

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINEES
Synod Council-Lay Female-3 Year Term

Ruth Major

Vocation/Occupation:

Retired Teacher

Congregation membership:

Faith, Blakeslee

Congregation & Churchwide Involvement:

Sunday School; Altar Guild; Finance Committee; Women's Organization

Community service:

Local library volunteer

NEPS Committees/Task Force:

Synod Council – Program Committee

Why are you interested in serving on Synod Council:

I have served for 4 years and find the workings of the church interesting, meeting and visiting other churches in Synod as inspiring to hear of the work

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Synod Council-Clergy-3 Year Term

Cheryl Meinschein

Vocation/Occupation:

Pastor

Congregation membership:

Christ, Dryville

Congregation & Churchwide Involvement:

ELCA Discipline Committee

Community service:

Food pantry and Library

NEPS Committees/Task Force:

Previous Synod Council

Why are you interested in serving on Synod Council:

It's time for the church to re-imagine how ministry is done



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Synod Council-Vice President – 4 Year Term

Kristen Edelman-Weiner

Vocation/Occupation:

Financial Advisor

Congregation membership:

Good Shepherd, Kreidersville

Congregation & Churchwide Involvement:

Synod Council

Community service:

Scouts Pack 40; Adjunct ESL Instructor, Northampton Community College

NEPS Committees/Task Force

Why are you interested in serving on Synod Council:

I want to continue to develop synod – congregation relationships and build interest (and even excitement) in participating in the greater Lutheran Church and community



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Synod Council-Secretary – 4 Year Term

Carl D. Shankweiler

Vocation/Occupation:

Pastor

Congregation membership:

Zion, Frackville

Congregation & Churchwide Involvement:

**Pastor of 2 congregations (Frackville & Buck Run); Frackville
Ministerium; President-Lutheran Board for Mission Support**



Community service:

School Board of Tri-Valley School District

NEPS Committees/Task Force:

**Synod Secretary; Synod Archivist, Saxony Committee, Constitution Committee,
Finance Committee, Legacy Committee**

Why are you interested in serving on Synod Council:

**I find this work interesting, can advocate for justice issues, and can use my
abilities from having been an editor on the churchwide staff.**

**BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINEES
Synod Council-Lay Male-3 Year Term**

Thomas Engle

Vocation/Occupation:

Quality Engineer and Lab Manager

Congregation membership:

St. John, Boyertown

Congregation & Churchwide Involvement:

Bell choir, Sunday School teacher, cluster rep., Mission District council rep. and last 3 years served on NEP Synod Council

Community service:

NEPS Committees/Task Force:

Program committee

Why are you interested in serving on Synod Council:

It is an honor to work together, with lay leaders, Pastors and Bishop, towards a common goal in serving Christ and prayerfully considering what God wants the Church to do. To help discover/discern where is God at work, in our lives, congregations, Synod and at a National level

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Synod Council-Youth Male-2 Year Term

Aaron Poper

Vocation/Occupation:

High school senior at Fleetwood

Congregation membership:

Friedens, Oley

Congregation & Churchwide Involvement:

LYF, Church Council

Community service:

VBS, Lead Synod Day for the YG in Houston

NEPS Committees/Task Force:

Why are you interested in serving on Synod Council:

There are no youth nominees and with a new Bishop being elected next year, youth most be accounted for.

