

## **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINEES**

### **Synod Council-Clergy – 3 Year Term**

#### **Lauren A. Blatt**

- 1) Pastor
- 2) St. Paul, Tower City and St. Peter, Reinerton
- 3) Attended churchwide in Pittsburg (as a lay person); served on West Berks Mission District Board (as a lay person); served on LYF Board (as youth); plus, I'm the pastor of two congregations and Designated Pastor of two more, so I'm all kinds of involved.
- 4) Hope's Table/Café Esperanza; Lion's Club events in Tower City
- 5) Synod Assembly Worship Committee
- 6) I'm interested in adding to the diversity of the Council and I believe I have good ideas to bring to the group.

#### **Charles Grube**

- 1) Pastor
- 2) St. Paul, Dallas
- 3) Pastor at St. Paul's
- 4) Back Mountain Ministerium; Ecumenical Enterprises Board of Directors
- 5) Worship Team (ELCA Partner in Worship); Bishop's Conference Planning; Argentina Companion Synod Committee; Synod Council
- 6) In this difficult time for the institutional church, I believe it is important to be involved in leadership.

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#### **Deborah Scheffey**

- 1) Pastor
- 2) Salem-St. Paul, Kresgeville
- 3) Pocono Mission District Council; Synod Council
- 4) Board of Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Network (food bank & clothing pantry)
- 5) Past ad hoc Committee on Discipline; Past Dean of the Pocono Mission District
- 6) I want to help guide our Synod to do God's work in these changing/challenging times.

#### **Suzanne Trump**

- 1) Pastor
- 2) St. John Windish, Bethlehem
- 3) Current member of Synod Council
- 4) Serve on Board of Directors of my Home Owner Association; Applewood Boutique Committee
- 5) Serve on Nomination Committee of Synod Council; Chair Slovenia Companion Synod Committee
- 6) I would like to help guide the NEPA Synod as we move forward in a new era of ministry. As we make changes in our life and ministry together we need new insights to guide the Synod.

1. Vocation/Occupation

2. Congregation membership

3. Involvement in congregation & other churchwide organization

4. Service in community

5. NEPS Committees/Task Forces served:

6. In a sentence or two, why serve on Synod Council?

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**Synod Council – Person of color or language other than English**  
**3 Year Term**

**Oliver Brown**

- 1) Pastor
- 2) St. James, Wapwallopen
- 3) St. James, Nescopeck; St. Paul's, White Haven; Synod Council; I have 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 in Federal Chaplaincy and in parish ministry equips me with a unique perspective which I will bring to the Synod Council.

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### **Synod Council-Lay Female-3 Year Term**

#### **Elizabeth Leibenguth**

- 1) Currently I am a college student
- 2) St. John, Allentown
- 3) I serve on the Arts of St. John's Committee as well as St. John's council
- 4) I sometimes volunteer at Jefferson Food Bank and in the Criminal Justice Club and the Christian Fellowship Club at school
- 5) Currently I serve on the Synod Council; Lehigh Mission District Council. Previously I served on LFY (Lutheran Youth Fellowship); Youth, Young Adult, Family Ministry Team.
- 6) It brings me closer to God and makes me grow in my faith. I also enjoy being on this council very much, it gives me a bird's eye view on how things work in the Synod.

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### **Synod Council-Lay Male-3 Year Term**

#### **Martin Luther Everhart**

- 1) Clerk/Retired
- 2) St. Paul, Dallas
- 3) Served on Synod Council; St. Paul's council; Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Mission District Board; Secretary and Treasurer of the Mission District; Camp Noah
- 4) Board of Directors Ecumenical Enterprises Inc. (Meadow Nursing Homes) oversee nursing home and several senior apartment complexes
- 5) Mission Support Table; Mission Interpreter
- 6) I want to be part of something that will have purpose and meaning in my life.

#### **Alvin W. Sellers**

- 1) Retired from own Business
- 2) Trinity, Lehighton
- 3) Church Council-President 2 years and Vice President 4 years; Chair of Personnel 2 years; Choir 40 years; Chair of Property 10years
- 4) None at present time; was involved in End Hunger Program for Carbon County; President of Thrivent Advisory Board for 4 years
- 5) N/A
- 6) I have always wanted to be involved at a higher level. I feel my life experiences would help me add to the Council.

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**BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINEES**  
**Synod Council-Youth Female (confirmed under age 18)**  
**2-year term**

**Karrison Dubbs**

- 1) Student
- 2) St. John's, Friedensburg
- 3) Sunday School teacher; Delegate for Schuylkill Haven and Vicinity Council of Churches; Evangelism Committee, Youth Council Representative, Volunteer at Vacation Bible School
- 4) Girl Scout; Swim Lesson Instructor; Lifeguard; Church Youth Group member; Blue Mountain High School Food Drive Coordinator
- 5) N/A
- 6) I would like to get involved in the church outside of my own congregation.

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6. In a sentence or two, why serve on Synod Council?