

**Western Iowa Synod ELCA
2023 Nomination Biography**

(Enter your information in the spaces below)

Position Nominated for:	Discipline Committee
My conference:	Abundant Fields
My name (first, middle initial, last):	Edward R Bastedo
My congregation:	Bethesda Lutheran Church
Congregation's town/city:	Clarinda

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:

I have served as an ordained minister for 44 years. During that time I have been on the following in the synods I served in:
Youth, Stewardship, Dean, Resolutions
My community involvement has included:
Community Theatre, Ambulance driver, Alcohol and Addiction Board, Hospital Board

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

The recent events in the Sierra Pacific Synod (I served there for 16 years) has brought to my attention the need for compassionate handling of difficult situations. Items of discipline are often sensitive and complex. All parties need to be in safe places. The situation in SPS also brought to my attention the need for swift action to make all involved safe. I believe that I could bring a presence that is fair and compassionate towards all and at the same time able to act appropriately in any situation.

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Position Nominated for:	Discipline Committee
My conference:	Winds of Hope
My name (first, middle initial, last):	Rev. Susan J. Sinclair
My congregation:	Bethlehem
Congregation's town/city:	Inwood

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:

21 years of ordained ministry, 8 in pastoral care
Bachelors degree in Sociology/Psychology
Completed partial term on committee

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Desire to serve the synod, commitment to healthy ministry for individuals serving and congregations.