

Report of the Committee on Nominations

The Committee on Nominations is tasked with presenting to the Synod convention two candidates for each eligible position. It presents the following nominees for your consideration. Biographical information for each candidate will be included in the on-line Bulletin of Reports. **Additional nominations may be made from the floor for each of the positions listed below.**

Note: The elections for Secretary and Vice-Chairperson of Synod Council will be conducted using an “ecclesiastical” ballot, wherein convention delegates will write one name on a ballot. 75% majority vote is required for election on this initial ballot; two-thirds is required for the second ballot; simple majority is required for third and subsequent ballots.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Fleming Blishen
Rev. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
Rev. Carol Dennison
Rev. Brian Krushel
Rev. Christoph Reiners
Rev. Jim Whaley

SYNOD COUNCIL

Lower Fraser Valley	Rostered	Rev. Kristen Steele (Shepherd of the Valley, Langley) —
Vancouver Island	Lay	Andrew Macauley (Grace, Victoria) Joanne Solomonson (Church of the Cross, Victoria)
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Peace River	Lay	— —

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Gerry Saleski (Church of the Cross, Victoria)
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NOMINEES for Delegates to attend the 2017 ELCIC National Convention:

Youth (1 delegate position)

Aaron Marchuk (Grace, Dawson Creek)
Sive Johnson (Church of the Cross, Victoria)

North, Rostered (1 delegate position)

Rev. Jim Whaley

North, Lay (2 delegate positions)

Sharon Bell (Grace, Dawson Creek)
Rosalyn Golinsky (Grace, Dawson Creek)

Lana Wilfur (Grace, Dawson Creek)

Southern Interior, Rostered (2 delegates positions)

Rev. Patricia Giannelia

Rev. David Hunter

Rev. Katrina Vigen

Southern Interior, Lay (2 delegate positions)

Grant Day (Ascension, Nelson)

Norman Thompson (Hills of Peace, Kamloops)

Vancouver Island, Rostered (1 delegate position)

Rev. Ed Chell (Grace, Victoria)

Rev. Karen Johnson-Lefsrud (Church of the Cross, Victoria)

Vancouver Island, Lay (2 delegate positions)

Duncan Campbell (Shepherd of the Valley, Comox)

Angela Chorney (Church of the Cross, Victoria)

Melinda Luthy (Grace, Victoria)

Geerry Roe (Trinity, Port Alberni)

Gerry Saleski (Church of the Cross, Victoria)

Lower Mainland, Rostered (3 delegate positions)

Rev. Caroline Glauster

Rev. Jennifer Marlor

Rev. Kathy Martin

Lower Mainland, Lay (3 delegate positions)

Dick Aporta (St. Paul's, Maple Ridge)

Judy Bueschkens (St. Paul's, Maple Ridge)

Beverly Cuthbert (Mt. Zion, New Westminster)

Hector de los Santos (King of Life, Coquitlam)

Anne Johnson (First, Vancouver)

Kristine Mathiasen (Peace, Abbotsford)

Charrise Millan (St. Paul's, Maple Ridge)

Peter Reinhardt (King of Life, Coquitlam)



NOMINATION FORM FOR BC SYNOD DELEGATES TO ELCIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

Position Nominated for:	<input type="checkbox"/> Rostered	<input type="checkbox"/> Lay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth <i>(Between 16 and 25 as of July 1, 2017)</i>
YOUTH, (1 position)			
Name:	Sive Johnson	Gender:	Female
Congregational Membership			
Name of Congregation:	Lutheran Church of the Cross		
City, Province:	Victoria, BC	Synod:	BC
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.			
I have been a member of CISV Victoria, am an avid advocate for social justice, global friendship and creating an inclusive world. I have leadership skills and good communication skills. I believe that the church has an important role to play in working for social justice and greater equality.			
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.			
To remain relevant, accessible and inclusive to people in my age group.			
Why are you interested in being a delegate?			
Broaden my experience and to learn how the process works.			

Position Nominated for:	<input type="checkbox"/> Rostered	Lay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth	<i>(Between 16 and 25 as of July 1, 2017)</i>
YOUTH (1 position)				
Name:	Aaron Marchuk		Gender:	Male
Congregational Membership				
Name of Congregation:	Grace, Lutheran Church			
City, Province:	Dawson Creek, BC		Synod:	BC
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.				
Have been a pianist/organist at this church for several years and would like to be able to learn more about the position of the Lutheran Church organization and be involved				
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.				
I continue to have a strong presence in the Christian culture of Canada and not lose its value.				
Why are you interested in being a delegate?				
To get involved at a different level with my church and learn more about the organization of it..				

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NORTH, ROSTERED (1 position)		
Name:	Jim Whaley	Gender: Male
Congregational Membership		
Name of Congregation:	St. Paul's Lutheran Church	
City, Province:	Prince Rupert, BC	Synod: BC
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.		
I am a parish pastor serving in small congregations located in small towns or isolated areas. I have supervised 11 interns preparing for ministry. My experiences help to guide my discussions and decisions during conventions. My degree in political science helps me to understand and appreciate the governance process of church conventions.		
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.		
My hope for our ELCIC is that we will continue to adapt to a changing society to be a more welcoming and inclusive church who recognizes that God is working outside of building and institutions. My concern is that while we change and adapt, we remain rooted in a theology of grace supported though Word and sacrament. I want us to proclaim our unique Lutheran message while we work with other churches and faith groups.		
Why are you interested in being a delegate?		
I am interested in becoming a delegate because I see conventions as an important opportunity for conversation and decisions guided by the Holy Spirit that helps the church acknowledge its mission in the world and plan ways to live out that mission. I enjoy conventions as times for wonderful worship and making relationships with new people and connecting with old friends. As one who has served on a variety of convention committees, I value the working of the church in its business sessions.		

Position Nominated for:	Rostered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lay <input type="checkbox"/> Youth <i>(Between 16 and 25 as of July 1, 2017)</i>
NORTH, LAY (2 positions)	
Name:	Sharon Bell Gender: Female
Congregational Membership	
Name of Congregation:	Grace Lutheran Church
City, Province:	Dawson Creek, BC Synod: BC
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat on Local, Conference, Synod and National ELW boards • Active in local and conference ELCIC executives. • Presently secretary of Peace River Conference • Attended all ELW National Conventions as a delegate and board member • Delegate for our church at a national convention (year??) • Currently am Worship Coordinator and leader of our worship services. • I also put together the weekly bulletin and liaison with visiting pastors regarding worship • Have been on Church Council and Call Committees various times over the years. 	
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That we will be open to all people • We can share one building with other Confessional Churches • Our worship services not be so structured and more new upbeat music <p>Please note: If someone from Grace is chosen, I would really like to see Aaron Marchuk go. He is 20 years old and our pianist and it would be such a great experience for him.</p>	
Why are you interested in being a delegate?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To stay connected to the greater church across Canada • To learn more about what the National Church is doing • To experience the wonderful worship service • To meet others and discuss church issues • To bring back what I've learned to our small congregation 	

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NORTH, LAY (2 positions)		
Name:	Rosalyn Golinsky	Gender: Female
Congregational Membership		
Name of Congregation:	Grace Lutheran Church	
City, Province:	Dawson Creek, BC	Synod: BC
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.		
<i>No comments were made.</i>		
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.		
<i>No comments were made.</i>		
Why are you interested in being a delegate?		
Learn something about the church		

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NORTH, LAY (2 positions)		
Name:	Lana Wilfur	Gender: Female
Congregational Membership		
Name of Congregation:	Grace Lutheran Church	
City, Province:	Dawson Creek, BC	Synod: BC
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interior Designer • Opened own business (18 years) • Member of Grace Lutheran Church whole life (56 years) • I'm very interested in the future of the Lutheran Churches 		
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.		
<p><i>No comments were made.</i></p>		
Why are you interested in being a delegate?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making new contacts • Never been to Winnipeg • Always something to learn • Feed my spiritual soul! 		

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SOUTHERIN INTERIOR, ROSTERED (1 position)		
Name:	Patricia Giannelia	Gender: Female
Congregational Membership		
Name of Congregation:	Christ Lutheran Church	
City, Province:	Kelowna, BC	Synod: BC
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.		
<p>I celebrate my 25th anniversary of ordination this year (2016), so now have a more 'longitudinal' experience of our church that I would like to share as appropriate.</p> <p>As a Pastor, I have served in the Eastern Synod (one call in Quebec, one call in Ontario), and in the BC Synod (one call), and have attended a number of National Worship Conferences and National Youth Gatherings, so have a good sense of the breadth of our church, and the many varied and talented people we have across our church.</p> <p>I have served as Dean in two conferences, on a seminary board of governors, and currently serve on the Board of Adjudication, so have an understanding of and respect for church organization and procedure. I have also volunteered in the community (eg. - Hospice Richmond Hill, Inn From the Cold, Gospel Mission, Refugee Sponsorship), so understand our call to be the church in world.</p> <p>All this is undergirded by my deep faith in Jesus Christ and my love for the church.</p>		
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.		
<p>I am concerned that in so many places, our congregations are struggling and in decline. Our theology is sound, and our tradition is honourable, yet we do not seem to be able to communicate it in a way that brings enough new people to the Gospel to make us more vibrant. I would like us to 'change the conversation' so that we might strengthen who we are as Evangelical Lutherans, and as Lutherans in partnership with the Anglican Church of Canada.</p>		
Why are you interested in being a delegate?		
<p>I have attended five conventions as a rostered delegate. As a delegate, I would say that I have acquitted myself well, in thoroughly informing myself of the issues addressed and participating in sessions accordingly.</p> <p>As a delegate, I have always appreciated the contributions made by pastors more senior than me, and now that I am one of the longer-serving ones, would appreciate the opportunity to offer my 'wisdom' such as it is, to the discourse at hand, as we seek to guide our church into the future.</p>		

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SOUTHERN INTERIOR, ROSTERED (2 positions)		
Name:	David Hunter	Gender: Male
Congregational Membership		
Name of Congregation:	Peace Lutheran Church	
City, Province:	Vernon, BC	Synod: BC
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.		
<p>Education: M.Div 1988: LTS Saskatoon: BFA in Music 1981: York U. Toronto Ordained: July 10, 1988 Parish Pastor, Salem Lutheran Church, Pass Lake, ON (MNO Synod) 1988-1993 Parish Pastor, Augustana Lutheran Church, Saskatoon, SK (SK Synod) 1993-2015 Parish Pastor, Peace Lutheran Congregation, Vernon, BC (BC Synod) 2015-present Shared ministry (Augustana & St. Timothy's Anglican) 2009-2015 Parish Nurse Ministry (Augustana) 2007-2015 Reconciling in Christ Ministry (Augustana) 2013-2015</p>		
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.		
<p>Meeting the challenges of doing more with less is stretching our church and challenging us to re-examine how we can be the church in new ways. Initiatives that address our structure are important but so are the grassroots efforts to renew the mission of the church. I believe that as a church we are moving forward in RE-forming our identity on all levels. This includes, taking initiative for dialogue, partnership and sharing with other denominations; reaching out in new ways with God's love to a community that is culturally shifting away from involvement in church; reshaping our structure to meet our priorities in the best way possible, given limited resources; meaningfully engaging members at all levels of decision making. We continue to represent a theologically radical centre of the church spectrum and therefore offer an important voice in the church locally and globally.</p>		
Why are you interested in being a delegate?		
<p>It has been quite a few years since my last opportunity to attend a national convention, and I look forward to the opportunity to be part of this assembly during a very important juncture in our history, as we transition to a new format for conventions.</p>		

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SOUTHERN INTERIOR, ROSTERED (2 positions)				
Name:	Katrina Vigen		Gender:	Female
Congregational Membership				
Name of Congregation:	Ascension Lutheran Church			
City, Province:	Nelson, BC		Synod:	BC
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.				
<p>In my educational, professional, and church background I have been part of decision making bodies and understand about listening to others, working towards a consensus and building diplomatic ties. I have done this in secular arenas - for example, as a young person I was a delegate to the largest international Model United Nations conference in The Hague, The Netherlands; and also have advocated in Washington, D.C. on behalf of church organizations. But I think I really learned to listen and prayerfully consider decisions when I served as a missionary in Hong Kong and had the honour of being an English teacher on the faculty of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hong Kong; I had to learn to pay attention to different communications styles from different cultural backgrounds and it greatly increased my own communication skills.</p>				
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.				
<p>I see possibilities in the future - and that excites me - I recognize membership numbers are a struggle for our congregations and that some despair the lack of young people in many churches - however, as a younger person, I am hopeful that God is doing something interesting with us. I don't think our churches will look the same or be the same as they have been in the past several decades - and that's OK - because there is still a hunger among people and I think the ELCIC still has a role to play in our society. I hope we can continue to be a church in mission for others, I hope we can continue to grow in our ecumenical relationships. I hope we can share the good news with as many people as possible in as many different ways as possible.</p>				
Why are you interested in being a delegate?				
<p>I am new to the ELCIC and new to ordained ministry and I think I would learn a great deal about our church from attending the National Convention. I am a big picture person and would appreciate the view. I have never had the opportunity to attend a national denominational gathering and hope to be able to one day.</p>				

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SOUTHERN INTERIOR, LAY (2 positions)		
Name:	Grant Day	Gender: Male
Congregational Membership		
Name of Congregation:	Ascension Lutheran Church	
City, Province:	Nelson, BC	Synod: BC
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.		
I was baptized and grew up in the Lutheran Church. Currently raising two children in the church. Have held various leadership roles over the years including council chair, vice chair, secretary, deacon, property and building committee and Sunday school teacher.		
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.		
To see the church continue to be active in social/global justice issues. Explore ways to see growth within the church.		
Why are you interested in being a delegate?		
I would like to utilize this opportunity as a learning experience to gain an understanding on the relationship of ELCIC with congregations.		

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SOUTHERN INTERIOR, LAY (2 positions)		
Name:	Norman L. Thompson	Gender: Male
Congregational Membership		
Name of Congregation:	Hills of Peace, Lutheran Church	
City, Province:	Kamloops, BC	Synod: BC
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MBA, CPA, CGA, ACIS, P.Adm and candidate for ICD.D • Board Director for the Good Samaritan Society; Director for Denominational Health Association; Director for First Nations Health Authority; and Director for Compassion Trustee Corporation • I was the first volunteer National Treasurer for ELCIC. • Past chair on several church councils 		
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.		
<p>The ELCIC is noted as a leader in the Lutheran World Federation and in Canada. We have challenged the status quo on refugees, First Nations reconciliation, human rights, poverty and many other fronts while spreading God's love. We are challenged to do more with less financial resources and we need strong leaders to guide us forward.</p>		
Why are you interested in being a delegate?		
<p>My interest is in serving my church and helping to gather together a strong voice for God's mission in today's world. I have attended conventions in the past and helped to develop change for moving forward while retaining our rich heritage, tradition and faith in God.</p>		

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VANCOUVER ISLAND, ROSTERED (1 position)		
Name:	Ed Chell	Gender: Male
Congregational Membership		
Name of Congregation:	Lutheran Church of the Cross	
City, Province:	Victoria, BC	Synod: BC
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.		
<p>Education - B.Sc (Food Sci) - U of Alberta, M.Div - Waterloo Lutheran Seminary Work History - Prior to ordination I worked in a dairy plant, as a dairy farm inspector and as a production manager in a cake factory. After ordination I served rural and suburban parish ministry followed by 7 years of chaplaincy in long term care and 5 years to present in provincial prison ministry. My work history has given a broad perspective on life and death as well as experience with people who have little or no connection to organized religion.</p>		
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.		
<p>As a person who grew up in the LCA and the ELCIC I am concerned about what the church will evolve into. My experience working with many people from varied faith traditions as well as with those who have no particular faith tradition has taught me that faith is far from absent among people. Seeing God stir within most people I encounter gives me hope for the future. Most recently the bulk of my experience is with First Nations people and with people who live in the shadow of trauma. There is room here for our church to move and be moved. My hope for the ELCIC lies in listening to God's voice through people and scripture, our collective prayer and our dreams that inspire our actions as people who make up the church of ours.</p>		
Why are you interested in being a delegate?		
<p>I am interested in being a delegate to the ELCIC National Convention, to be a part of the larger church. I look forward to connecting with people from across the country to share our experiences of life and faith expressions. I also see value in reflecting wisely as we participate in the process of making decisions. Being in a prison ministry my presence also helps broaden the diversity of the convention.</p>		

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VANCOUVER ISLAND, ROSTERED (1 position)		
Name:	Karen Johnson-Lefsrud	Gender: Female
Congregational Membership		
Name of Congregation:	Lutheran Church of the Cross	
City, Province:	Victoria, BC	Synod: BC
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.		
<p>My education background includes a Bachelor of Music from Pacific Lutheran University (1980), M.Div degree from LTS in Saskatoon (1985) and M.Ed in Leadership Studies from the UVic (2011). I was ordained into the office of work & sacrament in 1988. I briefly served at Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Richmond. However, the majority of my work has been in specialized ministries, first at the Royal Jubilee Hospital & Victoria Hospice, and then for the past 24 years for the Luther Court Society. I have held three different roles at Luther Court in my tenure there--Director of Pastoral Care & Counseling, Director of Care and now for the last 7 years, Executive Director. I have had the privilege of learning from, caring for and being cared for by elders. Luther Court is an organization actively engaged in changing the culture of aging and I see this as being in alignment with the ELCIC's vision of "being in mission for others." We provide a broad continuum of services including housing and care for elders, and we are currently working to provide meaningful, sustained intergenerational interactions that foster relationships, and we are also investigating the opportunities to engage a broader swath of community in a primary health care setting that is integrated with our current campus of care.</p> <p>I spent many years actively involved in the worship work of the ELCIC, including intensive work on the development of <i>Evangelical Lutheran Worship</i>. I served as the ELCIC representative to the Hymnody editorial team for this large project and later as one of three national coordinators for the introduction of <i>Evangelical Lutheran Worship</i> to our churches in Canada. I continue to be a musician for Lutheran Church of the Cross, and making music with others feeds my soul. I am convinced that in the song of the people that God is present and opens not only our ears but also our eyes and our hearts. Song can be healing in times of grief and loss, can stir a community to actions for justice and is an important vehicle for our prayer and our praise. The song of the people is an essential component of the communal aspect of the church.</p> <p>I am keenly interested in how the church continues to be in mission for others and what that looks like in terms of new collaborative partnerships. I am interested in how we support people throughout the life journey, particularly at times of crisis and transition and how we engage people in ways that are nourishing of their spirit. I am interested in the global perspective of the church and how we connect to that in our day-to-day living. I really like the new directions that the church is taking in these days of decline of numbers, with the re-focus on developing spiritual resources and in the emphasis upon listening to others inside and outside the church discerning together what God is up to!</p>		
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.		
<p>My concerns for the ELCIC are that with the decrease in revenue and with fewer opportunities to gather together, that our sense of community together and common purpose can be in jeopardy. I am hopeful however, that there is a new creativity and sense of re-visioning what church means in our communities. I believe God is present and active in our midst and I believe that the church may be in one of the most important times in its history.</p>		

Why are you interested in being a delegate?

When you are in specialized ministries, and for so many years only 1 clergy delegate sent from the VI conference, I have not had the opportunity to serve as a delegate since 1989! I have been to many conventions assisting with convention worship. However, I would very much like to engage in the dialogue as a delegate, and participate fully in the work of the church that happens there. I also think that it is important that we recognize that our clergy serve in a variety of roles, besides parish work, and it is important to have their voices & experience in our midst as well. The fellowship at convention is also a wonderful gift.

VANCOUVER ISLAND, LAY (2 positions)		
Name:	Duncan Campbell	Gender: Male
Congregational Membership		
Name of Congregation:	Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church	
City, Province:	Comox, BC	Synod: BC
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.		
<p>I have been a delegate at several previous synodical and national conventions. I have served in every aspect of worship service, been on call committees, and on church council. I hope one day to attend seminary and be ordained as a rostered minister.</p>		
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.		
<p>I would like to see the ELCIC continue to work as a force for good in the world. We should continue pushing forward as a welcoming church in Christ, and continue to find ways to help those in need, be if financial, physical, mental spiritual, etc.</p>		
Why are you interested in being a delegate?		
<p>As the church is one body, it is important for that body to remain connected. I have greatly enjoyed my previous experiences as a delegate, hearing new viewpoints from both lay and rostered delegates, sharing faith experiences, discovering new avenues of worship and being able to bring a sense of vitality and commitment back to my home congregation.</p>		

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VANCOUVER ISLAND, LAY (2 positions)		
Name:	Angela Chorney	Gender: Female
Congregational Membership		
Name of Congregation:	Lutheran Church of the Cross	
City, Province:	Victoria, BC	Synod: BC
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.		
<p>Over the past couple of years, I have become increasingly interested and active in our wider church. I attended our Vancouver Island Conference Convention last fall and I am serving as the Assistant Manager for the BC Synod Convention this Spring. I have also previously served on the BC Synod Youth Committee and am currently on the National Planning Committee for CLAY as the Registrar.</p>		
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.		
<p>My hope for our church is an ever-increasing awareness of and inclusion of people from all walks of life. I want us to continue to engage with our neighbours (both inside and outside our church building walls). I want us to really understand the needs of the people around us so that we can partner with them to meet those needs in a respectful and loving way.</p>		
Why are you interested in being a delegate?		
<p>I'm interested in being an active participant in conversations about our National Church. I want to be a part of making change and I want to be inspired by celebrating with other delegates that good news coming from their home congregations across the country.</p>		

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VANCOUVER ISLAND, LAY (2 positions)	
Name:	Melinda Luthy Gender: Female
Congregational Membership	
Name of Congregation:	Grace Lutheran Church
City, Province:	Victoria, BC Synod: BC
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.	
<p>I'm a team player. I have served on council for my first time in 2007/2008. At that time I was involved in the Mission and Outreach and Alter Care. So last year I decided to go on council again. I feel more mature and engaged. This past year our congregation was informed at the 2015 AGM that we had lost our charitable status. I decided to train and volunteer as the church's bookkeeper and I'm enjoying it.</p>	
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.	
<p>Reach out and connect more spiritually with the wider community as our number lower. Make sure that all the levels of government don't change the laws for Charitable Status.</p>	
Why are you interested in being a delegate?	
<p>I think that it would be a unique experience, as I have never attended a regional or a national convention. I'm sure if I was chosen, I would have a wealth of information to share.</p>	

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VANCOUVER ISLAND, LAY (2 positions)		
Name:	Geerry Roe	Gender: Female
Congregational Membership		
Name of Congregation:	Trinity Lutheran Church	
City, Province:	Port Alberni, BC	Synod: BC
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.		
Retired instructor – Salmon Arm Campus of Okanagan College Worked with adults who have special needs Church involvement include music ministry – singing, play violin/viola; am currently Treasurer for Trinity Lutheran, prepare weekly service bulletins, sit on church council, am on selection team for new pastor; active in women’s group; active in Cursillo		
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.		
The church in many places appears to be in decline If we hope to progress and grow, we need to find innovative ways to reach out to involve our communities.		
Why are you interested in being a delegate?		
I want to understand how/why the church operates the way it does.		

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LOWER MAINLAND, ROSTERED (3 positions)		
Name:	Carolina Glauster	Gender: Female
Congregational Membership		
Name of Congregation:	Mount Olivet Lutheran Church	
City, Province:	North Vancouver	Synod: Greater Vancouver
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.		
<p>I've grown up an active member of the ELCIC (in Saskatchewan), been trained as a pastor in the States and in conversation with the ELCA and other church bodies, and have served in the BC Synod for about three years so far. I'll bring my awareness of how being church happens in the conversation between local, synodical, and national church bodies to our national conversation in 2017. I'll also bring elements and insights from my own identity as a lesbian person called to ministry in the ELCIC, and an authentic sensitivity to the ways that constitutional, policy, and budget matters are deeply and directly connected to theology, to ethics, and to mission.</p>		
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.		
<p>My deepest hope for the future of the ELCIC is that we do not lose sight of the immense joy and privilege it is to be part of living in and living out the gospel of Jesus--whether we are small or big, arranged the way we were last year or a new way. Out of that gratitude flows, I think, the other practices we so desperately need to embrace more deeply: welcome and generosity, enthusiastic and ongoing deepening of our faith in community, authentic connection to neighbour, and the deep commitment to taking part in movements for greater justice in our country and world. It seems to me the church, in our baptismal vocation, has been given a great deal that is deeply good and beautiful, and I hope we don't wait until our numbers are up or our budgets are balanced to live into that call nor to fling open the doors as the liberative "mysteries of the ages" are being revealed.</p>		
Why are you interested in being a delegate?		
<p>I'm interested in being a delegate because I am grateful for and energized by the way this particular church works together at the national level to live our faith in exciting ways. I love to be connected with the national church in all the ways we are between convention times, but sometimes there is no substitute for being together in person. Especially since I have thus far never been to a national convention, I look forward to seeing in person the magic of our national church at work and then upon my return taking on the delightful task of sharing that connection with others in the BC synod. I also believe and have heard that clear and thoughtful communication can be a gift of mine, and I would like to offer that gift in service of the conversation between and among different expressions of the church.</p>		

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LOWER MAINLAND, ROSTERED (3 positions)		
Name:	Jennifer Marlor	Gender: Female
Congregational Membership		
Name of Congregation:	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church	
City, Province:	North Vancouver, BC	Synod: Greater Vancouver
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended three previous National Conventions, once as a visitor and twice as a delegate from another synod. • Rostered since 2010 • Served on the MNO Synod Council and a liaison for Luther Village Camp • Have served on church council at St. Mark's Regina\Passionate about renewal and healthy church 		
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.		
<p>Concerns: How do we empower our church to rethink what it means to be "church", working on water and human justice issues, creating healthy churches and effective partnerships.</p> <p>Hopes: Stay focused on Christ, creative thinking, willingness to try new things, to move beyond scarcity mindset into the abundance of God.</p>		
Why are you interested in being a delegate?		
I am interested in being a delegate because I am interested in the life and workings of the church. Attending convention is a way to feel connected to our National Church, to feel a part of something larger than our congregation and to enter into discussion and conversations with others from across our church that we normally wouldn't have the opportunity to meet.		

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LOWER MAINLAND, ROSTERED (3 positions)		
Name:	Kathy Martin	Gender: Female
Congregational Membership		
Name of Congregation:	King of Life Lutheran Church	
City, Province:	Coquitlam, BC	Synod: BC
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Served on National Church Council • Attended Synod Council meetings as NCC rep • Parish Pastor • As one who comes from outside the church, I bring a different perspective • Engaged synodically • Familiar with our church in every expression; nationally, synodically, locally • Knowledge of CECF initiatives toward mission • Worked on constitution committee and finance committee on NCC 		
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Though it seems like stories of decline are all around us, there are also many signs of hope. • The church has been making huge strides toward becoming a healthier, more missional church that is engaged locally and truly encourages all of God's people in mission. • I hope we will continue to move from maintenance to mission. • I'm excited about the future of the ELCIC but I also know we have many challenges ahead. 		
Why are you interested in being a delegate?		
<p>I think I bring experience and continuity that is important in this time of transition. I'm also interested in being one of those that attends to God's hopes for our denomination and keeps us moving forward in mission. I love our church! I love our people and I want to be part of this work.</p>		

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LOWER MAINLAND, LAY (3 positions)		
Name:	Detlef (Dick) Aporta	Gender: Male
Congregational Membership		
Name of Congregation:	St. Paul's Lutheran Church	
City, Province:	Maple Ridge, BC	Synod: Lower Fraser Valley
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.		
<p>I am a retired high school teacher.</p> <p>My Church Life: Our Saviour, Richmond - Council, Custodian, Coordinator of Men's Group and Property Committee, Childcare Board, Education Committee, Art and the Spirit. Trinity Delta - Council Chair, Synod Delegate, Kelowna ; appointed to Finance Committee there. St. Paul's, Maple Ridge - Council Vice Chair, Call Committee, helped teaching Sunday School, Ad hoc Roof Replacement Committee Chair, Renewal Committee, appointed to Investigative Committee by Bishop Greg Mohr.</p> <p>Other - Designed and made sets for Sunday School Pageants "Coffee Mentor" Adult English Seminars at New Directions School, Langley BC</p>		
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.		
<p>I believe in every challenge we face as Church, and there are many, there is also opportunity, as we walk in faith as one person, as congregations, and as our greater National Church - we all walk together with God's help to guide us.</p> <p>I am actually kind of excited to perhaps be able to participate in the process of finding our way as we look to the future during these challenging times.</p> <p>If I may: My own experience seems to be that my faith gets stronger in "scary" times - I ask God to help me.</p>		
Why are you interested in being a delegate?		
<p>I was able to accompany my "better half" to two National Conventions; Saskatoon and Ottawa, participating as a visitor both times.</p> <p>This time I would like to be able to go through those doors into action, and (be able to) participate in the decision making process; to get involved in church in a new (for me) way with the ELCIC.</p>		

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LOWER MAINLAND, LAY (3 positions)		
Name:	Judy Bueschkens	Gender:
Congregational Membership		
Name of Congregation:	St. Paul's Lutheran Church	
City, Province:	Maple Ridge, BC	Synod: Lower Fraser Valley
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.		
<p>I am a self-employed business person and retired nurse who has been attending the Lutheran Church for the past two years. Previously, I belonged to the Anglican Church and was active as a synod delegate several times, ACW member and past Diocesan president. I am interested in learning more about the National Church and how it relates to my parish.</p>		
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.		
<p>Like most people from my congregation, I am interested to learn how to increase church attendance. Being part of a Guiding Team makes me realize that the future of the church will be healthy if we keep it simple. It's easy to over-work a problem. It's much harder to "be still" and be mindful of God nudging us.</p>		
Why are you interested in being a delegate?		
<p>At this stage of my spiritual journey, I am trying to learn what I can about the wider Lutheran Church and how to play my roll in that.</p>		

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LOWER MAINLAND, LAY (3 positions)		
Name:	Beverly Cuthbert	Gender: Female
Congregational Membership		
Name of Congregation:	Mount Zion Lutheran Church	
City, Province:	New Westminster, BC	Synod: BC
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High School with some University courses. • Head of an in-house union at UPS - 13 years • Negotiated contracts at UPS • Attended National Convention in Ottawa, Winnipeg and Vancouver. • On council at Christ the King and Mt Zion • Part of the Guiding Team for Missional Renewal • Cooked at Confirmation Camp the past two years. • Visited prisons 		
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That we grow and reach out to others • That our doors are open to EVERYONE • That the "Table is open to everyone" • My hope is that ELCIC will show concern and act in ways to engage the neighbour 		
Why are you interested in being a delegate?		
<p>I want to help and participate in my church and to learn what is happening on a national level.</p>		

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LOWER MAINLAND, LAY (3 positions)		
Name:	Anne Johnson	Gender:
Congregational Membership		
Name of Congregation:	First Lutheran Church	
City, Province:	Vancouver, BC	Synod: BC
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.		
<p>I have been a music therapist since 1986, a career that has stretched my spiritual boundaries through the various people I have met and served.</p> <p>I have served in both the musical and educational life of my congregation, teaching both a Sunday School class and the liturgical forms to the children in the past. Currently, I work with our musical director and other musicians to enhance the worship.</p>		
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.		
<p>I have been encouraged by the increasing inclusiveness of the ELCIC. Our world continues to face calls for exclusivity, to blame others and to build walls. While the Lutheran voice is a small one, my hope is that as we continue to embrace inclusivity and to build bridges we might contribute to the healing of division in society at large.</p>		
Why are you interested in being a delegate?		
<p>My father served as interim pastor at St. Mark's in Winnipeg in the late forties and then twice served at Bethesda, Kenora. I am interested in participating in our church's decisions but I am also interested in attending a conference in the synod of my birth.</p>		

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LOWER MAINLAND, LAY (3 positions)	
Name:	Kristine Mathiasen Gender: Female
Congregational Membership	
Name of Congregation:	Peace Lutheran Church
City, Province:	Abbotsford, BC Synod: BC
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practicing congregational member for life • Church council and committee membership (currently outreach) • Youth group involvement (personally and through my son) • Interest in worship and music • Worship Assistant • Delegate to several synod conventions 	
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How we as congregations, synods and the national church function as a community of believers in an increasingly secular world. • How to stay true to belief and worship and congregational participation (as opposed to being an "audience"). 	
Why are you interested in being a delegate?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Want to know how our National Church and congregations see our future - participate in that process – report back to Peace. • Love the sense of community – being part of the larger church. 	

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LOWER MAINLAND, LAY (3 positions)		
Name:	Charrise Millan	Gender: Female
Congregational Membership		
Name of Congregation:	St. Paul's Lutheran Church	
City, Province:	Maple Ridge, BC	Synod: BC
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.		
<p>I have been on council for almost five years, as secretary and member at large. I was baptized and raised in Calgary, Alberta. Moving here with my family in 1988. I have a Business Education and a Special Needs Assistant teaching degree. I am a conscientious member that follows my heart and asks the holy spirit to guide me.</p>		
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.		
<p>I want to bring more local support to the international issue through ELCIC. There are many projects that could be supported by prayer, recognition, as well as specific financial support. To encourage stewardship and promote Christian values from one village to another.</p>		
Why are you interested in being a delegate?		
<p>I have wanted to do more stewardship on a wider level beyond my local church. There are issues that I care about as a mother, wife, and leader in my church, so that I can answer my calling for God's word.</p>		

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LOWER MAINLAND, LAY (3 positions)		
Name:	Peter Reinhardt	Gender: Male
Congregational Membership		
Name of Congregation:	King of Life Lutheran Church	
City, Province:	Coquitlam, BC	Synod: BC
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.		
<p>I served as a Congregational Delegate in 2007 and as the Youth Delegate Leader in 2009. I am an active participant in my congregation. I have served on Synodical committees and I have served on National Committees.</p>		
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.		
<p>I hope our church will see and find the need in our neighbours (humanity) and address it in meaningful ways: to reduce poverty, to educate, to call to action, to help the hurt and lost, and in so doing, share the Gospel.</p>		
Why are you interested in being a delegate?		
<p>I am invested in the church and interested in being part of the larger body. I feel wonderfully connected in the larger gatherings of our church, it is an experience of church which I find more satisfying, and which informs my day-to-day experience of church.</p>		

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LOWER MAINLAND, LAY (3 positions)		
Name:	Hector de los Santos	Gender: Male
Congregational Membership		
Name of Congregation:	King of Life Lutheran Church	
City, Province:	Coquitlam, BC	Synod: BC
Please describe your education, work, church or life experience that might relate to being a delegate to National Convention.		
I am an aircraft technician by trade. I work as a business consultant for the mining, oil and gas industry. I bring investors and project owners together.		
Please indicate your concerns and hopes for the future of ELCIC.		
My hope is that the church is more welcoming and reaching out to society. My hope for the future is that people will be able to experience God in a more tangible way.		
Why are you interested in being a delegate?		
I want to learn. I would like to use my Spanish/Latin background in the community as a liaison with other Spanish/Latina groups. I was raised Catholic and would like to learn the Lutheran way.		

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Nomination for the following positions: BC Synod Council

Conference Greater Vancouver **Lay** X **Rostered** _____

Name Gail Patton Berger

Home Congregation Gloria Dei, North Vancouver

Occupation (current and/or past) College Instructor of literature and composition (retired)

Involvement in church community:

On Gloria Dei Council for a number of years; Chair of the GDL Peace and Justice committee; involved with discussions with St. Catherine's Anglican regarding working together; I am in the third year of the Anglican Education for Ministry Program; I will be working with Anglican Priest Lynne McNaughton on a study of Christian Mystics in May and June; have presented a number of forums at Gloria Dei on theological and social justice issues and have organized film and discussion evenings; I have written articles for Day by Dei, the GDL newsletter; currently am involved with the GDL Missional Team

What skills, gifts and interests would you bring to this position?

I am on the Council of Metro Vancouver Alliance, which works for the common good. We recently presented a Housing Accountability Assembly asking the three North Shore Mayors to support affordable housing initiatives; MVA also held an Accountability Assembly before the Vancouver City Election asking the Mayoral candidates to support our issues regarding Housing, Transit, Social Isolation, and Poverty. I am co-chair of the MVA Income Justice Group. We worked with other groups to encourage Vancouver City Council to become a Living Wage employer and to use only contractors who pay a Living Wage. MVA also supported care workers at Inglewood Care Centre who had received only 10 cents an hour raise over 10 years; they negotiated a contract that gave the workers increased salary and benefits over five years. My interests revolve around social justice issues and I have learned much about achieving justice. I was negotiator for the Douglas College Faculty Association and part of a bargaining team that achieved income justice for 100 faculty members. I am learning more about achieving social justice from my involvement with Metro Vancouver Alliance. I am also learning from MVA about the importance of listening to what people want—not to decide for them.

How may God be calling us forward as a church?

We as a church need to move away from worrying about whether our individual churches will survive. We need to be involved not simply in charity initiatives, but to work toward achieving social justice as Jesus taught us. Charity is important, but does not bring real change in people's lives. We need to move into the world and not simply stay inside our church buildings. We need also to take seriously the education of our church members in Bible study, theology and in social justice issues.

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Nomination for the following positions: BC Synod Council

Conference: Greater Vancouver

Lay yes

Rostered no

Name: Brenda Eastman

Home Congregation: Benediction Lutheran Church

Occupation (current and/or past): Administrative Assistant at Benediction

Involvement in church community:

I have served on church council as secretary, worship & music liaison and parish life co-ordinator. In the past, I have served on the Visioning committee and the Call committee and have organized spring concert fundraisers. I serve regularly as a worship assistant for Sunday worship and have occasionally preached and led lay worship services.

What skills, gifts and interests would you bring to this position?

I am interested in learning more about how I can serve the church so I would bring my past experiences, my willingness to learn and my faith that God will lead me and provide me with whatever I need to serve in this position.

How may God be calling us forward as a church?

I think God want us to be looking for ways to better reach out to our communities, getting out and listening to their needs and serving God's people in and outside of our church buildings.

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Nomination for the following positions: BC Synod Council

Conference Vancouver Island **Lay** Yes **Rostered** No

Name Andrew Macauley

Home Congregation Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (Victoria, BC)

Occupation (current and/or past) Provincial public servant (Director, Student Information Systems, Ministry of Education)

Involvement in church community:

I have been a member at Grace Lutheran since 1984, during which time I have served in many roles, including Church Council (13 years) and as President of the Congregation (9 years). The focus of my activities at the local level has been ministry development, Christian education and youth programs (I have been a chaperone for CLAY twice!). Over the years I have attended one national convention and taken part in several synod and conference conventions.

What skills, gifts and interests would you bring to this position?

Both my professional and church activities have required me to develop strong organizational, administrative and interpersonal skills. I have experience with planning, communications, information technology, governance and complex group dynamics. I am very interested in history, politics, education and social issues. These have all fueled my interest in the evolving role of churches, and in particular the Lutheran church, in society.

How may God be calling us forward as a church?

I believe strongly that there is a hunger in our communities for the good news about God's gift of Grace. However many people are not finding it in traditional church settings. Financial and demographic pressures are making it difficult for many individual congregations to sustain themselves. We need to explore organizational models in which churches can share resources and work together to develop new opportunities for ministries. I believe that the Synod has an important role in encouraging mission renewal and supporting our congregations as they face new challenges.

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Nomination for the following positions: Board of Governors, Lutheran Theological Seminary

Conference Vancouver Island **Lay** X **Rostered** _____

Name Gerhard 'Gerry' Saleski

Home Congregation Lutheran Church of the Cross, Victoria

Occupation (current and/or past) Retired Educator, Psychologist, Administrator

Involvement in church community:

Member of Lutheran Church of the Cross (LCC) for 13+ years.
Currently co-chair of Deacons Committee, member of Deacon's media sub-committee.
Past member of church Trustees committee.
Past member of BC Synod Missions Committee.

What skills, gifts and interests would you bring to this position?

I bring a combination of administrative, educational, interpersonal skills. Academically I have BA, B.Ed., M.Ed., Ph.D. degrees.
I have served on the Boards of a number of non-profit organizations that serve their communities. These organizations include Spike House, Work & Social Opportunity (Manitoba), Victoria Cool Aid Society, Center for Earth and Spirit (BC). These organizations have been involved in community support and outreach programs.

How may God be calling us forward as a church?

God is calling us to reach out to our community, to be "In Mission for Others". This is a time of challenge and great opportunity as we are given the opportunity to be an integral part of our community.
The Lutheran Theological Seminary plays a vital role in providing Lutheran communities with dedicated, caring Ordained and Diaconal ministers with a strong sense of social justice. As well, it provides training opportunities for church lay leaders who are crucial to the future of the communities in which we live.

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Nomination for the following positions: BC Synod Council

Conference Vancouver Island **Lay** x **Rostered** _____

Name Joanne T Solomonson

Home Congregation Lutheran Church of the Cross, Victoria

Occupation (current and/or past) Retired Healthcare/Housing Executive (position at retirement – Executive Director Luther Court Society)

Involvement in church community:

I have been a Synod Council member since 2012, Convention Manager (2012, 2014, 2016), Local Arrangements Coordinator Chair (2010), member Synod bylaw committee, member missional renewal team Church of the Cross and member of Shelbourne Community Kitchen Society. In the congregations I have attended I have been active in the following ways: church council member (chair, vice-chair, secretary, treasurer), prayer ministry, stewardship, social justice, youth leader, Sunday school teacher, Vacation Bible School teacher and Coordinator, reader, speaker, choir member; helped organize and was a member of a LAMP mission to Fort Rae/Edso; helped organize a work group that went to Sandspit and nurse for church camps

What skills, gifts and interests would you bring to this position?

I would bring to this role such skills, gifts and interests as the following: my educational background (BNsg, MAdm, Certified Health Care Executive, Certified Executive Coach); experience of being a synod council member; Board member experience; working knowledge of governance, accountability, financial management, ethical decision making, organizational effectiveness, conflict management, strategic planning, policy development and implementation, constitution and bylaws, work in changing and transitional environments; ability to work under pressure and deal openly and objectively with people.

How may God be calling us forward as a church?

We as a church are being called to Spiritual Renewal. This is occurring in various ways through individuals, congregations and communities. We are being invited to examine old ways of thinking and of doing things, to collaborate, share and venture out of our buildings into the community and see what God is up to. We are being asked to break down the 'silo's' that separate us and find ways to work together in mission. Transition is hard and messy work. Through the guidance of the Spirit we will emerge a new and stronger church called to be God's people in Mission to others.

Nominated by Nominations Committee

