

## **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINEES**

### **Synod Discipline Committee – Clergy**

#### **Timothy D. Boyer**

- 1) Pastor
- 2) St. John, Coplay
- 3) Every aspect of congregational ministry  
None churchwide
- 4) Coplay food bank; Lehigh Conference of Churches “Daybreak”  
program
- 5) Synod Council; World Hunger
- 6) To give all parties a voice, as they experience concerns or  
disagreements carrying our Christ’s ministry.

#### **Oliver Brown**

- 1) Pastor
- 2) St. James, Wapwallopen
- 3) St. James, Nescopeck; St. Paul, White Haven; Synod Council. I  
also served on the Criminal Justice Task Force.
- 4) Boy Scout Troops 379 and 300; volunteer chaplain at Berwick  
Retirement Village
- 5) Program Committee
- 6) My background as a supervising chaplain the in federal prison  
system will help me listen, evaluate evidence, and uphold  
standards of professionalism and accountability. My background  
as a Pastor and D.Min. graduate will enable me to impart justice  
and mercy into every decision that I asked to make.

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#### **Julie G. Osterhout**

- 1) Pastor
- 2) Trinity, Wernersville
- 3) I have already served on the Discipline Committee
- 4) Wernersville Ecumenical Affairs Committee; Member of Wernersville Heritage Society & Friend of the Library
- 5) Discipline Committee
- 6) As my first career I was a public school teacher and my first leadership role in a congregation dealt with copious amounts of interpersonal conflict. I have found I have a fair head with which to deal with conflict and have learned to do this as objectively as possible.

#### **Mark R. Rigg**

- 1) Pastor
- 2) Advent, West Lawn
- 3) Pastor of congregation; Member of West Berks Mission District Council; convener of West Berks Mission District Collegiality Team
- 4) President, West Berks Shepherding Ministries
- 5) Bishop's Conference Planning Committee
- 6) Cornel West has written that "Justice is what love looks like in public." I believe that a synod committed to expressing love for all the people it affects is a synod that cares about God's justice in the world. I would appreciate the chance to be a part of that process

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#### Phyllis J. Wolford

- 1) Pastor
- 2) St. John, Tamaqua
- 3) Former Synod Council – 12 years (2 terms); Secretary-  
Hazleton/Lehighon Mission District – 12 years (2 terms); Currently  
2-year term Hazleton/Lehighon Mission District
- 4) Tamaqua Ministerium
- 5) Election Committee when Bishop was elected
- 6) I am interested in serving because I understand the procedures,  
the need to be objective, maintaining confidentiality, and arriving at  
a conclusion that best supports and serves Christ's Church.

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#### **James F. Siegfried**

- 1) Retired
- 2) Jordan, Orefield
- 3) Volunteer on property, social activity planning and community outreach-egg hunt, church picnic, outdoor worship and I bowl on a team in the Jordan bowling league
- 4) Serve on various Thrivent Action Teams; food bank, etc.
- 5) Synod Discipline Committee; helped Ed Cool count ballots at Synod Assemblies
- 6) When Bishop Zeiser asked me to serve, I felt this was another way to serve my Lord.

#### **Linda Zawaski**

- 1) Synodically called to Pastoral Care Provider Beckers/Zion Moselem; Clinical Therapist
- 2) Trinity, Kutztown
- 3) Co-leading the Berks Volunteer Hospital Visitors program and training; working with colleagues to create a peer support spirituality group
- 4) With husband, promote and lead the IHartHarvest's Potato Project
- 5) Current chair of the East Berks Mission District Council; NEPS Witness and Service Team
- 6) As a family based clinician trained in systemic model of counseling and guided by the ethics of the AAMFT. I would like to use these skills to serve the wider church.

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