cory Estby

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Congregation Name: Zion
 Congregation City: Grant Park

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1976
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2005
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2005

Congregation	<p>Sole Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Grant Park, IL (2005-present)</p> <p>Worship planning, Administrative, Bible Study/Catechesis teacher, Visitation of sick and homebound, et al.</p> <p>Adult Choir Director at Zion (2005-2008) Choir Member (2008-2011)</p>
District	<p>South Region Pastoral Conference Registrar/Treasurer (2005-2008) South Region Pastoral Conference Chairman (2008-2010) South Region Pastoral Conference Chairman (2013-2016) General Pastor's Conference Nominating Committee (2011) Northern Illinois Confessional Lutherans-NICL member (2006-present) District Nominations Committee member (2012-present) General Pastor's Conference Vice-Chairman (2017-present) Circuit Visitor (2014-present)</p>
Synod	<p>Convention Pastoral Delegate for Circuit #27 (2010)</p>
Community	<p>Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Chapter President (2006-2009) Beecher Part-Time Players, Stage Actor (shows in 2006, 2008, 2012, 2015) Zion Lutheran School Parent-Teacher League President (2011-2014) Soccer Coach Assistant (2014, 2016)</p> <p>Parent advocate for "Gift of Adoption" adoption grants Parent advocate for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy</p>

Please share a word about your:

<p>Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:</p>	<p>Jesus Christ is my Lord! I am a baptized child of God who continues to read and learn, sing and rejoice, stumble and grow, sin and be forgiven. Every day is an opportunity to be strengthened in God's Word through the study of Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, to give praise and thanksgiving to Him who created, redeemed, and sanctified me, and to serve those whom He has placed in my midst throughout my vocations as father, husband, son, pastor, and more! Divine Service, home devotions, and regular use of hymnody to strengthen my faith.</p> <p>Synod and district provide opportunity for continued growth of its church workers; aid in supporting Christian education at all levels; offer supervision and counsel for pastors, teachers, etc; oversee congregations for proper uniformity in church practices that are in harmony with our confession of faith; and direct local congregations to be proclaimers of God's love to the world, and doers of His mercy to those in need.</p>
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

Getting to know, identify and recognize ordained pastors, commissioned workers (teachers, principals, deaconesses) and lay leaders in all the regions of district to serve in a variety of roles of district work will always prove challenging. Yet, I have enjoyed working with and again look forward to another opportunity to participate with others on the committee. Through discussion and listening, discernment of God-given talents, and encouragement, it is a goal that more of the brothers and sisters in Christ would be willing to serve in our work together as a district. The Lord is faithful! When our thoughts, words and decisions are centered in the Word of God, we shall be blessed.

Additional Information

Occupation	<p>Public school K-5 music teacher for two years (1999-2001)</p> <p>Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Grant Park (2005-present)</p> <p>Husband of Christena (18 years)</p> <p>Father of 4 children (ages 15, 13, 4, 2)</p>
Education	<p>Yorktown High School diploma, Yorktown, IN May 1994</p> <p>Bachelor of Arts in Music Education, Ball State University, Muncie, IN Dec 1998</p> <p>Master of Divinity, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN May 2005</p>

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Congregation Name: Zion Lutheran Church
 Congregation City: Grant Park

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1968
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2005
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2016

Congregation	<p>Deaconess in parish: 1993-1998 Youth work including overseeing the youth board, organizing and participation in activities, visitation to individual youth; parish education including Sunday school teacher and overseeing the boards responsible for these areas, mercy work in the form of hospital and shut-in visitation</p> <p>1998 forward: volunteer Sunday school teacher and assisting in organization, vacation Bible school teacher and coordinator, coordinate youth group activities, Bell choir participant, member of ladies groups, active in LWML. I served one year as PTL president at Zion Lutheran School.</p>
District	<p>I participate at the District level serving through a Recognized Service Organization, Voice of Care. I serve as a ministry facilitator for Voice of Care in the South Region of the NID. In this position I am able to connect with various congregations, rural, urban, suburban, small town, large congregations and small. Visiting these various congregations I encourage them in their mission endeavors, specifically to people with disabilities.</p> <p>Serve as committee member, active deaconess, on the Deaconess Certification and Colloquy Examination Committee for Concordia University, Chicago.</p>
Synod	<p>I am a current member of the Concordia Deaconess Conference. I served one term as secretary in the mid-1990's and currently sit on the committee to review our constitution.</p>
Community	<p>Served on a PTO committee for public school starting in 2010. Thereafter actively participating in events.</p> <p>Currently working to organize a support group for the community, based in a congregation, for people with a mental health diagnosis and their families.</p>

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life	<p>The sacred life of the church is just that for me: Life. Regular attendance to be fed by the Word of God, continued sustenance from the Body and Blood of our Lord, supplemented by personal devotions at home. I, and my family, are in regular attendance at our home congregation. I, myself, have opportunity to worship with sister congregations while speaking for Voice of Care.</p>
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of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	As a church body, the mission of the LCMS is to carry the Word of God in its truth and purity to all people, Matthew 28:19. The role of the District, especially the NID, can be challenging as they seek to support congregations in so many different settings from the small and rural congregations to urban settings surrounded by violence to large suburban congregations. Diverse yet each needs to be heard, loved and supported.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

The essential goal of the Board of Directors in the Northern Illinois District is to remain faithful to the Confessions of the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod, to our district by-laws and as a legal entity. A challenge I see is the utilization of congregational monies at the district level. If congregational giving to the district is down, has the board evaluated what it is doing and how it is allocated the monies given? Is the district reaching out and showing support to the congregations in the outlying areas? How are we supporting missions in our area? Should mission people be required to raise their own funding? Is this the best use of time and talents?

My work with Voice of Care enables me to visit congregations in the city to the far reaching such as Dwight and Ottawa. These engagements enable me to see the diversity of populations and needs of our NID congregations.

Additional Information

Occupation	<p>Substitute teacher in various public school districts and private Christian schools. Seeing how their lives are lived day to day in a public school setting, I take this information into Sunday school classes to have open discussions about how we live our lives for Christ.</p> <p>Deaconess/Ministry Facilitator, South region for Voice of Care. Voice of Care's mission is to equip the Church to nurture people with disabilities and their caregivers in their walk with Christ. Time is spent talking with and encouraging individual congregations to reach out to people with various disabilities. We offer resources and training where needed for work with this special population.</p>
Education	<p>1987-1990: attended Concordia University, Seward, NE</p> <p>1990-1993: Concordia University, Chicago. Graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies with a certification as a Deaconess. Minor in Social Work.</p> <p>2012: updating general education classes at Prairie State University in Chicago Heights, IL</p> <p>2012 and continuing: seeking a Masters in Special Education with certification at Governor's State University, University Park, IL.</p>

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Congregation Name: Bethlehem
 Congregation City: River Grove

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1957
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1986
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 1986

Congregation	1986-present, Pastor, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, River Grove, IL 1997-1998, 2001-2005, 2009-2010 Principal, Bethlehem Lutheran Church River Grove, IL 1989-2001, Executive Director of Project Hope. (Cooperative work of seven area congregations) 1979-1982, Teacher, Epiphany Lutheran Church and School, grades 4&5, Eau Claire, WI
District	2014 – present Member of the District Constitution Committee 2009, Chair, District Convention Floor Committee 2009, Member of the special task force on Commissioned Minister Franchise 2005-2013, Chair of the East Region Pastors’ Conference 2000-2003, Second Vice President of NID (East Region) 2003, Presenter at the NID Theological Convocation 1997-2001, NID Finance Committee 1991-1995, Chair, NID Board for Christian Education 1989-1991, Chair, Program Committee – NID Central Region Pastors’ Conference
Synod	2013- present, Member of the Concordia University Chicago Board of Regents 2012–2013, Member of the Res. 8-07 Task force 1995-2004, Member of the LCMS Commission on Ministerial Growth and Support 2001-2004, Chair of the LCMS Commission on Ministerial Growth and Support 1997-2004, Chair of the LCMS Synodical Post-Seminary Applied Learning and Support (PALS) program Development Committee 1999, Instructor in the Theology Department, Concordia University, River Forest 1995-1998, Pastoral Advisor, Lutheran Altar Guild Federation of Greater Chicagoland 1999-2001, Member of the LCMS Action Group of Church Worker Retention and Recruitment 1992, 1995, 1998, 2001, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013, 2016 Delegate to the LCMS Convention 2001, 1998, 1995 Member and Secretary of Synodical Convention Floor Committee #3 “Theology and Church Relations”

	2013, Member and Secretary of Synodical Convention Floor Committee #5 "Seminary and University Education" 2016 Member of Synodical Convention Floor Committee
Community	2005, Advisor for River Grove Library Planning 1997-2004, Chaplin of local American Legion Branch

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	<p>I am a sinner who has been saved solely by God's unwarranted love for me.</p> <p>I have been blessed with God fearing parents who from birth lead me to the Word by taking me to church and being an example in their own commitment to God Word by regular attendance at worship and Bible study. That Word, the blessings of my baptism and God's continuing love poured out through His body and blood continue to enrich me as I grow in my faith.</p> <p>As a pastor it is always tempting to fall into the trap of believing that your vocational work (preparation of sermons and bibles studies and leading of worship) is able to fill all the needs in this area. I also try and find opportunities to be feed by God in these areas by engaging in study and worship opportunities apart from my vocation.</p> <p>The mission of he church is always to proclaim the forgiveness of sins in Christ Jesus. God has given gifts to the church to carry out that mission, his Word and Sacraments.</p>
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

The work of the church is done by God's people. The Lord has blessed the church with many talented people by which the work of the church may be done. It is the functiuon of a nominations committee to seek out the best qualified people for the work of the church and offer those choices to the church.

I have been privileged to serve the church in a wide variety of ways through out the years. On the congregational level I have served as a Lutheran School teacher, school principal and twenty nine years as a pastor in the NID. I have helped organized and direct cooperative work among local congregations in the urban area. On the synodical level I have served on various boards and commissions, the CUC Board of Regents, nine times as a synodical convention delegate and four times as a national convention floor committee member.

In my experiences on all levels of the synod over the years I have had the opportunity to work with various groups of people with the objective of working towards a common goal of ministry. This has given me a deep understanding of the needs of the church at all levels and an understanding of the skills needed to serve the church.

Additional Information

Occupation	Pastor
Education	1979 – B.S in Education, Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, IL 1986 – M. Div, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne 1988 – M.S Ed. Concordia College, River Forest, IL

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Congregation Name: Zion
 Congregation City: Grant Park

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1961
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1961
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2009

Congregation	<p>I served on the Board of Elders for Trinity, Burr Ridge.</p> <p>I have served several Congregations within the NID as Organist including Trinity Burr Ridge; Grace Lutheran, Peotone; St. Paul's, Lockport; St. John's Lutheran, Beecher; St. Paul's, Beecher, Zion, Grant Park.</p> <p>Served on various Committees within the Congregation including Mission, Stewardship, and Music.</p> <p>Served on Church Council for Grace, Peotone.</p>
District	None.
Synod	None.
Community	None at this time.

Please share a word about your:

<p>Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:</p>	<p>My family and in believe in a strong commitment to our Faith and Teachings as Lutherans. I try to live out my faith in all aspects of my daily life. I diligently try to make sure i participate in Daily Devotions, Prayer and Study. I find that through prayer, devotional time and study, God provides me the strength, wisdom and guidance that i need for the challenges of daily life.</p> <p>I serve as Main Organist and Choir Director for Zion Lutheran, Grant Park.</p> <p>I believe that the Mission of the LCMS should promote faithfulness to the Word, and the techings of the LCMS. Through this faithfulness, God promises to bless and grow the church. I believe that we must be careful not get caught in the trappings to boost numbers that many Denominations, and even Congregations within the LCMS get wrapped in. God's Word is very direct - be faithful!</p> <p>I believe that to grow a congregation, we must grow by strengthening the faith and walk of our membership, and not rely on "programs" to do the work.</p>
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

I believe that Godly fiscal responsibility is paramount. That we use the gifts given to each of us wisely, and not waste these resources which have been entrusted to our care. The parable of the ten talents comes to mind in regards to this.

We are also to make wise decisions on how to strengthen our members, churches, and then faithfully reach the lost.

Together, as a Board, we are to demonstrate and exhibit Godly wisdom as we make decisions that will have an impact on the LCMS, NIC, local Congregations, and individual members. This is a responsibility that cannot be taken lightly.

Today's world offers many opportunities. We are to reach out to a world in need - in need of a Saviour. We are to demonstrate Christ's love, and through his love, minister to those that the Lord puts in our path. Ultimately, we should desire for those we come in contact with to come to faith in Christ, or continue to strengthen their faith and walk with the Lord. That is the work of the Church.

Additional Information

Occupation	<p>Today, i serve as President of Great Lakes Elevator Service in Park Ridge. I started the company in 1999, and continue to build and expand the Company.</p> <p>I also participate and serve in various roles in the Elevator Industry. i served for three years on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Elevator Contractors (non-profit organization). I served as Chair of the Government Affairs Committee for three years, and continue to serve as a member of the Codes and Standards Committee.</p> <p>I currently serve as Treasurer on the Board of Directors for the Elevator, Escalator Safety Foundation. A non-profit organization that provide educational materials and instruction to children and seniors in safe and proper use of elevator and escalator equipment.</p> <p>I serve on ASME Elevator Safety Code Committees including, QEI, Inspections, and the A17 Main Committee.</p>
Education	<p>I attended Trinity Lutheran School in Burr Ridge, and graduated in 1975. I attended Lyons Township High School graduating in 1979. I have an Associates degree in Applied Sciences.</p> <p>I attended and completed all of the programs and courses in the National Elevator Industry Educational Program.</p> <p>I have acquired my Qualified Elevator Inspector's Certification through NAESA.</p>

	<p>I hold various certificates and licenses including Elevator Mechanic, Electrician, Elevator Inspector, and Elevator Consultant.</p> <p>I am currently studying with Dr. Steve Wentz on a part time basis to grow and improve organ performance skills.</p>
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 Congregation City: Rockford

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1967
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1976
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2011

Congregation	I have been a member of three NID congregations. I have taught Bible class in two of them in the 1980s, 90s and 2000s. I have served Immanuel Elmhurst as a lay liturgy leader in the 90s. I served on the Every Member Vist team at St.Paul Melrose Park, mid 1980s.
District	I have served on the District Nominations committee for the 2012 Convention. I stood for Election to the CUC Board of Regents 2015.
Synod	I attended the Synod convention 1975
Community	I have served as a district administrator for Congresswoman Cardiss Collins 1983-1985 Served as Triton College Trustee 1985- 1991 Served on the Rock Valley College Board 2013-14 Served on theBoard of the Altenhiem retirement community in Forest Park, Il 1979 - 1984 Served on the Board of the Rockford Are Lutheran Ministries 2013- 2017

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	<p>I came to the church through my experience as a student beginning in 7th grade. I continued through Detroit Lutheran West and Concordia Teachers College River Forest. the Pastor who confirmed me and the College professors who challenged me to dig deeper into God's word have shaped my life.</p> <p>I have served as an administrator of a Lutheran School since 1989. During that time I have visited more than 50 Lutheran congregations and experienced a great variety of worship styles. I have a special interest in the construction of sermon messages and have been blessed to offer a message at many of the association churches that have supported my ministry.</p> <p>I see the mission of the church to encourage the growth of God's children of all ages and all backgrounds. I support missions in around the world and across our nation. We have each have a personal calling to tell the story of salvation to the world beginning with those closet to us.</p>
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

Concordia has the resources to provide a major outreach to the Chicagoland area and beyond. An increasingly diverse Alumni base has put Concordia in a wider segment of the population than our earlier, more narrowly defined constituency.

The University can help a future generation of leaders to build their own foundation for success that includes the Word of God as the focus of our lives. Our faith communities will be stronger as people from across the employment spectrum bring their experiences to bear on the challenge of making God's Word known in a post-Christian society.

Efforts to feed those with a lifelong hunger for learning provides a major area of service for the University.

Additional Information

Occupation	<p>Lutheran Education has provided me with wonderful experiences since January of 1977. I am currently the Executive Director of the Rockford Lutheran School. From this position, I have been able to interact with congregations who see collaboration as the key to the future of Lutheran Education.</p> <p>RLS has founded a partnership with three LCMS congregations in Wisconsin to create an online catalog of high school level classes.</p> <p>Working through the Association of Lutheran Secondary Schools RLS is advocating for a stronger relationship between the Lutheran High Schools and our Concordia University System to attract and retain International students.</p> <p>Many speaking opportunities have come my way as a result of my position. I have also been requested to submit Articles and columns to various publications on educational and community topics.</p>
Education	<p>Concordia Teachers College River Forest 1976 BA in Education.</p> <p>Masters level courses at Concordia University-River Forest.</p> <p>Continuing education in professional and conference settings.</p>

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Congregation Name: Immanuel
 Congregation City: East Dundee

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1969
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1992
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 1999

Congregation	Worship Aid, Immanuel Lutheran Church, East Dundee, IL - 1999 - 2010 Member, Board of Education, Immanuel Lutheran Church & School, East Dundee, IL - 2001 to 2012 Chairman, Board of Education, Immanuel Lutheran Church & School, East Dundee, IL - 2008 to 2012 Member, Board of Trustees, Immanuel Lutheran Church, East Dundee, IL - 2008 to 2012 Member, Board of Elders, Immanuel Lutheran Church, East Dundee, IL - 2013 to Present Active participant in multiple capital campaigns, Immanuel Lutheran Church, East Dundee, IL - 2006 and 2010
District	
Synod	
Community	

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	Devote, active, life-long LCMS member Lead and participated Small Group Bible Studies at Immanuel Lutheran Church, East Dundee, IL - 1998 to 2008 Sacred Choir, Immanuel Lutheran Church, East Dundee, IL - 1999 to 2008 Praise Team, Immanuel Lutheran Church, East Dundee, IL - 2000 to Present
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

Supporting congregations on their Outreach needs

Supporting our Pastors however we can

Additional Information

Occupation	Information Technology Professional
Education	Bachelors of Science in Computer Science, Valparaiso University

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 Congregation City: Harvard

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1979
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2007
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2011

Congregation	My family and I joined St. Paul Lutheran Church in Harvard, IL, in 2011. Since then I have been active in the following: - I have sung with the choir on occasion and provided brass accompaniment in some cases. I also serve as cantor when a liturgy is to be chanted. - I have been an Elder in the congregation since 2013, currently in my second term. - My wife and I attend a Sunday morning Bible study while our children are at Sunday School. - I serve as a lector several times during the year. - After we lost our organist, I became "custodian" of our organ, managing and running virtual organ music during services, as well as suggesting seasonally-appropriate hymnody.
District	I accepted a Divine Call in 2007 to teach science and direct music at Faith Lutheran High School in Crystal Lake, IL. This is my eleventh year teaching at Faith Lutheran High School. In addition to teaching, I am the technology coordinator. I often facilitate music and liturgy for chapel services.
Synod	I have always been a member of the LCMS; my upbringing was in the South Wisconsin District (1978-2002). After graduating from college, I was Called to teach music at Concordia Lutheran High School in Tomball, TX, at which time I became part of the Texas District (2002-2007). It was in 2007 that I began serving in the NID.
Community	In my community, I assist in coaching my sons' baseball and soccer teams. I have attended city council meetings and try to keep my neighborhood clean and quiet.

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the	A large portion of my faith in God comes from the music of the Church. I have always enjoyed the liturgy and have been a student of Lutheran hymnody. I enjoy meditating on the text of our hymns, especially when an accompaniment reflects the themes of the text through harmony and [organ] registration. In my job, I try to incorporate hymnody, and sacred music in general, into my concert programming. I enjoy worshipping with my family and teaching my two young boys hymns and catechism.
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LCMS, and especially the NID:	"In the larger scheme of things. the mission of the LCMS is to make sure that God's forgiveness is offered to all, regardless of nationality or upbringing. This is increasingly hard in a society that is becoming less and less aware of its need for God's love and mercy, and less tolerant of any message associated with Christianity. Our society is becoming more and more polarized, which makes the message of reconciliation with God more and more pertinent - maybe it could apply to making amends with our neighbors, too! Our country craves reconciliation in many ways, yet seems to thrive on discord and revenge. Within the NID, this is true especially in urban areas but we see it in the suburbs, too. As demographics change here, our mission is to reach out to those who really have not heard, without diluting the spiritual milk craved by long-time members of the Church. The challenge is to preach law without scaring people away; to teach doctrine without boring them, and to show God's grace and forgiveness without pretention."
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

One challenge in my profession is in spreading the Gospel to every student at Faith Lutheran High School. While many of them are Christians, the wide variety of worship backgrounds they come from makes it hard to cater to everyone. As a Lutheran, I want them to be exposed to the rich traditions of our church. Unfortunately, the age of the students is an age at which irreverence abounds. It hurts me to see this in a church setting; I want to model for all the children how to respect God and be led by the Holy Spirit in every situation. Being a sinner, this is hard for me to model all the time, but I try to do my best.

Within my congregation, one of the challenges as the youngest of the Elders is how to get more young families involved in what is an aging congregation. The demographics of our town are changing, and the challenge is to grow the church without abandoning our values.

Additional Information

Occupation	I have been a teacher at Faith Lutheran High School in Crystal Lake, IL since 2007. Currently, I teach Band, Choir, Earth Science, Physics, Astronomy, Meteorology, and Algebra I. I have also taught Geometry, Algebra II, Geology, and an elective on the History of Spaceflight. In addition to teaching, I am the technology coordinator and manage our student iPads. Also, I often facilitate music and liturgy for chapel services.
Education	Concordia University - Chicago: Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education: Major in Music, Minor in Earth Science (2002) George Williams College of Aurora University: Master of Science in Education: Earth and Space Science (2014)

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Congregation City: Arlington Heights

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1984
Year of Current LCMS District: 1990
Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 1990

Congregation	<p>Board of Elders 1995-2000 Youth Board 1998-2002 Pastoral Call Committee 2000-2004 2015-present Governing Board 2013-present Chairman/Governing Board 2014-present</p> <p>Various other committees throughout my time at St. Peter Lutheran Church and School of Arlington Heights, including fund raising committees and other committees to expand our mission field into the community, particularly with school families who were not members of our congregation</p>
District	<p>Lay Delegate to District Convention 2015-2017 Speaker/Presenter-NID Lutheran Teachers Conference 2015-present</p> <p>Presently working with NID and our congregation to explore the potential of partnering with church in Chicago to revitalize and create a New Start-New Believer congregation. This is part of St. Peter's vision of 10 new starts in 10 years which furthers our mission of leading people to a full life in Christ (John 10:10) and furthers the NID mission as well as the overall mission of the LCMS to "vigorously make known the love of Christ by word and deed" to all people.</p>
Synod	<p>I have not had the opportunity to work on a Synod wide basis for any project or program. However, I look forward to doing so. I believe that from the individual congregations, through the college system and throughout the Synod, we have a fundamental obligation to share the love and grace of Jesus with all people by leading them to the cross and the resurrection of our Savior.</p>
Community	<p>Through the Northwest Suburban Bar Association, I have been a presenter with the Community Education Program from 2015-present.</p> <p>I have also been a judge for the State-wide Mock Trial Competition from 2012-present.</p> <p>I have been involved in the lecture program at the Arlington Heights Library where I have talked about subjects ranging from Probate issues to insurance companies to personal injury litigation.</p>

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Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	I believe that I am saved by the grace of God through faith in Jesus, my Savior. This is apparent in my worship life, my family life, my prayer life and bible study. In all of these aspects of my life I try to make Jesus the focus. Prayerfully, this carries over to my work environment and other social interaction with believers as well as non believers so that they can see a difference in me, a saved child of God. My involvement in all aspects of the ministry and mission of St. Peter Lutheran Church Arlington Heights is a daily reminder of its mission to lead people to a full life in Christ (John 10:10). This is consistent with and in accordance with the mission of the district of new starts (new ministries) leading to new believers and also the Synod mission to vigorously make known the love of Christ to all people.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

The challenges and goals which I believe are important to the ministry and mission of CUC are to rejuvenate, revitalize and re-excite students, teachers, pastors, as well as lay people to the endless possibilities available to them when they make a decision to live a Christ-like life. This means creating an atmosphere of learning that appreciates the history of the Lutheran Church and celebrates its heritage yet is focused forward to meet the challengers of today by reinforcing the legacy of the Lutheran Church through an understanding of its application to society in the present. When I was a student at Concordia College River Forest, I took a class called Reformation Era. A guest lecturer used the phrase "not back to Luther but forward to Luther." I believe that the tenets that came from Luther out of the reformation are still relevant today and can still be the guide in the strengthening and vitalizing CUC and the LCMS.

Additional Information

Occupation	Lawyer 1999-present- Michael R. Graf, P.C. 750 W. Northwest Highway, Arlington Heights, IL 60004 (847)253-7555 1993-1999- Barber and Graf, Elk Grove Village, IL 1991-1993- Susan E. Loggans and Associates, Chicago, IL 1989-1991- Thurswell, Chayet & Weiner, Southfield, MI 1984-1989- Kitch Saurbier Drutchas Wagner and Kenney, Detroit, MI Member, Illinois State bar Association 1991-present Member, State Bar of Michigan 1984-1995 (member in good standing, did not renew license)
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Education	Valparaiso University School of Law 1981-1984 Concordia College- River Forest, Illinois 1981-1984
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Congregation Name: IMMANUEL
 Congregation City: Freeport

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1971
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1991
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2014

Congregation	I have served as a classroom teacher at Trinity-Muskegon, MI (1988-1991), Concord-Addison, IL (1991-2001), St. Johns-Lombard, IL 2001-2009) as Principal at St. Paul's-Chicago Heights, IL (2009-2014) and as Education Administrator at Immanuel-Freeport, IL (2014 - Current).
District	I served as a District Reconciler from approximately 2013 - 2016. I have served on NID-National Lutheran School Accreditation teams.
Synod	I have not served synod in any capacity.
Community	I am active in the Freeport Chamber of Commerce.

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	I have an active and strong faith. Through challenges and circumstances that I have been through, the one constant is that God has walked with me and delivered me from the influences of sin, devil and world. I worship weekly and am involved in daily individual Bible study and weekly corporate Bible study. I attend Communion regularly and in my leadership position (Education Administrator) I have great influence in the life of the congregation and school and do my best to lead others to be faithful to the Scriptures and Confessions. I view the mission of the church (LCMS and NID), "To be the hands and feet of Jesus in the communities that we serve." Obviously, this is expressed in many different ways.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

The challenges for the NID are: 1) Continue to find faithful and well qualified workers (pastors, teachers, DCE's), 2) Address the financial challenges of the district, 3) Cast a vision for the district that is all encompassing.

Additional Information

Occupation	I am currently the Education Administrator of Immanuel Lutheran School in Freeport, IL.
Education	Concordia University, River Forest, IL (BA 1988) University of Phoenix (MA.ED. 2009)

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 Congregation City: ARLINGTON HTS

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1981
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2007
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2007

Congregation	Lead Pastor (June 2010 - present) Associate Pastor (July 2007 - June 2010)
District	Planning Committee Member & Treasurer for North & West Regions Pastors Conference (2010 - present) Pastoral Voting Delegate (2015 District Convention) Circuit Visitor for N-3 (2015-2018)
Synod	Pastoral Voting Delegate (2016 Synod Convention)
Community	Chaplain for Arlington Heights Police Department (2010 - present)

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	As a life-long Lutheran and product of the Lutheran education system (every moment of my academic life!), I love this Church. I love our focus on Jesus and His grace. I love our passion for the Word of God. I love our robust understanding of the sacraments, vocation, and the priesthood of all believers. I love our commitment to children and their education. I love our focus on reaching lost people and introducing them to Jesus by what we do and say. While far from perfect, my Church has so much potential and, I pray, will be used by Jesus in ways we could never even dare to dream, as long as we get out of our own way and follow His lead!
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

We are at a critical time. The world is changing around us, and we need to learn how to embrace that reality and still cling tightly to what we've been given from those who have gone before us. We need strong, bold leadership that will not be content to sit idly by and hope for better days. We need

innovative, careful thinkers who can evaluate the many opportunities that are before us and know which ones to pursue.

We have exactly what the world needs - Jesus, hope, purpose, peace, grace - and a wonderful system to deliver it to them (churches, schools, community centers, etc.). The challenge is to figure out how to connect with the people God gathers around us to share with them the things we have been given in abundance.

What a wonderful opportunity, even in this messed up, crazy world!

Additional Information

Occupation	I'm lead pastor of a wonderful suburban church and school, working closely with a dedicated team of staff and volunteers to make it better every day. We haven't figured everything out, but we're excited to experiment and explore, seeking fresh ways to proclaim the Gospel to the people around us and in our building (we don't have far to go to find lost people!).
Education	Elementary & High School - St. Matthew Lutheran, Holt, MI (1999) Bachelors in Arts (Double Major: Religious Studies & Biblical Languages) - Concordia University, Ann Arbor (2002) Lutherische Theologische Hochschule, Oberursel, Germany (2005-06) Masters of Divinity - Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (2007)

Kathleen Gunia

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Congregation Name: Ascension
 Congregation City: Niles

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1979
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1979
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2012

Congregation	I was Baptized at St. Paul Lutheran church in Oak Lawn and went to grade school there. At a young age, I aspired to become a Lutheran school teacher. I graduated from Concordia University-River Forest in 2001 with a BA in Elementary Education with a concentration in Theology. I taught at several Synodical schools including Good Shepherd (Elgin, Illinois); Hope (St. Louis, MO); St. Paul (Cincinnati, OH); and St. Paul (Oak Lawn, IL). I served on the Board of Christian Education at Trinity (Burr Ridge, IL) and I am a trained Stephen Minister. I am married to Rev. Matthew Gunia, who presently serves at Ascension Lutheran Church in Niles.
District	None.
Synod	None.
Community	I am active in two homeschool groups at my local library.

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	I subscribe unconditionally to the Book of Concord because it is a true exposition of the Word of God. My faith is in formed by it and my life conforms to the teachings of Scripture as found in the Book of Concord. I attend worship with great regularity and do family devotions with my children. I pray daily and teach my children to pray as well. Bible study, religion lessons, hymn singing, and Catechism instruction is part of our daily life. As I have the opportunity, I share my faith with others who I encounter in my daily life. I give charitably beyond giving to our congregation. As a family, we are in prayer about sponsoring a missionary or mission project.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

Having been involved in many congregations at the NID and beyond, I think I have a good understanding of how congregations and Districts operate. I've had the opportunity to meet many people across the District, although I certainly don't know everyone. I would have to rely on prayer and the advice on the Nominating Committee as I seek to do its work.

Additional Information

Occupation	Former Lutheran School teacher; former Starbucks Barista; Present homemaker
Education	Graduate of St. Paul Lutheran School in Oak Lawn (1993)d. Graduate of Mother Macauly High School in Chicago (1997). BA in Elementary Education with a concentration in Theology from Concordia University-River Forest (2001)

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Congregation Name: St. Paul
 Congregation City: Chicago Heights

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1991
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2015
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2015

Congregation	St. Paul's Lutheran Church Brookfield, IL-2012-2013-Student Field Work Bethany Lutheran Church Fairview Heights, IL-2013-2014-Internship St. Paul's Lutheran Church Chicago Heights, IL-2015-present-Call
District	N/A
Synod	N/A
Community	N/A

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	I became a deaconess because I wanted to share Christ's forgiveness with those who don't know it and I believe that to be the heart of our Lutheran faith. Everything we do stems from the forgiveness we receive from Jesus and I see that greatly within our synod and district. We gather together for worship because of Christ's forgiveness, we reach out to the community because of Christ's forgiveness, we visit the sick, work through our differences, love the unlovable because of Christ's forgiveness. I pray as a district we gather around his body and blood so we can then be His hands and feet to our neighbors.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

I look forward to the opportunity to connect more with other workers in our district, encourage them to serve in a new capacity, and to better understand how our district and synod operates.

Additional Information

Occupation	Deaconess-Youth, Bible Studies, Visits, and Community Outreach
Education	Concordia University Chicago-Bachelor in Arts with Deaconess Certification-2010-2014

Rev. Jerry Hays

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Congregation Name: St. Peter
 Congregation City: Schaumburg

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1987
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2012
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2012

Congregation	Peace Lutheran Church, Hurst, TX 1987-1992 - Lay volunteer Youth Ministry Concordia College, St. Paul, MN 1992-1995 - student Crossview Lutheran Church, Edina, MN 1992-1995 - Fieldworker Peace Lutheran Church, Antigo, WI 1995-1999 - DCE/Youth Ministry St. John Lutheran Church, Mansfield, TX 1999-2006 - DCE/Youth Ministry Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, 2006-2009 - student/ VP Student Council Concordia Lutheran Church, Kirkwood, MO, 2006-2009 - Fieldworker/Vicar Concordia Lutheran Church, Kirkwood, MO 2009-2012 - Associate Pastor St. Peter Lutheran Church, Schaumburg, IL 2012-present - Sr. Pastor
District	North Wisconsin - helped plan youth gatherings Texas - helped plan youth gatherings
Synod	LCMS National Youth Gathering Community Life Chair for 2007 Gathering
Community	Currently: a member of the Schaumburg AM Rotary and chaplain of Schaumburg Police Department. While it is not a formal role I also engage/network with many in the community as the parent of a young man involved in youth sports.

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	As a pastor I am driven by the desire to see people saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ. There is a lost and dying world out there. As a result I believe the Word of God makes it crystal clear that believers are to grow in their faith and share Jesus with their hands, hearts, and voices to those outside of saving faith. I hold strongly to the inerrancy of God's Word and believe that the Holy Spirit works through Word and Sacrament to grant forgiveness, life, and salvation. We gather as church for worship, fellowship, growth, and service to God's kingdom. My bride, Gretchen, and I support New Starts New Believers because we believe this vision is in line with God's purpose for the Christian Church.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

We clearly live in a post-Christian culture in the United States. As a result we can see the influence on our churches which negatively impacts the NID office as supporting funds continue to disappear. I feel led to serve on the BoD because I feel God will lead us to maintain theological integrity while discovering how He wants this district to develop vision and structure under a new district president. I believe the NID can continue to support congregations and encourage outreach with less resources. We just have to work together to find out what that design looks like. As a pastor who has served in transition I believe I have the background to serve in this capacity.

Additional Information

Occupation	Aviall - avation mechanic - 1982-1992 Peace Lutheran Church, Antigo, WI 1995-1999 - DCE/Youth Ministry St. John Lutheran Church, Mansfield, TX 1999-2006 - DCE/Youth Ministry Concordia Lutheran Church, Kirkwood, MO 2009-2012 - Associate Pastor St. Peter Lutheran Church, Schaumburg, IL 2012-present - Sr. Pastor
Education	1995 - Concordia College, St Paul, MN - BA-DCE/Youth Ministry 2002 - Concordia College, St. Paul, MNM - 36 postgraduate hours in Family Studies 2009 - Concordia Seminary, St. Louis - Alt Route Certification for Ordination

Stephen M Heuser

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Congregation Name: Zion
 Congregation City: Bensenville

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1960
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1988
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2000

Congregation	I am in my seventeenth year serving as a shepherd of God’s flock as Pastor of Zion, Bensenville home of Concord Lutheran School. I have had the joy of serving the Lord and His Church in many leadership positions both as an ordained minister and previously as a layman.
District	I served on floor committee II Parish and Ministry Services for the 2003 & 2006 district conventions, served as treasurer in 2008 for the General Pastoral Conference, and the nominations committee for the 2018 convention.
Synod	I served as the pastoral delegate to the 2004 synodical convention
Community	I served as chaplain for the Wood Dale Fire department from 2002-2006. Previously served as the president of the Boosters Club at Walther Lutheran High School as well as coaching varsity football at Walther for ten years.

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	<p>I have never known a moment in my live where I was separated from our Lord. Baptized in Springfield while my father attended our seminary their I am a lifelong Lutheran and member of the LCMS. My father served as a Pastor in our synod until his death and my mother served some three decades as a Lutheran school teacher and principal.</p> <p>I am completely committed to the confessional and evangelical doctrine and practice of the Lutheran Confessions as found in the Book of Concord, which the Synod officially proclaims as “the norm of doctrine and practice.”</p> <p>The mission of the church whether it be our synod or district is to reach out to the lost proclaiming the Word in all its truth and purity and rightly distribute the sacraments according to the gospel. We, in the NID, have such a rich mission field and many wonderful opportunities to carry out Word and Sacrament ministry among God’s people.</p>
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

The challenges we face are standing up to all that a broken sinful world would hurl at us and not compromising our goal and mission. That goal is the proclamation of God's all sufficient Word and the faithful administration of the sacraments. We in the N. I.D. have a great opportunity to lead others back to the all sufficient Word of God which has as its focus our Savior, Christ Jesus, and all that He accomplished on the cross at Calvary.

Additional Information

Occupation	Pastor Zion Bensenville
Education	BA Forensic Studies Indiana University, Bloomington 1984 MDiv Concordia Fort Wayne 2001

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Congregation Name: St Andrews
 Congregation City: Park Ridge

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1976
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2011
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2011

Congregation	I was a vicar at St. Pauls Lutheran Church and School in Aurora, IL (2001-2002) I served as Associate Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church and School in Giddings, TX (2003-2005) I was Pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church in Columbus, OH (2005-2011) I currently serve as Pastor of St. Andrews Lutheran Church and School in Park Ridge, IL (2011-Current)
District	I served on the District Youth Board in Columbus, OH I served 2 terms as a Circuit Counselor in Columbus, OH I currently serve as Circuit Visitor I currently serve as registrar for the North and West Fall Pastor's Conference
Synod	I have not served in a Synodical Capacity
Community	I am an active Police Chaplain, and I do various volunteer activities in Park Ridge.

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	I believe the LCMS is uniquely poised to serve a changing culture. We have a chance to engage the people in our culture with a real message of hope in Christ - Crucified and Risen. The longer I practice my faith, the more I am grateful for the gifts God has given me in my baptism, the more amazed I am that Christ receives me at the altar, and the more hungry I am for God's Word given to us. Our mission to reach the people God has put within our reach with the love of Christ as the Holy Spirit guides us and enables us.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

I would value a chance to serve as a Regent of CUC. I know how difficult it is to maintain a Lutheran identity during these times of massive societal change. I also know how important it is that we never lose sight of our calling to be a uniquely Christian Body with a powerful Christian witness. I would seek to be of service to the staff and students of CUC to engage our culture with the light of Christ.

Additional Information

Occupation	Pastor and Superintendent of St. Andrews Lutheran in Park Ridge.
Education	BA - Pacific Lutheran University 1998 M. Div - Concordia STL 2003

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 Congregation City: Wheaton

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1984
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2010
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2015

Congregation	-Member of Risen Christ LCMS (1987-2012). Regularly volunteered in the parish with Sunday School, VBS, homeless ministry, visiting shut-ins, and altar guild. -Currently a member of St. John Lutheran in Wheaton, IL
District	-Concordia University Chicago: I have served as a deaconess at Concordia University Chicago since August 2010. -I am currently serving on the Nominations Committee for the NID for my second term -I am also currently serving on the NID Board of Directors in my first term
Synod	-LCMS-World Mission: GEO Missionary to Thailand for August 2008-June 2010 as a Deaconess Intern. I served as the service coordinator with the human care foundation CWEFT
Community	-My primary work in the community has been through my church and also through service programs I participated in while a student at Concordia and now as a staff member facilitating service learning opportunities. These included homeless ministry, nursing home visits, Meals On Wheels volunteer, and work with youth programs.

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	-My faith was established and is daily renewed in my baptism in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Through the Word and Sacraments I am strengthened in His grace and made to live a life that is pleasing to Him. -Worship, study and participation in the sacred life of the Church is essential to my own faith and the work I have been called to do as a deaconess. I regularly attend worship and receive the sacraments at an LCMS congregation and participate in many of the opportunities that I have for spiritual growth through my church. In addition to receiving these gifts at the congregation of which I am a member, I believe it is also necessary to partake in daily study of God's Word to strengthen my faith.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

-The strengths I bring to the committees for which I have been nominated are that I am perceptive, flexible, understanding, approachable and non-partisan. Through the last 7 years I have served in the NID as a Commissioned deaconess, the nature of my work at Concordia has given me the opportunity to connect with many of our NID pastors and congregations. It has been a joy to hear about their areas of ministry in the NID and in turn share those stories and ideas with our future leaders of the church.

-I am also very task and detail oriented. This includes planning events, coordinating volunteers, and networking with others to accomplish tasks and goals. I work well with all types of people which serves as a benefit in my role as a deaconess.

-The challenges faced by the committees I have been nominated to serve on, are being encouraged to remain faithful to the scriptures and our confessions in a time when the church is being attacked daily for those things.

Additional Information

Occupation	Deaconess, Commissioned University Deaconess at Concordia University Chicago
Education	Concordia University Chicago '08, B.A. Theology. '10 Deaconess certification. -Completing my M.A. in Human Services at CUC in 2018

Ted Lams

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Congregation Name: St. Paul
 Congregation City: Brookfield

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1943
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1943
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 1969

Congregation	Lutheran school teacher (retired); privileged to serve for forty years - principal for 32 years. Member, St. Paul, Brookfield since 1969; served as organist and in numerous congregational positions including athletic director, youth director, director of music, and school bus driver
District	Member, Mission and Ministry Board (2006-2009); NID convention nominations committee (four terms); served on home missions committee (1980s); elected to Board of Regents, Concordia University Chicago, at 2009 and 2012 NID conventions (currently serving from 2009 to present; member of Facilities Committee).
Synod	Elected to Board of Regents, Concordia University River Forest (now Chicago), at 1998 Synod convention (served 1998-2001). Nine years with District (2009-2018)
Community	

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	<p>By the grace of God, a confessional Lutheran.</p> <p>Adult and child Bible class leader (currently lead high school youth Sunday School); school administrator; classroom teacher; organist for many years.</p> <p>Challenges to both our Synod and the NID: the first is to conserve our church's pure doctrine by preparing faithful full-time pastors and church workers. The Synod should resume supporting the institutions of higher learning for which the Synod was formed in the first place. The second is to promote the preaching of the Gospel, especially in foreign mission work where missionaries spend their time preaching and teaching, not fund-raising. This was the second chief objective in forming a synod</p>
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

I have been blessed to see my granddaughter, the third generation of my family to graduate from Concordia, obtain a Christian education that will serve her in her chosen field; like the majority of our students today she did not pursue a church work career. We need to continue to train church workers, the original mission of Concordia, while providing a quality and distinctively Lutheran education for students who choose other vocations. There are always financial and, increasingly, cultural obstacles to operating a Christ centered institution of higher education. I am particularly grateful for our new President, Dr. Gard, and his vision of what a Lutheran university should be. Elected regents have a responsibility to the NID; I have tried to carry that out to the best of my ability by attending all board meetings and many other events on campus during my term. I would welcome the opportunity to continue to serve, and to work with him and the administration and staff for the next three years so that Concordia will be a faithful institution of which the NID can be proud.

Additional Information

Occupation	Retired Lutheran school teacher.
Education	Graduated from: Christ Lutheran School, Oak Park (1957); Walther Lutheran High School (1961); Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, B.A., Education (1965); Northwestern University, Master of Music (1970); post graduate study, Concordia Teachers College.

Katie Laubenstein

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Congregation Name: St. Paul's
 Congregation City: Brookfield

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1981
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2010
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2010

Congregation	2017-present: Grades 3 and 4 teacher, St. Paul, Brookfield, IL. I also assist with curriculum development and participate in ongoing continuing professional education opportunities. 2010-2017: Grades 3 and 4 teacher, St. Paul, Brookfield, IL. 2006-2010: Grades K through 8 teacher, Immanuel, Roswell, New Mexico 2005-2006: Grades 1 and 2 teacher, Emmaus, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 2004-2005: Grade 4 teacher, Immanuel, Marshfield, Wisconsin
District	District Nominations Committee member
Synod	
Community	

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	<p>Growing up in the LCMS, I was taught the faith by my parents, pastors and teachers. I attend divine services regularly, receive the Sacrament, and to share my faith through my vocation. By the work of the Holy Spirit, my faith grows through the study of God’s Word, the gift of Holy Communion. In my vocation, I seek to transmit what I have learned to the next generation.</p> <p>I attend our school’s daily chapel services and our congregation’s weekly worship service. I also attend our congregation’s weekly Bible study on Sunday mornings and sing in the choir. As a teacher, I am studying God’s Word daily with my students.</p> <p>We are called to use our vocations to share our faith and God’s Word with the people we encounter. The NID exists to join congregations and the people of God together, to work collaboratively for the furtherance of the church, to ensure that the Word of God is being taught faithfully and that the sacraments are being administered correctly.</p>
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

The purpose of the nominating committee is to assist the congregations of the NID by matching individuals called to serve with positions in the District where they can use their God-given gifts to serve. I have served in four different districts of the LC-MS in a variety of congregational settings, and would welcome the opportunity to bring my experiences to the nominating committee. It is also important that we increase the involvement of younger members in NID and LC-MS offices.

Additional Information

Occupation	Lutheran elementary teacher
Education	Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, Wisconsin, Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, 2004

Carl Lisius

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 Congregation City: Orland Park, Illinois

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1948
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1977
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2012

<p>Congregation</p>	<p>1970-1977 Church of the Savior Paramus, New Jersey Middle Grade Teacher for 7 years. Interim School Principal for 1 year. Organist/Choir Director/Minister of Music for 7 years. (At the time I served in Paramus, the church was a member of the LCMS. Now it is part of the ELCA.)</p> <p>1977-2012 Trinity Lutheran Church, Tinley Park, Illinois 4th Grade teacher for 35 years. School music director for 35 years. Minister of music for 35 years.</p> <p>2012-present Retired, retaining status as a Commissioned LCMS Church Worker. Playing organ at different LCMS congregations, as needed.</p>
<p>District</p>	<p>I. Teacher Delegate to two Synodical Conventions in the 1990's. II. Accreditation Team Member for LCMS schools in Chicago and Chicago suburbs. In addition to general responsibilities as a team member, I was usually assigned to evaluate the specific areas of School/Church Philosophy, Music Education, and Language Arts. III. Attended Lectures in Church Music at Concordia, River Forest for over 35 years.</p>
<p>Synod</p>	<p>I. 1996 – Mission Trip to Mainland China with LCMS World Mission I spent 5 ½ weeks in China with a team of LCMS volunteers. The team trained in Beijing by representatives from the AMITY FOUNDATION, a Chinese Christian organization. Then we taught English to middle school teachers in the city of Yenchang, Jiangsu Province. I was able to do a lot of witnessing after hours on a one to one basis.</p> <p>II. 2005 – Mission Trip to Panama with CALMS (Central American Lutheran Mission Society)</p>

	<p>Joined a group of LCMS Pastors, Teachers, and Lay Leaders in Panama City. We taught English and Religion in Public Junior and Senior High Schools. Our training and worship center was Redeemer Lutheran Church, Balboa, Panama which is located in the former US Canal Zone.</p> <p>III. Lutheran Education Association</p> <p>Attended conventions in Milwaukee, Northern Illinois, Minneapolis, Detroit, Cincinnati, and Indianapolis.</p>
Community	<p>I. My wife, Charlotte, and I are currently members of the Art Institute of Chicago, the Field Museum, and the Goodman Theater.</p> <p>II. MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION</p> <p>This past April, Charlotte and I attended the first ever Muscular Dystrophy Advocacy Conference in Washington, D. C. We were trained in approaching members of the United States Congress and in requesting their advocacy for the needs of people affected by neuromuscular diseases. Our main requests regarded medical research, newborn screening, and the difficulties of airline travel for the disabled. We “went to the hill” and dialoged with staff members of four Illinois House and Senate Leaders: Bobby Rush, Jan Shakowsky, Dick Durbin, and Tammy Duckworth.</p>

Please share a word about your:

<p>Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:</p>	<p>I come from a LCMS family that goes back at least four generations on both sides. I rejoice that I am a Lutheran...we have it right, especially in our views of the Trinity, the Word and Sacraments, and the balance of Law and Gospel.</p> <p>Here are two references to Martin Luther that sum up my faith:</p> <p>“Grace Alone! Faith Alone! Scripture Alone!”</p> <p>“Next to the Word of God, Music deserves the highest praise.”</p> <p>I am the regular organist at Faith Lutheran Church in Oak Lawn, Illinois. I also retain my church membership at Christ Lutheran Church, Orland Park, Illinois.</p> <p>Attend Sunday Bible Study Take communion whenever it is offered. Accompany the Adult Choir at Faith, Oak Lawn. Work with the children’s music ministry at Faith, Oak Lawn.</p> <p>View of the mission of the LCMS and the NID The mission of the Church begins at the individual congregation, extends to the immediate community, and then to the world at large. LCMS and NID should continue to look outward at a changing world but still retain the basic tenets of the Lutheran Church. All activities should first reflect the redeeming love of our Lord Jesus Christ and the basic implications of the Great Commission: Go! Teach! Baptize!</p>
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

I. Advocating

Through my training and experience I can be an strong advocate for the School of Education and for the School of Music at Concordia University.

II. Students Preparing for Ministry

I look at Concordia students preparing for life-long, full time ministry. I know that Concordia is an excellent place to prepare them for the teaching ministries, the music ministries, the DCE ministries, the youth ministries, and the ministry of school administration.

But several questions arise.: Will Concordia make every effort to place them in Synodical positions upon graduating? Will their Synod and District be supportive of them? Can they face a 24/7 career? Do they understand anything about personal finance? Are they prepared to balance family and ministry? I personally understand what it means to be a church worker. I feel that, as a member of the Board of Regents, I can be a positive advocate for the future professional leaders of the church.

III. The Granting of Tenure

Our oldest son is a tenured librarian at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. I have personal knowledge of the tenure experience having followed his journey from tenure application through a demanding tenure process to the final granting of tenure. I have great respect and support for the process of granting tenure at a major school of higher learning. I am proud that Concordia University has gained great respect from the local and national community for its excellent tenured faculty.

Additional Information

Occupation	<p>Retired LCMS Commissioned Minister.</p> <p>Regular organist at Faith Lutheran Church, LCMS, Oak Lawn, Illinois.</p> <p>Occasional organist at Trinity Lutheran (LCMS), Tinley Park, Illinois and Christ Lutheran (LCMS), Orland Park, Illinois.</p>
Education	<p>Grade School</p> <p>1954-1957 St. John’s Lutheran School, Ashippun, Wisconsin</p> <p>1957-1962 Gary Lutheran School, Gary, Indiana</p> <p>High School</p> <p>1962-1966 Milwaukee Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin</p> <p>Undergraduate College</p> <p>1966-1970 Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois (BA in Education with a Church Music Sequence)</p> <p>Graduate School</p> <p>1974-1976 Concordia College, River Forest, Illinois (MA in Education in Elementary Curriculum)</p>

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Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1986
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1996
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2017

Congregation	<p>Aug 1997-2000: St Paul Lutheran, Brookfield, IL: Teacher 4th Grade, PE Curriculum designer& Instructor Gr. 2-8, Coach: Girls & Boys Basketball 5/6, 7/8, Boys and Girls Cross Country 5-8, Athletic Director, Jr/Sr Youth Group Dir.</p> <p>Aug 2000-2007: Concordia U.-Chicago, River Forest, IL: Resident Director, Coach of Football and Track, Director of CURF Cares University Ministry Outreach</p> <p>Aug 2008- 2012: Gloria Dei Lutheran, Chicago, IL: Teacher Gr. 5/6, Coach of Co-Ed Basketball Gr. 5-8, Athletic Director.</p> <p>Aug 2012 - Mar 2014: Trinity Lutheran, Paw Paw, MI: Teacher English Gr. 5-8, Social Sciences Gr. 5-8, Coach Girls Basketball Gr. 5-8, Asst. Coach Girls Volleyball Gr.5-8, Athletic Director, Director/Organizer of Conference Tournament - Girls Volleyball</p> <p>Mar 2014- Dec 2016: Lutheran Church Charities, Northbrook, IL: Asst. to the President</p> <p>Dec 2016- Aug 2017: Zion Lutheran, Marengo, IL: Teacher English Gr. 6-8, Asst. Track Coach</p> <p>Aug 2017 - Present: Immanuel Lutheran, Palatine, IL: PE Instructor</p>
District	NID - Asst. Director of Disaster Response through Lutheran Church Charities 2014-2016
Synod	
Community	Through the congregations for which I served and through Lutheran Church Charities, I have served in various outreaches from disaster/crisis response, serving in food pantries and soup kitchens and youth directed programs. They are too numerous to name and describe.

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the	I do my best to attend worship somewhere each week. I daily reserve 1/2 hr. to 45 min. with devotionals both with my wife and individually. I have been an active member in each of the congregations for which I served. I am a firm believer in the New Believers ideal and mission of the NID. I wish to continue the outreach to those who do not know Christ and, with the help of the Spirit, bring them to Him. I feel action and service is the most effective way to reach the lost or Christians of young faith. I feel one of the best tools given to us are our schools.
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LCMS, and especially the NID:	
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

I feel my biggest challenge and opportunity being a member of the NID Board of Directors will be providing our Lutheran Schools with the what they need to be current and competitive options for families looking for alternative options for their children's education. I would hope to be part of a board that fosters, encourages and supports them into the future. I feel the health of our schools is a sign as to the health of our congregations.

Additional Information

Occupation	Educator since 1997
Education	1996 BA Education - Concordia University- Chicago, River Forest, IL 2004 MA Reading Instruction - Concordia University-Chicago, River Forest, IL

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Congregation Name: Immanuel Lutheran Church
 Congregation City: DeKalb

Year of First LCMS Congregation: Lifelong
 Year of Current LCMS District: Lifelong
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2014

Congregation	2014-Current: Music Director I have also served as Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Sunday School Teacher, Youth Board Member, Worship Planning Committee, Choir Member, Bell Choir Member and other servant roles as needed in the church's I've attended including St. Paul's Eve. Lutheran in Brookfield, IL and Immanuel Hinckley.
District	I am a current member of the NID Board of Directors. I have been blessed to serve our Lord and Savior on this board. One committee I served on was to bring greater awareness of how the NID District Office serves the member congregations. This included six geographically placed meetings where the District services were shared along with a financial update. I pray for the continued opportunity to serve.
Synod	
Community	I am a member of the LCC Disaster Response Team. It's essential to share the love and compassion of Christ to those suffering in times of disaster. I also currently serve as President of Christian Senior Ministries. This organization holds services at local nursing and assisted living homes in the DeKalb general area. Approximately 300 people are served at 15 venues each week.

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	There is no greater joy than knowing we have been redeemed through the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! It is God's Grace alone that saves and our task is to share it with the world - The Great Commission. To continue to grow in Christ through study of God's Word and fellowship in worship is part of the body of Christ. The New Starts, New Believers program in the NID shares that love and compassion found in Christ with others. It's exciting to see how a small seed planted reaches many hearts and newfound love in Christ. I pray God would guide me to use my Lay Ministry certification to be that humble servant wherever He would have me be.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

I place my life in the hands of Jesus and pray daily to be his humble servant. I pray he would lead me to have the courage, knowledge and compassion to be a light to others in all that I do. I think the NID faces both old and new challenges. I would like to be able to help face those challenges as a member of the NID board of directors.

Additional Information

Occupation	I'm a Corporate Tax Manager of a large multi-national Aerospace and Automotive engineering company and manufacturer. My goal is to use my corporate experience in serving on the NID Board.
Education	BS in Accounting / Economics Certified Lay Minister - Concordia University Wisconsin

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Congregation Name: St. John
 Congregation City: Sycamore

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1966
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1991
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 1991

Congregation	Sunday School Superintendent. 1983-1985 Christ Lutheran Little Rock AR Elder St John Sycamore 1993-1997 Chairman St John Sycamore 1997-2003 Treasuer St John Sycamore 2011-2017
District	None
Synod	None
Community	LL baseball coach Soccer coach Scout Leader

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	I believe that Christ is the driving force behind every facet of my Christian faith.I firmly believe that everything in the mission of a congregation should be driven by the twenty eighth chapter of Mathew. I firmly believe that there will be many other saints in heaven glorifying God in addition to members of the LCMS.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

Declining attendance, participation and enthusiasm for serving the Lord and others, needs to be addressed at all levels.

Additional Information

Occupation	USAF 1970-1974 Osco Drug 1976-2010 Retired since 2011
Education	Central High School Burlington IL University of Illinois. BS Economics Northern II University MBA

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Congregation Name: Messiah Lutheran
 Congregation City: Chicago

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 2014
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2014
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2014

Congregation	Messiah Lutheran Chicago 2014 - Present not serving in any capacity Trinidad Lutheran Church 2012 - 2013 Served as Vice President of Church Council Trinidad Lutheran Church 1994 - 2004 Served as Treasurer of Church Council
District	Did not serve in any capacity
Synod	Did not serve in any capacity
Community	<p>LEADERSHIP AND AWARDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicago Police Department numerous awards including Chicago Police Leadership Award, Department Commendation, outside governmental agency award and (45) Honorable mention certificates. • Chicago Police Department Field Training Officer for twelve years, trained over 100 recruits • Attended the Leadership Institute Conference September 2012 • U.S. Army received numerous awards including army achievement and army commendation medal • Received Mission developer training (2004) • Served on Latino Ministry Strategy Team for 10 years in the Chicago Metro Area (2002-2012) • Worked as Mission Developer both in Chicago (2006 - 2007) • Served as Chaplain for the Illinois National Guard and the Franklin Park Police Department (2005-2008) • Attended numerous webinars from the Stanford Center for Professional Development <p>* Served on the Chicago Police Department Clergy Caucus 2012 - 2015</p>

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship,	I am a servant leader at heart and leading a good Christian life which means I try to lead by example. At work, when I am assigned a partner the people know that I
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<p>study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:</p>	<p>won't tolerate certain behaviors so they either adjust themselves or work with someone else. My faith is very important to me and it has given me the strength to overcome many challenges in my life. I am a patient man which is why I know God will provide for me and guide me in the next phase of my life when I retire from the police department.</p> <p>My view of the LCMS and NID mission which is responding to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament. The LCMS and NID are committed to being strongly in the Word, Christ-centered and people-sensitive, reaching out boldly with the Gospel, faithful to the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, and marked by peace and unity in the Lord.</p>
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

At this present time, the outstanding challenges are the restrictions on my current full-time employment of being a Chicago police officer. But once I retire in approximately twenty-two months I will be available to work in full-time ministry if God wills it to be so. I am taking courses to complete my Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership at Concordia in preparation for future opportunities should they arrive. Although my family and I live in Chicago, we hope to move outside of the city in a few years but stay within northern Illinois.

My goal is to seek a position either on the board of directors or any other position that the committee finds me to be a better match for and serve with pride. I welcome any and all opportunities to gain knowledge.

Additional Information

Occupation	Chicago Police officer for over 26 years from 1991 - current	
Education	Academic Background Concordia University Chicago PRESENT Degree: Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership G.P.A. = 3.83 60305	09/2015 – River Forest, IL.
	Lutheran School of Theology 05/2014 Degree: MDIV (Masters in Divinity) Chicago, IL. 60601	08/2004 –

	<p>North Park University Degree: B.S. in Organizational Management Chicago, IL. 60659</p> <p>08/2001 – 06/2003</p>
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Paul Pasche

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Congregation Name: Zion
 Congregation City: McHenry

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1966
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1991
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2010

Congregation	<p>Elder: May 2013 to present. Responsible, along with fellow board brethren, for spiritual welfare of congregation, including worship services, oversight of pastoral offices, member consultations, and adherence to Bible and Lutheran confessions.</p> <p>Lay Reader: 2010 to present</p> <p>Adult Choir: 2010 to 2013, plus occasional cameos for festival services 2013- to present</p> <p>Previous congregation: Board of Governance 2003-2006. Hybrid position of spiritual and business management aspects of leading congregation.</p> <p>Confirmation instructor: 2003-2010</p>
District	<p>Lay representative to triennial convention for Immanuel Lutheran-Crystal Lake 2003</p> <p>Lay representative to triennial convention for Zion-McHenry 2012, 2015</p>
Synod	N/A
Community	<p>Neighborhood Association president 2001-2002</p> <p>Member: Illinois State Bar Association, Defense Research Institute, Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel, Workers' Compensation Lawyers Association</p> <p>Mentor, Illinois Supreme Court Mentoring Program for new attorneys</p> <p>Volunteer, The Clinic, outreach program to provide professional services and goods to underprivileged individuals, sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran-Crystal Lake</p>

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation	<p>A lifelong Lutheran, I cherish the Lord's words via St. Paul of "the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe." Rom. 3:22. My comfort is in the promise for all of salvation from the consequences of sin and eternal life for all believers. Rom. 5:10, 21. I am assured of God's daily blessing, on account of the cross</p>
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<p>in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:</p>	<p>of Christ, by the words of my confirmation verse: "Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit." Ps. 32:1-2. Alongside regular worship and bible class on Sundays, I also practice daily prayer and devotion, and encourage and lead my family to do the same. At Zion, my service includes serving the Lord's Supper with the pastor, maintaining the audio-visual equipment during the service, occasional acolyte duties, teaching catechumens, leading lay worship at Fish Lake and even playing the virtual organ!</p> <p>I believe the primary function of the Synod is to preserve for the individual congregations that make up its membership the correct and uniform doctrine of the Christian Church in accordance with the Holy Bible and its summary documents: the creeds, and the writings in the Book of Concord. To that end, the Synod is necessary for maintaining the seminaries and colleges to train pastors, church and school workers in the one true faith. In addition, the Synod has the opportunity to pool the resources of the congregations for larger-scale mission work across the United States and around the world. The Northern District (and indeed each district) is tasked with the more direct functions of providing resources for the congregations to locate and call workers, maintain viable, coherent and uniform organizations, and coordinate more localized charity and service work. Ultimately, the district is there to assist congregations in shepherding their flock, while helping to reach out to both new members and the community at large in love and service.</p>
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

The Board of Directors will face the significant challenge of fulfilling its mission with an annually shrinking budget. The two obvious solutions are to either increase offerings or decrease spending, both of which will require prayerful consideration and planning. I believe the Gospel message of Christ crucified is not reaching the majority of the residents of our district, and we face stiff competition from more glitzy and less-Scriptural forms of "Christianity" that not only emphasize form over substance, but ultimately fail to deliver the life-saving message. Even some of our own congregations struggle with idea of keeping the true Gospel message at the forefront of all activities. The Board may not have the power to change that overnight, but it should be our primary goal, through all the means available (pulpits, schools, outreach, youth programs) to keep this message in the hearts and souls of all our members and to spread it to non-members.

Additional Information

Occupation	Attorney
Education	<p>Concordia Lutheran School, Ft. Wayne, Indiana 1980 Concordia Lutheran High School, Ft. Wayne, Indiana 1984 Valparaiso University, B.S. Psychology, 1988 Valparaiso University School of Law, J.D., 1991</p>

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Congregation Name: Immanuel
 Congregation City: Crystal Lake

Year of First LCMS Congregation: August, 1950
 Year of Current LCMS District: August, 1950
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: September, 1985

<p>Congregation</p>	<p>Served as Faculty Member, Associate Professor(January 2010 to August 2017); Department Chair (2010-12(Program Leader(2010-2015); Concordia University Chicago</p> <p>Participated in Colloquy Committees. Concordia University Chicago (2016-2017)</p> <p>Served on University committees, written articles, and presented on aspects of teaching,/learning, and Christian faith. Completed ministry service for the Lutheran Church, giving communion to those in need; team with another to give communion to developmentally delayed adults at Sheltered Village in Woodstock, IL (2017)</p> <p>Served in various capacities with Immanuel Lutheran Church, Crystal Lake, IL including The Clinic, communion for shut-ins (2016-17)</p> <p>Worked with principal from Immanuel Lutheran School, Crystal Lake with Blue Ribbon School and Professional Development (2016-17)</p>
<p>District</p>	<p>Volunteered with Lutheran Charities with training for disaster recovery (2010 to present) and at Comfort Dog and K-9 Care Conference volunteer</p> <p>Completed NIMS/Certs training for disaster recovery/Addison, Illinois (2016)</p> <p>Completed a training booklet for volunteers serving in a disaster area with Kurtis Smith and Bob Smith (Michigan) (2010)</p>

	Served as volunteer in New Orleans after Katrina (2010)
Synod	Presented for Concordia in seven ALCF conferences (Conference for Association of Lutheran College Faculties)(2010-present)
Community	Active with a Christian women's group, P.E.O., serving as a officer and supporting five charities (2005-2017) Participant in food pantry and an active worker on fundraisers for Home of the Sparrow and the Diaper Bank of McHenry County Participated in Symposia in Rahm Emanuel's Chicago Faith-Based Council, a part of the Department of Labor (2013-2015)

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	As a member of LCMS, I take part in Bible studies and worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church (Crystal Lake, IL) and Concordia University Chicago (River Forest, IL). In these changing times, I believe it is more important than ever to be steadfast in the doctrines and practices of the Lutheran Church. As integrating Christian heritage by engaging others through knowledge and faith, my philosophy is to help others develop their full individual potential. For this reason, support the "new starts, new believers" in the sense that I believe I must be actively engaged in my communities and to become part of the responsive Lutheran church in changing times. My husband and daughter both support me and have joined me in this journey.. As a result, I teach others with spirit-led confidence that moves me to demonstrate my faith before others. By walking together and individually, I believe all individuals have worth and talent and should be treated with respect and dignity.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

My challenge is the challenge of every Christian: being honest to oneself and true to God. Integrating Lutheran identity into my personal and professional life is not as difficult as the challenge of balancing family, friends, church, and professional life and maintaining a sound, spiritual body, mind, and spirit. Even though I read the Bible and pray throughout the day, I strive daily to serve God a meet each challenge with a positive understanding that this too will pass. I teach with spirit-led confidence that moves me to demonstrate my faith before others; yet, I know that many of those I teach, work with, and associate with are not faith-based and reaching these individuals takes constant prayer and silent fortitude.

Additional Information

Occupation	<p>Associate Professor Concordia University Chicago in Instructional Design and Technology within the College of Professional Studies and Innovation</p> <p>Teach within Educational Technology Program, specifically working with capstone experiences with graduate students</p> <p>I have been a teacher/administrator for 40+ years.</p>
Education	<p>EDUCATION/PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION</p> <p>Commissioned (Rostered by Concordia University Chicago) Minister of Religion, LCMS</p> <p>Doctor of Education Instructional Design and Technology Ed.D. - Northern Illinois University DeKalb, Illinois; Magna Cum Laude</p> <p>Professional Certificate in Online Education (PCOE)/Distance Learning Certificate – University of Wisconsin/Madison, Madison, Wisconsin</p> <p>Master of Science (M.S.) Instructional Technology - Kent State University, Kent, Ohio Administrative Certificate K-12 State of Illinois (current) – Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois 1346569</p> <p>Master of Science (M.S.) Education/Journalism - Northern Illinois University DeKalb, Illinois</p> <p>Professional Educator License Certificate # 1907206 English with endorsement in Journalism</p> <p>Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) - English/Education Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana Union Board Officer</p>

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 Congregation City: Rockford

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1991
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2017
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2017

Congregation	2014-2016 Congregation Treasurer, Our Redeemer Lutheran, Honolulu, HI 2014-2016 Served as an Usher and Communion Assistant, Our Redeemer Lutheran, Honolulu, HI 2017-Current Serving on the Call Committee for a new pastor, St. Paul, Rockford, IL
District	2013-2016 Served as a commissioned member to the Circuit in Hawaii.
Synod	None.
Community	2013-2015 Volunteered for three seasons as a line judge for the volleyball team. 2013-2016 Volunteered time as a basketball coach. 2016 and 2017 Volunteered hours at Rockford Lutheran School for beautification of the outdoor areas. 2016-2017 Volunteered a number of hours to the theater department at Rockford Lutheran School. 2017 Served food for an outreach event to the community held at our congregation.

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	I try to show and share my faith with my students on a daily basis. As a math teacher, it may not come up directly every day, but when I have the opportunity sharing my faith with students is something that I enjoy. Worship is not just something that is important to me, but is something that I look forward to, especially when our congregation has Communion. I typically attend two Bible Studies a week, one at St. Paul after church on Sunday and Tuesday's I attend a Men's Bible Study. My view of the mission of the LCMS includes looking at ways to help our Lutheran Schools to be successful, especially in the changing society and culture which we live in. As an Lutheran educator, this issue is important to me and has impacted me personally with my previous Call ending because of the Lutheran School closing. Since that time, it seems that it is common to hear of other Lutheran School's also closing their doors. This is an issue that is apparent throughout the Synod, as well as the NID.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

I can see a challenge of serving being that I may be younger than other than members of a Board or Committee, but I have served on Boards and Committees that I have been the youngest member by three decades. My goal would be to learn more about the NID and use my abilities to help the Lutheran Churches in Northern Illinois.

Additional Information

Occupation	I have been a math teacher at Rockford Lutheran School since August 2016. I currently teach pre-algebra, geometry, and honors geometry. I am also the Head Track coach at Rockford Lutheran School. Previously, I taught for three years at the Lutheran High School of Hawaii before it closed in May of 2016. In Hawai'i, I taught Geometry, Algebra II, PE, and a number of Christian Life Classes including Old Testament, New Testament, World Religions, and a course that was effectively Christian Apologetics.
Education	Spring 2013- Bachelor's Degree for Secondary Education in Mathematics from Concordia University Chicago. Fall 2015- Master's of Education for Curriculum and Instruction in Mathematics from Concordia University Portland.

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 Congregation City: Downers Grove

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1/1/75
 Year of Current LCMS District: 6/1/86
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 1/1/94

<p>Congregation</p>	<p>My first 12 years of ministry I served as a hospital chaplain in West Virginia, Maine and upper Michigan. My status was as a missionary at large in the English, New England and North Wisconsin districts. Those very positive ministry years helped me refine some God given gifts in pastoral care and gave me invaluable experience in working with and ministering to people from every conceivable personal and spiritual background.</p> <p>In June of 1986 I accepted a call as associate pastor at St. John's in LaGrange where I shared most responsibilities with an emphasis on evangelism and parochial education.</p> <p>In Jan of 1994 I was called to Immanuel in Downers Grove as Sr Pastor, serving until my retirement in Oct. of 2016. At Immanuel, working with great ministry staff, we were blessed to be able to grow in many ways including worship numbers, service and study opportunities and stewardship. Part of that growth included adding an off site worship opportunity, now in it's 13th year.</p>
<p>District</p>	<p>During my years of hospital chaplaincy I committed myself to tithing my time to district and synod ministries including evangelism efforts and synod wide stewardship programs like Forward in Remembrance.</p> <p>Here in NID I have served in planning some of the first Sr. adult retreats, I have spoken to a number of groups on pastoral care issues, I have consulted with a number of pastors and congregations about how to add contemporary worship along side of traditional worship, and I served as a circuit counselor for eleven years. In addition I committed my prayers and support to each of the district presidents who have served during my 30 plus years in the district and they in turn have occasionally asked me to help with specific tasks.</p> <p>Finally here in Downers Grove we were able to continue to send a tithe of our offerings to district and synod.</p>
<p>Synod</p>	<p>Please see above</p>

Community	<p>Over the years I have served as chair of the local ministerium, as fire department chaplain, as co-director of the community Crop Walk, as co-founder of The Lake Superior Hospice, as co-founder of several community based support groups, as a member of the Lions club and as a national board member of Candlelighters, an organisation for parents of children with cancer.</p> <p>I have also been active in relief efforts following natural disasters and have helped lead over 20 separate weeks of work camps for the needy and disenfranchised with high school students from Immanuel.</p>
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Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	<p>The mission of the LCMS has always been to point people to Jesus and may that never change. For me to do that though I have to first see Him through eyes of faith as my Rescuer, my Savior, my Lord....and to do that I have to be in the word and at the table. When I am there the power of the Gospel fills a broken vessel named John Prohl and when I neglect that I am in danger of losing my First Love.</p> <p>Together in mission, moved by the mercy and love of Jesus for us, we must be or become bold in leaving no stone unturned in proclaiming the grace of God for the least and the last and the lost. The district and synod will of necessity find itself engaged in other activities but it must always keep the main thing the main thing and that is proclaiming Jesus. All activities and decisions on the congregational, district, and synod levels must be able to ultimately help point to Him.</p>
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

For the first six months following my retirement my wife Pat and I worshiped in 16 different NID congregations. Since then I served briefly in an interim position and have just begun a second interim position. From seeing these congregations I can say "boy are we ever different" and how blessed we are "because of our differences." You see at each of these very different parishes I meet committed Jesus followers and I heard Jesus name proclaimed loud and clear.

Too much energy is expended and angst expressed over taste and approach differences while missing the beauty of hearing Jesus precious name. Members and visitors alike would have found food for their soul in each of those 16 sites. Yes we are pledged to walk together scripturally and confessionally, but other differences reflect only the nature of the community and the personality of the pastor and for that we can say "praise God."

That is the attitude I would bring to this position.

Additional Information

Occupation	I served in full time ministry for 43 years and am now a pastor emeritus. I am just beginning my second interim pastor position at Grace in Northbrook.
Education	I am a graduate of Concordia HS and Jr. College in Milwaukee and Concordia Sr. College in Fort Wayne. I attended Concordia Seminary in St. Louis for three and a half years and then graduated from Seminex, being colloquized two years later.

Rev. Ronald Rock

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Congregation Name: Zion
 Congregation City: Beecher

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1952
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1998
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2001

Congregation	<p>1991-1992 Vicar, Good Shepherd, Kenosha, WI Assigned to begin a mission congregation besides work withing an established congregation.</p> <p>1993-1998 Sole Pastor, Our Saviour, Commerce City, CO Served in an established congregation in a "changing" community adjacent to Denver. The changing area provided many opportunities. Began outreach to Hispanic population, but took call elsewhere before much traction could occur.</p> <p>1998-2001 Asst Pastor, Trinity, Tinley Park, IL Usual parish duties with emphasis on Christian Education. Greatly enjoyed working with parochial school students, families, & staff.</p> <p>2001-Present Senior Pastor, Zion, Beecher, IL Congregation is blessed with a parochial school. Greatly enjoy and appreciate our parochial school students, families, & staff. Have been heavily involved with h.s. youth group with monthly get-togethers for study, fun, fellowship, service projects. Often accompany youth to Higher Things Conferences. Greater emphasis on outreach in last 6 months.</p>
District	<p>Various District Convention Committees (Floor, Nominations, etc.) - Rocky Mountain & Northern Illinois Districts</p> <p>Served two 3-year terms on NID Mission and Ministry Board</p> <p>Presently serving first term on NID Board of Directors</p> <p>Served as Bi-Circuit LWML Pastoral Adviser</p> <p>Served on various committees of NID Regional & District-wide pastoral conferences</p>
Synod	<p>Publicity Chairman of International LLL Convention (Denver, CO)</p> <p>LCMS Convention Pastoral Delegate 2004</p>
Community	<p>Youth sports coach</p> <p>Volunteer at Annual Beecher 4th of July activities</p>

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation	<p>I am a child of God, not by my choice, but by God's gracious call in holy Baptism. At times in my youth I did not fully appreciate that fact nor treat it with the honor and respect that such status deserves. Yet, I marvel and am daily thankful that God never deserted me! Lead by His Spirit, I seek to "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest" the</p>
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<p>in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:</p>	<p>eternal Word in private study before embarking on each new day. I consider it an honor to tell others of the hope for salvation from hell and eternal life that God offers to all who look with repentance on His Son, Jesus. The congregations of God's people are "where the action is" in proclaiming the eternal Gospel to a world dying in sin. Yet, the district and synod each have their place -- providing leadership, training (universities & seminaries), and coordinated efforts of God's people so as to maximize assets of people, facilities, and monetary resources for the advancement of the Gospel.</p>
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

The challenges to the Gospel's proclamation are many. Lack of funding for existing ministries at all levels of our life together is ever before us. Congregational budgets are stretched thin, which then negatively impacts our district and the synod at large. However, such funding challenges are, I believe, a result of our culture's inability (or perhaps, better stated, unwillingness) to make good choices when setting priorities in life. All of us are affected by the pull of this world and thus, sometimes have our perspective on "what's important" get hijacked by the "unholy trinity" - the world, the devil, and our own sinful/self-centered desires. A goal that I believe is worthy to set is for each person, each pastor, each teacher, each congregation, really, for all of us to hold before our own eyes as well as those whom God puts in front of us exactly what the Gospel IS... who Jesus IS... and the Hope that only Christianity brings to this lost world.

Additional Information

Occupation	I presently serve as a Pastor in our church body. Before serving as a pastor, I worked in the computer industry for 15 years. During those years, I worked for a major computer manufacturer before working for several smaller business concerns -- including part ownership in two companies.
Education	B.S. in Business Administration, Emporia State University, Emporia, KS (1974) M. Div., Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN (1993) Various Continuing Education courses including Doxology

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 Congregation City: Naperville

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1979
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1979
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 1996

Congregation	Usher 1996 - current Board of Finance 2006-2012 Elder 2012 - current
District	Board of Regents Concordia Chicago - 2015-current
Synod	LCMS Convention circuit delegate - 2016
Community	

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	<p>My family and I attend Bethany Lutheran Church and School and both of my boys have (or soon) will be graduating from the school. We are active in the congregation both through various service roles that my wife and I have fulfilled as well as regularly attending divine service and bible study.</p> <p>The synod's role is to support its congregations in walking together both for their spiritual well being and to promote the gospel in ways that would be too difficult for an individual congregation. To that end, the synod should be supervising the doctrine of its congregations to insure that we are walking together rather than apart and should support the work of seminaries and missionaries to bring the gospel to its members and the world.</p> <p>The district's role, as I see it, is to act on the synod's behalf in Northern Illinois to meet the same objectives. Thus allowing synod to have eyes and ears on the ground locally rather than attempting to orchestrate everything from St Louis.</p>
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

Concordia Chicago has made enormous strides even in the short time that I have been on the Board of Regents but it still faces significant challenges. Foremost would be the need to maintain a Lutheran identity in a culture that has moved strongly against such views. Closely related to this is the need to run

the institution in a fiscally sound manner while meeting the educational needs of students. Fortunately we have in place an outstanding President in the Rev Daniel Gard and progress is being made on both the identity and solvency of Concordia Chicago.

Additional Information

Occupation	Options Market Maker
Education	B.A. University of Chicago, math and physics major, summa cum laude 1987. Ph.D. Stanford University, physics, 1992.

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Congregation Name: San Pablo
 Congregation City: Aurora

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 05/10/2014
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2017-09-19 11:16:16
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 05/10/2014

Congregation	<p>Since becoming members at San Pablo, I started serving during special events such as Fiesta San Pablo, from there I became interested in making sure we had a ministry calendar to be more organized. I assisted in activities during our January Daniel's fast and February Marriage Conference. In march of 2015 I started working as the church administrator and since then have developed a ministry calendar, I assist our children and youth ministry directors and make sure they meet their mission and calendars and further their attendance by reaching to the community.</p> <p>In 2016 we formally structured our School for Missionaries ministry and since then we have broken down classes in different tiers of interest, created a grading and tracking system and completed all advertisement and registration process for it. From being un-churched to finding San Pablo I've grown spiritually and has taught me what the real meaning of faith is.</p>
District	My experiences with the district have all been related to San Pablo administration.
Synod	
Community	<p>Since a teenager I've been involved in many community groups. I've been involved with many non-profit organizations who serve many services to our immigrant families. Tutoring at Waldo Middle school, starting in 2006 as a volunteer to in 2008 under Family Focus. Later on still working for Family Focus I worked under a job empowering initiative and a voter registration drive. After Family Focus, I worked with the YWCA in a project to stream line out all resources and information to all Aurora day care centers and home day cares. I've kept close contact with all this organizations and their programs through the years, somehow all connect and have served as resources to the current family or program I may be offering resources to.</p>

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation.	<p>My faith has grown at a rate I would have never imagined over the years I've been at San Pablo. I have learned to trust God in all situations, to do everything for his grace and glory and never for ourselves. I have the pleasure of sharing His love and forgiveness to my family, specially my children. My husband, my two children and I assist every Sunday and participate in about 80 percent of the activities at church. I value christian education and send my six year old to Immanuel Lutheran in Batavia. And, although School for Missionaries is part of my job, I rejoice in taking part in a</p>
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View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	project which its objective is reach to many new souls to meet Jesus Christ. Working along the children and youth ministry we try to always think outside the box to be innovative to get new students to learn about God, from community festivals like the "Block party" I led this summer to our usual events each year.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

My biggest enemy is time, I would love to dedicate my whole entire day to serving the Lord, however as a mother of two, my time has become more limited. But my goal is to actually take part of the classes we offer under School for Missionaries, I want to further my knowledge.

Additional Information

Occupation	I currently work as the church administrator at Iglesia San Pablo, I bring support to School for missionaries and oversee the children and youth ministries. I plan our ministry calendar and I serve as back up to most ministries administratively since our leaders are all volunteers.
Education	I graduated High School in 2007 and completed three semesters of community college with a focus in Political Science. Life circumstances kept me from finishing, however, I trust that in the near future I will be able to finish school.

Caleb Schauer

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 Congregation City: Union

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1975
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2006
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2006

Congregation	In my congregation, I have served as Vicar (2004-05), Associate Pastor (2006-2008), and Lead/Senior Pastor. (2008 to present). I guess the only position left for me at my congregation is Pastor Emeritus, but that will have to wait for a while.
District	Circuit Visitor for Circuit N7 since 2012. I have also been involved with New Starts New Believers--beginning new starts in our congregation and speaking at NSNB banquets.
Synod	Pastoral delegate for Circuit N7 at 2016 Synodical Convention in Milwaukee.
Community	<p>Community Ministry is at the center of my heart. Personally I connect to my neighbors through block parties at our house and spending time with them. Additionally, for 6 or 7 years, my wife and I planned a community road rally that was a great success.</p> <p>A few years back our congregation started taking meals to the fire dept. in our town once a month at their weekly meetings. Through this connection I became the "chaplain" for the fire department, performing weddings and funerals for them and also doing some counseling, esp. after they have been deployed to crisis situations.</p> <p>Each Memorial Day our Community has a celebration during which they walk to the cemetery. I have participated in the celebration giving the opening invocation and closing prayer for many years now.</p> <p>In the summer of 2017, we received a "Grow Your Community Grant" from LCEF. Our Preschool/Congregation spread mulch at the village playground and then we had a Community picnic to celebrate with our neighbors.</p>

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation.	I have a passion to work with, educate, and disciple adults. I am also very interested in discipleship activities, teaching people how to live out their faith as disciples of Jesus Christ, being every day missionaries to their neighbor and people they routinely come in contact with. Thus I love the NID focus of New Starts, New Believers.
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View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

I believe that beyond the financial challenges that face the NID, there is also the challenge of continued relevance for the local congregations. What ways can the NID best meet the needs of the local congregation and assist them in their work of connecting people to Jesus.

Additional Information

Occupation	Pastor
Education	MDiv--Concordia Seminary St. Louis 2006 BS-Civil Engineering--University of Idaho 1997

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Congregation Name: St. Peter
 Congregation City: Schaumburg

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1943
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1943
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 1972

Congregation	A seasoned life-long Lutheran layman, serving others through St Peter-Schaumburg for over 45 years. Served as a Church Council member, Vice President, Elder, on Evangelism/Outreach/Missions Committees, Building Feasibility, Building Planning and Building Committees, Voters Assembly, Stewardship and Fund Raising Committees, four Pastoral Call Committees, Small Group/ChristCare ministries, in Public Relations, as Bible class leader, in choir, as proclaimer, mentor, spiritual growth advocate, mission trip volunteer/leader, LHM Ambassador, and LCEF Advocate. Engaged St Peter with other congregations through LHM, LWML, etc. Through these experiences, I have shared God-given faith, hope and love.
District	Currently serving a second (3 year) term on the LCMS NID Board of Directors. Serve as President of the Lutheran Laymen’s League of Northern Illinois. (12 years). Served Vice President of NID LLL (4 yrs), and Secretary (4 yrs). Served as LCMS NID Convention Lay Delegate. Served as a volunteer-advocate and supporter of NID New Starts-New Believers, Ablaze, Great Commission Convocations, LHM Regional Outreach Conferences and Conventions, and various other church growth/spiritual growth initiatives. I served on the Planning Committee for the NID 500th Anniversary Celebration of the Reformation. (at Concordia University-Chicago). Serve on a Committee drafting a NID Board Policy Manual. I network with various NID-related ministries, like LWML, LCEF, LCC, LBT, Salam Christian Fellowship, and San Pablo Hispanic ministries. My experience working with a wide spectrum of pastors and congregations of the NID has taught me that we all share a common love for Jesus, common mission, and faith.
Synod	Served through the LCMS Auxiliary, the Int'l Lutheran Laymen's League, on the Int'l LLL Board of Governors 2010-2012 as Regional Governor (NID, CID, SID). Int'l LLL Board of Governors -Member at Large-2005. Chairman of the Int'l LLL District Presidents Meeting. Member of Int'l LLL Nominating Committee, LLL Communications Committee, LLL long range planning workshops. Networked with various LCMS organizations, agencies, and RSOs. I've been blessed by knowing many pastors and congregations that have strengthened my faith. They have taught me about diversity among people. They taught me about the inclusiveness of our Synod. Our Synod is ever changing. It must

	change in order to bring the Gospel of the changeless Christ to this ever-changing world.
Community	<p>We are called to serve 'community,' which includes both the Christian community and most importantly, the broader community which defines our daily lives.</p> <p>We participate in activities like LHM's Men's NetWork community service work days. We offer encouragement through tracts and faith-sharing conversations, like at the Illinois State Fair or at local community festivals. Each person uses individual gifts or talents. For instance, through an Air Explorer post of the Boy Scouts of America, as a volunteer, I taught young people to fly... to soar, expand their horizons, and follow their dreams. I reach out to people at nursing homes. Reach out to neighbors as they experience daily life's problems. Community is sharing Life Together. Sharing Jesus during our life's journey.</p>

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	<p>NID IS the LCMS, in this place at this time. Each Congregation is a "TEAM" ministry of many individuals, each called to join Jesus on His mission. NID is a "TEAM OF TEAMS." We Love one another. We lift up one another in HIS mission. We need one another to accomplish His goal. It's not about us. It's still all about Jesus. "I believe that I can not by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, or come to him." THROUGH CONGREGATIONAL TEAMS WORKING TOGETHER, the Holy Spirit has "called me through the Gospel, enlightened me by His gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith." (Just as He calls, gathers and sanctifies the WHOLE Christian Church on earth, and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the true faith). THROUGH NID CONGREGATIONS, "He daily forgives all my sins. (and the sins of all believers)." He "will raise me up on the last day, granting me eternal life. It's HIS MISSION. We're privileged to be invited along. THIS is most certainly true!</p>
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

My challenge is to be faithful to my calling as a 'LLler.' (Lutheran Layman Leader...leading people to Jesus). My challenge is to do so in a World increasingly secular and increasingly hostile toward Jesus' message. The only way I can do this is through the power of the Holy Spirit. Since my baptism, He continues to guide and transform me through a renewal of my mind. Opportunities to lead people to Jesus are endless. Our part starts like Andrew leading Peter. ('You gotta meet this guy JESUS... We have found the Messiah!'). (Actually he finds us.) Thus, my goal in introducing people to Jesus and His teachings, is that others might really know Him. Know what he has done, FOR ME. FOR THEM. So, (like the woman at the well), the Spirit might transform them and draw them closer to him. My GOAL is to LEAD ONE MORE. Just one more. Then, just one more...

Additional Information

Occupation	Occupation: Airline Pilot-Retired. (Retired Boeing 777 Captain). But My Calling is an 'LLler': Lutheran Layman Leader ...leading people to Jesus.
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	<p>Yes, Luther rediscovered the Gospel. But he also rediscovered The Priesthood of All Believers. He recognized the value of each individual's vocation in spreading the Gospel. He valued an educated and motivated laity.</p> <p>Today, we face a world of acceleratingly chaotic change. As a Church, we don't handle all this change very well. The Church might understand the Gospel. But do we REALLY embrace the Priesthood of All Believers? Or are we living lives stuck in silos? ...Like the very hierarchical Medieval Church that Luther tried to Reform.</p>
Education	<p>Bachelor of Science Degree. College of Applied Science (Electronic Technology/Business Admin)</p> <p>Bradley University. Graduated With Honors. Extensive post graduate pilot training including resource management training. Many years of independent study, seminars, symposiums, conferences etc.</p>

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Congregation City: Cary

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1985
Year of Current LCMS District: 2008
Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2008

Congregation	Director of Music and organist at HCLC
District	
Synod	
Community	

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	I was baptized into the LCMS as a baby so I had no big 'conversion experience' you often hear about from Christians, only a sense of having always belonged to the family of God. I spent nearly all of my education in the Lutheran school system and I'm quite proud of the fact. Today my main occupation is as a director of music and organist at Holy Cross in Cary, IL. Yet more important than my pride in the culture, education, traditions, or fraternity of the LCMS, is the absolute peace I find in the good news that through Christ's finished work on the cross, I am a precious individual, chosen from the moment of creation, who has nothing to accomplish in order to win favor with God. We Lutherans are often teased for our rigidness, but I believe that is merely because we feel it imperative to deliver this message to the world.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

Additional Information

Occupation	
Education	

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Congregation Name: Immanuel
 Congregation City: Freeport

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1946
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1977
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 1982

Congregation	Served Trinity and Zion Lutheran Churches in Sheldon and Gilman, Wisconsin from 1972-1977 Served Our Savior Lutheran Church, Milford, Illinois from 1977-1982 Served Immanuel Lutheran Church, Freeport, Illinois from 1982-2017 (Pastor, Senior Pastor, Associate Pastor) Served as Vacancy Pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran, Hoopston, IL 3 times Served as Vacancy Pastor at Our Redeemer Lutheran, Freeport, IL 2 times Served as Vacancy Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran, Elizabeth, IL 1 time Taught at Luther Bible College, Rockford, IL for 3 years Regular presenter of Martin Luther dramatic vignettes from 1983-present
District	Member North Wisconsin District 1972-1977 Circuit Evangelism Representative in North Wisconsin District from 1974-1976 Member Northern Illinois District 1977-Present Circuit Visitor for Circuit 13W of Northern Illinois District from 2012-Present
Synod	Sub-District Director of Forward In Remembrance
Community	Coordinator of Clergy Columns for Freeport Journal-Standard for about 10 years Assistant Little League Coach for about 5 years Regular participant in worship services for area nursing homes for 35 years

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and	Have always followed and believed in the phrase, "It is a joy to serve." Love leading worship and preaching as well as serving in a variety of capacities. Proud to be a Lutheran and an LCMS Lutheran.
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especially the NID:	
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

I would be happy to serve with a focus on the mission and ministry of our District and Beloved Synod.

Additional Information

Occupation	Retired LCMS pastor having serve for 45 years in the parish ministry.
Education	Graduate of Waterville-Elysian High School in Waterville, Minnesota 1964 Received Bachelor of Science from Mankato State in Mankato, Minnesota with a major in Speech and Minor in English and Journalism 1968 Received Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Illinois with a major in Old Testament 1972, 1973 Received Doctor of Ministry from Covington Theological Seminary, Rossville, Georgia with a major in preaching 1989

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 Congregation City: Chicago

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1968
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1968
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 1968

Congregation	PTL President 1988-1990 Board of Education 1990-1990 Board of Elders 1990-Present Congregation Chairman 2002-2008
District	Mission And Ministry Board 2000-2006 Lay Delegate District Convention
Synod	Lay Delegate Synod Convention 2004
Community	Member Archer Heights Civic Organization Executive Board Bethania Cemetery Steward Local 2 FireFighters Union

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	As far as my worship is concerned I've always felt that Bible class was a great compliment to the formal Sunday Worship Services. That's why it has always been a part of my weekly routine. Being an Elder and Member as long as I have been I've always worked closely and privately with all of my pastors. The mission of the LCMS should always be the spreading of the Gospel message and a united effort to extend the kingdom of God to a much larger audience. The NID should have pretty much the same mission maybe to a smaller extent. But most importantly both should stand guard over the purity and unity of doctrine
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

As a Board of Director Member the challenge of maintaining Confessional Church membership and participation is vitally important. In a time of shrinking congregations, loss of membership and increasing pressures from the secular society strong leadership is needed now more then ever. The

constant anti-Christian sentiment in the world today needs to be met head on with scriptural honesty and integrity.

Additional Information

Occupation	Retired - Engineer Chicago Fire Department
Education	Bachelor of Science Northern Illinois University 1979

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Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1973
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1988
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 1988

Congregation	Sunday School superintendent and teacher (teacher, 1988-1998, superintendent, 1999 to present) journalism teacher at Trinity Lutheran School (2017 to present) marketing & publicity coordinator (1995 to present) women's ministry-LWML society officer (1990 to present) Board of Education (1998-2002) Board of Evangelism (2000-2004) Pioneer Girls leader (1998-2002)
District	Singles Ministry Board (1988-1990) Singles Ministry Coordinator (1989-1996) NID Lifelight Training (1989-1990) Consultant to NID Life Ministry Task Force (2015 to present)
Synod	Voice of Care - RSO (communications consultant, 2013-2015, Director of Development, 2016 to present) Walther Lutheran High School and Walther Lutheran Academy (communications coordinator and advancement team, 2003 to 2009) Lutheran Women's Missionary League member (1988 to present)
Community	Village of Lombard Community Promotions & Tourism Committee (2014 to present) York Township Precinct Committeeman, Precinct 78 (2014-present) York Township Republican Women's Organization and York Township Republican Committeemen's Organization (2014 to present) Illinois District 23 Legislative Advisory Council Co-Chair and Human and Social Services Committee Chair (2015-2017) Village of Lombard Board of Trustees District 5 candidate (2015) National Christian Forensics & Communications Association Community Judge (2014 to present) Association of Lutheran Development Executives (member 2015 to present, Communications Team Leader (2017 to present)

	Illinois District 23 Legislative Advisory Council Co-Chair and Human and Social Services Committee Chair (2015 to 2017) Lutherans For Life member (1988 to present)
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Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	Church is where God tells us He will be and that is where we go to receive His gifts of Word and sacrament. Faith is a gift we receive through God's great grace and mercy, thanks in full to the all-redeeming sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a privilege to come together with brothers and sisters in Christ in the various channels of congregational life: worship, service, study of God's Word. I became a member of the LCMS as a pre-teen when, as cultural Christian Methodists, my nuclear family was introduced to the power of the Gospel at Calvary Lutheran Church and School in Silver Spring, Maryland. From there, it was no turning back. We moved to Kansas City, Missouri, and joined Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Grandview, Missouri, where the late Rev. David Pardieck became my mentor. While in confirmation, he introduced me to the concept of Biblical inerrancy. While seminex was raging, I understood that if you threw out the virgin birth, you might as well disregard all of it.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

The NID is a powerful place of New Starts and New Believers, and as one who is Lutheran "down to my socks," I believe that our district is a leader in LCMS evangelism. When we allow God to work through us as one body, amazing things can happen. I would love to see the NID remain a place where all of our congregations set aside any differences in worship and practice to focus on our shared confession of the one true God, the Holy Trinity, in faith and unity. I am passionate about life ministry, compassionate service and the preservation of our religious liberty. I've been honored to help shepherd NID Lutheran participation in the March for Life Chicago and I was the person who initiated the March For Life Chicago's invitation for President Harrison to speak there in 2017 (and honored to march with him a week or so later in DC). I am also excited about synod's reliance on Alliance Defending Freedom to help us guard our precious God-granted Constitutional rights.

Additional Information

Occupation	Voice of Care (LCMS RSO), Director of Development & Communications (2013 to present) TC Public Relations, publicity strategist (2011 to present) Media, Marketing and Development consultant and producer (1981 to present) Additional details on career, experience and accomplishments can be found at: https://www.linkedin.com/in/lori-solyom-mba-strategy-wordsmith-design-50020b12/
Education	MBA (comprehensive business administration and not-for-profit management), Concordia University Chicago 2013

	<p>At Concordia, served on Concordia University Chicago Ethics Summit (executive committee), Personal Edge - MBA Career Advancement Workshop (publicity, hospitality), Professional Women's Networking (member)</p> <p>BA (journalism/theatre), Valparaiso University 1981 At Valpo, served as student council ombudsman, and at radio station (WVUR), newspapers (The Torch, The Concern), theatre productions (The Tempest, Beowulf, Scapino, Hot L Baltimore, etc.), VU Homecoming Court, Sigma Pi "little sister"</p> <p>I am working toward my CFRE (Certified Fund Raising Executive) designation and will sit for the professional accreditation exam in early 2018</p>
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 Congregation City: Brookfield

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1997
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2001
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2001

Congregation	Chairman, 2016-present; Board of Finance, 2012-present (Chairman 2013-2015); previous service on Board of Deacons (2007-2012, including as Chairman, 2011-2012), as Secretary of congregation, as Vice-Chairman of congregation, and as chairman of call committee (2013). Congregational delegate to 2015 and 2018 district conventions. Served on building committee and as usher captain at previous congregation.
District	Elected member and vice chairman of District Nominating Committee for 2015 and 2018 conventions. Have performed pro bono legal work for NID congregations.
Synod	Elected member of Board of Regents, Concordia University Chicago, River Forest (2010-present; board chairman, 2016-present). Delegate to Synod conventions, 2013 and 2016. Served as member and secretary for Floor Committee 7 (University Education) at 2016 convention. Member, Resolution 13-03 Task Force (to address future church leadership needs in light of current and future challenges). Speaker on legal topics affecting the church at various pastoral conferences, 2014-present.
Community	I have served as an elected local library trustee and precinct committeeman. I have been an active volunteer in local government reform issues, and received the Citizen Initiative Award (2009) from the Citizen Advocacy Center.

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	I attend the Divine Service regularly, where I hear God's Word preached and receive His Sacraments from his called and ordained servants. My faith is further developed through Bible class, personal prayer, and study of the Lutheran Confessions. The mission of the LCMS is to preach the Gospel by preserving pure doctrine, training pastors and teachers for service in the Church, and supporting mission work through a pooling of the resources of local congregations. The Northern Illinois District is the Synod "in this place" and helps our congregations work together for these ends, in faith toward God and service and love toward one another.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

Serving as a member and vice chairman of the nominating committee for the 2015 district convention was an enjoyable experience. Even though we had members representing different viewpoints, we were able to reach unanimous agreement on our entire slate of nominees, and to find places on the ballot for almost every person who was nominated and willing to serve. This positive and Christian spirit continues on our committee as we work toward the 2018 convention, and if reelected I hope to continue this trend for future conventions. This committee is also a great way to get to know many talented individuals throughout our District who volunteer their time to serve us in various capacities.

Additional Information

Occupation	Attorney.
Education	B.A., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1993 (History); J.D., University of Chicago Law School (1996).

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 Congregation City: Beecher

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1981
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1981
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 1981

Congregation	At various times since 1981 I have served on: Board of Elders (1 term) Board of Parish Education (chairman 1 term) Board of Trustees (2 terms - chairman 1 term) Church Council (1 term) Congregational Vice Chairman (1 term) Currently Congregational Chairman (3 terms)
District	Delegate to NID convention in 2015
Synod	Delegate to Synodical convention in 2013 and in 2016
Community	Thrivent congregation advocate (current) Cub scout & 4-H leadership roles

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	I believe that the holy scripture is the inspired & inerrant word of God. That as a sinner I am justified by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. I regularly attend my church's weekly service & adult Bible class. It is the mission of the LCMS to continue the teachings of God's word & grace. It is the mission of the NID to reach out to support local LCMS congregations & to reach out to the community at large.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

Additional Information

Occupation	Retired Chemist
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Congregation Name: Immanuel
 Congregation City: Hodgkins

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1975
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1975
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2009

Congregation	1995-1998 Member, Board of Youth, Trinity Luth. Burr Ridge, IL 1998-2006 Member, Board of Elders, Trinity Luth. Burr Ridge, IL 2009-Present, Chairman, Board of Elders, Immanuel Luth. Hodgkins, IL
District	2015-Present, Member, Board of Directors NID LCMS
Synod	
Community	2002-2005, Member, Board of Civil Service, Village of Hodgkins IL

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	I am a Liturgical, Sacramental Lutheran. I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

As Lutheran Christians, we have serious challenges as we look to remain faithful to God's Word in a world that is increasingly becoming hostile towards it.

Our District, the NID, has a tremendous opportunity and obligation to support the proclamation of the Gospel in a world that desperately needs to hear it.

We need to continue to faithfully support the preaching of the Word, in season and out of season.

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
 and do not return there but water the earth,
 making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
Isaiah 55:10-11

Additional Information

Occupation	Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds Department of Public Works Village of Hodgkins Illinois
Education	Elementary Education 1979-1989 Trinity Lutheran School, Burr Ridge, IL Zion Lutheran School, Summit, IL School District 105, LaGrange, IL High School 1989-1993 Lyons Township High School LaGrange & Western Springs, IL College 1993-1997 College of DuPage, Glen Ellen, IL Concordia University, River Forest, IL

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Congregation Name: Apostles
 Congregation City: Melrose Park

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1965
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2000
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2000

Congregation	I have been the sole pastor of Apostles Lutheran Church in Melrose Park since my ordination and installation there in August of 2000.
District	+I was circuit visitor (Circuit 17) for one three-year term beginning in 2009. +I was the chairman of the East Region Pastors' Conference for three years beginning in 2014. +I was on the program committee of the East Region Pastors Conference for three years beginning in 2011. +I was on the program committee of the General Pastors' Conference for three years beginning in 2005.
Synod	
Community	Main contact with the community regarding distribution of food from the Apostles' Food Bank.

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	I concur with the synod's mission to vigorously make known the love of Christ through the proclamation of the precious Gospel and administration of the blessed Sacraments, and through a life of faith active in deeds of love and mercy toward fellow saints and toward others in our community. I'm thankful for the district's desire to ensure Scriptural and confessional faithfulness in doctrine and practice.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

Additional Information

Occupation	Pastor. Ordained in 2000. Have served at one congregation since being ordained.
Education	B.A. in Journalism from University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire. I graduated in 1986. M.Div from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. I graduated in 2000.

Virginia I. Terrell

As a: Commissioned Minister
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Congregation Name: Gloria Dei
 Congregation City: Chicago

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1946
 Year of Current LCMS District: 1968
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2012

Congregation	I am blessed to serve congregations as a professional church worker as a teacher, administrator, choir director, and organist. After graduating Concordia, Nebraska in 1968, I served at Trinity, Lombard, Illinois until 1973, when I began serving at St. Peter, Arlington Heights, Illinois until 1991. In 1999, following a personal crisis, I returned to Lutheran education, serving from that time until present as principal in various congregations--Immanuel, East Dundee, Illinois, St. Andrews, Park Ridge, Illinois, Christ Lutheran School in Little Rock, Arkansas, and Gloria Dei, Chicago, Illinois.
District	I have not served in any capacity at the District level.
Synod	I have not served in any capacity at the synodical level.
Community	

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	<p>To me, theology is everything. From a child, I have known Holy Scripture, and the Holy Spirit has led me on a lifelong study of Scripture, Luther, the Confessions, and just about anything I can get my hands on that leads to a richer and deeper understanding of the great, gleaming treasures of our theology. I especially enjoy conversations with various pastors I have known, asking questions and digging deeper. I am devotee of Treasury of Daily Prayer, regularly receive God's gifts in Divine Service, and grow theologically from regular duties on the organ bench. Joy abounds beyond description when serving the Word through leading the congregation as an organist.</p> <p>The mission of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod is providing faithful Word and Sacrament ministry to our members, while bringing Christ to all the world--making disciples as we preach, teach, and baptize.</p> <p>Northern Illinois District has the same calling as Missouri Synod--making a faithful confession.</p>
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

First, I want to focus on our distinctive Lutheran identity and what that means to each student and faculty member. Who we are as Lutherans and what we believe should be evident in actions, decisions, attitudes, and goals.

Because we have a Concordia University system, it is important to collaborate with the other universities so we are of one accord in purpose and action. We could visit one another, meeting to find common ground and work on plans to assist and encourage one another.

We need to find innovative enrollment options, so as many students as possible experience Concordia's nurturing Christian environment. Graduates who care for their families and serve others in Christian vocation make a positive impact in the world.

My prayer is CUC will continue supporting our Lutheran schools. With a heart for Lutheran education, I hope we can continue to raise up teachers for our Lutheran schools, that vehicle that God uses to transform the hearts and minds of children.

Additional Information

Occupation	God made me professional church worker, serving Lutheran congregations as a teacher, administrator, organist, and choir director.
Education	I graduated from Concordia, Nebraska with a Bachelor of Science in Education and have a Master's Degree from Roosevelt University, Chicago, Illinois, in Educational Administration and Supervision.

Charles E Traugott

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Congregation Name: Calvary
 Congregation City: Elgin

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1972
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2007
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2007

Congregation	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Roanoke Virginia - President of the Congregation and Secretary - 1993 - 1997 Bethel Lutheran Church, Gurnee , Illinois - President of the Congregation and Elder - 1998 - 2007 Calvary Lutheran Church, Elgin, Illinois - Elder 2009 - 2017
District	No District Offices Held
Synod	No Offices Held
Community	Elgin Golden K Kiwanis - 2010 - 2017 Coordinated various fund raising functions as well as volunteer at Crisis Center and Elgin Interfaith Food Pantry

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	I am a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Elgin, a confessional LCMS Lutheran Church. I participate in worship weekly, attend Bible Study, attend classes on The Book of Concord and teach classes for Confirmands. I am an Elder at Calvary and enjoy the interaction with our Pastor, Pastor Mark Bestul and the congregation. I feel it the responsibility of the NID and the LCMS to ensure the Doctrine and Theology of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod is taught and followed in all churches. It is also important that Law and Gospel is included in every sermon. It is the responsibility of both to ensure the well being and success of each church before expanding and utilizing resources to start mission churches. I also believe that support to our Seminaries needs to be increased to ensure the viability of these institutions and to increase the amount of Financial help that is provided to each candidate.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

It is important that the Board of Directors have a short and long term plan for the District and work to make all of our churches successful. Resources are always limited and it is important that we make use of thee resources as wisely as possible. It is critical that we do all we can to make each of our churches successful if we are going to continue to spread the word of God.

Additional Information

Occupation	Retired Allstate Insurance Company 1977 - 2006 Accounting Manager, Field Operations Manager and Field Operations Director. Handled various assignment Managing Budgets up to \$500 million and 600 individuals. US Navy 1969 - 1974
Education	Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting - University of South Florida 1977

Matt Tuomi

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Congregation Name: Zion
 Congregation City: Bensenville

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1994
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2004
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2017

Congregation	<p>St. Peter Lutheran Eastpointe (MI) 1994-2003 Regular Member, Usher, Youth Group</p> <p>Peace Lutheran Fort Lauderdale (FL) 2003-2004 Regular Member, Usher, Communion Assistant, Middle School Teacher, Athletic Director</p> <p>Christ Lutheran Oak Park (IL) 2004-2017 Regular Member, Deacon, Board of Education</p> <p>Zion Lutheran Church Bensenville (IL) 2017 - Present Principal, Men's Club</p>
District	<p>Called Teacher - Florida Georgia District 2003-2004</p> <p>Called Teacher/Principal - Northern Illinois District 2004-Present</p>
Synod	<p>I have been a member of an LCMS church my entire life. I am a third generation Lutheran educator.</p>
Community	

Please share a word about your:

<p>Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life</p>	<p>I was born, raised, and continue to live in LCMS congregations. For me and my family, there has been no other way. I attended Lutheran schools from grade school through college. I continue to work in them today. I regularly attend worship on Sunday. The congregation has always been a second family to myself and my wife</p>
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of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	<p>and son. I recognize that it is the one place that I can join the community of others and receive forgiveness and absolution on a daily basis.</p> <p>The objective or mission of the LCMS is to bring the Gospel of Christ to as many families as possible while upholding the doctrines that have been written for the Lutheran faith.</p> <p>In the NID, this is challenging as cultural differences and family make-ups have rapidly changed. The NID should continue to reach out to families all walks of life while understanding their cultural differences. In the process of doing this, they have the difficult challenge of upholding the traditions and teachings of the LCMS churches.</p>
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

My challenge is to run the day-to-day operations of a Lutheran school, as its principal. As I described above, my challenge is the same as the NID challenge: Bring the Gospel of Christ to as many students as possible. This is becoming increasingly difficult as our society changes and Christianity seems to become less relevant. These challenges arise from changing cultural dynamics, less traditional families, and a stronger voice against God. I firmly believe that in the midst of these challenges, the churches that hold true to the Word of God will soon have their finest hour. I believe that if the Lutheran churches and schools can survive, they will shine an even brighter light to those in our communities.

Additional Information

Occupation	Principal at Zion-Concord Lutheran School
Education	1998: Graduated Lutheran High School East (Harper Woods, MI) 2003: Graduated with a Bachelor Degree in Secondary Education Biology from Concordia University (River Forest) 2007-2008: 12 credit hours at Concordia University towards a Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction

Michael Woolery

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Congregation Name: St. Paul
 Congregation City: Rockford

Year of First LCMS Congregation: 1975
 Year of Current LCMS District: 2003
 Year of Current LCMS Congregation: 2003

Congregation	<p>Board of Elders 2011-2013 Board of Trustees 2013-2015 Board of Elders 2016-present, currently chairman of this board</p> <p>Member of call committee for school principal, 2015 Chairman of call committee for pastor since June 2017</p> <p>Leading Bible study 2014-present</p>
District	
Synod	Circuit delegate to the 2016 LCMS convention
Community	<p>Volunteer forestry educator for various groups including 4-H, Rockford Public School teachers, Rockford garden groups and others.</p> <p>Rockford Airfest volunteer, 2015</p> <p>Past member of the external advisory committee for the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences at University of Illinois. 2011-2012</p> <p>Member of the Illinois Forestry Association board of directors 2016-present</p> <p>Track coach for St Paul Lutheran School 2015-present</p>

Please share a word about your:

Faith, Worship, study, participation in sacred life	<p>I feel that learning the teachings of God is a task that we never complete. Because of this, I try to be studying the scriptures, confessions and other books, papers, etc. constantly. I listen to sermons, bible studies, presentations and interviews available on podcasts and online as often as I can.</p>
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of the congregation. View of the mission of the LCMS, and especially the NID:	My faith is strengthened by hearing God's word read to me in the scriptures, when His Law and Gospel are proclaimed by his under-shepherd in the sermon, and when I receive His own body and blood in the Sacrament. My reception of these gifts in the Divine Service is the most important way that I can participate in the life of the church. Making sure that my family is in a faithful church and that my children know God's word and the catechism are extremely important. The mission of the LCMS and the NID is nothing more than the mission of Christ's Church, which is to baptize and teach all that Jesus has commanded.
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Please comment briefly on your challenges, opportunities, goals in the area for which you desire to serve:

The challenge for any church body these days is the the changing culture, especially as it relates to church membership. The bigger challenge for the church as we face this cultural shift is remaining faithful to the Word of God. I believe that the NID will need to encourage and support pastors and parishes, not necessarily with programs or money, but with encouragement to continue faithfully preaching teaching and learning. Hosea 4:6 says: "My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge;" I see a lack of knowledge of what we are supposed to "believe, teach and confess" in many churches. How are we to tell the Good News to our friends and neighbors when we are not sure of what it is that we believe? We have such a great treasure in the Scriptures as well as in our Lutheran Confessions. We need to be able to use these tools as we interact with our friends and neighbors and those we interact with in our vocation.

Additional Information

Occupation	I am a forestry consultant serving the northern 1/3 of Illinois. I am self-employed, and serve landowners by helping them manage their property in the best way possible. I also assist my wife with her dental practice by keeping the books, processing payroll, office repairs and maintenance.
Education	BS from University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana in Forest Science, 1997 MS from University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences