

# 2007 Outreach Committee Nominee Biographies

Clergy Male Nominee for Outreach Committee—Vote for 1 (three-year term)

16A – The Reverend Mark Booster

16B – The Reverend Herb Priester

**16A – The Reverend Mark Booster** † Shepherd of the Prairie, Huntley (Northeast Conference)

*Occupation:* Ordained Minister

*Areas of special leadership and interest in the congregation:* youth leadership development, southern conference, Central Southern IL Synod, Via de Cristo, Mission developer training, Shepherd of the Prairie, Huntley.

*Areas of special leadership and interest in the community:* Habitat for humanity, Rotary service club.

*Reason I wish to serve this area of ministry in the synod:* Invited to serve and am hopeful to learn and give a bit of my own experience and knowledge to outreach in our synod.

*My priorities for this ministry:* Outreach, bringing all people into a relationship with Christ; stewardship caring for the gift of life entrusted to us; caring for God's children.

*My faith statement:* One who seeks to partner with God to bring the kingdom of heaven to light on earth.

**16B – The Reverend Herb Priester** † New Creation, Channahon (East Conference)

*Occupation:* Ordained Minister

*Areas of special leadership and interest in the congregation:* Worship planning; church growth issues; outreach

*Areas of special leadership and interest in the community:* Crop walk; Ministerial Association; Chamber of Commerce

*Reason I wish to serve this area of ministry in the synod:* I was asked by a committee member who thought my background as a mission developer/pastor would benefit the Committee and the Synod

*My priorities for this ministry:* To offer insights into the outreach issues facing the Synod, to learn from the experiences of the members how to do what I do more effectively, to help move out Synod to fulfill God's hopes and dreams for us.

*My faith statement:* I believe that God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit has created, redeemed and sanctified us for holy purposes: to know God's love and return it in worship; to belong to God's family and build it up; to grow as disciples of Jesus in wisdom and grace; to serve according to our giftedness with generosity; and to invite others to know God and to embrace God's purposes for life.

Lay Female Nominee for Outreach Committee—Vote for 1 (three-year term)

17A – Ms. Jane Atteberry

17B – Vacant

17A – Ms. Jane Atteberry † Christ, Belvidere (North Conference)

*Occupation:* Minister of Outreach

*Areas of special leadership and interest in the congregation:* Staff member @ Christ since 1997; current responsibilities are in the areas of outreach, fellowship, service, and communications.

Currently completing my Associate in Ministry in Administration.

*Areas of special leadership and interest in the community:* Parent volunteer with children's sports teams and theater presentations. Will be walking with my daughter in the Chicago 3-Day this August, raising funds for breast cancer research.

*Reason I wish to serve this area of ministry in the synod:* By all congregations working together, we can strengthen the mission and ministries of all, building upon each other's strengths and encouraging one another.

*My priorities for this ministry:* same as above.

*My faith statement:* I believe that God has created each of us as individuals and has a purpose for all of us. It is up to us to listen to His call and discern where we can do his work, both in small and large ways. He has called each of us by names.

17B – Vacant

## 2007 Social Ministry Committee Nominee Biographies

Lay Female Nominee for Social Ministry Committee—Vote for 1 (three-year term)

18A – Ms. Paula Larsen

18B – Vacant

18A – Ms. Paula Larsen † Our Savior's, Seneca (South Conference)

*Occupation:* Retired from AT & T; currently substitute Teacher's Aide

*Areas of special leadership and interest in the congregation:* Past: council member, Sunday school teacher, TIME (Together in Mission Engagement) facilitator; Bible school teacher.

Current: substitute Sunday school teacher; member of Fellowship Committee.

*Areas of special leadership and interest in the community:* Past board member and coach for Illinois Valley Youth Soccer Association; past member of Seneca High School Curriculum Committee.

*Reason I wish to serve this area of ministry in the synod:* I wish to serve in any area and capacity I am able to. Since retiring from a full time job after 31 years, I am excited to become more involved in service to the Lord.