

Rocky Mountain Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Position Nominated for:

Global Mission Committee

Name (First, MI, Last): Gail C. Britt

Lay **Lay Roster** **Clergy** **Occupation:** Hospice Chaplain
Deacon

Conference/Geography: Metro West Conference

Congregation Membership: Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran, Grand Junction, CO. **How Long?** One Year

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

I have been very involved in global ministry and service. I have been on two mission trips (2013, 2016) to Trujillo, Peru as part of Corazon de Esperanza, a Christian non profit in Peru with offices in Gypsum CO. They assist at-risk orphans, youth and impoverished women in Northern Peru. I have sponsored one of the youth for three years. He will graduate from the University of Trujillo with a computer science degree next year.

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

Prior to my vocation in ministry, I was a radio news anchor, publicist and feature writer for 15 years. I have utilized these abilities ,in ministry, to write and produce press releases and public service announcements and to establish a relationship with the press. I have also written feature stories to educate the public about the efforts of churches and other non-profit organizations. Should I be elected, I hope to offer these skills to the Global Mission Committee.

- a. Maundy Thursday Passover Seder Meal (Worship Service & Meal) Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Grand Junction, CO from February, 2018 to March 29, 2018
- b. 2018-2019 Planning Team for RMS Synod Region 2 Deacon Gathering from March 2018-January 2019
- c. RMS Part Time Ministry Summit and Planning Team, March-May, 2018

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Name (First, MI, Last): Amanda M. King

Lay **Lay Roster** **Clergy** **Occupation:** Economic Development Professional

Conference/Geography: Border Conference – Roswell, NM

Congregation Membership: St. Mark's

How Long? 3.5 years

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

Global mission is, to me, so important (but not for the reason many would suppose). It allows us the opportunity to engage with our siblings in Christ around the world, not just pour Christianity on them. But to have meaningful conversations across artificially constructed borders. This allows space for creating multidirectional relationships where all partners gain and share of themselves. And until people are on the ground I think it is a lot easier to buy into the derelict colonial notion that we know what these Christians need. We don't. But Global Mission allows us to walk with our fellow Christians (and non-Christians). Because most Americans are so very insular and have no real connection with the outside world many believe with our question the stories from other countries on the news and fail to complicate them, global exchanges and long or short-term visits via global mission challenge these single stories.

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

I was an ELCA Missionary in Cameroon from 2004 – 2008, so I have direct experience with ELCA Global Mission and a deep love and continuing understanding about the work the ELCA is doing with the Global Church and would love to be participating with the RMS more actively by being on the Global Mission Committee. I bring with me an academic background that keeps me rooted in historical injustices constructed by my ancestors, which paired with biblical teaching guide the way I engage with the Global Church.

List three current or past congregational and synodical service activities

- a. Social Media Maven/Manager – St. Mark's Lutheran, Roswell NM from 9/2016 to present
- b. Lector/Cantor – St. Mark's Lutheran, Roswell NM from 9/2016 to present
- c. _____ from _____ to _____

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Position Nominated for: GLOBAL MISSION COMMITTEE

Name (First, MI, Last): PETER J. KAPENGA

Lay Roster Clergy Occupation: RETIRED

Conference/Geography: ROCKY MOUNTAIN SYNOD

Congregation Membership: PEACE LUTHERAN, EL PASO, TX How Long? 4½ YEARS

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

I was asked if I would be interested in serving with the Global Mission Committee by the pastor of my congregation in El Paso. It made sense as I've spent my entire life associated with Global Mission --- it is what I know as a child of missionaries and growing up in the mission community/family, and also from spending 36 years of my life working in mission.

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

See above. I worked mainly in Palestine with the Lutheran Church as part of its Dialogue with Islam program as a teacher and school administrator (1976-2002). When this work ended, my wife and I moved to Bahrain where I ran a church affiliated school for 10 years. Both jobs involved working with mission colleagues and local staff, hiring and working with 'volunteers' from the States, and relating to the church 'back home' (i.e. the USA) via letters and church visits.

List three current or past congregational and synodical service activities

- a. Missionary in the Middle East (with ELCA from 1976 to 2002, with RCA from 2002 to 2012)
- b. Church Council, English-language Congregation, Redeemer Lutheran, Jerusalem
- c. Church Council, Peace Lutheran, El Paso, TX

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Position Nominated for: Global Mission committee member

Name (First, MI, Last): Judy A. Neve

Lay Lay Roster Clergy Occupation: ___Lay_____

Conference/Geography: __2E O5 Metro West

Congregation Membership: ___Advent _____ **How Long?** _54 years___

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As treasurer, my ongoing theme was that the work of the church doesn't stop at the front door. Members were reminded that the work of the church continues in World Hunger, Disaster Relief and other needs beyond our community. Advent was very generous in supporting Michelle Moyer's YAGM year of service.

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

I went to Juarez with Casas por Christo during Christmas vacation for six years to help build houses for people who were living "on the dump" in cardboard and tarps. Their gratitude for a new home the size of a single car garage made everyone on each trip more grateful for what we have. That was reaffirmed when I attended assembly in El Paso and went over the border to visit a new church being built. When the committee visited Cristo Ray at the Region 2 meeting, it was heart-warming to see the pride of ownership in the area where we had built.

List three current or past congregational and synodical service activities

- a. Advent treasurer _____ from 2009 to 2015__
- b. Evangelism, Worship & Music, Stewardship _____ from ___?___ to ongoing_____
- c. Daily Advent volunteer; help with assembly preparations where needed from _ongoing

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Name (First, MI, Last): __Paula M Stecker_____

Lay **Lay Roster** **Clergy** **Occupation:** _____ Pastor _____

Conference/Geography: _____ SE Conference _____

Congregation Membership: __Christ the King, CS_____ **How Long?** __1 yr.____

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

Seeking and finding Jesus in the various corners of our world has definitely made my life more abundant. Sharing mutual conversation and consolation with brothers and sisters who do not share all of my assumptions or perceptions of life, continually calls me back to the table, that my soul may be satisfied. In terms of calling, Jesus sends the apostles testify to what they have seen and heard. I have been privileged to see and hear much.

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

- **20 plus years as a missionary, first as a missionary nurse in Africa and then as a pastor in Haiti following the earthquake.**
- **3 years on the Global Mission Committee for churchwide, 2007-2010**
- **Our daughter served as a YAGM**
- **Part-time work at churchwide office in Global Mission for human resources, mission formation, and mission sponsorship, 2013-2016**
- **Served on Lower Susquehanna Synod Global Mission Committee**

List three current or past congregational and synodical service activities

a. __helped plan global and glocal events in PA/MD _____ from __2005__ to __2010__

b. __God's work. Our hands Colorado Springs_____ from __2017__ to _____

c. __inter congregational devotional dev in Colorado Springs_____ from __2017__ to __2018__