

Name: **Andrea Kragerud**

Lay/Rostered: Lay

Nominated for: Congregational Ministries Board

Category if Applicable:

Occupation: Intern Pastor - Zion Lutheran Church

Conference: Northern Colorado

Home Congregation: Bethlehem Lutheran, Longmont, CO (Zion Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO Internship Site)

Member how long: 12 years



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

**Activity 1:**

Excellence in Leadership (graduate) September 2020 - March 2022

**Activity 2:**

Bethlehem Congregational President, January 2016-January 2018

**Activity 3:**

Bethlehem Strategic Planning Team, March 2020-July 2021

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

I believe the mission of the church is to actively participate in God's world using all our gifts and talents and living into these promises from God in baptism. To understand mission in this way is to discern what God is doing in the congregation, the community, our greater country, and the world. Through faithful listening, wondering, and discernment, I think we can begin to understand what God is actually inviting us to do. Along with the candidacy process, internship has been a significant affirmation of my call to ministry. Originally as I began this part of the journey, I thought campus ministry or chaplaincy would be where I was called to serve. Within congregational ministry I have discovered I am passionate about and have gifts for helping others discover their passions, what excites them about connecting to ministry, and where they feel a sense of belonging. Doing visioning work and helping a congregation see their gifts and potential is a place of revitalization and renewal I look forward to being a part of in future congregations I will serve.

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

As a second career individual, I bring different life experiences to ministry that will support ministry in perhaps a new and different way. I am a big picture thinker who also likes to dig into the details to see how the vision will come into being. I have strong leadership skills and an ability to help others identify their gifts and be an encourager of those gifts. I am relationship driven and it is important to me that relationships are priority. I lead and learn from my relationship building strengths. I am strong administratively and in pastoral care. In my former career I created and implemented many programs, trainings, oversaw event management and facility planning; to program assessment and evaluation as well as strategic planning, marketing and administration. Recruiting, hiring and training multiple staffs as well as crisis management and overseeing large budgets. As a volunteer I served on the council of my home congregation for 6 years; 2 as Faith Formation Ministries Chair, 2 as Vice President and 2 as Council President. I was most recently a member of the Strategic Planning Team assisting with creating a new Mission and Vision and key ministry goals for the future of the congregation.



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