



THE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Missouri Synod

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PERSONAL STATEMENT FORM

Form available at lcms.org/convention/2016personalstatement

Name:

You are a candidate for the following Synod officer, board/commission or regional position:

According to Bylaw 3.12.3.6 of the 2013 Synod *Handbook*, "the committee shall determine its complete list of candidates and alternates, obtain the consent of the persons it proposes to select as candidates, and transmit its final report at least five months prior to the convention to the Secretary of the Synod, who shall post the list on the Synod's Website and provide for its publication in a pre-convention issue of an official periodical of the Synod and in the Convention Workbook." This report shall "contain pertinent information concerning each candidate, such as occupation or profession, district affiliation, residence, specific experience, number of years as a member of an LCMS congregation, present position, offices previously held in a congregation, district or the Synod, and qualifications for the office in question, and, if the candidate so desires, also a brief personal statement." Your pertinent biographical information will be obtained from the green CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL FORM.

As noted in the bylaw above, the opportunity to provide a personal statement shall be offered to each candidate for publication in an official periodical. As a candidate, you may make a **brief personal statement** in the space provided. In general, it should say something about your interest in the above position, your vision for the future of the Synod, where more attention should be paid, etc. Your statement should **not exceed 100 words**. Some editing may be required prior to publication.

Please understand that upon your consent, this statement will be made available to the voting delegates of the 2016 convention of the Synod.

RELEASE APPROVAL: I agree to the release of this information for publication. Yes: ____ No: ____

Signed: _____ Date:

PERSONAL STATEMENT SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS: After you complete this form, please sign, date and return it in the enclosed return envelope. Keep a copy for your records.

ELECTRONIC PERSONAL STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS: An electronic version of this form is available at lcms.org/convention/2016personalstatement. You may also complete and save this form and email it to lcmssecretary@lcms.org. You are still required to sign, date and return a hard copy of your completed form in the enclosed return envelope.

PHOTO SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS: Photos should be submitted in **TIF** or **JPEG** format with a minimum resolution of 300 dpi. Email photos to lcmssecretary@lcms.org. If you are submitting a hard-copy photo, please label the back with your full name and date. (Hard copies will not be returned.)