

Nominating Committee Report

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here am I; send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)*

I have always been impressed with the story of the call of Isaiah. It begins with the prophet experiencing a vision of the awesome throne of God. Isaiah, "a man of unclean lips" is put in his place. He has no business being there and seeing what he saw. But the Lord cleanses his lips and his life. And when the Lord seeks someone to go and proclaim his word to his people, without hesitation Isaiah says, "Here am I; send me!" To so quickly and willingly volunteer for such an overwhelming responsibility is truly a courageous act of faith.

I am equally impressed by the people who heard God's call through the voices of the Nominating Committee members and willingly volunteered to be nominated to serve the Northern Illinois Synod through one of the committees. In most cases the people listed on the our ballot said without hesitation, "Here am I; send me!" On behalf of the Nominating Committee I offer thanks for your acts of faith in accepting the responsibility of serving the Lord through the synod.

I also would like to express my appreciation to the members of the Nominating Committee who responded in faith when the Lord said, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" While the "job description" for Nominating Committee members may indicate that only one meeting is usually involved, many hours of phone calls and emails follow as the committee members extend the call to serve to potential nominees. And so I thank Ms. Betty Stralow, Pr. Steve Erickson, Pr. John Cunningham, Pr. Marilyn Hanson, Pr. Marcia Strahl, Mr. Tad Yarde, and Ms. Marlene Park for all your hard work and faithfulness.

Finally, I would like to thank Ms. Judi Fields in the synod office. Judi had the unenviable position of coordinating the work of the Nominating Committee while Sandy Musch was on sabbatical. Her oversight and communication with the committee kept things moving in a positive direction. We could not have done our work without her.

Pastor Don Knowles, Committee Chair

Nominating Committee Members

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East Conference

No one elected at conference meeting

No one elected at conference meeting

North Conference

Pastor John Cunningham
Trinity Lutheran Church, Harvard
No one elected at conference meeting

Northeast Conference

Pastor Marilyn Hanson
First Lutheran Church
No one elected at conference meeting

Northwest Conference

Mr. Wayne “Butch” Streicher
First Lutheran Church, Mt. Carroll
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First Lutheran Church, Chadwick

South Conference

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Pastor Donald Knowles
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Earlville

Southwest Conference

Mr. Tad Yarde
First Lutheran Church, Monmouth
No one elected at conference meeting

West Conference

No one elected at conference meeting

No one elected at conference meeting

Multicultural Committee Advisory Member
Ms. Marlene Park – Grace Lutheran Church, Loves Park