

**Nomination Submission Form
2010 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly**

Nomination to be considered for the following position(s):

Vice President Secretary Synod Council 2011 Churchwide Assembly Voting Member

LEWIS BENSON

Female Male

Lake Stevens

Yes No Person of color **OR**

Congregation: **Ebenezer, Lake Stevens**

Primary language not English

Primary language is _____

Lay Clergy

Associate in Ministry, Deaconess, Diaconal Minister

Occupation **Pastor**

Age on 15 May 2010 (for Youth and Young Adult Council positions only) _____

Please list up to four positions or activities in each category and circle current positions.

Congregation:

Synod/Region

Personnel Committee; Synod Mission Financing Committee

Churchwide:

Please briefly describe the gifts and skills this nominee would contribute to the position.

Pastor Benson has a business background with pastoral skills. His heart is on God's work and his abilities to work through conflict and maintain a level head would be a huge benefit to some of the tough challenges that face us today.

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SHERIANNE M. CALDWELL

Female Male

Seattle

Yes No Person of color **OR**

Congregation: **Luther Memorial, Seattle**

Primary language not English

Primary language is _____

Lay Clergy

Associate in Ministry, Deaconess, Diaconal Minister

Occupation **Paralegal (unemployed)**

Age on 15 May 2010 (for Youth and Young Adult Council positions only) _____

Please list up to four positions or activities in each category and circle current positions.

Congregation:

Council, Worship Committee Chair, Education Committee, Librarian

Synod/Region

Reference & Counsel Committee, Council, Executive Committee, Assembly Planning Committee

Churchwide:

Please briefly describe the gifts and skills this nominee would contribute to the position.

Sense of humor; love of liturgy; strong understanding of church history; ability to see all sides of arguments (devil's advocate); very organized; not afraid to voice opinions; long-time involvement with synod; knows many lay & clergy; good multi-tasker; cradle Lutheran

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KRISTY DANIELS

Female Male

Seattle

Yes No Person of color **OR**

Congregation:

Primary language not English

Church of Steadfast Love, Seattle

Primary language is _____

Lay Clergy

Associate in Ministry, Deaconess, Diaconal Minister

Occupation **Pastor**

Age on 15 May 2010 (for Youth and Young Adult
Council positions only) _____

Please list up to four positions or activities in each category and circle current positions.

Congregation:

Mission trips, bible study, worship, synod assembly

Synod/Region

Council, Mission Planning Task Force

Churchwide:

Please briefly describe the gifts and skills this nominee would contribute to the position.

Kristy is a dedicated pastor ministering to a small congregation in downtown Seattle. Her passion to serve the most vulnerable inspires others to reach out to others. Her experience provides her with a unique perspective that will be valuable to the Synod Council.

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KATHRYN (KAY) EDGERTON

Female Male

Renton

Yes No Person of color **OR**

Congregation: **Nativity, Renton**

Primary language not English

Primary language is _____

Lay Clergy

Associate in Ministry, Deaconess, Diaconal Minister

Occupation **Teacher**

Age on 15 May 2010 (for Youth and Young Adult Council positions only) _____

Please list up to four positions or activities in each category and circle current positions.

Congregation:

Drama Coordinator, Intergenerational Event Planner/Leader, Worship Assistant

Synod/Region

Council, Lutheran Campus Council UW (Vice-Chair)

Churchwide:

Please briefly describe the gifts and skills this nominee would contribute to the position.

Kay is a good consensus builder and team player. She is articulate and able to see an issue from many different view points. She has experience working with and teaching people from many different walks of life within her home congregation. She was president of the congregation during a pivotal pastoral transition and re-visioning process which required her to demonstrate her abilities as a mediator. As a long-time secondary school teacher and parent of two teen/young adults, she also brings a strong understanding of youth culture and concerns to the table.

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DAVID H. GROSS

Female Male

Lake Stevens

Yes No Person of color **OR**

Congregation: Ebenezer, Lake Stevens

Primary language not English

Primary language is _____

Lay Clergy

Associate in Ministry, Deaconess, Diaconal Minister

Occupation **Retired Teacher**

Age on 15 May 2010 (for Youth and Young Adult Council positions only) _____

Please list up to four positions or activities in each category and circle current positions.

Congregation:

Council Vice-President, Education Committee, Special Education Sunday School Teacher

Synod/Region

Council, Executive Committee, President of Inclusion Committee, Open Door Ministry Board member

Churchwide:

National church Inclusion Committee member

Please briefly describe the gifts and skills this nominee would contribute to the position.

I am completing my 1st term on the Synod Council and first year on the Executive Committee. I am a retired Special Ed teacher (29 years), volunteer firefighter (20 years). I have served on Synod committees and local church committees as well as ELCA national committee. I have maintained contacts at all levels of the church. I look forward to continuing my service to the synod and NW Washington region. I would look forward to representing the synod at the National Assembly.

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Elaine K Harrison

Female Male

Seattle

Yes No Person of color **OR**

Congregation: Faith, Seattle

Primary language not English

Primary language is _____

Lay Clergy

Associate in Ministry, Deaconess, Diaconal Minister

Occupation **Administration**

Age on 15 May 2010 (for Youth and Young Adult Council positions only) _____

Please list up to four positions or activities in each category and circle current positions.

Congregation:

Congregation Lector, Usher, Communion Assistant, Council, Van Driver, Fellowship

Synod/Region

Synod/Region Voter

Churchwide:

Churchwide Assembly Volunteer 2007

Please briefly describe the gifts and skills this nominee would contribute to the position.

An understanding of the need for diversity within the Church Body and that there is room for differing views on what it means to be a Child of God. Ability to listen to opposing views and make an informed decision. A commitment to live out the call to participate in the life of the whole church.

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WESLEY HOWELL

Female Male

Bellevue

Yes No Person of color **OR**

Congregation: **Grace, Bellevue**

Primary language not English

Primary language is _____

Lay Clergy

Associate in Ministry, Deaconess, Diaconal Minister

Occupation **Pastor**

Age on 15 May 2010 (for Youth and Young Adult Council positions only) _____

Please list up to four positions or activities in each category and circle current positions.

Congregation:

Pastor

Synod/Region

Secretary, Chair of Russian Companion Synod Committee

Churchwide:

Please briefly describe the gifts and skills this nominee would contribute to the position.

Strong sense of the working dynamics of church on both congregational and synodical levels. Passionate about a relevant Lutheran church which emphasizes the mission of God in this place; and people as disciples of Christ rather than members of an organization.

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CYDNEY V. KORNELIUSSEN

Female Male

Renton

Yes No Person of color **OR**

Congregation: **Nativity, Renton**

Primary language not English

Primary language is _____

Lay Clergy

Associate in Ministry, Deaconess, Diaconal Minister

Occupation **Contract Business Administrator**

Age on 15 May 2010 (for Youth and Young Adult Council positions only) _____

Please list up to four positions or activities in each category and circle current positions.

Congregation:

Altar Care; Faith Thinking (Confirmation) support through cooking, grocery shopping & transportation; Occasional service reading, PAC Adult Rep. for Youth

Synod/Region

March 2009 & 2010 cooking/serving ARISE. March 2010 also assisted with coordination, schedule, & over-see ARISE. Helped find housing for homeless family of 5

Churchwide:

2009 & 2010 participated in 2 plays to raise money for Youth Works Mission trips. Recently, volunteered at Food Lifeline Food Bank, N Seattle

Please briefly describe the gifts and skills this nominee would contribute to the position.

Organized, dedicated, dependable, responsible, committed, ethical and honest are all words that I would use to describe my character. I enjoy participating in activities that produce positive results. I also am dedicated to life long learning so I enjoy taking on new challenges that increase my knowledge and help me expand my capabilities. I work full time and am a wife and Mother so I keep fairly busy. I completed my MBA in 2007 and am ready to take on some new responsibilities. I am often sought out for listening, discussion, reasoning, and problem solving dialog.

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CYNTHIA (CINDY)
KOPPERSTAD

Des Moines

Congregation: Grace, Des Moines

Female Male

Yes No Person of color **OR**

Primary language not English

Primary language is _____

Lay Clergy

Associate in Ministry, Deaconess, Diaconal Minister

Occupation **Management Systems
Analyst Assistant**

Age on 15 May 2010 (for Youth and Young Adult
Council positions only) _____

Please list up to four positions or activities in each category and circle current positions.

Congregation:

World Hunger & Disaster Ministry Committee member; former chair Caribbean/Third World Committee; former council member

Synod/Region

Fair Trade Resources Group; former World Hunger Committee Chair; Global Mission Committee; Synod Assembly Voting Member

Churchwide:

Churchwide Assembly Voter 2003 and 2007; Co-Facilitator for World Hunger at 2000 PLU Global Mission Event

Please briefly describe the gifts and skills this nominee would contribute to the position.

Cindy is familiar with and active in the Churchwide, synod, and congregation organization and ministries. Cindy's prior experience as a voting member at both synod and Churchwide assemblies is an asset. Cindy's experience as a municipal employee provides her with a good understanding of legislative processes. Cindy is able to wisely weight the biblical issues involved in various resolutions.

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GUNBJORG LADSTEIN

Female Male

Seattle

Yes No Person of color **OR**

Congregation: **Ballard First, Seattle**

Primary language not English

Primary language is _____

Lay Clergy

Associate in Ministry, Deaconess, Diaconal Minister

Occupation **Retired**

Age on 15 May 2010 (for Youth and Young Adult
Council positions only) _____

Please list up to four positions or activities in each category and circle current positions.

Congregation:

Capital Campaign Committee, church council president, Personnel Committee

Synod/Region

Council, Bishop Election Task Force member

Churchwide:

Please briefly describe the gifts and skills this nominee would contribute to the position.

The experience I have had in leadership positions in my home congregation and during my first term as a Synod Council member provides me with the understanding and skills needed to actively participate in the work of the Synod Council.

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BEVERLY PIRO

Female Male

Shoreline

Yes No Person of color **OR**

Congregation: **Phinney Ridge, Seattle**

Primary language not English

Primary language is _____

Lay Clergy

Associate in Ministry, Deaconess, Diaconal Minister

Occupation **Pastor**

Age on 15 May 2010 (for Youth and Young Adult Council positions only) _____

Please list up to four positions or activities in each category and circle current positions.

Congregation:

Associate Pastor

Synod/Region

Council, Executive Committee, Gloria Dei Endowment Committee Chair

Churchwide:

Churchwide Catechumenate Development Task Force

Please briefly describe the gifts and skills this nominee would contribute to the position.

Deep commitment to forming discipleship among new Christians; interest in growing the Church of Christ through ecumenical partnerships in practical and grassroots ways; interest in strengthening the voice of the ELCA as a Christian voice for justice and hope in a deeply troubled world.

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Georganne Robertson

Female Male

Seattle

Yes No Person of color **OR**

Congregation: Queen Anne, Seattle

Primary language not English

Primary language is _____

Lay Clergy

Associate in Ministry, Deaconess, Diaconal Minister

Occupation **Former Assistant to the Bishop,
SW WA Synod**

Age on 15 May 2010 (for Youth and Young Adult Council positions only) _____

Please list up to four positions or activities in each category and circle current positions.

Congregation:

President; various committees including Christian Education and Evangelism; Librarian

Synod/Region

Council; Executive Committee; Candidacy Committee; Planning Committee for ELCA Global Mission Events; Companion Synod Delegation to Namibia

Churchwide:

Leadership Team Lutheran/Episcopal Institute on the Catechumenate; ELCA Catechumenate Training Events; Churchwide Board/Executive Committee Women of the ELCA

Please briefly describe the gifts and skills this nominee would contribute to the position.

Georganne is highly skilled and experienced in leadership in the church that she deeply loves. Her credentials above speak to the wide range of gifts and interests she brings. She has augmented these gifts by continuing her learning in courses and workshops such as *Conflict Management* and *Polarity Management* by the Alban Institute which will enhance her leadership in the current context of the church. Georganne is confident and gracious, a mentor and model for lay leaders in the church. She is highly respected by colleagues on the Synod Council and approachable by both experienced and inexperienced alike. Her understanding of Lutheran theology is often articulated but most plainly visible in her daily life.

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BRIAN (KIRBY) UNTI

Female Male

Renton

Yes No Person of color **OR**

Congregation: **St Matthew, Renton**

Primary language not English

Primary language is _____

Lay Clergy

Associate in Ministry, Deaconess, Diaconal Minister

Occupation **Pastor**

Age on 15 May 2010 (for Youth and Young Adult
Council positions only) _____

Please list up to four positions or activities in each category and circle current positions.

Congregation:

**Pastor, Fiscal Agent for two mission starts, Ethiopian Partner Congregation,
host Synod Assembly**

Synod/Region

**Synod Assembly Co-Chair, Mission Planning Task Force Convener, Mentor &
Coach, Synod Workshop Presenter**

Churchwide:

**Evangelism Partner, Do-Author of Midsize Transformation Project, Host
Teaching Congregation**

Please briefly describe the gifts and skills this nominee would contribute to the position.

I have been privileged to serve a congregation for 30 years in which a wonderful transformation story has taken place. We went from being a congregation on life support to a faith community that is vital - pioneering new ways to do ministry in these times. I have been gifted with being able to translate the gospel into a language that is accessible to those who are not church literate. I am loyal to the ELCA while at the same time challenging the church to consider creative ways of reaching a new generation. I have developed a strong skill set in managing conflict which is pertinent to this period in the life of the ELCA.

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KIMBERLY N. UNTI

Female Male

Renton

Yes No Person of color **OR**

Congregation: **St Matthew, Renton**

Primary language not English

Primary language is _____

Lay Clergy

Associate in Ministry, Deaconess, Diaconal Minister

Occupation **Para Educator**

Age on 15 May 2010 (for Youth and Young Adult Council positions only) _____

Please list up to four positions or activities in each category and circle current positions.

Congregation:

Life Stage Coordinator. Adult Education/Social Coordinator. VBS Coordinator. Office Volunteer. Newsletter/bulletin designer

Synod/Region

Synod Vice President, council member, Women's Giving Workshop Coordinator, Synod Assembly Chair

Churchwide:

Ecumenism Task Force. LCA Youth Convo Coordinator. World Council of Churches assembly rep. India Study Seminar Participant

Please briefly describe the gifts and skills this nominee would contribute to the position.

I have a solid track record of serving the Church at the congregational, synodical, national and international expressions. I have demonstrated a capacity to work with people who hold divergent views while creating a cohesive atmosphere. I make this possible by honoring each person and their point of view. I think I can represent NWWA well because I am prepared to move forward with confidence in our convictions while being sensitive to the fact that we are never going to have complete consensus. Oh and by the way . . . I love meetings and learning parliamentary procedures!

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PAUL B. WHITFIELD

Female Male

Seattle

Yes No Person of color **OR**

Congregation: **Magnolia, Seattle**

Primary language not English

Primary language is _____

Lay Clergy

Associate in Ministry, Deaconess, Diaconal Minister

Occupation **Company President**

Age on 15 May 2010 (for Youth and Young Adult Council positions only) _____

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Congregation:

Congregation President

Synod/Region

Churchwide:

Please briefly describe the gifts and skills this nominee would contribute to the position.

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DEANNA WILDERMUTH

Female Male

Mercer Island

Yes No Person of color **OR**

Congregation: **Holy Trinity,**

Primary language not English

Mercer Island

Primary language is _____

Lay Clergy

Associate in Ministry, Deaconess, Diaconal Minister

Occupation **Pastor**

Age on 15 May 2010 (for Youth and Young Adult Council positions only) _____

Please list up to four positions or activities in each category and circle current positions.

Congregation:

Pastor; Director of Worship and Music; Director of Christian Education; Custodian

Synod/Region

Synod ELW Team, Candidacy Committee (Eastern N Dakota), Human Sexuality Task Force (NWWA)

Churchwide:

Reviewer - ELW; Luther Seminary Board member

Please briefly describe the gifts and skills this nominee would contribute to the position.

Experience in a variety of ministry settings from small to very large; strong worship and music experience; diverse style; organized; enjoy/strong advocate of ELCA church in all its expressions; good listener; creative.