

ELCA – SOUTHEASTERN SYNOD 2008 BIOGRAPHICAL FORM

Instructions: Please print legibly. Be as concise as possible. For clarity's sake, please avoid titles and terms which may be confusing or in need of further explanation. Positions to be elected are listed on the reverse of this form.

DATE: _____ NOMINEE'S NAME: _____
(MUST HAVE NOMINEE'S CONSENT)

POSITION NOMINATED FOR: _____
 HOME ADDRESS:(please include complete address with zip code) _____

E-MAIL: _____ TELEPHONE: HOME(_____) _____
 OFFICE(_____) _____ CELL PHONE: (_____) _____
 CURRENT OCCUPATION: _____
 CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERSHIP: NAME OF CONGREGATION _____
 CITY/STATE _____ CONFERENCE _____

ENDORSEMENT FOR LAY NOMINEES: THIS NOMINEE IS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE ABOVE REFERENCED CONGREGATION _____
(PASTOR OR CONGREGATIONAL PRESIDENT)

INVOLVEMENTS: (Please limit to 5 or fewer each category)

PROFESSIONAL _____
 COMMUNITY _____
 LOCAL CONGREGATION _____
 SYNOD/CONFERENCE _____
 CHURCHWIDE _____

RACIAL/ETHNIC BACKGROUND: _____
 PRIMARY LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH: _____
 EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: _____

PLEASE CHECK: LAY _____ CLERGY _____ MALE _____ FEMALE _____
 FOR YOUTH POSITIONS ONLY: DATE OF BIRTH _____ CURRENT GRADE _____

IF YOU ARE NOMINATED TO SERVE AS A VOTING MEMBER FOR THE 2009 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY (AUGUST 17-23, 2009—MINNEAPOLIS, MN) YOU SHOULD:

1. READ THE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE REVERSE OF THIS FORM, AND
2. AGREE TO AND SIGN THE STATEMENT BELOW

As a nominee, I will attempt to attend the "Meet the Candidates" session at the ELCA-Southeastern Synod Assembly, June 7, 2008 in Atlanta, GA.

I understand that if I am elected as a voting member for the 2009 Churchwide Assembly, my term is for two years, until voting members for the 2011 Churchwide Assembly are elected. If I am elected, I will carefully study all ELCA material provided to voting members. I am willing to meet with conferences and congregations within my geographic area if requested, prior to and following the 2009 Churchwide Assembly.

Nominee signature _____

Please circle all Churchwide Assemblies attended as a voting member:

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|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1989-Chicago | 1991-Orlando | 1993-Kansas City | 1995-Minneapolis |
| 1997-Philadelphia | 1999-Denver | 2001-Indianapolis | 2003-Milwaukee |
| 2005-Orlando | 2007-Chicago | | |

All Biographical Forms submitted before April 15, 2008 will be considered by the Nominating Committee. Please mail this form to: Nominating Committee, ELCA-Southeastern Synod, 100 Edgewood Ave, NE, Suite 1600, Atlanta, GA 30303 until **April 15, 2008.**

Those not nominated by the committee may be nominated at the first plenary session (Friday June 6, 2008) of the Southeastern Synod Assembly in Atlanta, GA. Biographical forms will be required at that time.

Questions? Contact 404-589-1977, ext 234 or aonstad@elca-ses.org.

ELCA – SOUTHEASTERN SYNOD 2008 NOMINATIONS

To be elected at the 2008 ELCA-Southeastern Synod Assembly:

VOTING MEMBERS FOR THE 2009 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD AUGUST 17-23, 2009 IN MINNEAPOLIS, MN.

7 laypersons-the goal is that 1/2 will be male, 1/2 will be female, 10% persons of color or language other than English; of those 7 layperson 1 will be a youth/young adult who is age 21 or younger at the time of election.

4 clergy-the goal is that at least 1 will be male and at least 1 will be female.

The Southeastern Synod has been allocated 13 voting members for the 2009 Churchwide Assembly. Eight of these are to be laypersons and five are to be clergy. Bishop Julian Gordy serves ex officio as one of the clergy voting members and the Synod Council has recommended that the Synod Vice President be designated as one of the lay voting members. Thus, an additional 7 laypersons and 4 clergy are to be elected.

REPRESENTATIVES FOR A TWO YEAR TERM TO THE SYNOD COUNCIL FROM CONFERENCES 1-8

Conferences 1, 3, 5, 7 will elect clergy

Conferences 2, 4, 6, 8 will elect a layperson

THREE AT-LARGE MEMBERS FOR SYNOD COUNCIL

Important Information for Voting Members to the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly (August 17-23, 2009 – Minneapolis, MN)

The ELCA is intentional in choosing to speak of "assemblies" and "voting members" rather than "conventions" and "delegates." The Synod Assembly is just that, an assembly of the people of this church gathered around Word and Sacrament, some of whom have been granted the responsibility of being voting members of the Synod Assembly. In the same way, those chosen by a synod assembly to be voting members of the Churchwide Assembly are given the responsibility of doing the work of the Churchwide Assembly on behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. They are not sent to participate as politicized delegates from some regional or agenda-specific caucus at some national party convention. They gather around Word and Sacrament to represent and serve on behalf of all of the members of the congregations in all of the synods of this one church.

These people are chosen not because they have already made up their minds on particular issues but because we believe that they can **STUDY, LISTEN, LEARN and ACT PRAYERFULLY AND FAITHFULLY** on the decisions that will come before them. It is for that reason that we do not ask nominees to state their positions on issues but rather try to learn something about their commitment and service to the risen Lord Jesus and the whole Church.

Note for 2009 Synod Assembly elections: At its January 2008 meeting, the Synod Council of the Southeastern Synod approved the following: By action of the Synod Council (S9.01.B08), "The Synod Council Executive Committee shall provide for background checks for persons nominated for synodical office prior to the Synod Assembly at which the election will take place or as soon as possible after the Synod Assembly for newly elected officers nominated from the floor who were not identified as nominees prior to the assembly."

This action will be in effect at the 2009 Assembly when the Southeastern Synod elects a Synod Secretary.