2024 RMS Nominations

Row 19	
Nominee	Laura Garcia Villalpando
Lay/Roster	Lay
Position Nominated for:	
Occupation	Financial Secretary/Financial Wellbeing Coach
Home Congregation	St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Aurora CO
Membership	5 years
Sense of God's call	I believe that my experiences as a person of color, coming from a different religion, low income family and as a "new" member of the RM ELCA would be of great benefit to the Synod. I would like to learn in depth how the Synod is involved with minorities and learn of ways my church and its community can grow in its mission to serve.
Skills/Experiences	Bilingual, Spanish speaker, financial coach, council member (second term is due in May 2024) as a financial secretary. Current youth leader and community servant. I volunteer for several organizations in the community, Aurora community connection, African leadership group, Amigos de Mexico among others, I have experienced first hand the needs of the community I serve.
Service Activity 1	EiL graduate 2022-2023 cohort.
Service Activity 2	Church financial secretary, second term due 5/2024
Service Activity 3	Current youth co-leader since October 2023.
Committee Position Nominated for:	
Council Position Nominated for:	Person of color or whose primary language is other than English
2025 Churchwide	