



**Delegates to the 65<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the Wisconsin Evan. Luth. Synod  
July 29 – August 1, 2019 at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN**

As members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, the called workers within our district have the privilege and responsibility of representing our district as delegates to the next Synod Convention. The ratio of delegates from each district is determined by the Synod Constitution, and each district is then informed by the Synod Secretary the precise number of delegates allocated to them. The actual rotation of delegates and the distribution across the conferences of the district is maintained by the chairman of the District Nominating Committee, in consultation with the District Secretary and the District Teachers' Conference. Within the rotation, preference is given to several factors (e.g. years in the ministry, previous opportunities to attend the Synod Convention, etc.). The result of this process is the following list of delegates, which is being presented to the gathered representatives of our district in convention for their review and adoption.

**Called Worker Delegates for the 2019 Synod Convention**

Arizona Pastor Delegates

1. Rev. Paul D. Rutschow
2. Rev. James R. Connell
3. Rev. John P. Ehlers

Alternate Arizona Pastor Delegates

- Alt. 1. Rev. Adam R. Mueller
- Alt. 2. Rev. Bart A. Brauer
- Alt. 3. Rev. Joseph M. Dietrich

California Pastor Delegates

1. Rev. Timothy M. Otto
2. Rev. Steven P. Gabb
3. Rev. Michael A. Schroeder

Alternate California Pastor Delegates

- Alt. 1. Rev. Jeffrey A. Duquaine
- Alt. 2. Rev. Christopher L. Schroeder
- Alt. 3. Rev. James M. Werner

Teacher Delegates

1. Teacher Douglas W. Stubalt
2. Teacher Mark A. Steiner
3. Teacher Michael H. Peek
4. Teacher George E. Hella II
5. Teacher Benjamin R. Pagel
6. Teacher Timothy V. Vogel

Alternate Teacher Delegates

- Alt. 1. Teacher Kevin M. Bode
- Alt. 2. Teacher Darren J. Vogt
- Alt. 3. Teacher Thomas C. Stelter
- Alt. 4. Teacher E. John Fredrich
- Alt. 5. Teacher Michael S. Homan
- Alt. 6. Teacher Michael D. Ross

Total Pastor Delegates: 6  
Total Teacher Delegates: 6  
Total Called Worker Delegates: 12

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In addition to called workers, each congregation of our district also has the opportunity and duty to participate in Synod Convention, through the sending of a lay delegate to the convention. As with the called workers, the exact number of Synod Convention delegates is sent to our district leaders by the Synod Secretary prior to the district conventions. The specific assignment of lay delegates is also determined by a rotation of congregations, based on two primary factors (the year the congregation was founded and the amount of time which has passed since the congregation's last opportunity to participate). In our district, we also balance representation based on conference alignment and the overall number of congregations within each conference.

## **Congregations Sending Lay Delegates to the 2019 Synod Convention**

### Apache Lay Delegates

1. East Fork, Whiteriver, Arizona
2. Our Savior, Bylas, Arizona

### Alternate Apache Lay Delegates

- Alt. 1. St. Peter, Globe, Arizona
- Alt. 2. Shepherd in the Pines, McNary, Arizona

### Black Canyon Lay Delegates

1. Emmanuel, Tempe, Arizona
2. Paradise Valley, Phoenix, Arizona
3. Calvary, Chandler, Arizona
4. Christ, Prescott Valley, Arizona
5. Peace, Cottonwood, Arizona

### Alternate Black Canyon Delegates

- Alt. 1. Crosswalk, Laveen, Arizona
- Alt. 2. Mt. Calvary, Flagstaff, Arizona
- Alt. 3. Deer Valley, Phoenix, Arizona
- Alt. 4. Heritage, Gilbert, Arizona
- Alt. 5. Shepherd of the Valley, Surprise, Arizona

### Gadsden Lay Delegates

1. Redeemer, Tucson, Arizona
2. Holy Cross, Tucson, Arizona

### Alternate Gadsden Lay Delegates

- Alt. 1. Cross of Christ, Las Cruces, New Mexico
- Alt. 2. Shepherd, Albuquerque, New Mexico

### Northern California Lay Delegates

1. St. Mark's, Citrus Heights, California
2. Shepherd of the Mountains, Reno, Nevada
3. The Springs, Sparks, Nevada

### Alternate Northern California Lay Delegates

- Alt. 1. Mt. Calvary, Redding, California
- Alt. 2. St. Andrew, Sacramento, California
- Alt. 3. St. Peter, Modesto, California

### Southern California Lay Delegates

1. Christ the Vine, Temecula, California
2. Ascension, Escondido, California
3. Shepherd of the Hills, Las Vegas, Nevada
4. Our Shepherd, Lancaster, California
5. St. John, Tarzana, California
6. Community, Honolulu, Hawaii

### Alternate Southern California Lay Delegates

- Alt. 1. Cross of Christ, Kingman, Arizona
- Alt. 2. Prince of Peace, Thousand Oaks, California
- Alt. 3. Beautiful Saviour, Carlsbad, California
- Alt. 4. Grace, Yorba Linda, California
- Alt. 5. Trinity, Ridgecrest, California
- Alt. 6. Water of Life, Las Vegas, Nevada

Total Lay Delegates: 18

Total Called Worker Delegates: 12

Total Delegates from the Arizona-California District: 30

### Notes

1. No pastor, teacher, or congregation may participate in the Synod Convention unless they attend (or are formally excused from) their District Convention. Any unexcused called workers or congregations which inadvertently appear on this list will be automatically disqualified, per the Synod Constitution.
2. There is a registration cost which congregations pay for each of their pastor, teacher, and lay delegates. In 2019, this cost will be \$275. Congregations are encouraged to budget for this expense in advance.
3. Alternate delegates will only attend if an actual delegate is unable to. In this case, the list moves "up"; Alt. Delegate 1 will become Delegate 5, Alternate Delegate 2 will become Alternate Delegate 1, etc.
4. This year's list reflects a reduction in pastor delegates, but an increase in teacher and lay delegates.
5. Specific questions may be directed to the chairman of the Nominating Committee, Pastor Josh Stahmann, via [Pastor.Stahmann@gmail.com](mailto:Pastor.Stahmann@gmail.com). This document was updated at 9:30 AM on 6/13/2018.