

Called to Serve

The following is a list of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender pastors, associates in ministry, seminarians, and candidates approved for ordination who have agreed to be introduced to the ELCA at its 2007 churchwide assembly. Included here is each minister's year of ordination, consecration/commissioning, or graduation from seminary; the location where each is currently serving or last served; and the status of rostering with either the Extraordinary Candidacy Project (ECP), with the ELCA, or both.

In the ELCA, a person who is "rostered" is approved by the ELCA for ministerial service, either lay or ordained. Currently, the ELCA requires that its congregations call their ministers from its roster. The ECP is a Lutheran organization that credentials openly gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender seminarians, candidates, and ordained or commissioned ministers who are preparing for professional vocations in independent Lutheran parishes and congregations of the ELCA. Because ELCA policies currently preclude the rostered service of ministers in same-gender relationships, the ECP provides a means for these ministers to live out their calling. For more information, see www.extraordinarycandidacyproject.org.

Many of the ministers included in the following list are actively rostered, whether it be on the ELCA roster, the ECP roster, or that of another denomination. Others included here are separated from the ELCA roster in one way or another, through removal, resignation, retirement (sometimes early), postponement, leave, being dropped from candidacy, or are awaiting call—all since 2005. There are many others who have experienced such separation before 2005 who are not listed here. The Missing Project, described on page 24 of this booklet, is an attempt to enumerate these ministers.

Pastor Jonathan Abernethy-Deppe, ordained 1974, serving Episcopal Diocese of CA, San Francisco, CA, ECP Active, ELCA Removed 1992.

Pastor Mary Albing, ordained 1988, serving Lutheran Church of Christ the Redeemer, Minneapolis, MN, Minneapolis Area Synod, ELCA On Leave From Call.

Pastor Richard Andersen, ordained 1986, serving St. Paul-Reformation Church, St. Paul, MN, St. Paul Area Synod, ECP Active, ELCA Postponed.

Candidate Jodi Barry, awaiting ordination, graduated United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities 2001, serving Mercy Hospital as chaplain and Grace University Lutheran as youth director, Coon Rapids and Minneapolis, MN, Minneapolis Area Synod, ECP Approved.

Pastor Jim Bischoff, ordained 1976, last served Church of All Saints, San Marcos, CA, an independent Lutheran congregation, ECP Active, ELCA Removed 2002.

Pastor Jim Boline, ordained 1989, serving St. Paul Lutheran Church, Santa Monica, CA, Southwest California Synod, ELCA Active.

Pastor Dick Bouton, ordained 1986, last served Bethesda and Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bayfield and Cornucopia, WI, Northwest Wisconsin Synod, ELCA Removed 2005.

Pastor Daphne Burt, ordained 1987, serving St. Paul's School, Concord, NH, New England Synod, ELCA Active.

Pastor Erik Christensen, ordained 2006, St. Luke's of Logan Square, Chicago, IL, Metro Chicago Synod, ECP Active.

Pastor Cindy Crane, ordained 1988, last served Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Eau Claire, WI, ECP Active, ELCA Resigned 1997.

Pastor Bruce Davidson, ordained 1974, serving as Director of Lutheran Office of Governmental Ministry in NJ, New Jersey Synod, ELCA Active.

Pastor Darin Easler, ordained 1998, serving as Spiritual Care Coordinator and Bereavement Coordinator, Heartland Hospice Services, Conyers, GA, Georgia Synod, United Church of Christ Active, ELCA Removed 2006.

Candidate Greg Egertson, awaiting ordination, graduated Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA 1989, ECP Approved, ELCA Postponed Pending Policy Change.

Seminarian Tim Feiertag, attending Pacific Lutheran Seminary, ELCA Endorsed.

Pastor Richard Foster, ordained 1967, last served Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, Sierra Pacific Synod, ELCA Retired 2007.

- Pastor Katrina Foster**, ordained 1994, serving Fordham Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bronx, NY, Metropolitan NY Synod, ELCA Active.
- Pastoral Minister Brenda Froisland**, awaiting ordination, graduated Luther Seminary St. Paul, MN 2005, serving Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN, Minneapolis Area Synod, ELCA Postponed Pending Policy Change.
- Pastor Brad Froslee**, ordained 2004, serving St. Luke Presbyterian Church, Minnetonka, MN, Minneapolis Area Synod, ELCA Active.
- Pastor Ruth Frost**, ordained 1990, serving Hospice of the Twin Cities, Plymouth, MN, Minneapolis Area Synod, ECP Active.
- Pastor Phillip Gaines**, ordained 1996, serving Georgetown Lutheran, Washington, DC, Metro Washington DC Synod, ELCA Active.
- Pastor Robert Goldstein**, ordained 1975, serving St. Francis Lutheran Church, San Francisco, CA, Sierra Pacific Synod, ECP Active, ELCA On Leave From Call.
- Pastor Dawn Gregg**, ordained 1991, serving interim ministry, Northwest Ohio and Oregon Synods, ECP Active, ELCA On Leave From Call.
- Candidate Lura Groen**, awaiting ordination, graduated Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia 2006, ECP Approved, ELCA Entrance Denied.
- Pastor Nate Gruel**, ordained 1972, last served St. James Lutheran, Logansport, IN, Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, ECP Active, ELCA Removed 1979.
- Pastor Terry Hagensen**, ordained 1992, serving as Chaplain for Hospice of the Red River Valley, Mayville and Fargo, ND, Eastern North Dakota Synod, ECP Active, ELCA Removed.
- Pastor Susan Halvor**, ordained 2000, serving hospital chaplaincy in Anchorage, AK, Alaska Synod, ELCA On Leave From Call.
- Pastor Robyn Hartwig**, ordained 1999, last served Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, Sacramento, CA, Sierra Pacific Synod, ECP Active, ELCA On Leave From Call 2007.
- Pastor Martin Hauser**, ordained 1978, serving Grace & St. Paul's, New York, NY, Metro New York Synod, ELCA Active.
- Candidate Jean Hay**, awaiting ordination, graduated Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN 2006, ELCA Approved Pending Policy Change.
- Pastor William Heisley**, ordained 1980, serving Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN, Minneapolis Area Synod, ELCA Active.
- Pastor Anita Hill**, ordained 2001, serving St. Paul-Reformation Lutheran Church, St. Paul, MN, Saint Paul Area Synod, ECP Active, ELCA Postponed Pending Policy Change.
- Pastor Dan Hooper**, ordained 1974, serving Hollywood Lutheran, Los Angeles, CA, Southwest California Synod, ECP Active, ELCA Removed 1991.
- Seminarian Matthew James**, attending Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, ECP Seminarian, ELCA Seminarian.
- Pastor Jeff Johnson**, ordained 1990, serving University Lutheran Chapel of Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, Sierra Pacific Synod, ECP Active.
- Pastor John Kauffman**, 1980, serving Christ the Shepherd, Altadena, CA, Southwest California Synod, ELCA Active.
- Candidate Steve Keiser**, awaiting ordination, graduated from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia 1999, serving Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion, Philadelphia, PA, Southeast Penn. Synod, ECP Approved, ELCA Withdrew From Candidacy Pending Policy Change.
- Seminarian Margaret Kelly**, attending Luther Seminary, CPE Intern, University of MN, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Minneapolis, MN, ECP Endorsed, ELCA Endorsed 2006.
- Candidate Lionel Ketola**, awaiting ordination, serving long-term care chaplaincy in Ontario, Canada, ECP Approved, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada Removed 1988.
- Pastor Wayne Knockel**, ordained 2000, last served Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lansing, MI, Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA Resigned 2006.
- Pastor William Knott**, ordained 1979, serving Abiding Savior Lutheran, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Florida Bahamas Synod, Episcopal Church-USA Active, ELCA Resigned 1994.
- Pastor Robert Kriesat**, ordained 1965, last served Gloria Dei Lutheran, Chatham, NJ, New Jersey Synod, ELCA Retired 2005.
- Pastor Gary LeCroy**, ordained 1991, serving St Paul Lutheran Church, Teaneck, NJ, New Jersey Synod, ELCA Active.
- Pastor Betsy Lee**, ordained 1990, serving an Episcopal congregation in Iowa, Southeast Iowa Synod, Episcopal Church of the USA Active, ELCA On Leave from Call 2005.
- Pastor Jim Lokken**, ordained 1959, last served St. Francis Lutheran, San Francisco, CA, Sierra Pacific Synod, ELCA Deceased 2006.
- Pastor Barbara Lundblad**, ordained 1980, serving Union Theological Seminary and Advent Lutheran Church, New York City, NY, Metro New York Synod, ELCA Active.
- Pastor Jennifer Mason**, ordained 1991, last served Central City Lutheran Mission, San Bernardino, CA, ECP Active, ELCA Removed 2005.
- Pastor Patrick McGuire**, ordained 1995, serving Prince of Peace Lutheran, Chicago Heights, IL, Metro Chicago Synod, ELCA Active.
- Pastor Ross Merkel**, ordained 1978, serving St. Paul Lutheran Church, Oakland, CA, Sierra Pacific Synod, ECP Active, ELCA Removed 1994.
- Pastor Gary Mills**, ordained 1984, serving as Executive Asst. to the Bishop, New York, NY, Metro New York Synod, ELCA Active.

- Seminarian Connie Monson**, attending Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, SC, Diaconal Candidate Pursuing Endorsement.
- Pastor Gladys Moore**, ordained 1984, serving Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA, New England Synod, ELCA On Leave From Call.
- Pastoral Minister Jen Nagel**, awaiting ordination, graduated Univ. of Chicago Divinity School 1998, further courses at Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago 1999, serving Salem English Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN, Minneapolis Area Synod, ECP Approved, ELCA Approved Pending Policy Change.
- Pastor Pieter Oberholzer**, ordained 1978, serving Inclusive and Affirming Ministries, Cape Town, South Africa, ECP Active.
- Pastor Ned O'Donnell**, ordained 1993, serving Vitas Hospice Care, Alameda County, Sierra Pacific Synod, ELCA Active.
- Pastor Vicki Pedersen**, ordained 1985, serving Lutheran Homes, Muscatine, IA, ELCA On Leave From Call, Not Available for Call 2006.
- Pastor David Peters**, ordained 1971, serving Atonement Lutheran Church, Sacramento, CA, Sierra Pacific Synod, ELCA Active.
- Pastor Arlo Peterson**, ordained 1974, serving Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Key West, FL, Florida/Bahamas Synod, ECP Active, ELCA Removed 1999.
- Pastor Nathan Pipho**, ordained 2002, serving Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, North Quincy, MA, New England Synod, ELCA Active.
- Pastor Dale Poland**, ordained 1991, serving HospiceCare of Boulder and Broomfield Counties, Boulder, CO, ECP Active, ELCA Resigned 2002.
- Pastor Jane Ralph**, ordained 1992, serving as Board Co-Chair for Lutheran Lesbian and Gay Ministries, San Francisco, CA, ECP Active.
- Pastor Dawn Roginski**, ordained 2007, serving St. Francis Lutheran Church, San Francisco, CA, Sierra Pacific Synod, ECP Active, ELCA Postponed.
- Pastor Megan Rohrer**, ordained 2006, serving as Director of Welcome Ministry with call from a consortium of ELCA congregations: Christ, HerChurch (Ebenezer), St. Mary and St. Martha, San Francisco, CA, Sierra Pacific Synod, ECP Active, ELCA Resigned from Candidacy Process (in SD) Pending Policy Change.
- Steven Rosebrock**, ordained 1990, last served International Church in Copenhagen, Denmark, ECP Active, ELCA Resigned 1999.
- Pastor Donn Rosenauer**, ordained 1968, served parishes in ND, MN, NB, and WA, ECP Active, ELCA Resigned 2005.
- Candidate Jen Rude**, awaiting ordination, graduated Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA 2005, serving Resurrection Lutheran and The Night Ministry, Chicago, IL, Metro Chicago Synod, ECP Approved, ELCA Postponed.
- Pastor Steve Sabin**, ordained 1985, serving Christ Lutheran, San Francisco, CA, Sierra Pacific Synod, ECP Active, ELCA Removed 1998.
- Pastor Greg Schaefer**, ordained 1985, serving St. Matthew's, North Hollywood, CA, Southwest California Synod, ELCA On Leave From Call.
- Pastor Bradley Schmeling**, ordained 1989, serving St. John, Atlanta, GA, Southeastern Synod, ELCA Removed 2007.
- Associate in Ministry Mark Sedio**, consecrated 1980, serving Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN, Minneapolis Area Synod, ELCA Removed 2006.
- Pastor, CPE Supervisor Kelli Shepard**, ordained 1995, serving Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ, Grand Canyon Synod, ECP Active, ELCA Removed 2002.
- Pastor Donna Simon**, ordained 2000, serving Abiding Peace Lutheran Church, North Kansas City, MO, Central States Synod, ECP Active, ELCA Postponed.
- Pastor Ruth Snyder**, ordained 1980, serving St. Stephens-Bethlehem UCC, Buffalo, NY, United Church of Christ Active, ELCA Resigned 2006.
- Pastor Sharon Stalkfleet**, ordained 2002, serving Lutheran Ministry to Nursing Homes with call from Resurrection, St. Paul, and Trinity Lutheran Churches in Oakland, and Trinity Lutheran in Alameda, CA, Sierra Pacific Synod, ECP Active, ELCA Postponed.
- Candidate Lisa Stenmark**, awaiting ordination, graduated from Theological Union 1993 and Vanderbilt University 1998, Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences, ECP Approved.
- Pastor Dale Truscott**, ordained 1970, last served Holy Faith Church, Saline, MI, Southeast Michigan Synod, ELCA Retired 2006.
- Pastor Philip Trzynka**, ordained 1986, serving Trinity Lower East Side Lutheran Parish, New York City, NY, Metro NY Synod, ELCA Active.
- Pastor Jay Wiesner**, ordained 2004, serving Bethany Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN, Minneapolis Area Synod, ECP Active.
- Candidate Jay Wilson**, awaiting ordination, graduated Luther Seminary St. Paul 2006, served as intern at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, Sacramento, CA, Sierra Pacific Synod, ECP Approved, ELCA Endorsement Revoked 2005.
- Pastor Paul Winters**, ordained 1968, last served interim ministry in Northwest Ohio Synod, ELCA Retired 1997.
- Pastor Cindy Witt**, ordained 1985, last served United Campus Ministry, Riverside, CA, ECP Active, ELCA Removed 1997.
- Pastor Jeffrey Ziegler**, ordained 1992, serving Reformation Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, PA, Southeastern PA Synod, ELCA Active.
- Pastor Phyllis Zillhart**, ordained 1990, serving Abbott NW Hospital Chaplaincy, Minneapolis, MN, Minneapolis Area Synod, ECP Active.