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# The Ephesians 4 List

*...he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God... so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*

*Ephesians 4: 11-16 (ESV)*

The Words of the Apostle Paul are the prayer of Our Congregations and Our Synod. We pray for God to lead us, through a Spirit of truth and love, to grow up in every way into Christ as a whole body, where every joint and each part are working together. We believe that the more LCMS leadership reflects the whole of our church body, the stronger and more united and more effective we will be in our proclamation of the precious Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Faithful Lutheran leaders who support the official doctrine and practice of the LCMS, who hold to the truth of God's Word and uphold our Lutheran Confessions come from all types of ministries and come with a variety of perspectives on how best to thrive, not just survive, in bringing God's truth to the Church and to the world. They come from small churches and large churches, from historic churches and new churches, from churches that some would describe as traditional and from churches that some might describe differently. But no matter where these leaders come from, they are called to works of ministry (or service), to build up the body of Christ and lead us to attain to the unity of faith.

Hence, we present to you a new list of nominees, the Ephesians 4 List, that offers to you a broad mix of experienced incumbents and fresh faces, some who find support from other lists and some who previously are on no lists at all. These names are presented with the hope that we might embark on a new season of a collegial and collaborative culture in the LCMS that brings honor to God and an even more faithful and effective witness to our Savior, Jesus.

On behalf of the Our Congregations, Our Synod editorial board,  
Rev. Charles Mueller, Jr.

# The Ephesians 4 List

The following list of nominees is presented to the congregational voters and convention delegates of the 2023 Convention of the LCMS with the hope that the names suggested for the various positions will be prayerfully considered, not with any sense of blind loyalty, but in conjunction with a healthy review of all candidates and their statements, qualifications, and experience. The endorsement of any nominee should not be construed as disparaging of others willing to serve. These names are humbly given to assist you in selecting faithful Lutheran leaders committed to the Word of God and our Lutheran Confessions to serve our Lord and His Church.

## + Incumbent

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*The slate of nominees will be determined after the Presidential election*

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