



Synod Staff Mission Areas and Responsibilities

Bishop, [The Rev. Bryan J. Penman](#)

Leadership in the church, connecting to the ELCA Churchwide Organization, legal issues, ecumenical and interfaith connections and events, advocacy, misconduct.

Director of Operations, [Mrs. Yvonne Curtis](#)

Bishop's schedule, Human Resources, Roster Management, Congregational Meetings for Call Votes, Synod Council, Letters of Call and Certificates of Ordination.

Conference Deans

Conference Deans are an extension of the Office of the Bishop and serve as the first line of communication into the Office of the Bishop. All matters that need the attention of the Bishop should be shared first with your Conference Dean. As Deans they oversee the pastoral transition process during vacancies in congregations, adjudicate disagreements in congregations, provide leadership and pastoral care to the rostered leaders in their conferences and care for the missional development of congregations in their conferences.

Conference

Dean

Central Philadelphia

[The Rev. Noah Hepler](#)

Atonement, Fishtown
919.609.1258

Chester

[The Rev. Chris Franz](#)

Advent, West Chester
610.436.0807

Delaware

[The Rev. Marie Sager](#)

St. Timothy, Aston

Lower Bucks

[The Rev. Mukesh Cheedie](#)

Redeemer, Penndel

Lower Montgomery

[The Rev. Julie DeWerth](#)

Good Shepherd, King of Prussia
610.308.2675

Northeast/Northwest Philadelphia

[The Rev. Daniel Eisenberg](#)

St. John's, Mayfair, Philadelphia
(215) 776-9683

Upper Bucks

The Rev. Bill Coleman

St. Paul's, Telford
215.723-8981

Upper Montgomery

The Rev. Matthew Finney

St. Paul's, Sassamansville & Christ, Niantic
610.845.2583

Communication Assistant and Database Manager, Mrs. Cynta Outterbridge

Database updates, address (physical or e-mail) changes, management of our distribution lists. Synod statistician and Synod registrar, congregational annual reports, rostered minister boundary training tracking.

Senior Accountant, Mr. Martin Schwab

Synod budget, Synod Property Manager, Finance Office (receivables/payables), Sales Tax-Exemption Forms, Congregational Giving Reports, major gifts.

Assistant for Congregations, The Rev. Karen Sease

Rostered Minister Mobility, Congregations in pastoral transition, mobility issues.

Assistant for Formation, The Rev. Erika Wesch

Candidacy, Synod Authorized Ministry, Discerning a call to ministry, formation for lay leadership. ELCA Region 7 Candidacy and Leadership Manager, The Rev. Becky Resch assists with the work of candidacy.

Assistant for Mission Interpretation, The Rev. Paula Lebo

Synod website, Synod e-newsletter, Synod social media, event publication, help with synodical communications.

Director for Evangelical Mission, The Rev. Dr. Moses Suah Dennis

New Mission Starts, starting new ministry, Evangelism and Outreach, Congregational vitality.

Director for Evangelical Mission and

Assistant for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging, The Rev. Linda Manson

Congregational vitality for established congregations, Equity work in congregations and communities.

Love Revolution Program Director, The Rev. Rick Summy

Love Revolution cohorts, program, material. Also, part of the Love Revolution staff are Pastor Paula Lebo assists with communication work and Pastor Kala Sadowy is the grant evaluator.

Faith Alive Program Director, The Rev. Annmarie Hartner-Cook

Faith Alive process, material, events. Ms. Ali Clark is the grant evaluator and Pastor Paula Lebo assists with communication.

Synod Assembly Coordinator, Mrs. Carrie Schwab

Works to prepare and equip the congregation to gather for our annual assembly, handles details leading up to and during the assembly.

ELCA Foundation Representative, Sister Marianne Brock

As a deployed staff person of the ELCA, Sister Marianne can partner with you, your congregation, synod, or other ELCA-related organization as you explore the variety of possibilities to give with generosity, and financial planning. All gift planning services are made available to individuals and congregations without obligation.

Portico Benefit Services Region 7 Representative, [The Rev. Tara Lynn](#)

Portico regional representatives serve as the front-line contacts for ELCA synod offices and are available as resources for events and benefit information.

ELCA Candidacy and Leadership Manager, [The Rev. A. Rebecca Resch](#)

As a deployed staff person of the ELCA, Pastor Resch listens to people share their sense of how God might be calling them to serve. She assists committees in their prayerful deliberation of candidates and provide education about candidacy and the first call process.