

**Western Iowa Synod ELCA  
2023 Nomination Biography**

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| Position Nominated for:                | ABC              |
| My conference:                         | Rivers of Grace  |
| My name (first, middle initial, last): | Lori Clark       |
| My congregation:                       | St Paul Lutheran |
| 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:

As an activities director at the school where I taught, I was responsible for organizing various events and activities. I still stay active with the state association by hosting different activities at the state convention. As the church administrative assistant, I have numerous responsibilities for organizing church events as well as some of the community events that our church takes part in. I have served on the ABC Committee for the WIS in previous years.

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As I stated, I have been a previous member of the ABC Committee. I enjoyed working with this committee and meeting new people from other congregations. I felt that being on this committee and as a previous WIS council member, it gave me a deeper insight in my own beliefs. I have been one to step up and help when needed. This has given me insight as to what more I can do for my church, the WIS, and myself.

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| Position Nominated for:                | ABC committee          |
| My conference:                         | Hands of Hope          |
| My name (first, middle initial, last): | Daniel P. Holste       |
| My congregation:                       | Our Saviour's Lutheran |
| Congregation's town/city:              | Humboldt               |

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:

Western Iowa Synod – three terms on the ABC committee, presently chairperson, resolutions subcommittee all three terms.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church – helped draft the OSL ELCA constitution, committee revising OSL constitution many times; President 2 terms; Vice President 2 terms

Humboldt Education Association – President many years; chief negotiator several years; department chair many years

Iowa State Education Association Uniserv Board several years

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I enjoy organizing events no matter what the event may be – working on cabins at IOLBC; events at the church. Working on constitutions whether it is resolutions or By-Laws.

I am called by many as the organizer and person who gets a group together to do an event.

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| Position Nominated for:                | Assembly Business and Counsel |
| My conference:                         | Winds of Hope                 |
| My name (first, middle initial, last): | Denise L. Parrello            |
| My congregation:                       | Trinity                       |
| Congregation's town/city:              | Alta                          |

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One of my gifts is administrative, dealing with constitutions, contracts, and annual reports.

I am not really sure what ABC does, other than reviewing items presented to synod assembly.

I am curious and able to participate in the synod governance in this way.

I have a deep love for rural ministry and a commitment to Western Iowa.

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Our conference dean challenged us to work outside our comfort zone. This works for me.

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| Position Nominated for:                | Assembly Business and Counsel |
| My conference:                         | Winds of Hope                 |
| My name (first, middle initial, last): | Tonna M. Parsons              |
| My congregation:                       | First                         |
| Congregation's town/city:              | Sioux Rapids                  |

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I am an organized person and work well with bringing plans together.

I have experience with multiple congregations and denominations coming together and respecting each other.

I have experience with finances.

Being a farmer also, I am able to balance what needs to be done and when to move forward.

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I am a rural pastor and wish to see that rural congregations are represented.