

Position Nominated for: Global Mission Committee, at Large

Name : Teri Hermsmeyer

- Lay
- Lay Roster
- Clergy

Occupation: Interim Pastor

Conference/Geography: Wyoming

Home Congregation: Grace Lutheran Church, Casper

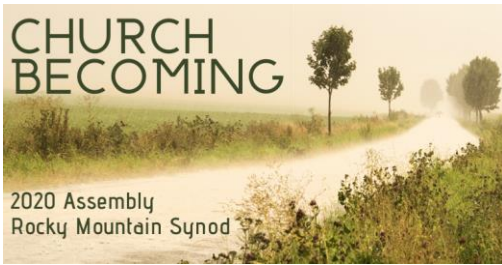
How Long? Since December 1, 2019

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

My husband, Norris, and I were involved in global missions in the earlier years of our marriage before our children’s interests and schedules set it aside for a while. Yet – we continued to travel globally on vacations. In 1986 we were volunteer missionaries to Kodiakanal International School (Lutheran based) in India for 5 months, as well as volunteered for the treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea for 7 months. In 1993, 7 years later, we made another volunteer missionary journey to Nairobi, Kenya for 6 months (with 3 small children 5 and under). Seven years after that, our missionary journey was my Lutheran year at LT Seminary at Gettysburg for my MDIV. After serving as an on-call hospital chaplain for 5 years, I was ordained in January 2009 and was called to small/rural congregations. My husband, Norris, served on the RMS Global Mission Committee for 16 years during the 90s and 00s. We still have the passion for global mission, and I love to share the wider church with smaller congregations that may not be aware of our impact in the world, perhaps in their interim (my current ministry) providing new opportunities to be aware and get involved.

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

I have traveled widely to over 30+ countries since Norris and I have been married, and have a very open minded perspective to our global humanness and connectedness through the power of the Holy Spirit. Again, before our children’s lives took over (-:-) we also hosted many international guests in our home through the ELCA, Rotary International, CU-Boulder, etc. We have many friends around the world. We continue to support ELCA Global Missions in various ways. I also intend to be a part of a group traveling to Indonesia on behalf of ELCA Churchwide – which has now been delayed a year due to coronavirus pandemic. I understand, yet can’t see the future, that this COVID-19 pandemic will change how the ELCA goes about global missions.



List three current or past congregational and synodical service activities:

1. RMS Nominating Committee from 2/1/2020 to current.
2. RMS Congregation Ministries Board from 2008 to 2012
3. RMS Mission Outreach Board from 1993 to 2005