Western Iowa Synod ELCA
2022 Nomination Biography

(Enter your information in the spaces below)

Position Nominated for:	Church Council – Lay Man
My conference:	Rivers of Grace
My name (first, middle initial, last):	Mitchell (Mitch) S. McCartney
My congregation:	St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregation's town/city:	Missouri Valley

Please use this space to highlight your experience (professional or work experience, congregational responsibilities, and community involvement) in relationship to the position you are nominated to serve:

Professional

- Development Operations Director, Heartland Family Service (2020-present)
- Program Director, Salvation Army Kroc Center (2017-2020)
- Director of Communications & Development *(including responsibilities for Synod assembly planning, world hunger, and disaster relief programming)*, Nebraska Synod ELCA (2008-2017)
- Director, Nebraska Unicameral Information Office (1996-2008)

Education

- Master's of Public Administration, University of Nebraska-Omaha
- B.A. in Speech Communications, Nebraska Wesleyan University

Congregational Involvement

- Co-Organizer, Western Iowa Synod Heart of BBQ Contest
- Chair, Technology Committee, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church/Missouri Valley
- Member, Strategic Planning Committee, First Lutheran Church/Omaha NE
- Member, Worship Team, First Lutheran Church/Omaha NE
- Council Vice President, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church/Lincoln NE
- Youth Coordinator, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church/Lincoln NE
- Member, Worship Team, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church/Lincoln NE

Community Involvement

- Member, Leadership Council Bluffs Class #34
- Member, Council Bluffs Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors (2020-2022)
- Member, SID #516 Board of Trustees (2021-present)
- Member, Sing Omaha Board of Directors (2017-present)

Please use this space to share what motivates your interest and your desire to serve the position to which you have been nominated.

Throughout my professional life, I have been blessed to work and serve in positions in which I was called to assist in implementing organizational vision, to develop and nurture healthy relationships, and to be of service to others. Each of these experiences have been a reinforcement of my desire to exercise servant leadership in all I do.

We live today in a society that has diminished appreciation for the institutions that create community. No institution has greater potential for creating intentional community than the church. The ELCA is a church that is boldly looking to the future. I desire to be a bridge builder between the church as an institution and those who can carry its message of grace ad love into the community.