

# 2018 Synod Assembly Candidate Information Form

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**Candidate for the position of:**  
Synod Council - Virginia Conference Clergy

**Candidate name:**  
Rev. Sandra J. Kessinger

**Congregation Membership:**  
Redeemer, McLean, Virginia

**Occupation History:**  
Teacher, College Professor, Pastor

**Participation at Synod or Churchwide Level:**  
Before my call to Redeemer I served on Synod Council in the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod as a lay leader. Once ordained and after parish experience I served as an Assistant to the Bishop. Over the past six years in the Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod I have attended leadership development seminars and currently coach. I also served on the board of Gettysburg Seminary. I am seeking re-election to this position on Synod Council after serving one term.

**Participation at Congregation Level:**

**Community Involvement:**  
Our congregation (and therefore I) work closely with the local organizations that work together to address hunger issues and homelessness. We are also increasing our involvement with Lutheran Social Services in hosting a refugee family. In addition we work closely with other faith traditions in the Tysons area (as it continues to expand and grow) to be a witness to the community.

**Demographics:**  
**Gender:** Female  
**Roster:** Rostered  
**Youth/Young Adult:** Neither

