



Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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2015 Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod Assembly

CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM

Candidate for the position of:

*Candidate's name:
(Title, First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name)

Home Phone: Work Phone:

Cell Phone: Email:

Congregational Membership:
Name

City, ST

Occupational History:

2012 to Present - Senior Pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church in Alexandria, VA

2004 – 2012 – Director/Pastor of Youth and Family Ministries at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Bethesda, MD

2006 – Present – Associate Professor (adjunct) University of Maryland, University College Dept. of Communications, Humanities and Philosophy

2000 – 2004 Graduate Asst. at Boston University's School of Theology Spiritual Foundations for M. Div Students - also – Research Asst. for the Boston University's Church in the Contemporary World Project

1998 – 2000 Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Williamsburg, VA

1997-1999 Hospital Chaplain at DePaul Hospital in Norfolk, VA

1997-2000 Workplace Chaplain for Busch Gardens, Williamsburg, VA

Participation at Synod or Churchwide level:

Pastor Robert Lewis has worked with youth and young adults at the synod level since 1998 beginning with the Virginia Synod and later the New England Synod. He worked with youth at the synod level in the Metro D.C. Synod since 2005. Robert's thoroughly enjoyed being the has chaplain for the Metro D. C. Synod's high school retreat, Chrysalis in 2005 and the chaplain for the synod youth work camp, Chi Rho, for several years. He has also served as the Pastor-of-the-Week at Mar-Lu-Ridge and Calumet during summer camp. Robert has also been a workshop leader at the ELCA Youth Ministry Network national meeting several times.

Participation at Congregational level:

Robert has worked for ELCA congregations since 1997 beginning as the Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries at St. Stephen in Williamsburg, VA. While at St. Stephen he was also involved with the college ministry at William and Mary. While working on his Master of Sacred Theology and doctorate at Boston University School of Theology, Robert was a member at Zion Lutheran Church in Plymouth, MA and help establish a neighborhood ministry program working with the local businesses. He was also work with Zion to move a historical building to the church's property in order to create a community center.

Pastor Lewis worked as the Director of Youth and Family Ministry at Emmanuel in Bethesda, MD for 8 years before being called as the Senior Pastor at Messiah in Alexandria, VA.

Community Involvement:

Pastor Lewis is involved with local area ministries in Alexandria, VA such as United Community Ministries and Offender Aid and Restoration. He has recently reached the end of his term on the board of the National Institute of Business and Industrial Chaplains (NIBIC), where he also previously serviced as president of the board. While on the board of NIBIC, Robert led a small committee in rewriting the qualifications of the National Certified Chaplain. He also served on a task force with the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary studying the feasibility of endorsing qualified civilian chaplains to work with the military chaplains.

In addition, Robert has been a voting representative on the Commission of Ministries in Specialized Settings (now known as COMISS Network) since 1999. He has served as a member of a hospital ethics committee and President of a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) advisory committee. Robert is currently in the process of becoming a member of the Fairfax County Community Chaplain Corps.

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*? () Yes () No

Send to the Rev. Albert Triolo, Nominations Committee Chair, at 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.