

Section III

Elections



Committee for NID Convention Nominations Ballot

Floor Committee

Ordained Ministers:

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28054 S Yates Ave., Beecher, IL 60401-3316

Rev. Noah Kegley, (Vice-Chair), Immanuel Lutheran Church
950 Hart Rd., Batavia, IL 60510-9346

District Bylaws

V. B. 4.

- a. Each voting congregation shall be entitled to nominate from the ordained minister roster of the Synod: one ordained minister as candidate for president and one ordained minister as candidate for vice president. A congregation may nominate only an ordained minister from its own region for the office of vice president.
- b. Candidates for the office of president shall be the five ordained ministers receiving the highest number of votes on the nominating ballots of the congregations. Only those candidates for the office of president who have received at least five votes on the nominating ballots shall be considered for listing on the ballot of the District convention. All others receiving nominations shall be listed by the secretary of the District in the convention workbook together with the number of votes each received.
- c. Candidates for the office of vice president shall be the ordained ministers from each region receiving at least two votes on the nominating ballots. They shall be considered for listing on the ballot of the District convention. All others receiving nominations shall be listed by the secretary of the District in the convention workbook.

A. NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

Forty-five District congregations submitted nominations for the office of District president. Of these forty-five ballots, four ballots were invalid, submitted after the deadline of September 26, 2024. There were forty-two valid nominations. The men, all of whom are ordained, nominated for the office of District president were as follows:

Allan Buss	40
Cory Estby	1 (fails to meet the bylaw minimum nomination requirement)

B. NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICES OF VICE PRESIDENT (BY REGION)

In the nominating process for vice president, forty congregations submitted nominations. Four were invalid, postmarked after the deadline of September 26, 2024.

North

Four District congregations submitted nominations for the office of vice president from the North Region. The man nominated and the number of nominations received for the office of District vice president were as follows:

Michael Brown	4
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Michael Brown is eligible and willing to be placed on the ballot. He becomes our slate of candidates for this office.



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South

Nine District congregations submitted nominations for the office of vice president from the South Region. The men nominated and the number of nominations received for the office of District vice president were as follows:

Cory Estby	7	
John Richy	1	(fails to meet the bylaw minimum nomination requirement)
Richard Schauer	1	(fails to meet the bylaw minimum nomination requirement)

Cory Estby is eligible and willing to be placed on the ballot. He becomes our slate of candidates for this office.

East

Twelve District congregations submitted nominations for the office of vice president from the East Region. The men nominated and the number of nominations received for the office of District vice president were as follows:

Steven Anderson	5	
Ralph Tausz	5	
Jeffrey Leininger	1	(fails to meet the bylaw minimum nomination requirement)
Philip Robarge	1	(fails to meet the bylaw minimum nomination requirement)

Steven Anderson has served three terms as regional vice president and, under the current bylaws, is ineligible to stand for re-election. Ralph Tausz is eligible and willing to be placed on the ballot. He becomes our slate of candidates for this office.

West

Eleven District congregations submitted nominations for the office of vice president from the West Region. The men nominated and the number of nominations received were as follows:

Caleb Schauer	10	
Paul Mumme	1	(fails to meet the bylaw minimum nomination requirement)

Caleb Schauer is eligible and willing to be placed on the ballot. He becomes our slate of candidates for this office.



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Presidium Ballot

(* indicates incumbent)

District President Nominee Information

Rev. Allan Buss* Sect. IV, pages 9-10

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Vice President, North Region

Rev. Michael Brown*

_____ (Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1

Vice President, West Region

Rev. Caleb Schauer*

_____ (Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1

Vice President, East Region

Rev. Ralph Tausz Sect. IV, pages 68-69

_____ (Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1

Vice President, South Region

Rev. Cory Estby* Sect. IV, pages 20-21

_____ (Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1

Secretary

Rev. Kevin Koester Sect. IV, pages 33-34

Rev. David Totsky* Sect. IV, pages 72-73

_____ (Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1



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C. ELECTION OF CIRCUIT VISITORS (2025-2028) [AS OF 12/01/2024]

<u>Circuit #</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Counselor (elected at forum)</u>
1	North	Rev. Edward Blonski
2	North	Rev. Karl Fay
3	North	Rev. Mark Bestul
4	North	
5	North	Rev. Stephen Kass
6	West	Rev. Christopher James
7	West	Rev. Erik Gauss
8	West	Rev. Patrick Pinion
9	West	Rev. Matthew Rosebrock
10	West	
11	East	Rev. Henry Biar
12	East	Rev. Leonard Payton
13	East	
14	East	Rev. Elstner Lewis
15	South	
16	South	Rev. Richard Schauer
17	South	Rev. Christopher Antonetti
18	South	Rev. Eric Brown
19	South	Rev. Julian LaMie



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D. NOMINATIONS FOR OTHER ELECTED POSITIONS

Board of Directors

(* Indicates Incumbent)

North Region Nominee Information

Nominee Information

Ordained (Elect 1)

Rev. Micah Greiner *

Sect. IV, page 24

_____ (Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1

Commissioned Minister (Elect 1)

Matthew Gutzler*

Sect. IV, page 25

_____ (Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1

Layperson (Elect 2)

Dori Chianakas*

Sect. IV, pages 15-16

David Laabs

Sect. IV, pages 35-36

Paul Pasche*

_____ (Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1

South Region Nominee Information

Nominee Information

Ordained (Elect 1)

Rev. Benjamin Hayter

Sect. IV, page 26

_____ (Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1

Commissioned Minister (Elect 1)

Michael Butterfield

Sect. IV, pages 11-12

Jonathan Swett

Sect. IV, pages 66-67

_____ (Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1

Layperson (Elect 2)

David De Young*

Sect. IV, page 19

Erich Keller*

Sect. IV, pages 29-30

Brian Popadowski

Sect. IV, pages 51-52

_____ (Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1



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East Region Nominee Information

Nominee Information

Ordained (Elect 1)

Rev. Steven Anderson
Rev. Joel Hess*
Rev. Edward Naumann

Sect. IV, pages 1-3
Sect. IV, pages 27-28
Sect. IV, pages 41-42

_____ (Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1

Commissioned Minister (Elect 1)

Sonja Przybylski

Sect. IV, pages 53-54

_____ (Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1

Layperson (Elect 2)

Mike Cacicio
Scott Gercken
Emily Pacyga

Sect. IV, pages 13-14
Sect. IV, pages 22-23
Sect. IV, pages 45-46

_____ (Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1

West Region Nominee Information

Nominee Information

Ordained (Elect 1)

Rev. Paul Mumme*

Sect. IV, pages

_____ (Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1

Commissioned Minister (Elect 1)

Carol Brown*

Sect. IV, pages 7-8

_____ (Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1

Layperson (Elect 2)

Craig Peterson
Lori Solyom*
Emilia Waugh

Sect. IV, pages 49-50
Sect. IV, pages 60-62
Sect. IV, pages 74-75

_____ (Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1



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NID Committee on Convention Nominations

District will elect 1 ordained minister, 1 commissioned minister, and 1 layperson from each region.
(* indicates incumbent)

<u>North Region Nominee Information</u>		<u>Nominee Information</u>
<p>Ordained (Elect 1)</p> <hr style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"/>	<p>Rev. Aaron Levenhagen</p> <p>(Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1</p>	<p>Sect. IV, pages 37-38</p>
<p>Commissioned Minister (Elect 1)</p> <hr style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"/>	<p>Ardelle Pate*</p> <p>(Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1</p>	<p>Sect. IV, pages 47-48</p>
<p>Layperson (Elect 1)</p> <hr style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"/>	<p>Laura Schmuldt*</p> <p>Dean Spacone</p> <p>(Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1</p>	<p>Sect. IV, pages 59</p> <p>Sect. IV, pages 63-64</p>
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<u>South Region Nominee Information</u>		<u>Nominee Information</u>
<p>Ordained (Elect 1)</p> <hr style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"/>	<p>Rev. Christopher Antonetti*</p> <p>Rev. Charles Sampson</p> <p>(Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1</p>	<p>Sect. IV, pages 4-5</p> <p>Sect. IV, page 58</p>
<p>Commissioned Minister (Elect 1)</p> <hr style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"/>	<p>Michael Butterfield</p> <p>Jonathan Swett</p> <p>(Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1</p>	<p>Sect. IV, pages 11-12</p> <p>Sect. IV, pages 66-67</p>
<p>Layperson (Elect 1)</p> <hr style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"/>	<p>Crista Childers*</p> <p>Dominic Salvino</p> <p>(Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1</p>	<p>Sect. IV, pages 17-18</p> <p>Sect. IV, pages 56-57</p>



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Rev. Edward Naumann

Sect. IV, pages 1-3
Sect. IV, pages 41-42

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Commissioned Minister (Elect 1)

Ruth Otten*

Sect. IV, pages 43-44

_____ (Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1

Layperson (Elect 1)

Matthew Struve*

Sect. IV, page 65

_____ (Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1

West Region Nominee Information

Nominee Information

Ordained (Elect 1)

Rev. James Barbey
Rev. Matthew Rosebrock

Sect. IV, page 6
Sect. IV, page 55

_____ (Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1

Commissioned Minister (Elect 1)

Carol Brown*

Sect. IV, pages 7-8

_____ (Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1

Layperson (Elect 1)

Lori Solyom
Michael Woolery*

Sect. IV, pages 60-62
Sect. IV, pages 76-77

_____ (Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1



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CUC Board of Regents

District will elect 1 ordained minister, 1 commissioned minister, and 2 laypersons
(* Indicates incumbent)

Ordained:

Matthew Zickler*

Sect. IV, pages 78-79

(Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1

Commissioned Minister

Virginia Terrell*

Sect. IV, pages 70-71

(Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1

Layperson

Kyle Knoepfel
Gerhard Munding

Sect. IV, pages 31-32

(Floor Nomination) Use Form Section 1

