

Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly Elections 2021



Nominee: Douglas Hill

Lay/Rostered: Pastor

Nominated for: CWA

Voting Member category: CO Rostered Minister

Occupation: Clergy

Conference: Metro South

Home Congregation: Abiding Hope, Littleton, CO

For how long: 17 years

Briefly describe your sense of God's call into mission and service in the Synod through this office:

I have a deep passion for congregational vitality. It breaks my heart to see pastors struggle and congregations move toward closure. The ELCA has recently placed an intentional focus on Congregational Vitality with which I am very involved. I have generated an ELCA initiative in this regard called Anchor Church in which thriving congregations accompany struggling congregations on a path to vitality. I feel called to attend the Churchwide Assembly to lend voice to this movement toward congregational vitality.

Describe your skills and experiences that would be an asset to this office:

I am the author of *Cultural Architecture: A Path to Creating Vitalized Congregations* (Fortress Press, 2021) and the innovator of the ELCA Anchor Church movement. I am currently walking alongside congregations and synods across the ELCA to generate congregational vitality. I currently serve on the Executive Team of the ELCA Larger Church Network and as a former chairperson (2017) for the annual event. I currently serve on the Thrivent Member Network - Rocky Mountain Regional Board as well as the Haitian Timoun Foundation Board.

List three current or past congregational or synodical service activities. List the activity and dates started and ended:

Activity 1:

Pastor, Abiding Hope, Littleton, CO 2004-Present

Activity 2:

RMS Vision, Passion, Action Team Member and Chair of the Conflict Resolution Task Force 2004-2008

Activity 3:

RMS Voting Member at the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly