Report of Nominating Committee
Elections to occur at 2017 Synod Assembly

Bishop (Separate election process)

Synod Council - 5 to be elected
1 Lay (female)
Judy Casteel

4 Ministers of Word and Sacrament (1 Male class of 2018) and (1 male, 1 female, one either Class of 2020)

Class of 2018 (1 yr. term)
The Rev. Paul Pingel

Class of 2020 (3 yr. term)
The Rev. Chris Carr
The Rev. Kelly Bayer Derrick
The Rev. Jeff May
The Rev. Bill Nabers
The Rev. Leslie Scanlon
The Rev. Andrew Tucker
The Rev. Meredith Williams

Consultation Committee - class of 2023 (6 yr. term without consecutive re-election) – 8 to be elected

4 Lay
Leroy Hamlett
Linda Meyer
Charles Poston
Dana Cornett

4 Ministers of Word and Sacrament
The Rev. Andrew Bansemer
The Rev Lauren Miller
The Rev Chris Price
The Rev. Martha Sims

Committee on Discipline (2 yr., 4 yr. and 6 yr. terms without consecutive re-election) – 12 to be elected

Class of 2019

Anita Poston
Paul White
The Rev. Stephen Bohannon
The Rev. Terri Sternberg

Class of 2021
Connie Fauber
Louis Rossiter
The Rev. Derek Boggs
The Rev Cynthia Keyser

Class of 2023
Jennifer Bradshaw
The Rev. William Boldin
The Rev. Kenneth M. Ruppar
The Rev. Sandra Wisco

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES 2017

Nominations Skip Zubrod Chair and Synod Council serve as the nominating Committee

Reference and Counsel:

Chair: Darrell Short
Clergy: The Rev. Cheryl Griffin
The Rev Harry Griffith
The Rev. Bill King
Lay: Jennifer Bradshaw
Matthew Greenshields

Transportation:

Chair: Rev. Jim Larsen
Lay: Ann Mitchell
Richard Corliss

Official Roll:

Chair: Rev. Kathleen Miko
Lay: David Neas
Kathy Neas

Conduct of Elections:

Chair: Elizabeth Smythe
Clergy: The Rev. Lou Florio
The Rev. Larry Shoberg
The Rev. Karen Van Stee
The Rev. Karen Taylor
The Rev. Jim Utt
Lay: Maren Corliss
Charles Poston
Dave Raecke
Jody Smiley
Bob Yates

Minutes:

Chair: Debbie Mintsens
Clergy:  The Rev. Linda Motley
Lay:    Gary Hollis
VIRGINIA SYNOD, ELCA

NOMINATION FORM - BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION – Due by May 9, 2017

TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE (Please type or print legibly):

1. Nominee for: Synod Council
   (position being nominated for)

2. Name: Judy Casteele

3. Mailing Address: Street: 726 W. 4th St
   City/State/Zip: Buena Vista VA 24301


5. Congregation Membership: Good Shepherd Parish Lexington
   Conference: Southern Valley

6. Occupation: Executive Director, Project Horizon
   (If retired, former occupation)

7. List Experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three):
   a. Executive Director responsible for overseeing 6.1 million agency
   b. Knowledge & experiences on all levels of the church
   c. Process Builder – ELCA Women & Justice Social Statement

8. List current or past congregational, synodical or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position (up to three):
   a. Virginia Synodical Women’s Organization (past president)
   b. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council (past president)
   c. Voting Member - Women of the ELCA Thirteenth Convention

9. List current or past community-related service activities (up to three):
   a. Board member - Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Action Alliance
   b. Past president – Rockbridge Area Community Services Board
   c. Volunteer - Rockbridge Coffeehouse (monthly activity for adults with intellectual disabilities)

Will serve if elected. Yes This is a self-nomination

Your name: Judy Casteele
Congregation: Good Shepherd Parish, Lexington

Your Signature: Judy Casteele

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FORM DUE BY MAY 9, 2017
Virginia Synod, ELCA
Nomination Form - Biographical Information—Due by May 9, 2017
To be completed by Nominee (Please type or print legibly):

1. Nominee for: Synod Council
   (Position being nominated for)

2. Name: Paul H. Pingel

   Person of color/primary language other than English: Yes No

   Lay ✗ Rostered Minister ✗ Male ✗ Female

3. Mailing Address: Street: 1224 Hollins Rd.
   City/State/Zip: Waynesboro, VA 22980

4. Telephone: Res. (540) 949-5422 Work (540) 949-6171

5. Congregation Membership: Grace Parish Waynesboro
   Conference: Southern Valley

6. Occupation: Pastor
   (If retired, former occupation)

7. List Experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three):
   a. 24 years of ordained ministry in the ELCA, 15 in Virginia Synod
   b. Participant, past & present in racial reconciliation groups (Columbia, SC), Waynesboro, VA
   c. Serving rural, downtown and small city (small, large American) sized areas & congregations

8. List current or past congregational, synodical or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position (up to three):
   a. Roots & Wings Committee of the Virginia Synod, ELCA
   b. Stewardship Committee of the Virginia Synod, ELCA
   c. Member of Waynesboro, VA Area LARCUM (Lutheran Social Services) Group

9. List current or past community-related service activities (up to three):
   a. Past Chairperson & Current Board Member, Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry (WARM)
   b. Founding member of militias interfaith homelessness action council (Minah), Columbia, SC
   c. Staff - VP of NO KID HUNGER Program ecumenically with eight other Waynesboro, VA Congregations

   Will serve if elected: Yes This is a self-nomination No

   Your name: Paul H. Pingel Congregation: Grace Parish: Waynesboro

   Your Signature: 

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VIRGINIA SYNOD, ELCA

NOMINATION FORM - BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION – Due by May 9, 2017
TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE (Please type or print legibly):

1. Nominee for: SYND COUNCIL
   (position being nominated for)

2. Name: CHRISTOPHER D. CARR

   Person of color/primary language other than English: Yes No
   Lay Yes Rostered Minister Male Female

3. Mailing Address: Street: 505 LANCEY DRIVE
   City/State/Zip: RICHMOND, VA 23114


5. Congregation Membership: CHRIST THE KING Parish RICHMOND
   Conference: RICHMOND

6. Occupation: PASTOR
   (if retired, former occupation)

7. List Experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three):
   a. CURRENT SERVICE ON SYND COUNCIL
   b. CHAIRPERSON OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OFFICER OF ELECTION
   c. SEVEN YEARS ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE U.S. NAVY, HONORABLE DISCHARGE

8. List current or past congregational, synodal or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position (up to three):
   a. CURRENT SERVICE ON SYND COUNCIL AND RELATED SUB-COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCES
   b. MULTIPLE TIMES SERVING AS CHAPLAIN OR SMALL GROUP LEADER AT SYND YOUTH EVENTS
   c. PARTICIPATION IN MISSION 17 AND SEVERAL SYND COMMITTEES

9. List current or past community-related service activities (up to three):
   a. CURRENT SOCIAL MEDIA ADMINISTRATOR FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES OF FAIRFAX, VA
   b. CURRENT WATCH DOGS (PARENTS OF GREAT STUDENTS) VOLUNTEER AT J.B. WATKINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
   c. NUMEROUS BOARD MEMBERSHIPS ON VARIOUS COMMUNITY BOARDS (PAST)

Will serve if elected: Yes
This is a self-nomination

Your name ______________________ Congregation __________________ Parish ____________

Your Signature ________________________________

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1. Nominee for: Synod Council
   (position being nominated for)

2. Name: The Rev. Kelly Bayer Derrick

   Person of color/primary language other than English: Yes No
   Lay X Rostered Minister Male Female

3. Mailing Address: Street: 8101 Williamson Rd
   City/State/Zip: Roanoke, VA 24019


5. Congregation Membership: St. Philip
   Conference: Southern

6. Occupation: Pastor/Professor
   (If retired, former occupation)

7. List Experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three):
   a. Passion for God's call to live the gospel command to love God and love our neighbor
   b. Collaborative leadership which encourages others to learn in so that we can work together for the sake of the gospel for the sake of the world
   c. Celebration of the diverse gifts of God’s people, each of which enable the church to better preach the gospel at all times, using words when necessary

8. List current or past congregational, synodical or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position (up to three):
   a. Current member of Synod Council
   b. Small group leader at synod youth events, and primary high school youth leader at St. Philip
   c. Ten years of pastoral leadership with God’s people at St. Philip

9. List current or past community-related service activities (up to three):
   a. Professor of Religious Studies at Hollins University
   b. Co-team parent for Northside High School's boys soccer team
   c. Roanoke County Schools Diversity Committee

Will serve if elected: Yes This is a self-nomination
Your name: The Rev. Kelly D. Bayer Derrick
Congregation: St. Philip, Roanoke
Parish:

Your Signature: __________________________

Digitally signed by The Rev. Kelly D. Bayer Derrick
Date: 2017.03.28 12:11:15-04'00

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TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE (Please type or print legibly):

1. Nominee for: Synod Council
   (position being nominated for)

2. Name: Jeffrey May

   Person of color/primary language other than English: Yes X No

   □ Lay            □ Rostered Minister  X Male       Female

3. Mailing Address: Street: 5427 Alum Springs Rd
   City/State/Zip: Edinburg, VA 22824


5. Congregation Membership: St. Paul Parish: Jerome
   Conference: Central Valley

6. Occupation: Pastor
   (If retired, former occupation)

7. List Experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three):
   a. Extensive experience in visioning/congregational long range planning.
   b. 25+ years of parish ministry
   c. Field Education supervisor Philadelphia Seminary

8. List current or past congregational, synodical or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position (up to three):
   a. Chair, Youth Ministry Mission Team of New Jersey Synod
   b. Synodical Coach for ELCA Youth Gathering
   c. Visioning Team Advisor of Shenandoah Valley Lutheran Ministries

9. List current or past community-related service activities (up to three):
   a. Adjunct Instructor of Philosophy and Religion - James Madison University
   b. Business development officer for real estate developer
   c. Human resources experience 9 years

   Will serve if elected. X Yes This is a self-nomination X

   Your name ______________________ Congregation ______________________ Parish ______________________

   Your Signature ______________________

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VIRGINIA SYNOD, ELCA
NOMINATION FORM—BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION—DUE BY MAY 9, 2017
TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE (please type or print legibly):

1. Nominee for: Synod Council—Clergy

2. Name: The Rev. Leslie D. Scanlon

Person of color/primary language other than English: _____ Yes  X  No

_____ Lay  X  Rostered Minister  _____ Male  X  Female

3. Mailing Address: Grace Lutheran Church, 521 Providence Road, Chesapeake, VA 23325

4. Telephone: (cell) 757-598-3522 (office) 757-420-4704

5. Congregation Membership: Grace Lutheran Church, Chesapeake, Tidewater Conference

6. Occupation: Pastor

7. List Experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position
(up to three):
   a. Passionate about sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed
   b. Interested in discerning what it means to be church today and living into it
   c. Team-player: organized, detail oriented, and willing to ask the tough questions

8. List current or past congregational, synodical or churchwide activities related to
   qualifications for this position (up to three):
   b. Served on Advisory Board for “All Right Ministry” (2013-15)
   c. Organizer of the Tidewater Lutheran Young Adult Group

9. List current or past community-related service activities (up to three):
   a. Survivor of Suicide—Out of Darkness Walk, Virginia Beach (2015 & 2016)
   b. Communications Director of Framingham Interfaith Clergy Association (2013-15)
   c. Helped prepare & serve dinner at Salvation Army (Framingham, MA) (2012-15)

Will serve if elected  X  Yes  This is a self-nomination  X

Your name: Leslie D. Scanlon  Congregation: Grace Lutheran, Chesapeake, VA

Your Signature ____________________________

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VIRGINIA SYND, ELCA

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TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE (Please type or print legibly):

1. Nominee for: Synod Council
   (position being nominated for)

2. Name: Drew Tucker

   Person of color/primary language other than English: Yes No
   Lay X Rostered Minister Male Female

3. Mailing Address: Street: 1302 4th St.
   City/State/Zip: Radford, VA 24141

4. Telephone: Res. 919.370.0177 Work 540.639.2671

5. Congregation Membership: Christ
   Conference: New River

6. Occupation: Pastor
   (If retired, former occupation)

7. List Experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three):
   a. Passion for reaching unchurched and under-churched populations
   b. Strong connection to ELCA through campus ministry
   c. Congregational and Campus Ministry experience across four Synods

8. List current or past congregational, synodical or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position (up to three):
   a. Pastor at Christ, Radford and Campus Pastor at Radford University and Virginia Tech
   b. Region 9 and ELCA Campus Ministry Conference Planning Teams
   c. ELCA Appalachian Task Force

9. List current or past community-related service activities (up to three):
   a. Virginia Council of Churches Young Clergy Conference Planning Team
   b. Member of the Blacksburg Refugee Partnership
   c. Developed SolSup, for community based education and activism

Will serve if elected: Yes X No
This is a self-nomination

Your name: John Wertz, Jr.
Congregation: St. Michael, Blacksburg Parish

Your Signature:

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TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE (Please type or print legibly):

1. Nominee for: Virginia Synod Council Voting member Clergy
   (position being nominated for)

2. Name: Rev. G. William (Bill) Nabers
   Person of color/primary language other than English: Yes X No
   Lay X Rostered Minister X Male   Female

3. Mailing Address: Street: PO Box 733
   City/State/Zip: Basye, Virginia 22810


5. Congregation Membership: St. Paul Parish: Strasburg
   Conference: Central Valley

6. Occupation: Pastor (If retired, former occupation)

7. List Experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three):
   a. Ordained pastor at various sized congregations
   b. Work with Bowen Family Systems Theory and Healthy Congregations since 2001
   c. Experience working with Synodical and ELCA ministries from both an Ordained and Lay perspective

8. List current or past congregational, synodical or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position
   (up to three):
   c. Voting member at 2001 and 2007 Churchwide Assemblies

9. List current or past community-related service activities (up to three):
   c. Religion columnist for the Mountain Courier (1996 –present)

Will serve if elected. X Yes This is a self-nomination

Your name: Linus Congregation First English Parish: Richmond

Signature

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NOMINATION FORM - BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE (Please type or print legibly):

1. Nominee for: Synod Council (position being nominated for)

2. Name: Meredith Williams

   Person of color/primary language other than English: Yes No
   Lay Clergy: Male Female

3. Mailing Address: 1616 Montague St
   City/State/Zip: Danville VA 24541

4. Telephone: Res (434) 792-2677 Work (434) 792-5795

5. Congregation Membership: Ascension Parish Danville
   Conference: Southern

6. Occupation: Pastor (If retired, former occupation)

7. List Experiences or factors that you believe have prepared you for service in this position (up to three):
   b. Small Group Leader at numerous VA Synod Youth events
   c. Pastor in VA Synod 2000-present

8. List current or past congregational, synodical or churchwide activities related to qualification for this position
   (up to three):
   a. Grace & Main Fellowship 2011-present a ministry with homeless, poor, reformed in Danville
   b. LYOB Chaplain 2011-2014

9. List current or past community-related service activities (up to three):
   a. Chair Board of Directors, 3rd Chance Ministries 2012-present
   b. Lions Club 2000-2010
   c. Danville Reading Center Board of Directors 2009-2012

Will serve if elected: Yes This is a self-nomination

Your name: Meredith Williams Congregation: Ascension Parish Danville
Your Signature: Meredith Williams

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