

Rocky Mountain Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Position Nominated for: _____RMS Synod Mission Outreach Board_____

Name (First, MI, Last): _____Matt T. Barnhouse_____

Lay ~~Lay Roster~~ Clergy **Occupation:** _____Pastor Redeveloper_____

Conference/Geography: _____RMS El Paso_____

Congregation Membership: _____Mount Hope El Paso_____ **How Long?** _3.5 years_

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

God has called me into the ministry setting of El Paso, a place which offers endless possibilities for new mission and outreach. I feel the Spirit nudging me to become an advocate and partner for other renewals and/or new ministries in the El Paso area, including the possibility of a new ELCA mission start on the East side of the city.

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

I have the honor of being known as the first formal redeveloper in the RMS under Bishop Jim's tenure. Formal redevelopment ministry entails: listening to the Spirit, building new partnerships, creating new ministries, and re-rooting a congregation back into the fabric of the community it serves. I am creative, energetic, a risk taker for the sake of the gospel, and – in addition to a wide experience in ministry – I have a background and education in business and marketing.

List three current or past congregational and synodical service activities

- a. _____Pastor Redeveloper Mount Hope El Paso _____ from __6/2014__ to __present
- b. _____RMS World Hunger Ambassador_____ from __11/2017__ to __present
- c. _____RMS Pastoral Intern Ascension Cheyenne_____ from __7/2012__ to __7/2013__

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Position Nominated for: __ Mission Outreach Board, at large Clergy

Name (First, MI, Last): Jeremy "Jay" R Gamelin

Lay **Lay Roster** **Clergy** **Occupation:** Pastor, Lead Servant for Engagement
(Mission) (ordained 2001)

Conference/Geography: Metro South Conference

Congregation Membership: Abiding Hope Church **How Long?** 5 months

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

I am new to the synod, but bring a strong set of experience and gifts for development, mission-leadership, and thinking in parallel ways about how we are called to serve as God's people. I have valued working in the synods I have been called to serve and feel this is a place where I can serve with excitement while I integrate into the synod.

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

For 10 years, I have traveled across the US and abroad teaching in Synods at assemblies and ministeria, and district gatherings, in youth conferences and young adult gatherings on the post-modern culture shift. Drawing on my experience as the developer of Jacob's Porch, an ancient/future church in Columbus, OH that serves students of Ohio State, I have seen how to integrate our Lutheran theology into an active church ministry for young adults. I have also led a redevelopment of a larger church in South Carolina that shifted its focus from inward to outward that has become a local leader in missional leadership.

List three current or past congregational and synodical service activities

- a. Synod Convocation Team, South Carolina Synod from 2011 to 2016
- b. Leader Developer of Kairos Confirmation Camp, Lutheridge+Lutherock ministries from 2014 to 2016
- c. Keynote Speaker/teacher on the Post Modern Church from 2007 to 2017

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Name (First, MI, Last): Susan Jane Nolan 9-11/1960

Lay Lay Roster Clergy Occupation: Music Director Peace in Christ

Conference/Geography: Rocky Mountain Synod ^{Episcopal/Lutheran church}

Congregation Membership: Peace in Christ (now) How Long? 22 years

(was) Elizabeth Lutheran Church (mission)
Briefly describe your sense of God calling you into mission and service in the Synod through this nomination.

I want to be involved with the change that needs to happen in our country and throughout the world. The change to protect and care for these people in our neighborhoods and all those in need. I just want to see if my skills as a nurse for elderly can help as well, or skills as a musician can help.

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

I was a nurse for 10 years and a nursing assistant for 10 years. I worked with the elderly in Nursing Homes and a coma re-hab hospital in the 90's. I am a musician and love to do concerts to raise money and what may help as well. I play guitar and write songs (Christian Songs)

List three current or past congregational and synodical service activities

- Loveland a. Rocky Mountain Synod Conference from May to 2016
- Colo. Springs Rocky Mountain Synod Conference from May to 2017
- Colo. Springs Via de Christa from March to 2008

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Name (First, MI, Last): Elizabeth (Libbie) A Reinking

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

Conference/Geography: Denver Metro East Conference, Denver
CO

Congregation Membership: Epiphany Lutheran Church **How Long?**
1.5 years

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

God gives each of us passions and gifts to pursue the work of the kingdom. I have long been passionate about mission development in the church, seeking out where God is already at work and asking how I might creatively be a part of God's promised and preferred future. The church, as always, needs to be relevant in our world in order to reach out and meet folks where they are. The work of the Mission Outreach Board is designed to discern God's activity in the world and together create and support mission that is relevant in its context, for the sake of the spreading God's love in the world. I believe God is calling me to share my experience and gifts by serving on the Mission Board of Outreach in the church.

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

- Certified Mission Developer/Redeveloper 2011 – present
- Began a New Mission Start in a Coffee House/Fair Trade Market 2012-2016
- Sat on Mission Board of developing Chinese Ministry in St. Louis, MO 2001-2008
- Trained in Sacred Conversations on Race and Racism bringing people together to have tough conversations on issues of privilege and racism

My gifts and passions draw me to seek out *creative* ways of doing ministry, understanding that "church" can be and look very different depending on it's context, seeking to meet the needs of the people it serves.

List three current or past congregational and synodical service activities

- a. Behavioral Interviewer for Mission Developer/Redeveloper Candidates from 2017 to present
- b. Member of Mission Table of the Central States Synod from 2011 to 2016
- c. Leadership Development Chair of Central States Synod from 2001 to 2007

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Name (First, MI, Last): David P Ryder

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

Conference/Geography: Northern Colorado

Congregation Membership: Spirit of Joy

How Long? ~10 months

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

I have a heart for reaching people who are not actively involved in churches with the gospel. I also believe that the church is in a transitional phase and hope to engage in conversations about how people might be reached in different (and evolving) cultural contexts.

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

I spent time as a church planter and was engaged in the task of reaching out into a community and establishing a congregation. I also helped to establish a position in the Rochester Classis (my prior governing/supervisory body) explicitly charged with finding ecumenical partners and working to build ministries that differed from "traditional" churches in the area.

List three current or past congregational and synodical service activities

- a. President, Rochester Classis* from 5/16 to 5/17
- b. Vice President, Rochester Classis* from 5/15 to 5/16
- c. Classis Ministerial Formation Committee Chair* from 5/13 to 5/15

*I was previously serving in the RCA, a full communion partner. All previous service was in that denomination.