

ELECTION RESULTS

TREASURER OF SYNOD



BRUCE E. SEAGRIST

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Member of Trindle Spring Lutheran Church, Mechanicsburg, West Shore Conference

Principal, McKonly & Asbury, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, Camp Hill

Year of Birth: 1947

Education: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Elizabethtown College, 1969

Professional experience:

Certified Public Accountant authorized to practice in Pennsylvania

Partner, KPMG, LLP, Harrisburg

Chief Financial Officer, National Health Systems, Inc., Camp Hill

Principal, McKonly & Asbury, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, Camp Hill

Church Service Positions:

Member, Congregation Council, Trindle Spring, Mechanicsburg 3 years

Treasurer, Trindle Spring, Mechanicsburg 6 years

Sunday School Superintendent, Trindle Spring, Mechanicsburg 2 years

Sunday School Teacher, Trindle Spring, Mechanicsburg 4 years

Cemetery Association, Trindle Spring, Mechanicsburg 6 years

Significant Community Service Positions:

Board Member, West Shore Chamber of Commerce

Board Member, Cumberland County Economic Development Corporation

Committee Member, KPMG-Community Charitable Golf Outing

“I would be remiss to say I have unique talents for this position. What I will suggest is that I have the time and interest to fulfill the responsibilities of synod treasurer.

I have more than 35 years in the field of public accounting and consulting. This includes financial statement reporting, internal budget control evaluations, meetings and presentations to Audit, Finance, and Budget Committees, and interaction with investment, banking, and insurance professionals.

In addition I served as the treasurer of Trindle Spring Lutheran Church. I feel this provides me distinctive insight about issues, questions, and problems experienced by congregational treasurers.”

SYNOD COUNCIL – CLERGY

THE REVEREND DAVID L. HEFNER

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Concordia Lutheran Church, Columbia, Lancaster Conference
Pastor

Year of Birth: 1952

Education: Bachelor of Science, Agronomy, Penn State University
Master of Divinity, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, 1982

Church Service Positions:

Pastor, St. Paul, Fayetteville	15 years
Pastor, St. Paul and St. Samuel, Newport	11 ½ years
Member, Synod Council	3 years
Dean, Chambersburg Conference	4 years
Chair, Synod Assembly Planning Committee	3 years

Significant Community Service Positions:

Board Member, Lutheran Counseling Services (Chair – 4 years)	8 years
Member, South Central Pennsylvania Volunteers Active in Disasters	1 ½ years
Chair, United Churches of Chambersburg, Emergency Needs Clearing House	1 year

“Have served one term on Synod Council, and been faithful in my duties to assigned committees, I have a deep concern to lead the church in the ways of the kingdom of God, led by the wisdom and truth of Scripture. I have a concern and interest to bring a balance of law and gospel to the real issues confronting God’s people in our society.”

THE REVEREND ELIZABETH D. GEORGE

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Zion and Salem Lutheran Churches, Millersburg, Upper Dauphin Conference
Pastor

Previous occupation: Systems Analyst

Year of Birth: 1964

Education: Bachelor of Science, Computer Science, 1986
Master of Business Administration, 1997
Master of Divinity, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, 2004

Church Service Positions:

Pastor, Zion and Salem Lutheran Churches, Millersburg	4.5 years
Secretary, Upper Dauphin Conference	4 years

Significant Community Service Positions

Big Brother/Big Sister

“I have a strong desire to serve this church in a way that my gifts and talents are useful. With my background in business and finance, I understand the financial reports, personnel issues, and policy issues the council works through. What I lack in experience, I make up in commitment, prayerful consideration, willingness to listen, learn, and ask questions, and dedication to the mission of this synod.”

SYNOD COUNCIL – LAY FEMALE

LUCINDA L. BRINGMAN

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Member of St. James Lutheran Church, Gettysburg, Gettysburg Conference

Nursing faculty

Previous occupation: Clinical Nurse Specialist

Year of Birth: 1956

Education: Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Pennsylvania State University, 1977

Master of Science in Nursing, The University of Maryland, 1984

Church Service Positions:

Bible study coordinator/teacher	14 years
Voting member, ELCA Assembly	2005
Member, Synod Council, (2 years as vice chair)	7 years
Synod Assembly Planning Committee (3 years as chair)	8 years
Synod Finance and Budget Committee	3 years

Significant Community Service Positions:

Camp Nurse, Girl Scout Summer Day Camp	10 years
Committee Secretary, Boy Scout Troup	5 years

“I have a strong understanding of the functioning of this synod, and I am very organized. It is my practice to review and study applicable information and to pray in preparation for each Synod Council activity. Knowing that we are all part of one body, each with a particular job to do, I feel that I am called to work in the area of administrative functions as my service to our Lord. Finally, I bring a willingness to move beyond the status quo but with an understanding of crucial areas such as finance, budget and support of rostered leaders.”

JUDY K. COLLINS

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Member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Camp Hill, West Shore Conference

Spiritual Gifts Coordinator

Year of Birth: 1949

Education: Bachelor of Science in Music Education, Susquehanna University

Master of Arts in Religion, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg

Church service position:

Associate in ministry, Trinity, Camp Hill
Associate in ministry, Christ, Elizabethtown

Jan. 2008 – present
June 1995-June 2005

Significant Community Service Positions

Organized (long and short term) mission trips to Russia, Maine, and Maryland
Served on community crisis counseling team for local high school and college
(Elizabethtown)

“While serving as associate in ministry at Christ, Elizabethtown, my leadership responsibilities varied from committee participation to convener of the local ministerium. I planned mission trips to Russia, Maine, and Maryland and for several years I organized the local CROP WALK.

My responsibilities with the Lower Susquehanna Synod include co-chairing Congregations Together in Mission (CTIM), serving on the Bishop’s Every Congregation Visitation program and the Bishop’s Leadership Council I was in my third term on the board of directors at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg when I was called to teach English overseas.

For the past year I have served as Spiritual Gifts Coordinator at Trinity, Camp Hill, and look forward to bringing my leadership gifts to our Synod Council.”

SYNOD COUNCIL – LAY MALE

THOMAS C. BENNER

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Member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Liverpool, Perry Conference
Warehouse Foreman
Year of Birth: 1955
Education: High school graduate with some college courses

Church Service Positions:

Member, Synod Council	2006-Present
Member, Synod World Hunger Committee	2005-Present
Member, Synod Finance and Budget Committee	2006-Present
Member and Past President, Congregation Council	2004-2008
Sunday School Teacher	1990-Present

Significant Community Service Positions:

Treasurer, St. Michael Cemetery Association

“I have been most grateful to have had the opportunity to serve on the Lower Susquehanna Synod Council for the past three years. At first I wasn’t sure if I would make much of a contribution to the council but have discovered that I bring a unique perspective as a blue collar, lay member from a rural congregation. With God’s help and guidance, I will continue to do so for the next three years, if elected.”

SYNOD COUNCIL – YOUTH

ALEXIS K. WITT

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Member, Grace Lutheran Church, Red Lion, South York Conference
Student
Year of Birth: 1992
Education: Red Lion Area Senior High School Class of 2010

Church Service Positions:

Assisting Minister	2 years
Sunday School Teacher	3 years
Chair, Konde Committee	1 year
Children’s Dialogue	1 year
Member, Senior Choir	1 year

Significant Community Service Positions

Shut-in Visitor
Community Fundraiser for Konde Companion Parish
Guest Speaker at area churches for Konde Awareness

“I am a junior at Red Lion and a member of the National Honors Society. I want to go to college to major in religion. Then I hope to go to seminary to become a pastor. My greatest love is Tanzania. I went to Tanzania with Pastor Judy McKee in June of 2007. I am devoted to the Konde Diocese and to our Companion Parish, Isuba. I was invited back to Tanzania by Bishop Mwakyolile. I enjoy doing various things at my church, including being an assisting minister, singing in the seniorcChoir, teaching Sunday School and doing home visits.”

BOARD MEMBER, GETTYSBURG SEMINARY – LAY FEMALE

ALLISON L. CARLSON

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Member of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Lancaster Conference
Director of Music, Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Lancaster
Year of Birth: 1949
Education: Bachelor of Science in Education, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Church Service Positions

Voting Member to Orlando and Denver Churchwide Assemblies	
Board member, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg	2005-present
Board member, Easter Cluster of Theological Seminaries	2005-present
Member, Lower Susquehanna Synod Council	2006-present
Member, Synod Mutual Ministry Committee	2006-2008

Significant Community Service Positions

Board member and secretary, Heritage Choral	2004-present
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“What an incredible experience to be called by God to Word and Service or Word and Sacrament ministry – to care for and protect the body, soul, and mind of so many believers! Because I have served on the seminary board for one term, I understand much more about the importance of our seminary, its strengths and opportunities, and the very important role it plays in those called to ministry, ordained, consecrated, commissioned, and lay. I have seen first hand the hard work that goes into making it a place for discernment and theological and spiritual growth. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve on the board for another term.”

MEMBER, DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE – CLERGY

THE REVEREND LARRY G. HUMMER

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Member of Faith United Lutheran Church, Denver, North Lancaster Conference
Retired Pastor
Year of Birth: 1946
Education: Bachelor of Arts, Gettysburg College
Master of Divinity, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg

Church Service Positions

Chair, Synod Stewardship Committee	5 years
Secretary, North Lancaster Conference	5 years
Former Board Member, Luthercare	1978-79; 2002-2006
Dean, North Lancaster Conference	1979-1983; 1988-1989
Synodical Conflict Consultant	1990-2001

Significant Community Service

Member, Lancaster County Ethics Committee	1988-2004
Chaplain, East Cocalico Township Police Department	
Former Member and Officer, Ephrata Area Social Services	

“As an experienced, ordained pastor, I have a depth and breadth of service with the Lutheran church that will benefit my serving on the Discipline Committee. I practice careful listening when there is a disputed issue before making any prayerful recommendation. I have been trained to weigh all information before making any decision. This training has been applied serving on listening committees for congregational conflicts, community service organizations, and municipal committees.”

THE REVEREND MARIE K. KRUEGER

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Pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, Mt. Wolf, North York Conference
Pastor
Year of Birth: 1966
Education: Bachelor of Arts, University of Scranton, 1988
Master of Divinity, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, 1994

Church Service Positions:

Dean, North York Conference	2007-present
Member, Synod Nominations Committee	2007-present
Voting Member, Denver Churchwide Assembly	1999
Secretary, North York Conference	1996-1998
Chaplain, PA Army National Guard	2004-2006

President or Vice President, Northeastern Food Pantry	1995-present
Volunteer at Northeastern School District (Mt. Wolf Elementary and Shallow Brook Intermediate Schools	

“As an ordained pastor in the ELCA ever since 1995, I have served my local community and our Lower Susquehanna Synod in a variety of ways which give me a good understanding of how important the role of pastor is in the community. Part of the Church’s role is to encourage and correct each other in our ministry of Word and Sacrament. We help each other as we strive to serve faithfully and well.”

MEMBER, DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE – LAY

ROBERT H. GETZ, JR.

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Member of Mellingers Lutheran Church, Stevens, North Lancaster Conference
Retired
Previous occupation: Prothonotary of Lancaster County
Year of Birth: 1938
Education: High School and Business School Graduate

Church Service Positions:

Member, Congregation Council	14 years
Member, Synod Council	6 years
Member, Synod Mutual Ministry Committee	3 years
Chair, Synod Budget and Finance Committee	2 years
Social Ministry Chair, North Lancaster Conference	3 years

Significant Community Service Positions

Member, Boro Council	10 years
Member, Boro Election Board	4 years
Advisory Board Member, Lancaster County Office of Aging	5 years

“By the Grace of God, I have been an active member of my home congregation and also have been appointed or elected to various positions within the conference and synod. This involvement has been a blessing from God, which I will continue to pray for and will serve at the wish of my brothers and sisters in Christ.”

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Member of St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church, Brogue, South York Conference
Attorney at Law
Year of Birth: 1970
Education: Dickinson College, 1992
Widener University School of Law, 1996

Church Service Positions:

Lower Susquehanna Synod Worship Committee	2003–present
Lower Susquehanna Synod Mutual Ministry Committee	2004–2007
Chair, Congregational Worship and Music Committee	1997–present
Member, Congregation Council	1995–1998
President, St. James Lutheran Church, Brogue	1995–1998

Significant Community Service Positions:

Member, York Symphony Orchestra	1992–present
Board Member, York County Heritage Trust	2006- present
President and Other Offices, South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society	1995–present

“As an attorney, I have extensive courtroom experience and know how to properly conduct and participate in a hearing. My various church service positions have familiarized me with the Constitution of the ELCA and the Office of the Keys as it regards to our bishops and their exercise of church discipline.”