

Name: **Kenny LaJoy**

Lay/Rostered: Lay

Nominated for: ELCA Church Council

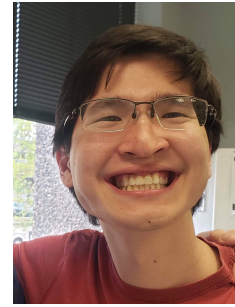
Category if Applicable: Young Adult Male/GNB

Occupation: Own a pizza shop that serves and hire those with disabilities

Conference: Metro/Mountain West

Home Congregation: Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

Member how long: At least 5 years
Grand Junction Colorado



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

Activity 1:

member of the education committee for my home congregation 2019-2022

Activity 2:

Member of the worship committee 2017-2018

Activity 3:

Member of the Synod Council 2019-2022

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

Though there have been many obstacles in my life, from being adopted from a third-world country to coming out as gay and to grappling with my disabilities, I have felt God's presence and unconditional love and grace throughout my life. The church has been the bedrock on which I have been able to stand, and I feel that God is calling me to strengthen that bedrock for the sake of others and future generations. I want to help the church find its voice and to proclaim God's unconditional love for the sake of the world.

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

I have served on several ecclesiastical governing bodies and have pushed for further youth representation throughout our church body, from the congregational level to the synodical level. I feel a special connection and advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community and the disability community and want to expand our ministry on those fronts.



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