

## **Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly Elections 2021**



**Nominee:** Ruth Hoffman

Lay/Rostered: Lay

**Nominated for:** Vice President

Voting Member category:

Occupation: Retired

Conference: North New Mexico

Home Congregation: St Paul, Albuquerque, NM

For how long: Three months

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

When I was asked to consider placing my name in nomination for Synod vice-president, I took some time to pray about this undertaking, as I asked for guidance in discerning my response. I humbly believe that I heard God's call to help lead this Synod in its mission as "Together we proclaim and embody God's unconditional love for the sake of the world." If I am elected to serve as Synod vice-president, I will do my best as a partner with the Synod Council, with our Bishop and Synod staff, and with the congregations throughout our territory to carry out that mission.

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

In my adult life, I have worked in leadership roles in both my volunteer life and my professional life. I worked in the nonprofit arena almost all of my career until my retirement at the end of 2019 after twenty years as director of Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-New Mexico. My various experiences have shaped my skills as a leader and partner who listens, pays attention to detail, is tenacious, works toward shared goals, and prays for God's guidance and patience. I believe these tools would be assets if I were to be elected to serve in this office.

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

**Activity 1:**

St. Luke (Albuquerque) Church Council-Member 1993-1999, President 1996-1999

**Activity 2:**

Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp Board of Directors-Member 1996-2000, Vice-President 1998-2000

**Activity 3:**

New Mexico Conference of Churches Board of Directors-Member as Bishop Gonia's Rocky Mountain Synod Deputy 2013-2019, President 2015-2020