

Rocky Mountain Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's Work. Our Hands.

Position Nominated for: Campus Ministry Committee

Name (First, MI, Last): Donna T Berardinelli

Lay **Lay Roster** **Clergy** **Occupation:** Substitute Teacher/Grad Student

Conference/Geography: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Congregation Membership: St. Luke Lutheran Church **How Long?** 14 years

Briefly describe your sense of God calling you into mission and service in the Synod through this nomination.

Throughout college, I was very involved in campus ministry at New Mexico State University. I loved being a part of a community on campus that was accepting and loving towards all of God's children. Through this nomination I feel called to serve on this committee and provide a perspective of someone who enjoyed campus ministry and wants others to experience this joy as well.

Briefly describe your skills and/or experiences that would be an asset to area you are interested in.

For two years, I was the student campus intern at New Mexico State University for Lutheran Campus Ministry. As a result, I learned what it meant to plan events and put our ideas into action. In addition, I have worked at Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp for the four previous summers and learned to work alongside other staff members that were young adults like me with various valuable perspectives of faith.

List three current or past congregational and synodical service activities

- a. Student Intern for NMSU Lutheran Campus Ministry from Fall 2015 to Spring 2017
- b. Counselor and Onsite Coordinator for Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp from Summer 2014 to Summer 2018
- c. Confirmation Leader at St. Luke Lutheran Church from Jan 2018 to present

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Position Nominated for: ___ Campus Ministry Board _____

Name (First, MI, Last): __Allyson Grace Williams _____

Lay **Lay Roster** **Clergy** **Occupation:** ___Connections Coordinator _____

Conference/Geography: _____Colorado, Highlands Ranch _____

Congregation Membership: ___Christ Lutheran Church _____ **How Long?** 10 years

Briefly describe your sense of God calling you into mission and service in the Synod through this nomination.

I was very involved with campus ministry while I was in college. I found that I really cared about the church and how the young people are treated. I wanted to give back to all of the ministries that helped me grow and feel a part of the church as a whole.

Briefly describe your skills and/or experiences that would be an asset to area you are interested in.

I just graduated from college, I was living the campus ministry life and I know what is important to young adults. This time in young adults life is very important to make them feel welcomed and a part of a community. I have worked with 3 out of the 4 synod campus pastors. I have a drive to show the world how great God is and a real passion for campus ministries across the US. I have worked at Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp for 3 summers and that taught me how to interact with people of all ages.

List three current or past congregational and synodical service activities

- a. University of Northern Colorado campus ministry board. from 2014 to 2016

- b. Connections Coordinator at Christ Lutheran Church working with young adults. from January 2018 to Present

- c. Fort Collins Lutherans, Faith Formation Intern from April 2016 to May 2017

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Name (First, MI, Last): Jeffrey Allen Kelty

Lay Lay Roster Clergy Occupation: Faith Formation Ministry Youth

Conference/Geography: Metro West

Congregation Membership: Glory of God LC How Long? 20yrs

Briefly describe your sense of God calling you into mission and service in the Synod through this nomination.

As I have worked with middle school and high School youth for the last 20+ years and as those youth have become college students and youth adults I feel as though I have a heart for these young people and to be involved in campus ministry seems to be the next logical step.

Briefly describe your skills and/or experiences that would be an asset to area you are interested in.

20+ years in youth and family, or Faith Formation ministry in the Rocky Mountain Synod has given me the background to work with this age group as well. I have maintained a presents in the now young adults that were once these students. I have worked with our synod on the gathering committees and have been very active in our faith formation group which meets once a month. I have been on the board of Sky Ranch for 2 terms and work closely with both camps over these many years. I know and have worked closely with pastor Paul Judson and have worked with both Deb Abbott and pastor Zach as well.

List three current or past congregational and synodical service activities

a. Glory of God LC , Wheat Ridge CO from 1997 to 2011

b. Joy Lutheran Church, Parker CO from 2014 to 2016

c. Bethany LC from 2017 to Present

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Name (First, MI, Last): _Julie E B Britsch _____

Lay Lay Roster **Clergy** Occupation: __Hospital Chaplain _____

Conference/Geography: _____ S E Colorado _____

Congregation Membership: __Ascension Lutheran _____ How Long? _4 years _

Briefly describe your sense of God calling you into mission and service in the Synod through this nomination.

In my 22 years of ministry, I have had the privilege of walking with many young adults, often specializing in this area within my role. Now as a hospital chaplain, I walk beside young adults with health and economic and cultural challenges and would like to be an advocate. I have one student in college and two more off soon and could provide a unique perspective.

Briefly describe your skills and/or experiences that would be an asset to area you are interested in.

I enjoy energizing emerging ministries and get to talk faith and daily life with a diverse group of people in the hospital. I am enjoy developing leaders and encouraging healthy ministry.

List three current or past congregational and synodical service activities

- a. __Developed Bible Studies for Outreach in Suicide Prevention _____ from 2013- to present
- b. __Speaker and Conference Leader WELCA _____ from __2000__ to __present
- c. __Youth Group Leader _____ from __2017__ to present

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Position Nominated for: Campus Ministry Committee, Lay at Large

Name (First, MI, Last): Austin McDowell

Lay x Lay Roster Clergy Occupation: Student, University of Utah

Conference/Geography: Utah Conference

Congregation Membership: Our Saviour's, Holladay UT **How Long?** 11 years

Briefly describe your sense of God calling you into mission and service in the Synod through this nomination.

When I first heard about Lutheran Campus Ministries at the last Synod Assembly, I was immediately taken with the idea. Lutheran Campus Ministries seemed to me like a perfect form of outreach to college students seeking a faith community or who are curious about religion. A Lutheran Campus Ministry, I knew, could go a long way to minister to campus communities and to correct false impressions students may have about what Christianity is, and what it is not. I've had it on my heart since then to be involved in growing campus ministry – I was disappointed to find that there is no such ministry at the University of Utah, and so I'm eager for the opportunity to be a part of the Synod's campus ministry, to grow it where it exists, and with their help and by the grace of God, to spread it to my own campus community.

Briefly describe your skills and/or experiences that would be an asset to area you are interested in.

I am a college student – as such, I feel that I would be an asset to the campus ministry team. I've seen firsthand how church bodies and Christian groups reach out to college students; I've seen some ways that work better than others, and different ways working for different people, but I've seldom seen a campus ministry based on the Lutheran model. I've also seen that young adults and college students who aren't "on fire for Jesus" sometimes feel there's not a place for them in campus Christian communities. I've experienced it firsthand – I'm a young adult too. I want to join this ministry, and help show students throughout the Synod that there is a place for them in the church if they want it, even if they don't fit the mold, or aren't comfortable with Christianity as modern Americans think of it. I'm a leader, a community builder, and a person with a deep investment in this ministry, and I'd like to share that with the Synod Committee, even as I eagerly learn more about campus ministry myself.

List three current or past congregational and synodical service activities

- a. Congregational Council, Worship and Music Liaison from 2016 to present
- b. Confirmation Teaching Assistant from 2016 to 2018
- c. Guest Speaker at, Representative on Holladay and SLC Interfaith Councils from 2017 to 2018