

2021 Candidates for CELC Offices

President

Prof. Thomas P. Nass (WELS)

1526 Flandrau Lane, New Ulm, Minnesota 56073

Age 65, married (Janice), 4 children: Timothy (37), Nathan (35), David (32), Allison (30)

Current call: Professor of Hebrew at Martin Luther College (26 years)

Previous calls: Instructor at Northwestern College (2 years); St. Paul's, North Mankato, Minnesota (8 years); St. Lucas, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (2 years); Professor at Northwestern College (1 year)

Other ministry experience: WELS Commission on Inter-Church Relations (1991-2003, 2004-2015), WELS Translation Evaluation/Liaison Committee (2010-present)

CELC conventions attended: 2008 (Ukraine), 2011 (New Ulm), 2014 (Peru), 2017 (Germany)

CELC service: Planning Committee Secretary (2008-2014), Reformation Anniversary Committee Co-Chairman (2014-2017), Planning Committee Vice President (2017-2021)

Rev. Paul T. Prange (WELS)

948 Echo Drive, Burlington, Wisconsin, 53105

Age 58, married (Leanne), 3 children: Anna (28), Maria (27), Joel (25)

Current call: WELS Administrator of Ministerial Education, Chairman of the WELS Joint Mission Council (12 years)

Previous calls: Risen Savior, Austin, Texas (3 years); President of Michigan Lutheran Seminary (15 years); Missionary to the Apache people in Whiteriver, Arizona (1 year); Shepherd of the Lakes, Roscommon, Michigan (3 years)

Other ministry experience: WELS Coordinator of Global Cross-Cultural Outreach, WELS Administrator for Inter-Church Relations, Chairman of the Psalter Committee for the new WELS hymnal

CELC conventions attended: 2011 (New Ulm), 2014 (Peru)

Vice President

Rev. Timothy H. Buelow (ELS)

1302 South Main Street, Carthage, Missouri 64836

Age 60, married (Sara nee Erlandsson), 5 children: Titus (33), Julius (30), Marjorie (28), Amos (25), Katrina (22)

Current call: Faith (ELS), Carthage, Missouri (12 years)

Previous calls: Holy Redeemer (WELS), Port Huron, Michigan (7 years); St. Matthew (WELS), Benton Harbor, Michigan (6 years); Västerås and Norrköping (LBK), Sweden (2 years); Emanuel First (WELS), Lansing, Michigan (7 years)

Other ministry experience: ELS Board for World Outreach (10 years /current), Rites Committee for the new WELS Hymnal

CELC conventions attended: 2002 (Sweden), 2011 (New Ulm), 2017 (Germany)

CELC regional conferences attended: 2001 Europe (Latvia)

CELC service: Planning Committee Secretary (2014-2021), Coordinated worship for the CELC Regional Conference in Jurmala, Latvia (2001) and for the CELC Convention in Gothenburg, Sweden (2002)

Rev. Timothy A. Hartwig (ELS)

1041 Orchard Road, Mankato, Minnesota 56001

Age 49, married (Katie), 7 children: Rebekah (19), Lydia (17), Abigail (14), Caleb (12), Sarah (10), Isaac (8), Charlotte (3)

Current call: Peace, North Mankato, Minnesota (9 years)

Previous call: Our Saviour, Lake Havasu City, Arizona (10 years)

Other ministry experience: ELS Board for Home Outreach (10 years, current Chairman); ELS Circuit Visitor (7 years), ELS Worship Committee (6 years), ELS Board for Evangelism (2 years), ELS Vice President (beginning 2021)

Secretary

Rev. Jonathan M. Bare (WELS)

11849 North Luther Lane, Mequon, Wisconsin 53092

Age 40, married (Kim), 2 children: Josiah (7), Elina (4)

Current call: Pastoral Studies Institute of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (4 years)

Previous calls: Missionary to East Asia (8 years)

Other ministry experience: Asia Lutheran Seminary Board of Regents (4 years), Leader of Theological Education for WELS One Africa Team (3 years), Director of Confessional Lutheran Institute in Africa (1 year)

CELC conventions attended: 2014 (Peru), 2017 (Germany)

Regional CELC conferences attended: 2015 Asia-Oceania (South Korea), Asia-Oceania 2018 (Hong Kong)

Rev. Nathan C. Seiltz (WELS)

4443 Honeywood Court, Jackson, Wisconsin 53037

Age 52, married (Natalie), 3 children: Brett (21), Carlos (18), Angela (13)

Current call: Director, WELS Multi-Language Productions (5 years)

Previous calls: Principal, Evergreen Lutheran High School, Tacoma, Washington (5 years); Dean of Students, Evergreen Lutheran High School (5 years); WELS Missionary, Dominican Republic and Haiti (5 years); Lord of Lords Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS), Casper, Wyoming (5 years); Tutor, Nebraska Lutheran High School, Waco, Nebraska (2 years)

Other ministry experience: Chairman, WELS Global Ministry Committee (3 years); Chairman, WELS Europe Administrative Committee (2 years)

CELC conventions attended: 2017 (Germany)

CELC regional conferences attended: 2015 Asia-Oceania (South Korea), 2018 Asia-Oceania (Hong Kong), 2019 Europe (Albania)

Planning Committee At-Large #1

Prof. James C. Danell (WELS)

224 Summit Ave., New Ulm, Minnesota 56073

Age 56, married (Sheree), 3 children: Justin (31), Joshua (29), Heather (28)

Current call: Professor of German at Martin Luther College

Previous calls: St. Mark, Green Bay, Wisconsin (2 years); Bethlehem, Hortonville, Wisconsin (6 years)

Other ministry experience: Northern Wisconsin District Prison Ministries, WELS Sunday School Task Force, WELS Military Chaplaincy Study Committee, WELS Commission on Inter-Church Relations (2015-present, current Chairman), CICR Contact Man for the ELFK in Germany

CELC conventions attended: 2011 (New Ulm), 2017 (Germany)

Rev. John P. Hartwig (WELS) *incumbent*

Im Holzweg 4a. 55288 Spiesheim, Germany

Age 68, married (Helen), 3 children: Joseph (37), Evan (35), Maria (31)

Current call: WELS Military Chaplain for Europe (1 year)

Previous calls: Missionary to LCCA–Malawi (10 years), Missionary to Thailand (2 years), Professor and Library Director at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (25 years)

Other ministry experience: WELS Committee for India Mission (Chairman), Northwestern Publishing House Board of Directors (Chairman)

CELC service: Planning Committee At-Large Member (2017-2021)

Planning Committee At-Large #2

Rev. Paul C. Fries (ELS)

2712 Itasca Drive, Mankato, Minnesota 56001

Age 54, married (Terri), 2 children: Jessica (30), Hannah (23)

Current call: ELS Communication Director

Previous calls: Bethany, Luverne, Minnesota (12 years); Forest and Zion, Forest City and Thompson, Iowa (1 year)

Other ministry experience: ELS Board for World Outreach (13 years, Board Chairman, Chairman Asia subcommittee), ELS Board for Publications (2 years)

CELC conventions attended: 1999 (Florida), 2017 (Germany)

CELC service: CELC Website Administrator (2017-present)

CELC regional conferences attended: 2015 Asia-Oceania (South Korea)

Rev. Bradley J. Kerkow (ELS)

2950 County Road 175, Leander, Texas 78641

Age 52, married (Rachel), 4 children: Anna (19), Sophia (18), Jadon (16), William (12)

Current call: Hope, Leander, Texas (10 years)

Previous calls: Peace, North Mankato, Minnesota (10 years)

Other ministry experience: ELS Board for World Outreach (8 years, current Chairman Asia Subcommittee); ELS Board for Evangelism (6 years, Secretary), ELS Nominating Committee

CELC regional conferences attended: 2015 Asia-Oceania (South Korea), 2018 Asia-Oceania (Hong Kong)