



Nomination Biographical Information



**ALISON (ALI)
HAUGERUD** she/her

Nominated For:
Synod Council Secretary

**List current of past
community service or
interest:**

- Fergus Falls Welcoming Community Steering Team
- Rural Child Care Innovation Team Member
- Volunteer On-Call Chaplain at Lake Region Healthcare

Please list your service in your congregation [please list most current]. If you work/are called to a congregation, list 3 committees/projects that you particularly enjoy:

As a pastor, I particularly enjoy planning, implementing, and leading worship, teaching, and learning with others to deepen our understanding of God and Scripture in creative ways, and finding ways to reach out beyond the walls of our congregation to connect with and serve our community.

**List current of past Congregational/
Conference/Synodical/Churchwide Service:**

I currently serve on the 2025 Bishop Election Committee and as an Anti-Racism Trainer. Additionally, I am the Lead Pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Barnesville.

In the past, I have served the NWMN Synod in various roles

Why do you want to serve the Synod in this way?

I feel called to serve the church beyond the local congregation and believe serving on Synod Council is a meaningful way to contribute to the wider mission of the body of Christ. I want to be part of discerning where the Spirit is leading us as a synod. I have strong organizational skills and attention to detail, and I believe these gifts align well with the responsibilities of the Secretary.



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**CHRISTOPHER
ELDREDGE** **He/Him**

Please list your service in your congregation [please list most current]. If you work/are called to a congregation, list 3 committees/projects that you particularly enjoy:

Working in the areas of conflict resolution and planning.

Participating in the Fergus Falls Area Mission Conversation.

Fundraising and resource development.

Nominated For:
Synod Council Treasurer

List current of past community service or interest:

Member, Kaddatz Galleries BoD, Fergus Falls
Volunteer, Lutheran Social Services of New England
Volunteer, Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota
Volunteer, Night Ministries of Chicago

Why do you want to serve the Synod in this way?

I have past work experience and specialized training for budgeting and financial tracking tasks.

List current of past Congregational/Conference/Synodical/Churchwide Service:

Treasurer, Northwestern Minnesota Synod
Member, Northwestern Minnesota Synod Council
Member, Mission Advancement Committee, Northwestern Minnesota Synod
Chairperson, Candidacy Committee, Northwestern Minnesota Synod
Member, Bishop Election Committee, Northwestern Minnesota Synod
Member and staff, multiple Churchwide fundraising initiatives
Member and staff, multiple Churchwide student recruitment initiatives



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DEANNA she/her
SWENDSEID

Nominated For:

Conference 1 Lay Member

List current of past community service or interest:

In the past I have served as secretary/treasurer for the Stephen EDA board, Cubmaster for Cub Scouts, Girl Scout leader and president of one of the women's clubs in Stephen. I have always been active in the church in various positions however in recent years have stepped back to let new members enjoy the same positions I have.

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Currently I am one of 3 videographers in our church and also help fill in playing pre-recorded music on the clavinova if our organists are gone. I have served over 25 years on church council in various positions - stewardship, deacon and president. I also taught Sunday School for 10 years and worked with the older youth on retreats.

List current of past Congregational/ Conference/Synodical/Churchwide Service:

For over 25 years I have been involved in my main church in various positions, including council president and youth leader. For the past 3 years, I have been fortunate to represent Conference One as the lay council member of the Synod.

Why do you want to serve the Synod in this way?

I feel privileged to be able to serve the Synod as a lay member enabling me to learn more about the workings of not only the Synod, but the church as a whole. I have been fortunate to meet new people and continue to be able to serve the whole church the best way I am able.



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ANDY GRAVES He/Him

Nominated For: Conference 1 Rostered Member

List current of past Congregational/ Conference/Synodical/Churchwide Service:

I am currently serving in my first call, however I did a long-term (3.5 years), embedded internship at Fredsville Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa while completing the Master of Divinity Program.

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Currently called to Sion Lutheran Church in Lancaster, Minnesota as the solo pastor. In my time here, I have really enjoyed working on these major projects:

- 1) Parish Hall Pizza start-up
- 2) Young @ Heart Worship (2nd Sunday of each month)
- 3) National Hot Dog Day Celebration/Carnival

List current of past community service or interest:

In a way, everything we do as a church is community service. We really focus on the needs of our neighbors and creating ways to meet those needs by living out the Gospel promises. We have done some creative things over the past couple of years like developing a community "bike" blessing, which was expanded to include recreational vehicles, initiating a National Hot Dog Day celebration, and bringing Trunk or Treat to the community for Halloween. All of these things have been undertaken under the spirit of Gospel Proclamation and community service.

Why do you want to serve the Synod in this way?

I want to serve on Synod Council as a representative from Conference 1, to continue to pull our work as a synod together. There are a lot of gaps between urban and rural ministry, as well as from conference to conference. I would like to be a bridge builder to help shrink some of these gaps, and bring us together more for the sake of all of our neighbors.



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MARILYN she/her
GRANDSTRAND

Please list your service in your congregation [please list most current]. If you work/are called to a congregation, list 3 committees/projects that you particularly enjoy:

1. Worship
2. Bible Study
3. Confirmation

Nominated For:
Conference 4 Lay
Female Member

List current of past
community service or
interest:

- Lion's member
- Moosefest Festival committee member

List current of past Congregational/
Conference/Synodical/Churchwide Service:

- WELCA Synodical Women's Organization President
- Salem Lutheran Council Chair
- Pathways Sous Chef

Why do you want to serve the
Synod in this way?

I am interested in helping the synod grow and develop in the new reality of ministry.



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ERIC CLAPP
He/Him

Nominated For:
Conference 6 Rostered
Male Member

**List current of past
community service or
interest:**

I've previously served on the board of directors of Pathways Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, as well as various committees dealing with vocation and faith formation in previous synods.

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I love being involved in re-visioning the ways we care for our community, especially those unable to be in worship on a regular basis. I'm passionate about preaching and teaching in ways that help us unpack the scriptures and can speak words of meaning and life for us. I'm grateful to be a part of our ecumenical ministerial group that works together to live out the gospel across denominations in our community.

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I'm currently the Dean of the Detroit Lakes Conference. I'm also the chair of the Commission for Racial Equity and Justice/Bridge Building Committee. I serve on the Synod Call Committee and am grateful to be engaged in these ways of being church together.

Why do you want to serve the Synod in this way?

I love being a part of ministries that embody so well the values and mission they preach. I've appreciated participating in the different ways our Synod Council is wholly devoted to loving God and loving our neighbor and am excited by the possibility of continuing to serve in this way.



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**ANNA MONKE-
GERVAIS** **she/her**

Please list your service in your congregation [please list most current]. If you work/are called to a congregation, list 3 committees/projects that you particularly enjoy:

- **Worship**
- **Intergenerational ministry**
- **Stewardship**

Nominated For:

Discipline Committee
Conference 7 Rostered Member