

Nominations Committee Report

Office of the District President

“Candidates for the office of District President shall be at least the five (5) ordained ministers who receive the greatest number of nominations and agree to serve, if elected.” (2003 District Bylaws)

The following are the results of the nominating ballots of 130 congregations of the Nebraska District for the office of District President.

Don Cooper	1	Mark Middendorf	2
James DeLoach	1	Clint Poppe	7
John Diener	1	Russell Sommerfeld	102
David Kuhfal	2	D. Georg Williams	2
Brent Kuhlman	12		

Declined: David Kuhfal, Mark Middendorf, Clint Poppe, and D. Georg Williams

Brent Kuhlman

31112 Church Road, Murdock, 68407. Age 44. He is currently serving as pastor of Trinity, Murdock. Prior to that he served Faith, Hebron (1991-1997). He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1990 and was ordained in 1991. He has been in the Nebraska District for 17 years. He is also nominated for Vice President in Region D.

Russell Sommerfeld

535 South Evergreen Drive, Seward, 68434. Age 56. He presently serves as the District President of the Nebraska District LCMS. He previously served as senior pastor of Holy Cross, Kearney (1995-2003). He also served as pastor of Trinity, Arapahoe (1986-1995) and Immanuel, Canton, and St. John's, Moundridge, Kansas (1980-1986). He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1980 and was ordained that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for 23 years and has served as a vice president of the District (1994-2003), as a circuit counselor (1982-1986 in Kansas and 1988-1994 in Nebraska), as delegate to the 1984 synodical convention, as LLL District pastoral advisor, on Synod convention floor committees (2004 & 2007), and numerous other committees.

Nominations for Regional Vice President

“Candidates for regional Vice President shall be at least the four (4) ordained ministers in each region who receive the greatest number of nominations and agree to serve, if elected.” (2003 District Bylaws)

The following are the results of the nominating ballots of 117 congregations of the Nebraska District for the offices of the four (4) regional vice presidents:

REGION A

Six (6) ballots were invalid due to individuals being from the wrong region.

Kenton Birtell	1	Mark Middendorf	7
David Dobbertien	1	Craig Niemeier	1
Michael Gruhn	16	Mike Reiners	1
Shawn Kitzing	1	Paul Warneke	1

Declined: Kenton Birtell, David Dobbertien, Craig Niemeier, Mike Reiners

Michael Gruhn 211 E. 7th Street, Lexington, 68850. Age 58. He is currently serving as senior pastor of Trinity, Lexington (since 2001). He has previously served as pastor of First, Kingsley, Iowa (1992-2001); pastor of St. John, Pilger (1983-1992); pastor of Concordia, Jackson, Tennessee (1981-1982); as teacher at The Lutheran School, Chattanooga, Tennessee (1974-1980); and as teacher at St. Paul College High School, Concordia, Missouri (1972-1974). He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1981 and was ordained that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for 16 years. He currently serves as Fourth Vice President and member of the Nebraska District Board of Directors (since 2007). He has also previously served as LLL/LWML counselor; as director for the Lutheran Center on Aging (1989-1991); as chairman of the Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board (1984-1991); and for the District on nominations committee (1977); missions committee (1980); elections committee (1990); and floor committee (2005).

Shawn Kitzing PO Box 100, Loup City, 68853. Age 35. He is currently serving as pastor of Immanuel, Loup City (since 2000) and as vacancy pastor of Immanuel, Merna. He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 2000 and was ordained that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for eight years. He has also served as LLL zone pastoral advisor (2001-2005); as LWML zone pastoral advisor (2005-present); and *Fan into Flame* Circuit Coordinator for the Grand Island Circuit (2008).

Mark Middendorf PO Box 248, Scotia, 68875. Age 42. He is currently serving as pastor of Zion, Scotia. He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1997 and was ordained in 1998. He has been in the Nebraska District for ten years.

Paul Warneke PO Box 64, Curtis, 69025. Age 49. He is currently serving as pastor of St. John, Curtis (since 1996). He graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, in 1996 and was ordained that same year. He has served as a board member (1998-2005) and as president (1999-2005) of KNGN Christian Radio. He has been in the Nebraska District for 13 years and is currently serving as McCook Circuit Counselor (since 2002).

REGION B

Marvin Bergman	1	Clint Poppe	5
Paul Beyer	1	Jonathan Rathjen	1
Loren Cooper	3	Dirk Reek	1
Doug Irmer	5	Arthur Schauer	1
Arnold Jurchen	9	Charles Schmidt	3
		Luke Schnake	1

Declined: Marvin Bergman, Loren Cooper, Clint Poppe, Jonathan Rathjen, Dirk Reek, and Arthur Schauer

Paul Beyer

72430 567th Avenue, Daykin, 68338. Age 52. He presently serves as pastor of Immanuel, Daykin (since 2002). He previously served as pastor of St. John, Nashville, and Trinity, Medicine Lodge, Kansas (1993-2001). He graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, in 1993 and was ordained that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for seven years. He has previously served as a circuit counselor in the Kansas District (2000-2001) and as Beatrice Circuit Counselor since 2003.

Douglas Irmer

124 S. 21st Street, Beatrice, 68310. Age 49. He is currently serving as senior pastor of St. Paul, Beatrice (since 2001). He previously served as associate pastor at St. Paul, Beatrice (1997-2000); as pastor at Christ, Cairo (1987-1997); and as mission pastor at Christ, Dudley, Massachusetts (1985-1987). He graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, in 1985 and was ordained that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for 21 years. He also currently serves as an Air National Guard chaplain (since 1987). He previously served as Beatrice Circuit Counselor (1997-2000) and Grand Island Circuit Counselor (1994-1997) and as secretary of the New England District Evangelism Committee (1985-1987).

Arnold Jurchen

3435 Old Cheney Road, Beaver Crossing, 68313. Age 63. He is currently serving as pastor of Holy Cross, Goehner (since 2007). He has previously served as pastor at St. John, Cordova, and Holy Cross, Goehner (dual parish 1996-2007); Our Savior, Parksville, British Columbia (1985-1996); Trinity, Quesnel, British Columbia (1979-1985); Our Redeemer, Chugiak, Alaska (1973-1979); and as teacher at Prince of Peace, Spring Lake Park, Minnesota (1968-1969). He graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Illinois, in 1973 and was ordained that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for 13 years. He is currently serving as Seward Circuit Counselor (since 2006) and as an adjunct instructor of theology for Concordia University, Nebraska (since 1998). Previous district and synodical service includes the following: board of stewardship, Northwest District (1976-1979); board of directors, ABC District Canada (1988-1996); board of parish services, ABC District, Canada (1990-1993); board of missions, ABC District (1993-1996); chairman of constitution committee, ABC District (1994-1996); chairman of youth department, ABC District (1987-1990); Nebraska District Mission Support Commission (1997-2002); Nebraska District Task Force on Congregational Renewal (2004); chairman, Nebraska District Task Force on Parish Education, (2005-2006); chairman, Nebraska District Convention Arrangements Committee (2000); chairman, Nebraska District Floor Committee for Missions and Outreach (2003); member of board of regents, Concordia Seminary, Edmonton, Alberta (1996); chaplain for Canadian National Youth Gatherings (1992, 1995); LCMS representative to LCUSA Consultations, Alaska (1974-1975); and as pastoral representative on the Alaska State Legislature Sub-Committee on Discrimination (1975-1978).

Charles Schmidt

1616 G Street, Fairbury, 68352. Age 55. He is currently serving as pastor of Grace, Fairbury (since 1987), and as vacancy pastor at Trinity, Jansen. He had previously served as pastor at Zion St. John, Beemer (1982-1987) and as DCE at Immanuel, Alliance (1975-1980). He graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, in 1981 and was ordained in 1982. He has been in the Nebraska District for 27 years. He has also served as a delegate to synodical convention and as Beatrice Circuit Counselor (1988-1991, 1997-2000).

Luke Schnake

7301 S. 41st Street, Lincoln, 68516. Age 56. He is currently serving as senior pastor of Christ, Lincoln (since 1997). He previously served as pastor of Trinity, Sheboygan, Wisconsin (1989-1997); as pastor of Zion, Marengo, Illinois (1983-1989); and as pastor of Good Shepherd, Rock Falls, Illinois (1978-1983). He graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield/Ft. Wayne, in 1978 and was ordained that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for 12 years. He has also served as chairman of the prayer committee in South Wisconsin District (1995-1997); as chairman of Stewardship Committee in Northern Illinois District (1985-1989); and as chairman of Northern Illinois District General Pastors' Conference (1984-1989).

REGION C

Two (2) ballots were invalid due to individual being from the wrong region.

Michael Awe	1	Richard Snow	12
David Kuhfal	3	D. Georg Williams	11
John Ryding	2		

Declined: No one declined.

David Kuhfal 109 F Street, Neligh, 68756. Age 43. He is currently serving as pastor of Grace, Neligh, and Trinity, Elgin. Prior to that he served as pastor at Trinity, Denver, Colorado (1992-1994). He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1992 and was ordained that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for 14 years. He is currently serving as Plainview Circuit Counselor (since 2003). He has also previously served as a delegate to the 1998 and 2007 synodical conventions; on the District Nominations Committee (2003-2005); and as a vicarage supervisor (2004-present).

John Ryding 1220 N. Lawndale, O'Neill, 68763. Age 57. He is currently serving as pastor of Christ, O'Neill (since 2003) and as vacancy pastor at St. Paul, Chambers, and Our Savior, Bartlett. He had previously served as pastor at Immanuel, Spencer, Immanuel, Butte, and Christ, Lynch (1977-1982); and at Zion, Hillsboro, and Our Savior, Marion, Kansas (1982-2003). He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1977 and was ordained that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for ten years. He is currently serving as Ainsworth Circuit Counselor (since 2008) and as LWML Nebraska District North pastoral advisor (since 2007). He has also served the Kansas District as a circuit counselor (1992-2003); as secretary for the circuit counselors (1994-2003); as LLL zone advisor (1985-1992); as LLL district convention advisor; as chair of pastor-teacher conference committee (1999); and on the Kansas District Commission on Ministerial Health (1999-2003).

Richard Snow 303 South 2nd Street, Battle Creek, 68715. Age 48. He currently serves as senior pastor of St. John, Battle Creek (since 2000). He previously served as pastor of Trinity, Auburn (1987-2000). He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1987 and was ordained that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for 22 years. He is currently serving as Third Vice President and member of the Nebraska District Board of Directors (since 2006) and as district LLL pastoral advisor (since 2007). He also previously served the District as Falls City Circuit counselor (1994-2000).

D. Georg Williams Route 1, Box 125B, Ainsworth, 69210. Age 58. He presently serves as pastor of Zion, Ainsworth (since 1979). He previously served as pastor of Augustana, Alexandria, and St. Paul, Mansura, Louisiana (1977-1979). He graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, in 1977 and was ordained that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for 30 years. He is currently serving on the District New Mission Start Committee (since 2006) and as the co-chair of the lay ministry task force (since 2003). He also previously served as Ainsworth Circuit Counselor (1985-1988, 1991-2000), on the District LFS Task Force (1996-1997), and as area coordinator for "Alive in Christ" fund drive (1986).

REGION D

Two (2) ballots were invalid due to individual being from the wrong region.

Roland Jank, Jr.	1	Jon Sollberger	1
Brent Kuhlman	1	Orville Walz	20

Declined: Roland Jank, Jr. and Jon Sollberger

Brent Kuhlman

31112 Church Road, Murdock, 68407. Age 44. He is currently serving as pastor of Trinity, Murdock. Prior to that he served Faith, Hebron (1991-1997). He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1990 and was ordained in 1991. He has been in the Nebraska District for 17 years. He is also nominated for District President.

Orville Walz

14718 Black Street, Bennington, 68007. Age 70. He is retired, having previously served as President of Concordia University, Seward (1990-2004). He is a member of Zion, Omaha. He previously served as President of Concordia College, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (1981-1990); as a faculty member/administrator at Concordia, Seward (1969-1981); as interim pastor at All Saints, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (1986-1987); and as a teacher/principal in two Minnesota Lutheran schools (1961-1969). He graduated from the pastoral colloquy program at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1982 and was ordained that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for 31 years. He has also served on the ABC District (Canada) Board of Directors (1983-1986) and as third vice president of The Lutheran Church—Canada (1986-1989). He is currently serving as Second Vice President and member of the Nebraska District Board of Directors (since 2006) and on the LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relations (since 2001).

Nominations for Circuit Counselors

Nominations from congregations for circuit counselor positions have been tallied and show majority nominations for the following circuits:

Beatrice	Paul Beyer (Immanuel, Daykin)
Columbus	Terry Timm (Zion, Leigh)
Deshler	Richard Kelm (Faith, Hebron)
Falls City	Robert Schermbeck (St. Peter, Elk Creek)
Fremont	Bruce Schut (St. Peter, Scribner)
Grand Island	Glen Keylon (Christ, Cairo)
Holdrege	Jeff Ernstmeyer (Our Redeemer, Elwood)
Kearney	Dean Hanson (Grace, Pleasanton, and Faith, Hazard)
McCook	Paul Warneke (St. John, Curtis)
Norfolk	Frank "Chip" Winter (Christ, Norfolk)
Omaha North	Richard Gudgel (Mount Calvary, Omaha)
Omaha South	Karl Ziegler (First, Papillion)
Omaha West	Gary Werling (Good Shepherd, Gretna)
Plainview	David Kuhfal (Grace, Neligh, and Trinity, Elgin)
Wayne	William Engebretsen (Immanuel, Laurel)
West Point	James Carretto (St. Paul, Wisner)
Western Sandhills	Robert Pierce (St. John, Ogallala)

The following circuits did not have a majority selection at the time of printing: **Ainsworth, Hastings, Lincoln, Seward, and York.**

An updated circuit counselor nomination list will be provided at convention. Delegates from circuits not having a majority selection at that time will vote again.

Circuit counselor nominations are ratified by the convention.

District Secretary (Elect one)

Roland Jank, Jr.

6928 Florence Boulevard, Omaha, 68112. Age 60. He presently serves as pastor of Mount Olive, Omaha (since 1977). Prior to that, he served as assistant pastor of Mount Olive, Omaha, from 1974-1977. He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1974 and was ordained in 1974. He has been in the Nebraska District for 35 years. He is currently serving as Nebraska District Secretary (since 2003). He previously served as Omaha North Circuit Counselor (1988-2003) and has also served as chaplain for the District Convention, on the board of directors for Project Hope, board of directors for Together, Inc. (1976-present), on the Synodical Convocation on Structure (2008), and four times as synodical convention delegate.

David Kuhfal

109 F Street, Neligh, 68756. Age 43. He is currently serving as pastor of Grace, Neligh (since 1995), and Trinity, Elgin (since 1997). Prior to that, he served as pastor at Trinity, Denver, Colorado (1992-1994). He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1992 and was ordained that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for 14 years. He is currently serving as Plainview Circuit Counselor (since 2003) and as a vicarage supervisor (since 2004). He has also previously served as a delegate to the 1998 and 2007 synodical conventions; on the District Nominations Committee (2003-2005); as a delegate to the 2002 theological conference; on the 2002 Fall Pastors' Conference Planning Committee; as circuit coordinator for the Great Commission Convocation; as circuit evangelism coordinator; and as circuit LWML advisor (2000-2003).

David List

330 Lambrecht Street, Beemer, 68716. Age 55. He is currently serving as pastor of St. John, Beemer (since 2001). Prior to that, he served as teacher/principal at St. Paul, West Point (1989-1998); as teacher/coach at St. Peter, Arlington Heights, Illinois (1980-1989); as teacher/coach at Messiah, Memphis, Tennessee (1976-1980); and as teacher at Zion, Piedmont, California (1975-1976). He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 2001 and was ordained that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for 20 years. He is currently serving as a member of the Elkhorn Valley Lutherans For Life (since 2000). He has also previously served as a member of the Nebraska District Board of Directors (1995-1998) and as an LWML circuit counselor (2004-2008).

Nominations for Commissioned Minister Member of the Board of Directors

“Candidates for commissioned minister on the Board of Directors shall be at least the three (3) commissioned ministers in the electing area who receive the greatest number of nominations and agree to serve, if elected.” (2003 District Bylaws)

The following are the results of the nominating ballots of 39 congregations in Area I of the Nebraska District for the office of commissioned minister member of the Board of Directors.

AREA I (Regions A & B)

Ann Anderson	1	Eunice McCarty	1
David Beikmann	1	Andrew Rohwer	3
Jane Bunnett	5	Dennis Rosenthal	1
Rhonda Burk	4	Brent Royuk	1
Mervin Dehning	1	Brian Staehr	1
Lonnie Duensing	1	Cynthia Uden	1
Stan Fehlhafer	10	Allard Warneke	1
Daniel Harries	1	Lois Watt	1
Joseph Herl	1	Stan Wehling	1
David Koopman	1	Charles Zehendner	1
		Lyle Ziems	1

Declined: Ann Anderson, Jane Bunnett, Lonnie Duensing, Joseph Herl, Andrew Rohwer, Brent Royuk, Brian Staehr, Cynthia Uden, Allard Warneke, Lois Watt, and Lyle Ziems

David Beikmann 212 First Street, Deshler, 68340. Age 32. He currently serves as principal/teacher at Deshler Lutheran, Deshler (since 2003). Prior to that, he served as teacher at Mount Olive, Des Moines, Iowa (1999-2003). He graduated from Concordia University, Seward, in 1999 and was commissioned that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for six years and is a member of St. Peter, Deshler.

Rhonda Burk 1921 Brower Road, Lincoln, 68502. Age 42. She is a member of Faith of Our Fathers, Roca. She is currently serving as a teacher at Good Shepherd, Lincoln. Her previous service as a teacher includes Zion, Tobias (2002-2006); St. John, North Tonawanda, New York (1993-1996, 1997-1998); Bethlehem Preschool, Crete (1996-1997); and St. John, Port Hope, Michigan (1988-1993). She graduated from Concordia University, Seward, in 1998 and was commissioned as a teacher that same year. She has been in the Nebraska District for five years and has served 13 years in Lutheran teaching.

Mervin Dehning 236 Parkside Lane, Lincoln, 68521. Age 51. He presently serves as principal of Trinity, Lincoln (since 2006). Prior to that, he served as teacher at St. Paul, McAllen, Texas (1995-2006); as teacher at St. Martin, Winona, Minnesota (1990-1995); as teacher at Christ, Norfolk (1986-1990); as teacher at Rose of Sharon, Cottage Grove, Minnesota (1982-1986); and as teacher at Concordia-Immanuel, Red Wing, Minnesota (1980-1982). He graduated from Concordia University, Seward, in 1980 and was commissioned that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for seven years.

- Stan Fehlhafer** 15700 Havelock Avenue, Lincoln, 68527. Age 66. He is a member of Messiah, Lincoln, and currently serves as senior ministry director at Messiah. He had previously served as teacher/principal at Messiah, Lincoln (1985-2007) until his retirement in June, 2007. He also served at Zion (Worms), St. Libory, as teacher/principal from 1966-1985. He graduated from Concordia University, Seward, in 1966 and was commissioned that same year. He has been in Lutheran teaching for 42 years with all of those years serving in the Nebraska District. He is currently serving as a member of the Nebraska District Board of Directors (since 2003) and had previously served on this Board from 1982-1988.
- Daniel Harries** 118 Centennial Drive, Grand Island, 68801. Age 62. He is a member of Trinity, Grand Island, and is currently teaching at St. Cecilia Catholic School in Hastings. Prior to that, he served as teacher at Trinity Lutheran School, Grand Island (1982-1997); as teacher at Trinity, Greeley, Colorado (1976-1982); and as teacher at Grace, Denver, Colorado (1969-1976). He graduated from Concordia University, Seward, in 1969 and was commissioned that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for 14 years.
- David Koopman** 1266 E. Seward Street, Seward, 68434. Age 61. He presently serves as principal of St. John, Seward (since 2004). Prior to that, he served as principal of St. Paul, Des Peres, Missouri (1997-2004); as principal of Pilgrim, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin (1987-1997); as principal/teacher of St. John, Chaska, Minnesota (1980-1987); as DCE at Zion, Brainerd, Minnesota (1975-1980); as an admissions counselor at Concordia College, Seward (1972-1975); and as teacher at Trinity-St. Paul, Boone, Iowa (1970-1972). He graduated from Concordia University, Seward, in 1970 and was commissioned that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for eight years and is currently serving as a member of the District Teachers' Conference Committee and as a member of the District NLSA Commission. He has previously served as a board member of a district youth committee; as president of a teachers/DCE conference; as president of a District Principals' Conference; as chairman of South Wisconsin District NLSA Commission; and as a commissioned minister representative to synodical convention.
- Eunice McCarty** 4067 W. Capital Avenue, Grand Island, 68803. Age 53. She presently serves as DCE at Trinity, Grand Island (since 1982). Prior to that, she served as teacher at Trinity, Fremont (1978-1979). She graduated from Concordia University, Seward, in 1978 and was commissioned that same year. She has been in the Nebraska District for 27 years and has served as the District Early Childhood Consultant from 1984-2006 and 2008-present.
- Dennis Rosenthal** 13235 W. 70th Street, Juniata, 68955. Age 62. He presently serves as principal of Christ, Juniata (since 2003). Prior to that, he served as teacher at St. Paul, Arlington (1993-2003); as teacher at St. Paul, West Point (1986-1993); as teacher at St. John, Columbus (1975-1986); and as teacher at St. Paul, Unionville, Michigan (1970-1975). He graduated from Concordia University, Seward, in 1970 and was commissioned that same year. He also received his M.A. in administration from Concordia, Seward, in 1988. He has been in the Nebraska District for 34 years and currently serves as a member of the District New Mission Start Committee. He has previously served as chairman of the District Principals' Conference; as chairman of the District Teachers' Conference; and as member and chairman of the District Day School Committee.

Stan Wehling

1041 154th, Pleasant Dale, 68423. Age 66. He is a retired Lutheran principal/teacher, having previously served at St. Paul, Ogallala (1996-2005). He has also served as principal/teacher at Bremen Lutheran School Association, Bremen, Kansas (1986-1996); principal/teacher at Zion, Palmyra, Missouri (1975-1986); and principal/teacher at Trinity, Corpus Christi, Texas (1964-1975). He graduated from Concordia, Seward, in 1964 with a B.S. and from Texas A&I University, Kingsville, Texas, in 1969 with an M.S. in education. He has served his congregations over the years as Sunday school teacher, adult Bible class teacher, youth director, VBS teacher/director, and evangelism director. Other district and synodical service includes: Member of Missouri District School Endowment Fund Committee; chairman of Kansas District Principals' Conference; member of Kansas District School Committee; member of Kansas District Professional Development Committee; member of Kansas District Scholarship Committee; member of the Kansas District Board of Directors (1991-1996); workshop leader for circuit convocation; committee member for the study of small rural schools in the LCMS; advisory delegate to synodical convention; and chairman of Nebraska District Principals' Conference. He also served on the Concordia University Board of Regents from 2000-2006. He is currently serving as a student teacher supervisor for Concordia University, Seward.

Charles Zehendner

1651 Worms Road, St. Libory, 68872. Age 35. He presently serves as principal of Zion (Worms), St. Libory (since 2000). Prior to that, he served as teacher at St. Paul, Sheboygan, Wisconsin (1996-1998). He graduated from Concordia University, Seward, in 1996 and was commissioned that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for nine years.

Nominations for Lay Members of the Board of Directors

“Candidates for lay members on the Board of Directors shall be at least the two (2) lay members in the electing area who receive the greatest number of nominations and agree to serve, if elected.” (2003 District Bylaws)

The following are the results of the nominating ballots of 89 congregations of the Nebraska District for the offices of the four (4) lay members of the Board of Directors.

REGION A

Two (2) ballots were invalid due to individual not up for re-election until 2012.

One (1) ballot was invalid due to individual being from the wrong region.

One (1) ballot was invalid due to individual being an ordained minister.

Diana Burkland	1	Frank Koch	2
Raymond Burkland	1	Richard Kreutzer	3
James Conner	2	Wayne Lammel	1
Amy Dickmander	1	Ron Reiser	1
Gerald (Jerry) Helzer	1	Maynard Schrinier	1
Verle Henning	1	Glenn Van Velson	6
Arlan Jacobitz	1	Ron Vonderohe	1

Declined: No one declined.

Richard Kreutzer 2900 Central Avenue, Kearney, 68847. Age 44. He is a member of Zion, Kearney, and has served his congregation as chairman, on the board of elders, board of youth; as a member of the adult choir, and as a Sunday school teacher. He attended Concordia University, Seward, and currently is employed as manager at Buggy Bath in Kearney. He was previously employed as an advanced specialist at Coleman Powermate. He has been in the Nebraska District his entire life. He has served as a lay delegate to the 2007 Synodical Convention and as a lay delegate to the 2003 and 2006 Nebraska District Conventions. His civic experience includes serving as a Little League Baseball coach and youth soccer and football coach.

Glenn Van Velson 714 Stewart Avenue, North Platte, 69101. Age 51. He is a member of Beautiful Savior, North Platte, and currently serves his congregation as chairman, on the board of elders, and as a member of the Praise Team. Past service includes president of congregation, Bible study leader, and youth group leader. He graduated from Kearney State College with a B.A./BFA in music and from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, with a J.D. from UNL College of Law. He is currently self-employed as owner and attorney of Van Velson Law Office in North Platte and works with Christian estate planning. He has been in the Nebraska District for 50 years. He has served as District Convention parliamentarian and as a lay delegate, and on a floor committee for the 2004 LCMS Convention. He currently serves as a member of the Nebraska District Board of Directors (since 2003) and has also served as chairman of the Board since 2006. Civic experience includes the Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation Board of Directors (1986-2000, 2001-2007, 2009-present); North Platte Opportunity Center Board of Directors (2001-present); and Salvation Army Advisory Board (2005-present).

REGION B

Two (2) ballots were invalid due to individual being from the wrong region.
One (1) ballot was invalid due to individual not up for re-election until 2012.

Jack Clark	1	Harold Renken	2
John Huff	3	Darrell Sayer	2
David Knorr	5	Fred Schmidt	1
Brian Loseke	1	Warren Smith	1
Gerhard Onnen	1	John Surman	1
Larry Rathe	1	Don Witte	1
Ron Rathe	1		

Declined: No one declined.

John Huff 2731 Odessa Court, Lincoln, 68516. Age 65. He is a member of Good Shepherd, Lincoln, and currently serves his congregation as an adult Bible study leader. He is retired and was previously employed as an electronic technician. He has been in the Nebraska District for 16 years.

David Knorr 63488 712 Trail, Humboldt, 68376. Age 60. He is a member of Faith, Humboldt, and has served his congregation as chairman, elder, Sunday school teacher, on the building committee, and the endowment fund board. He graduated from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, with a B.S. in agricultural engineering and was a member of Sigma Tau Honorary Fraternity and Alpha Epsilon Honorary Fraternity. He is self-employed as owner of Knorr Engineering. He has been in the Nebraska District for 1½ years and is currently serving as a member of the Nebraska District Board of Directors (since 2007). His civic experience includes the Jaycees, Rotary, school board, economic development, National Society of Professional Engineers, and American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

REGION C

Two (2) ballots were invalid due to individuals being from the wrong region.

Gordon Adams	1	Rod Porath	1
Boyd Beune	2	Rodney Repenning	4
Carlene Bodlak	1	Bud Stolzenburg	1
John Dinkel	1	Burnell Von Seggern	1
John Fehrs	1	Virginia Von Seggern	3
Kevin Fry	2	Dennis Wacker	1
Wilber Medbery	1		

Declined: Kevin Fry and Boyd Beune

Rodney Repenning 53621 877 Way, Bloomfield, 68718. Age 46. He is a member of First Trinity, Bloomfield, and has served his congregation as a member of the board of education, board of stewardship, financial secretary, financial treasurer, twice as elder, chairman, Christian education teacher, fair stand chairman, families in Christ leader, and Consecrated Steward chairman. He graduated from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, with a B.S. in agricultural economics. He is self-employed as a farmer and cow/calf operator and also serves as Knox County Farm Service Agency executive director. He has been in the Nebraska District his entire life. Civic experience includes serving on a school evaluation committee, school improvement committee, county extension board, NASCOE board, and Bible Institute board. He has also gone to Mexico twice for mission trips.

Virginia Von Seggern 87127 512 Avenue, Orchard, 68764. Age 69. She is a member of St. Paul, Orchard, and has served her congregation as secretary, Sunday school teacher, VBS teacher, organist, and is very involved with the LWML. She graduated from Bryan School of Nursing in Lincoln and is a registered nurse. She is semi-retired and currently employed as an RN/marketing director at Creighton Area Health Services and has been in that position for 12 years. She has been in the Nebraska District for 48 years. She has served as national president for the LWML (1999-2003), and presently serves on the LCMS Board for Mission Services. Her civic experience includes serving as past president of Lutheran Blind Mission and various other civic boards.

REGION D

Ray Aerni	1	Harlan Metschke	5
Lowell Bloemker	1	Kennard Pohlman	1
Keith Crandall	1	Louis Riva	1
Christopher Martin	3	Bill Seim	3

Declined: Christopher Martin and Bill Seim

Ray Aerni 909 Becton Street, Columbus, 68601. Age 75. He is a member of Immanuel, Columbus, and has served his congregation as chairman, on the board of elders, chairman of board of education, chairman of board of stewardship, as Sunday school superintendent, and as chairman of the organ committee. He is semi-retired and is employed as a First Impression Greeter at Hy-Vee in Columbus. He was previously employed as a production manufacturing coordinator and quality/waste coordinator. He has been in the Nebraska District his entire life. He has served as a lay delegate to the synodical convention. His civic experience includes the board of directors for the Columbus Housing Authority (20+ years); board of directors chairman for Columbus Rescue Mission (6 years); and board of directors for Columbus Senior Center (8 years).

Lowell Bloemker 1410 W. Dakota Street, Fremont, 68025. Age 79. He is a member of Trinity, Fremont, and has served his congregation as chairman, secretary, on the board of ministry, and on the board of spiritual life and growth. He attended Midland Lutheran College in Fremont. He is retired and prior to that had been employed as an engineer for Gomaco Corporation in Ida Grove, Iowa. He also worked as a livestock farmer in the Washington County and Dodge County areas of Nebraska. He has been in the Nebraska District for 46 years. His civic experience includes serving on the school board and as a city councilman for 12 years in Ida Grove, Iowa.

Keith Crandall 7836 Shadow Lake Drive, Papillion, 68046. Age 61. He is a member of Beautiful Savior, LaVista, and has served his congregation as an elder, treasurer, on the mission leadership council, board of education, board for mission & evangelism, as Sunday school superintendent, and as a midweek teacher. He attended the Commercial Extension School of Commerce in Omaha and received an accounting degree. He is employed as vice president of retail for Sapp Brothers Petroleum in Omaha and self-employed as president of KC Mart, Inc., of Papillion. He has been in the Nebraska District for 35 years. He has also served as a lay delegate to the district convention. His civic experience includes volunteering at Childrens' Hospital.

Harlan Metschke

1403 Elaine Street, Papillion, 68046. Age 63. He is a member of First, Papillion, and is currently serving as vice president of his congregation. Past congregational service includes stewardship director, vice president, president, and Christian outreach director. He graduated from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, with a B.S. in math education in 1967; an M.A. in educational administration in 1971; and a Ph.D. in educational administration. He is semi-retired and currently serves as a self-employed consultant for Building Bright Future in Omaha. He had previously served as a teacher for 12 years and in school administration for 28 years. At the time of his retirement, he had served 14 years as the Papillion-LaVista Public School superintendent. He has been in the Nebraska District for 59 years. His civic experience includes serving on the board of directors for Sarpy County Economic Development Corporation; Sarpy County Chamber of Commerce Governmental Relations Committee; and LaVista Chamber of Commerce.

Kennard Pohlman

14711 Harvey Oaks Avenue, Omaha, 68144. Age 68. He is a member of King of Kings, Omaha, and has served his congregation on the board of lay ministry and as Sunday school superintendent. He has also served on various boards in other congregations. He graduated from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, with a B.S. in 1962 and an M.S. in 1966. He is president of Midwest Laboratories, Inc., in Omaha, and has previously been employed as an agronomist and laboratory director at Harris Laboratories. He has been in the Nebraska District for 47 years. His civic experience includes membership in the Omaha Agri Business Club and Ak-Sar-Ben Buyers Club.

Louis Riva

1125 Carriage Road, Papillion, 68046. Age 54. He is a member of Lamb of God, Omaha, and has served his congregation as an elder and lay deacon, on the board of outreach (including chairman), as a Sunday school teacher and Bible study leader, and choir member. He attended college at The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, and received a B.S. in physics. He is employed as a chief forecaster for the Air Force Weather Agency at Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha. He has been in the Nebraska District for 15 years. He has served twice as a delegate to Nebraska District conventions. His civic experience includes activities in Papillion, Bellevue, and Omaha. He is a den leader and assistant scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts.

District Nominations Committee

Ordained Ministers—Elect three

- Donald Becker** 206 N. Colorado Avenue, Minden, 68959. Age 65. He is currently serving as pastor of St. Paul, Minden (since 1974). Prior to that, he served as pastor of Zion, Burley, Idaho (1969-1974). He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1969 and was ordained that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for 35 years. He has also previously served on a district youth committee; as an LWML district counselor; on the Nebraska District Constitution Committee; and on the Nebraska District Student Aid/Scholarship Committee.
- David Dobbertien** 409 East 9th Street, Ogallala, 69153. Age 65. He currently serves as pastor of St. Paul, Ogallala (since 1998). Prior to that he served as associate pastor of Peace, McCook (1996-1998). He graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, in 1996 and was ordained in 1996. He has been in the Nebraska District for 29 years. He is currently serving as an LWML pastoral counselor (since 2004), as a member of the District Nominations Committee (since 2006), and as a mentor/supervisor for a DELTO vicar. He has also served as a synodical convention delegate (five times), on the Board of Directors for KNGN Radio in McCook, and as a member of the Ogallala Rotary.
- Charles Gierke** 15726 Westchester Circle, Omaha, 68118. Age 67. He is retired and is a member of Lord of Life, Elkhorn. Prior to that, he served as senior pastor of St. Mark, Omaha (1995-2006); as senior pastor of Immanuel, Columbus (1986-1995); as pastor of Bethel, Westmont, Illinois (1974-1985); as pastor of Hope, Linden, Michigan (1974); and as missionary-at-large of St. Andrew, Flint, Michigan (1967-1974). He graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, in 1967 and was ordained that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for 23 years. He is currently serving as a member of the District Nominations Committee (since 2006) and as a facilitator for Consecrated Stewards. He has also previously served as a circuit counselor; as an LWML zone and district pastoral counselor; as a PALS facilitator; as vice chairman of the 1992 synodical convention Nominations Committee; and on a mayor's pastoral advisory committee.
- Robert Kuefner, Jr.** 3304 11th Avenue, Kearney, 68845. Age 44. He is currently serving as associate pastor of Holy Cross, Kearney (since 2003). Prior to that, he served as pastor of Beautiful Savior, North Platte (1995-2003). He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1995 and was ordained that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for 14 years. He has previously served on the District Constitution and Bylaws and Bylaws Revision Committees, Convention floor committee, and as an LWML pastoral counselor. He was a member of the 2000 class of Pastoral Leadership Institute.
- Michael Neidow** 7937 Broadview Drive, Lincoln, 68505. Age 52. He is currently serving as senior pastor of Emmanuel, York (since 2005). Prior to that, he served as associate pastor of Messiah, Lincoln (1993-2005) and pastor of St. Paul, Fulton, Missouri (1984-1993). He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1984 and was ordained that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for 16 years. He is currently serving as LWML Nebraska District South pastoral counselor. He has also previously served as a circuit counselor in Missouri and as chairman for the 2006 District Convention Arrangements Committee.

Michael Reiners 2203 Nashville Street, Grand Island, 68803. Age 50. He is currently serving as associate pastor of Peace, Grand Island (since 2001). Prior to that, he served as associate pastor of Holy Cross, Wichita, Kansas (1999-2001); pastor of Zion, Tobias (1992-1999); and assistant pastor of Immanuel, Columbus (1988-1992). He graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, in 1988 and was ordained that same year. He also has an M.A. in family ministry from Concordia University, Seward. He is currently serving as a board member for the local chapter of BirthRight, Inc. He has also previously served on the Kansas District Family Life Committee; as a board member for Heartland Lutheran High School, Grand Island; and as a board member for the Association for Child Abuse Prevention.

Commissioned Minister—Elect one

Linda Ahrens 6224 Tanglewood Court, Lincoln, 68516. Age 42. She is currently serving as principal (since 2008) and teacher (since 2004) at Good Shepherd, Lincoln. She previously served as teacher and preschool director at Zion, Hastings (1992-2004). She graduated from Concordia University, Nebraska, in 1990. She is currently serving as a member of the Nebraska District Convention Nominations Committee. She has previously served on the Nominations Committee for Teachers' Conference, as VBS director/coordinator (1996-2003), and as Sunday school teacher and superintendent (1994-2003).

Dean Plummer 3261 50th Avenue, Columbus, 68601. Age 55. He is currently serving as principal/ teacher at Christ, Columbus (since 2001). He previously served as teacher/principal at Our Savior, Hutchinson, Minnesota (1996-2001); as teacher/principal at Zion, St. Libory (1991-1996); as teacher/principal at Mt. Calvary, Omaha (1985-1991); as teacher at Danville/Trinity, Danville, Illinois (1981-1985); as principal/youth counselor at Zion, Bancroft (1977-1981); as teacher at Forest Grove Public Schools, Forest Grove, Oregon (1976-1977); and as teacher at Campbell Public Schools, Campbell (1975-1976). He graduated from Concordia University, Nebraska, in 1975 with a B.S. in elementary education and from University of Nebraska, Omaha, in 1989 with an M.A. in elementary administration. He served as an advisory delegate to the 2007 LCMS Convention and the 2008 Synodical Theological Conference and as principals' conference secretary and president.

Lay Members—Elect three

Steve Althouse 19107 Waverly Road, Waverly, 68462. Age 47. He is a member of Peace, Waverly, and is currently serving his congregation on the board of elders (since 2000) and as a Sunday school teacher (since 2006). He has also previously served on the education committee and as an adult Bible study leader. He graduated from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, with a B.S. in agriculture and is self-employed as a farmer. He is currently serving as a member of the Nebraska District Nominations Committee. He has previously served as a lay delegate to District Convention and on the District Rural Ministry Task Force.

EIRoy Bartels 302 Main Street, Tobias, 68453. Age 74. He is a member of Zion, Tobias, and has served his congregation as Centennial chairman, treasurer, elder, secretary, and Sunday school teacher. He is now retired from his position as postmaster. He has served as a member on the Synod Nominations Committee and Synod Planning Commission, as a convention delegate, and as an LCEF member-at-large. He was also a regional director and committee member for LCEF (1982-1997) and on the District Board of Directors for ten years, as well as a member

of the Lutheran Family Services Board of Directors. He currently serves on the District Nominations Committee (since 2000). Civic experience includes serving on the Saline County Veterans Board, the National NAPUS Credit Union, national secretary/treasurer of NAPUS, and on the local school board for 25 years.

Lorna Hollman

PO Box 417, Wisner, 68791. Age 67. She is a member of St. Paul, Wisner, and has served her congregation as Sunday school superintendent, as member and chair of the board of stewardship, and as a mid-week teacher. She is employed as a bookkeeper and has a teaching certificate from Concordia University, Seward. She has also previously served as LWML district president (1994-1998) and LWML district recording secretary (1986-1992).

Ron Vonderohe

4218 Michigan Avenue, Grand Island, 68803. Age 61. He is a member of Peace, Grand Island, and is currently serving as a lay minister. He has also served his congregation on the board of elders, as chairman and vice chairman of the congregation, chairman of board of stewardship, chairman of board of church growth, chairman of constitution committee, and on numerous other committees. He graduated from the University of Nebraska, Kearney, with a B.S. in business administration (accounting). He is self-employed as an accountant and tax preparer at Vonderohe Business Services in St. Paul. He has lived in Nebraska his entire life. He has served as a lay delegate to the District Convention (five times), as circuit delegate, and as treasurer of the circuit scholarship fund. Civic experience includes the Boy Scouts of America, treasurer and board of directors for Overland Trails Council, St. Paul Chamber of Commerce, St. Paul Economic Development Corp., and St. Paul Rotary Club.

Burnell Von Seggern

87127 512th Avenue, Orchard, 68764. Age 69. He is a member of St. Paul (Venus), Orchard, and has served his congregation as president, elder, and secretary-treasurer. He is self-employed as a farmer. He has been in the Nebraska District his entire life. He is currently serving as president of Nebraska Lutheran Laymen's League (since 2007). He has also previously served on the Lutheran Hour Ministries Board of Governors; as a member of the Nebraska District Board of Directors (1991-2003); as a member of the Lutheran Family Services Board of Directors (2003-2009); and twice as a delegate to synodical convention.

District Constitution Committee

Ordained Ministers—Elect two

James Carretto

PO Box 797, Wisner, 68791. Age 54. He currently serves as pastor of St. Paul, Wisner (since 1996). He has served as associate pastor of Trinity, Grand Island (1987-1996), and as pastor of St. Peter, Wymore, and First, Summerfield, Kansas (1981-1987). He graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, in 1981 and was ordained that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for 28 years. He is currently serving on the Nebraska District Nominations Committee (since 2003) and as West Point Circuit Counselor. He has also served as chairman of the District Youth Gathering Worship Committee and as circuit treasurer. Other experience includes serving as LWML zone pastoral advisor; as circuit youth advisor; on the board of directors for Lutheran High Northeast, Norfolk; and as an advisory board member for Lutheran Family Services. Civic experience includes serving with the Grand Island Community Task Force on Needs and the Hall County Children's Village.

Terell Huber 101 Bazile Main Street, Creighton, 68729. Age 52. He presently serves as pastor of Christ, Creighton, and Bethlehem, Verdigre (since 1982). He graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, in 1982 and was ordained that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for 27 years. He is currently serving on the District Constitution Committee. He has also previously served as a synodical convention delegate, as secretary to the social ministry commission, on the single again task force, on the farm crisis task force, and on the lay ministry task force. Civic experience includes serving on a hospital public relations committee, a community youth committee, and the ministerial association.

Timothy Prince PO Box 58, Davenport, 68335. Age 38. He is currently serving as pastor of St. Peter, Davenport (since 2005). Prior to that, he served as pastor of St. Peter, Gresham (1999-2005) and as pastor of Mount Olive, Bovey, Minnesota (1996-1999). He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1996 and was ordained that same year. He has also served as adjunct faculty for Concordia University, Nebraska, and as LLL zone pastoral advisor (2000-2005).

Jim Rasmussen 16204 Jaynes Street, Omaha, 68116. Age 47. He is currently serving as executive director of Concordia Lutheran Schools of Omaha (since 2007). Prior to that, he served as pastor of St. John, Omaha (2004-2007). He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 2004 and was ordained that same year. He was previously employed as a newspaper journalist and received his B.S. in journalism from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, in 1985. As a layman, he served on various congregational boards and committees. He is currently serving on the District Constitution Committee (since 2004). He also has served on the board of directors of the Wider Omaha Lutheran School Association.

Commissioned Minister—Elect one

Jo Lambrecht 339 South 48th, Lincoln, 68510. Age 62. She is a member of Christ, Lincoln. She is retired and had served as head preschool teacher at Christ Preschool, Lincoln (1985-2008). Prior to that, she served as a teacher at Immanuel and Trinity Schools, Schuyler (1968-1970). She graduated from Concordia University, Seward, with a B.A. in 1968 and from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, with an M.A. in 1985. She has also served as secretary-treasurer of the local branch of AAL (1974-1978); as member/officer of LWML (1975-1982); as member-at-large and hospice chairman of LWML (1980-1982); as a congregational representative for Lutheran Family and Social Services (1978-1982); and as Lincoln regional chairman for Lutheran Family and Social Services (1980-1982).

Wilbur Tewes 88 H Road, Bennet, 68317. Age 74. He is a member of Messiah, Lincoln, and has served his congregation as an elder and chairman of the debt reduction campaign. He graduated from Concordia University, Seward, in 1956 and was commissioned as a teacher in 1956. He also received an M.A. in 1964. He is now retired, but he previously served the following ministries: Spokane School, Spokane, Washington (1956-1958); Immanuel Church, Des Plaines, Illinois (1958-1963); St. Paul's Church, Haven, Kansas (1963-1968); Bethany, Overland Park, Kansas (1968-1970); as Nebraska District Executive for Education and Youth Ministry (1970-1978); and as development director for Lincoln Lutheran Middle & High School, Lincoln (1996-1997). He was also employed with Aid Association for Lutherans (1978-1995). He served the Synod as a youth ministry consultant, and on the Kansas District Board of Directors (1964-1970).

Lay Member—Elect one

Mark Fahleson

1045 Fall Creek Road, Lincoln, 68510. Age 41. He is a member of Christ, Lincoln, and has served his congregation as an elder, chair of Christ Schools Auction, Sunday school teacher, and as a board member for Christ Lutheran Foundation. He received a J.D. from University of Nebraska College of Law in 1992, graduating with high distinction. He was also editor-in-chief for *Nebraska Law Review*. He is a partner with the law firm of Rembolt Ludtke LLP, Lincoln (since 2001). He serves as city attorney for the cities of Waverly and Ashland, deputy city attorney for Fairbury, and as an adjunct professor at the University of Nebraska College of Law. He is currently serving as a member of the District Constitution Committee (since 2007) and on the board of directors for Lincoln Lutheran School Association Foundation (since 2000). He also served as lay delegate to the 2007 LCMS Convention. In addition, he has served or is currently serving on numerous other boards, associations, and committees.

Richard Kreutzer

2900 Central Avenue, Kearney, 68847. Age 44. He is a member of Zion, Kearney, and has served his congregation as chairman, on the board of elders, board of youth, as a member of the adult choir, and as a Sunday school teacher. He attended Concordia University, Seward, and currently is employed as manager at Buggy Bath in Kearney. He was previously employed as an advanced specialist at Coleman Powermate. He has been in the Nebraska District his entire life. He has served as a lay delegate to the 2007 synodical convention and as a lay delegate to the 2003 and 2006 Nebraska District Conventions.

Board of Regents – Concordia University, Seward

Ordained Ministers – Elect One

Alan Harre

2172 364th Road, Staplehurst, 68439. Age 68. He is a member of Our Redeemer, Staplehurst. He is retired and served as president of Valparaiso University from 1988-2008. Prior to that, he served as president of Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota (1984-1988); as professor/dean of students and acting president at Concordia University, Nebraska (1973-1984); and as a parish pastor (1967-1973). He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1966 and was ordained in 1967. He received his M.A. in 1967 and his Ph.D. in 1976. Dr. Harre has been involved with numerous boards and organizations over the years, particularly in the Valparaiso area. He was recognized by the Greater Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce in naming him the recipient of the 1998 Distinguished Community Leader Award. In 1999, he was granted the Sam Walton Business Leader Award. The Asian American Medical Association presented him with its 1999 Crystal Globe Award. Wheat Ridge Ministries presented him with its Seeds of Hope Award in 2006, and he was recipient of the 2006 Chief Executive Leadership Award presented by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education District V. In 2007, he received the Quality of Life Council Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2008, he received the Outstanding Executive Award from the Association of Lutheran Development Executives and the Indiana Campus Compact Presidential Award for outstanding commitment to the field of service—learning and civic engagement and advocacy for higher education’s involvement on behalf of local communities.

Karl Ziegler

4405 Anchor Mill Drive, Bellevue, 68123. Age 49. He presently serves as senior pastor of First, Papillion (since 2002). He previously served as pastor of Zion (Worms), St. Libory (1997-2002); as vicar/associate pastor of Emmanuel, York (1994-1997); as DCE at Divine Shepherd, Omaha (1983-1992); and as DCE/teacher at Redeemer, Denver, Colorado (1981-1983). He graduated from the colloquy program of Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, in 1994 and was ordained that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for 26 years. He is also serving the District as Omaha South Circuit Counselor (since 2003) and currently serves as a member of the Concordia University Board of Regents (since 2006). Other service includes 1996 and 2005 District Youth Gathering Committee; District Youth Commission (1993-1999); District Ministerial Health Committee (2001-2003); and as a delegate to the 2007 LCMS Convention.

Commissioned Ministers – Elect One**James Knoepfel**

2009 Parkview, Fremont, 68025. Age 43. He is currently serving as principal/teacher at Trinity, Fremont (since 2003). He has previously served as principal/teacher at Zion, Kearney (1999-2003); as principal/teacher at Zion, Terra Bella, California (1996-1999, 1987-1991); and as teacher at Sioux Falls Lutheran, Sioux Falls, South Dakota (1991-1996). He graduated from Concordia, Seward, in 1987 and also received his M.A. in administration in 1999 from Concordia, Seward. He is currently serving on the Nebraska District School Ministry Commission (since 2001). He has also served on the District Nominations Committee (2003-2006); as chairman of the Principals' Conference (2005); and on a convention floor committee. Civic experience includes serving on the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce.

Darla Rosendahl

1229 North 147th Plaza, Omaha, 68154. Age 56. She is currently serving as director of guidance/teacher at Concordia Jr/Sr High School, Omaha (since 2002). She previously served as director of placement/career planning at Concordia University, Seward (1997-2002); teacher/counselor at Trinity, Grand Island (1978-1997); teacher/youth director at Holy Cross, Wichita, Kansas (1975-1977); and teacher at St. Paul, Fulda, Minnesota (1974-1975). She graduated from Concordia, Seward, in 1973 with a B.S. degree. She received her M.A. in education from Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas, in 1978. She has served or is currently serving in the following ways: Camp Luther Board of Directors; Grand Island Little Theater Board of Directors; Grand Island Human Services Coalition; steering committee for District Youth Gathering; District Ministerial Health Committee; panel member for State D.A.R.E. training; Mayor's Task Force for Youth and Violence in Grand Island; co-chair for Women's Leadership Conference for Synodical Women in Leadership (2001); committee member/co-chair for Strategic Futures Committee of Concordia, Seward; co-chair for Concordia National Lutheran Schools Accreditation Committee (2003-present); as well as various other conference, planning, and search committees for District and Synod. She was also recognized with the Outstanding Nebraska Lutheran Educator Award in 2005 and the LEA Secondary Educator of the Year Award in 2006. She is currently serving as a member of the Concordia University Board of Regents.

Paula Wehling

1041 154th Street, Pleasant Dale, 68423. Age 65. She is retired and had previously served as a teacher at St. Paul, Ogallala, from 1996-2005. Prior to that, she served as teacher at Bremen/Good Shepherd, Bremen/Marysville, Kansas (1986-1996); as teacher at Zion, Palmyra, Missouri (1981-1986); as teacher at Trinity, Corpus Christi, Texas (1964-1966); and as teacher at St. Paul, Beatrice (1963-1964). She graduated from Concordia University, Seward, in 1963 with a B.S. in education. She is currently serving as a member of the alumni council for Concordia University Nebraska (since 2006). She has also served as vice chairman of the Kansas District Professional Development Committee (1991-1993); as captain for National Lutheran School Accreditation Visitation Team (1996); as member of the Kansas District Salary Guidelines Committee (1996); as member of Missouri District Teachers' Conference Excuse Committee (1984); and as member of the Kansas District School Committee (1990-1995). She was recognized by the Kansas District as Lutheran Teacher of the Year in 1995.

Lay Member – Elect One**Paul Burger**

1715 W. 41st Street, Kearney, 68845. Age 38. He is a member of Grace, Grand Island. He is employed as associate professor of geography at the University of Nebraska, Kearney (since 2005) and previous to that served as assistant professor of geography (2003-2005). He has also served as associate professor at Concordia University, River Forest (2001-2003) and assistant professor at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville (1997-2001). He graduated from Northwest Missouri State University in 1992 with a B.S.; received his M.A. in geography from Kansas State University in 1994; and received a Ph.D. in geography from Oklahoma State University in 1997. He has received numerous awards and honors and has professional memberships with Association of American Geographers, Nebraska GIS/LIS Association, Sigma Xi, and Phi Kappa Phi. He is currently serving as a member of the Concordia University Board of Regents.

Mike Klintworth

1495 252nd Street, Seward, 68434. Age 46. He is a member of Christ, Lincoln. He is employed as vice president/director at Cattle National Bank & Trust Company, Seward, and also as instructor for the degree completion program at Concordia University, Seward. Prior to that, he was partner/manager/chief financial officer of Vahl Drug Company in Seward. He graduated with distinction from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, and received a B.S. in business administration and accounting. He has been involved with the following organizations over the years: board member of Seward Housing Authority, Seward Aging Services Foundation, Inc., and Seward Aging Services Commission; audit/finance committee member of Concordia University, Nebraska; member of the Lincoln Lutheran Middle & High School Legacy for Learning Professional Advisory Committee; the Foundation for Memorial Health Care Systems, Inc.; board member of Seward Library Foundation and City of Seward Planning Commission; revenue committee member of City of Seward Strategic Planning Committee; board member of Seward Lumber Company; chairman of Seward Downtown Revitalization Committee; board member/treasurer of Seward Area Chamber of Commerce; board member of Seward Area Development Corporation, Inc.; and board member/treasurer of St. John Lutheran Church Foundation, Inc. He has received the Sam Walton Business Leadership Award and the Seward Area Chamber of Commerce Spirit Award.

- Ned Meier** 720 3rd Road, Grand Island, 68801. Age 69. He is a member of Trinity, Grand Island, and has served his congregation on the board of elders, on the board of education, and as a representative for Heartland Lutheran High School. He graduated from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, with a B.S./M.S. in agricultural engineering and an M.S. in business administration. He was recognized in the UNL Agricultural Engineering Hall of Fame. He is employed as a farmer and agricultural engineer. He has also served on the board of education for Northwest High School (1980-1988).
- Lyle Middendorf** 8135 Sanborn Drive, Lincoln, 68505. Age 57. He is a member of Trinity, Lincoln, and is currently serving his congregation as organist/pianist and in choir (1990-present), Bible study teacher, and board member/treasurer of Haiti Lutheran Mission Society. He also volunteers for the Concordia University Nebraska Music Department. He graduated from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, in 1973 with a B.S. in electrical engineering with high distinction. He is licensed with the State of Nebraska as a professional engineer and is currently employed with LI-COR, Inc., Lincoln (1972-present). He is also currently serving on the board of directors for BioNebraska Life Sciences Association; as a member of the University of Nebraska President's Research Board, Nebraska Research Initiative; and as a member of the NSF EPSCoR Nebraska State Committee. He has also served as a member of the Louisiana State University Industrial Advisory Board for the Center for BioModular Microsystems; is a member of Lincoln Technology Council; and member of the external advisory board for the Department of Electrical Engineering at UNL, among numerous other boards and associations. He was a recipient of the Honorary Alumni Award from Concordia University, Seward, in 2002 and the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, in 2003.
- Ron Vonderohe** 4218 Michigan Avenue, Grand Island, 68803. Age 61. He is a member of Peace, Grand Island, and is currently serving as a lay minister. He has also served his congregation on the board of elders, as chairman and vice chairman of the congregation, chairman of board of stewardship, chairman of board of church growth, chairman of the constitution committee, and on numerous other committees. He graduated from the University of Nebraska, Kearney, with a B.S. in business administration (accounting). He is self-employed as an accountant and tax preparer at Vonderohe Business Services in St. Paul. He has lived in Nebraska his entire life. He has served as a lay delegate to the District Convention (five times), as circuit delegate, and as treasurer of the circuit scholarship fund. Civic experience includes the Boy Scouts of America, treasurer and board member for Overland Trails Council, St. Paul Chamber of Commerce, St. Paul Economic Development Corp., and St. Paul Rotary Club.

Synodical Committee for Convention Nominations

Ordained Member—Elect one pastor and an alternate

- Mark Hannemann** 5090 S. 175th Circle, Omaha, 68135. Age 49. He currently serves as senior pastor of Divine Shepherd, Omaha (since 2008). Prior to that, he served as associate pastor at St. John, Ellisville, Missouri (2005-2008); senior pastor at Faith, Lincoln (1994-2005); associate pastor at St. Paul, Millington, Michigan (1989-1994); at Lutheran High School of Minneapolis, Edina, Minnesota (1986-1989); and as pastor at St. John, Gregory, South Dakota (1984-1986). He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1984 and was ordained that same year. He also earned his D.Min. in 1993 and is a licensed mental health practitioner. He has served as a facilitator for the President's Leadership Summit in 2007; as a voting delegate and member of the CTCR Floor Committee for the 2004 Convention; as a consulting counselor for the Church Planter Assessment Center (since 2007); as host of "*Life Revised*" radio program for Lutheran Hour Ministries (2006-2007); and in numerous other capacities for district and Synod.

Clint Poppe

705 Glenarbor Circle, Lincoln, 68512. Age 50. He presently serves as senior pastor of Good Shepherd, Lincoln (since 1998). He previously served as a lay minister at St. Paul, West Point (1986-1994). He received his Lay Ministry Certification from Concordia University Wisconsin, in 1988. In 1994, he entered Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and received his MDiv. in 1998. He was ordained in 1998. He is currently enrolled in the Master of Sacred Theology degree program at Concordia, St. Louis. He has been in the Nebraska District his entire life. He presently serves as First Vice President of the District and as a member of the Board of Directors; also on the board of directors for the Haiti Lutheran Mission Society. He has previously served on the District Nominations Committee, on the District Outreach and New Mission Commission, as the District Coordinator for *Tell the Good News About Jesus*, and is a synodically certified dialog evangelism instructor. He also served as a circuit pastoral delegate for the 2001 Synodical Convention.

Orville Walz

14718 Black Street, Bennington, 68007. Age 70. He is retired, having previously served as President of Concordia University, Seward (1990-2004). He is a member of Zion, Omaha. He previously served as President of Concordia College, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (1981-1990); as a faculty member/administrator at Concordia, Seward (1969-1981); as interim pastor at All Saints, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (1986-1987); and as a teacher/principal in two Minnesota Lutheran schools (1961-1969). He graduated from the pastoral colloquy program at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1982 and was ordained that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for 31 years. He has also served on the ABC District (Canada) Board of Directors (1983-1986) and as third vice president of The Lutheran Church—Canada (1986-1989). He is currently serving as Second Vice President and member of the Nebraska District Board of Directors (since 2006) and on the LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relations (since 2001).

D. Georg Williams

Route 1, Box 125B, Ainsworth, 69210. Age 58. He presently serves as pastor of Zion, Ainsworth (since 1979). He previously served as pastor of Augustana, Alexandria, and St. Paul, Mansura, Louisiana (1977-1979). He graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, in 1977 and was ordained that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for 30 years. He is currently serving on the District New Mission Start Committee (since 2006) and as the co-chair of the lay ministry task force (since 2003). He also previously served as Ainsworth Circuit Counselor (1985-1988, 1991-2000), on the District LFS Task Force (1996-1997), and as area coordinator for “Alive in Christ” fund drive (1986).

Frank Winter III

2114 Clearfield Drive, Norfolk, 68701. Age 46. He presently serves as senior pastor of Christ, Norfolk (since 2003). Prior to that, he served as pastor of Peace with Christ, Fort Collins, Colorado (1992-2003); as assistant pastor of Christ Memorial, Affton, Missouri (1990-1992); and as pastor of Salem of Rosehill, Tomball, Texas (1988-1990). He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1988 and was ordained that same year. He has been in the Nebraska District for 5 years and has served as co-chairman for the *Fan into Flame* campaign (2007-2008) and as LWML district pastoral counselor (2004-2008). He has also previously served as a circuit counselor and as a police chaplain in Fort Collins (1992-2003)

Mark Zehnder

14909 Dorcas Circle, Omaha, 68144. Age 53. He currently serves as senior pastor of King of Kings, Omaha (since 1996). He has also served as associate pastor of King of Kings, Omaha (1993-1996); as pastor of Faith, Collierville, Tennessee (1984-1993); and as pastor of Zion, Ulm, Arkansas (1981-1984). He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1981 and was ordained in 1981. He also earned his D.Min. from Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, California, in 1999. He has been in the Nebraska District for 12 years and is currently serving as a mentoring pastor for the Pastoral Leadership Institute. Other experience includes serving on the LCMS Blue Ribbon Task Force on Funding the Mission, serving as chairman of the LCMS Mega-Church Conference (7 years); as a consultant to the board of evangelism on Synodical Friend Day Workbook; on a district evangelism committee; as district youth secretary (1982-1988); and on a district strategic planning committee (1993).