

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

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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.

My priorities for this ministry: First to learn, then to be a contributing member in this area of ministry.

My faith statement: Nothing in life or death can separate me from God. There is nothing I can do to 'earn' grace from God other than to believe. Armed with God's grace, I should do God's work to the best of my abilities. The love of God and my faith binds me together with all believers.

18B – Vacant

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

19A – Mr. Jim Johnson

19B – Mr. David Peterson

19A – Mr. Jim Johnson † First, Lee (Northeast Conference)

Occupation: Architectural Project Manager, Farm Owner, Township Supervisor

Areas of special leadership and interest in the congregation: Currently the Congregational Council President and Chairman of the Call Committee. Also currently serving on the finance committee, as a Trustee, and representing the congregation at the Synod Assembly. Including current service, congregational service has included: Church Council for fourteen years with three one-year terms as President, a Trustee for several years, a delegate to Pleasant View Lutheran Home for two years, a representative to the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly for five years, a Sunday School teacher for two years, Chairman of the Congregational Smorgasbord for five years, budget director for three years, Congregational Treasurer for eight years, and work on multiple committees.

Areas of special leadership and interest in the community: Currently serving the second year of a three year term on the Social Ministry Committee of the Northern Illinois Synod (elected by the committee as Vice Chairman for the current year); Served one year as Records Director for Lee County Chapter of Thrivent; Served four years as a Shabbona Township Trustee; Currently in the third four-year term as Shabbona Township Supervisor; Charter member of the Lee, Illinois Lions Club; Co-Chairman of a fund raiser for local cancer victim; served eight years as a Director on the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Board.

Reason I wish to serve this area of ministry in the synod: With our national church shaping the guiding policies and procedures that impact our synod and our congregations, I would welcome the opportunity to represent the Northern Illinois Synod, its congregations and its members in helping to shape the directions that are taken at the Churchwide Assembly.

My priorities for this ministry: When a previous Synod Assembly provided me with the opportunity to serve on the synod Social Ministry Committee, I defined my number one priority as focusing on the scriptures and making sure that all of my actions and my service to the committee are in harmony with the letter and intent of God's Word. To that end I have served on the Social Ministry Committee to the best of my ability by attending and participating in all meetings. Beyond the expected level of work, I have served the committee by volunteering more than once to take minutes when the committee secretary was unable to be at meetings and I have served the membership of the synod by seeking to make the resolutions process easier and more effective and by seeking to make the Social Ministry grants process available on the Internet. My priority for the Churchwide Assembly is simply that I will continue what I have begun on the synod level by placing special emphasis on working to be a conduit for all of the individual members of our synod to have their voice heard in the national decision making process.

My faith statement: My faith can best be summarized in excerpts from Deuteronomy 6:5, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind," coupled with Leviticus 19:18 "Love your neighbor as yourself."

19B – Mr. David Peterson † Living Waters, Crystal Lake (Northeast Conference)

Occupation: Retired from Sales, QA, Metallurgy

Areas of special leadership and interest in the congregation: Worship & music, stewardship, social ministry, Christian Community Action, Chair.

Areas of special leadership and interest in the community: Social Ministry, food pantry, Community chorus.

Reason I wish to serve this area of ministry in the synod: Interest in helping others, special interest in global missions.

My priorities for this ministry: Would like to work with food ministries, multi-cultural ministry.

My faith statement: to let the light of Christ shine through me to all that I come in contact with.

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

20A – Ms. Erin Clark

20B – Vacant

20A – Ms. Erin Clark † St. Paul, Oregon (Central Conference)

Occupation: Social Worker

Areas of special leadership and interest in the congregation: Served on church council at the church I grew up in as well as volunteered with the youth group. In college, I assisted in planning a weekly worship service and set up for 2 services a week.

Areas of special leadership and interest in the community: I have volunteered with Special Olympics and political campaigns. I am a part of Lutheran Advocacy as well.

Reason I wish to serve this area of ministry in the synod: I have learned much from past experiences within the synod with LYO and attending Synod assembly. I hope to be a part of the work of the Synod and help raise awareness of social issues.

My priorities for this ministry: My priorities for this ministry and being a part of the Social Ministry Committee include working as a team to increase knowledge of social issues within the Northern Illinois Synod and the many congregations who are a part of the synod.

My faith statement: I believe that we are called through our baptism in Christ to stand up for and with our brothers and sisters. This call includes actively pursuing the alleviation of poverty, injustice, and oppression as they occur in the world. Jesus is the prime example of using the privilege one has to create awareness and effect change – while working with individuals who are affected by injustice, no matter the form it takes. God calls us to *do* justice. I believe this call is a call to action. The word “do” means to act or achieve. I believe that justice is the goal that must be sought through action rather than inaction, through speaking rather than remaining silent, and through work rather than words. Working for social justice is about treating all we encounter as we would our family, friends, and our God. Social justice is about acting because it is faithful and right – not because it is convenient or beneficial. Working toward a more just world is a vital part of our faith, demonstrated through the acts of Jesus.

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