

## 2020 Nominee Vitae

### **Synod Secretary**

4 year term expiring 2024

**Name:** Paula Kenney

**Congregation:** Advent Lutheran Church – Spokane Valley, WA

**Occupation:** Executive Assistant

**Church Leadership & Participation:** Currently serves as Secretary Synod Council. Actively involved in home congregation as Choir Director, Chair of the Worship & Music Committee. Previous congregation involvement included holding offices as Secretary, Treasurer and member of Church Council. Work experience as an Executive Assistant and as a Corporate Secretary includes administrative support of company executives and Board of Directors.

**Name:**

**Congregation:**

**Occupation:**

**Church Leadership & Participation:**

### **Lower Columbia Basin Cluster Representative**

Lay male term expiring 2026

**Name:** Jerry Ethridge

**Congregation:** Lord of Life Lutheran Church – Kennewick, WA

**Occupation:** Retired

**Church Leadership & Participation:** I retired in 2017 and returned to the Tri-Cities where my wife Lore, and I spent the first 20 years of our careers and where our daughter, Sarah was born. I served as Congregational President at Richland Lutheran Church when it was still part of the ELCA; First Lutheran Church in Idaho Falls, ID (2001 – 2003); and Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Los Alamos, NM, which is part of the Rocky Mountain Synod (2009 – 2011). Afterwards, I served on the Rocky Mountain Synod Council (and its Executive Committee) from 2011 until 2017. The Apostle Paul writes in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians of gifts given to each of us and to act ‘as one body’ to the Glory of God. Further, Acts 6:1-7 reinforces that the members of the Church must assume responsibility for administration of the Church and not relegate this responsibility just to the clergy. The Council of the EWAID Synod is an opportunity to utilize the gifts God has given me according to His charge to all members.

## **North Idaho Cluster Representative**

Clergy term expiring 2026

**Name:** Daniel Forsgren

**Congregation:** Trinity Lutheran Church – Coeur d’Alene, ID

**Occupation:** Pastor

**Church Leadership & Participation:** Dan preaches dynamite sermons, visits shut-ins and people in the hospital and nursing homes, teaches Bible Studies, and generally has everyone in his church being a better Christian, because of his example. He has the gift of hospitality and humor and makes everyone he comes in contact with feel welcome and appreciated. He has the skill (or maybe it is a curse) of truth-telling and gets right to the matter at hand. His years managing a hardware store has made him see things very practically and clearly. He will make a great representative for the North Idaho Cluster and will speak the truth in love. The synod council will be better for his participation.

## **At Large Member**

Clergy term expiring 2026

**Name:** Barbara Harrison Condon

**Congregation:** Immanuel Lutheran Church – Boise, ID

**Occupation:** Pastor

**Church Leadership & Participation:** Barbara currently serves in Ontario, OR as the interim pastor for St. Paul Lutheran Church. While working to help St. Paul prepare for a new pastor she has also continued to volunteer with the congregation she belongs to in Boise. She serves on the Internship committee and also on one of Immanuel’s outreach ministry projects, Acoustic Alchemy Studio. Over the years Barbara has served the synod on various synod committees lastly as one of the Net-Workers before those positions were eliminated. She is committed to the ministry of the wider church, not one to say “but we’ve always done it this way”, loves looking at new ways to tackle old problems and is passionate about helping congregations learn how to “welcome the visitor”. Barbara has served both Lutheran and Episcopal congregations in her years in parish ministry all within the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod and the Diocese of Idaho.

**Name:** Anne Palma

**Congregation:** Our Savior Lutheran Church - Twin Falls, ID

**Occupation:** Pastor

**Church Leadership & Participation:** Anne previously served a three-year term on Synod Council as a layperson, and she represented the EWAID Synod as a voting member at the 2013 Churchwide Assembly. She helped to develop the Synod’s Estate Planning for the Heart end-of-life curriculum, and she continues to present this curriculum in southern Idaho. She also preached on an end-of-life theme at the 2016 Synod Assembly in Boise.

As a new pastor, she would bring the joy and enthusiasm of the neophyte to her work. Her work in the parish during the first year has included working and networking with ecumenical and inter-religious faith leaders; promotion of inter-generational activities; arranging spiritual ‘field trips’ to other congregations; assuring adherence to the congregation’s constitution (e.g. arranging for a financial audit); creation of systems necessary for modern congregational life (e.g. a child safety policy); and promoting cluster, synodical, churchwide and worldwide ministries.

## **Consultation**

Lay male

**Name:** Dick Johnson

**Congregation:** New Day Lutheran Church – Idaho Falls, ID

**Occupation:** Retired

**Church Leadership & Participation:** Presently the treasurer of New Day. Was actively involved with the organizing of New Day. Served on church council, twice as congregation president.

Clergy

**Name:** Bob Albing

**Congregation:** Lutheran Church of the Master – Coeur d’Alene, ID

**Occupation:** Pastor

**Church Leadership & Participation:** I have known Bob for over 10 years now and have had the privilege to serve with him in MN as the Vice-Dean to his Dean of our conference. I have watched Bob work in many and various situations and have always been impressed with the wisdom of his advice, and with his presence in both easy and tough situations. Bob was my synod appointed mentor for the first couple years of my ministry, he served a two-point parish near my first call, and as a result we got the opportunity to work with each other fairly often. Bob has the ability to keep things light, but is ready to be as serious as he needs to be. I appreciate Bob for his sage advice, his compassion, and his non-anxious presence. When Bob took the call to Lutheran Church of the Master I was sorry to see him leave MN, but after hearing about the situation he was going into at LCM I knew that he was the right person for that call; I still believe that. I can think of no one better suited to serve on the Consultation Committee.

**Name:** Peggy Harvey-Marose

**Congregation:** Grace Lutheran Church – Lewiston, ID

**Occupation:** Pastor

**Church Leadership & Participation:** Serving Grace, Lewiston, ID since 2004. Served on Synod Discipline Committee and Mission Table.

## Discipline Committee

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Creation of systems necessary for modern congregational life (e.g. a child safety policy); and promoting cluster, synodical, churchwide and worldwide ministries. As a physician and administrator retired after 30 years of service (including leading administrative boards of investigation regarding ethical and professional misconduct), she would contribute a mature perspective on the challenges of seeking truth and making judgments in complex and sensitive situations.

**Name:** Liv Larson Andrews

**Congregation:** Salem Lutheran Church – Spokane, WA

**Occupation:** Pastor

**Church Leadership & Participation:** I'm glad to help out the synod in this way, always hopeful it is a service not frequently needed. Salem Lutheran Church, where I serve, has needed to call upon this committee in the past. Having a strong, functioning discipline system is important. I am continually learning about systems theory as well and strive to take a systems approach to conflict.

**Name:** Ron Rentner

**Congregation:** Salem Lutheran Church – Spokane, WA

**Occupation:** Retired Pastor

**Church Leadership & Participation:** Parish service included parishes in IL, CA, NV, Guatemala and Denmark. Three post-conflict congregations. One successful resolution of a major dispute in an international congregation. Certified Intentional Interim Minister. Synod Council (Sierra Pacific), Chair of Board and President of two social service organizations, with annual budgets of \$66 million and \$2 million, respectively. Corporate detour as an executive in real estate finance and affordable housing. ELCA public policy representative, NV.