

INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2019 ELCA CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBER (Lay Male)

The Northeastern Ohio Synod is paired with the Southern Ohio Synod through ELCA continuing resolution 19.02.C05 for the purpose of nominating two persons to the ELCA Church Council to be elected by the 2019 Churchwide Assembly. The ELCA Nominating Committee has assigned the category of lay male for our synod for nomination. Our task at the synod assembly is to endorse the nomination of two persons who fit this category. Then, the 2019 Churchwide Assembly will elect one of those two candidates to a six-year term on the Church Council beginning at the conclusion of the 2019 Churchwide Assembly. There will be no nominations from the floor at the Churchwide Assembly for this position.

Church Council

The Church Council is the board of directors of the churchwide organization and the interim legislative authority for this church. It is composed of the four officers, the chair of the Conference of Bishops, 32 members nominated by paired synods (19.02.C05.) and potentially 13 additional members, including the youth members. Two youth (younger than 18 at the time of election) are elected to three-year terms. The other members serve one six-year term without consecutive re-election. Except for the chair of the Conference of Bishops and the treasurer, all members are elected by the Churchwide Assembly.

The council meets twice a year, April & November. The meetings begin on Thursday and end on Sunday afternoon. In years of a Churchwide Assembly, the council meets in advance of the assembly. There are occasional Church Council retreats, usually in the summer. The council currently has four working committees in addition to an Executive Committee and a Board Development Committee. All members are assigned to one of the following: Program and Services Committee; Planning and Evaluation Committee; Budget and Finance Committee; Legal and Constitutional Review Committee

The duties of the Church Council are described in Chapter 14 of the *Constitution, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*.

ELCA Church Council Nominees:



David M. Lenz

My main interest in the church is putting faith into action in acts of service in Christ's name outside the walls of the congregation, demonstrating an active, life-changing faith that invites and inspires others.

Synod Service:

Current: Synod Council Secretary; Ohio Lutheran Campus Ministry Board

Previous: Synod Council Young Adult; Agape Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Community Board

Congregational Service:

Current: Service Outreach committee chair and coordinator of joint food pantry with St. Andrew Episcopal Church; Lay Worship Assistant

Previous: Congregation President; Endowment Committee Treasurer

Community Service:

Current: Chair of Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association 3Rs Program; Board Member of Daily Dose of Reading (children's literacy organization)

Previous: Chair of Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Estate Planning Trust and Probate Law Section; Hillcrest Concert Band

Additional Information:

Demographics: Male

Age Group: 31-40

Congregation: Advent, Mentor

Occupation: Attorney



Chuck Mosberger

My main interest in the church is communicating God's message to the unchurched, ensuring the church is a welcoming, safe place for all people to worship, and serving those in need.

Synod Service:

Current: Synod Council and Executive Committee; Synod Assembly Reference and Council Committee; Voting Member to Churchwide Assembly; initiated a Task Force to identify, energize and support necessary NEO Synod Committees; Synod Ministry Review panel participant

Previous: Shared Ministry Cleveland West Conference Gathering, planning and participant

Congregational Service:

Current: Special Event Fund Raising to Benefit Those in Need in Our Community; Sanctuary Design and Installations for Major Holidays

Previous: Call Committee Chair

Community Service:

Previous: Initiated and Funded Scholarship Program to Lutheran Schools for Children in Need; Spearheaded Program to Pay for Guatemala Water Filtration Plant; Led Fund Raising for a School and Hospital in Haiti

Additional Information:

Demographics: Male

Age Group: 61+

Congregation: Trinity, Lakewood

Occupation: Interior Designer