

**2015 Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod Assembly****CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM**Candidate for the position of: Synod Council member at large\*Candidate's name: The Rev Gissela Varinia Espinosa*(Title, First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name)*Home Phone: xxx-xxx-xxxx Work Phone: xxx-xxx-xxxxCell Phone: xxx-xxx-xxxx Email: xxx@xxx.xxxCongregational Membership: St. Mark's Lutheran Church*Name*Springfield, VA*City, ST*

Occupational History:

1984-1985 Secretary of National Evangelical Council of Peru

1985-1989 National Secretary of the Headquarter of Christians &amp; Missionary Alliance Church in Peru

1989-1994 Director of Christian Education in Lima Peru

1998-2000 Pastor Intern at First Lutheran Church Pomona, CA

2000-2003 Associate Pastor at Walnut Hill Lutheran Church, Dallas TX

2003-2013 Pastor Developer at Iglesia Luterana Vida Nueva, Phoenix AZ

2013-2014 Chaplain Resident at University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston TX

2014-present Associate Pastor at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Springfield VA

Participation at Synod or Churchwide level: (Current &amp; Previous Positions)

1996 St. Paul Synod's representative to St. Paul Area Council of churches

2009-2013 Grand Canyon Synod Council, member at Large

Participation at Congregational level:

1995-1997 Council President of San Martin Lutheran Church, St. Paul, MN

1998-2000 Pastor Intern and redeveloper of the Latino community at First Lutheran Church, Pomona CA

2000-2003 Associate Pastor at Walnut Hill Lutheran Church, Dallas TX

2003-2013 Pastor at Iglesia Luterana Vida Nueva, Phoenix AZ

2014- Associate Pastor at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Springfield VA

Community Involvement:

National Evangelical Council of Peru  
St. Paul Area Council of churches  
Grand Canyon Faith Base community in Phoenix AZ  
Unidos en Arizona

Demographic Information *(Please check all that apply):*

Male

Female

Rostered

Lay

African-American/Black

Asian/Pacific Islander

Arab/Middle Eastern White/Caucasian

Latino

American Indian/Alaska Native

Person with a primary language other than English

Digital photo attached\*? ( X ) Yes ( ) No

**Send to the Rev. Albert Triolo, Nominations Committee Chair, at [atriolo@stmarks-elca.org](mailto:atriolo@stmarks-elca.org).**

**Form is due by April 30, 2015.**

\*Candidates should **send a photo digitally** with this form. Photos will be used to introduce the candidates to Voting Members of the 2015 Synod Assembly.

***If elected, your first Synod Council meeting will take place in July 2015.***

**THANK YOU.**