

2025 NOMINATION BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

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Congregation has completed the ELCA Parochial Report Part A

Congregation contributes Mission Support sharing

Rostered Leader submitted Annual Report to Bishop Bartholomew

2025 MISSION DISTRICT ELECTIONS

SYNOD COUNCIL – Terms Ending 2028

Elections Complete (Ratified by Synod Assembly)



JENNIFER EMERSON

*St. Mark, Oaklyn ✓ **

Burlington/Camden Cluster, Delaware District



JOSE SANCHEZ

*Bridge of Peace, Camden ✓ **

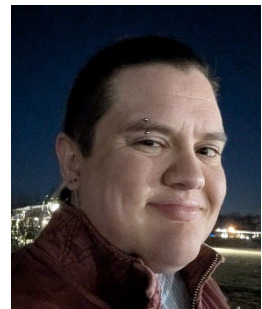
Burlington/Camden Cluster, Delaware District



NANSI KRAUSS

*Abiding Love, Kendall Park ✓ **

Raritan Cluster, Middle District



CARI L. STATES-CODDING

*Living Waters, Ringoes ✓ **

Mercer Cluster, Middle District



~ THE REV. JANE MCCREEDY

*Pastor, Faith, New Providence ✓ **

Central Cluster, Western District

SYNOD COUNCIL NOMINEES FOR ELECTION AT THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY

SYNOD COUNCIL SHORE LAY MALE OR GENDER NONBINARY - Term Ending 2028 **One from the Shore District needed to be elected**

ROBERT RINDERER

St. Paul, Beachwood ✓ *

Central Shore Cluster, Shore District

Rob received a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. He recently retired after 36 years of employment at the Naval Air Warfare Center in Lakehurst. His career included service as an airfield lighting and marking systems subject matter expert for the US Marine Corps' Expeditionary Airfield program. He also designed, installed and maintained military airfields worldwide and served on joint-service and NATO standardization panels.



Rob, a diakonia graduate, is very active in his congregation leading Services of the Word and new members classes. He also produces the weekly worship service and special event live-streams. Within our Synod, Rob provided technical support for our Synod Assemblies 2021 - 2023.

As a member of the Social Ministry Committee, Rob co-leads the St Paul Community Food Pantry efforts, which includes coordination with local schools, post offices and other charity organizations. Within the community, Rob, a former boys' soccer coach, also performs weekly wildlife surveys in support of the NJ Bluebird Society and other conservation efforts.

AT-LARGE SYNOD COUNCIL CLERGY

Term Ending 2028

One needed to be elected

~ THE REV. LINNÉA CLARK

Pastor, St. Mark, Hamilton ✓ *

Mercer Cluster, Middle District



Pastor Linnéa Clark serves as the pastor of St. Mark and as a partner and writer for Barn Geese Worship, which publishes commentaries, liturgies, and creative worship resources for mainline congregations. Her commentaries and worship resources also appear in various Augsburg Fortress publications and other publications serving the wider Christian church. Linnéa is also an adjunct professor at Princeton Theological Seminary, where she teaches liturgy and worship to Lutheran students. Prior to serving at St. Mark, she served at Emanuel, New Brunswick, at St. John's, Melrose Park, PA.

Pastor Clark is a graduate of Yale University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and music, and Yale Divinity School, earning a Master of Divinity degree. She also holds certificates from the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University and the Lutheran Studies Program at Yale Divinity School.

Within our Synod, she is a member of the Mission Advocacy Table and current member of the Synod Council, serving on the Assembly Planning Team.

Community-related service activities include the Hamilton Ecumenical Ministerium, volunteer opportunities at Robert Wood Johnson Hamilton Hospital, and supporting the Lutheran student community at Princeton Theological Seminary.

~ THE REV. JOHN M. DIMATTEO

Pastor, Holy Trinity, Rockaway and Shepherd of the Hills Sparta ✓
Northwest Cluster, Western District*

Pastor DiMatteo has a Doctor of Ministry from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (Now ULS) with a concentration in pastoral theology. Before serving as pastor at Holy Trinity and Shepherd of the Hills, he was called to hospice chaplaincy. During that time, he authored the bestselling book Faith and Farewell: When Your Parents Approach Their Final Days. More recently in 2021, Pastor DiMatteo was a presenter for an online Ministerium Day for rostered ministers.



Within our Synod, Pastor DiMatteo is a former director (following September 11th) of our NJ Lutheran Disaster Response. He currently serves as a member of our Excellence in Ministry Unleashed (EMU) team and is the cluster counselor and dean for the Northwest Mission Cluster and Western District.

Pastor DiMatteo is the community founder and Executive Director: RISE UP Rockaway, providing relief services for the impoverished. Also in Rockaway, he is a member of the Ecumenical Council and a presenter for the social justice gathering in response to racial discrimination.

AT-LARGE SYNOD COUNCIL YOUTH Term Ending 2027 One needed to be elected



AGNETTA FASASI

Redeemer, Trenton ✓
Mercer Cluster, Middle District*

Agnetta is a senior at Ewing High School and also works as a sales associate at Aero. She served as an Emcee at 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Within our Synod, she assisted with planning and attended the NJ Synod Youth Retreat.

Agnetta is active in her congregation and has assisted with fundraising activities. She also counsels other youth in the congregation by providing wisdom and guidance to help overcome and face issues.