

Ballot for the 2022 Western Wisconsin District:

Synodical Positions:

MLC Governing Board (Lay Person) *Vote for one.*

___ Mr. Lowell Holtz is an experienced teacher and administrator on the grade and high school level in both the private and public sector. He has taught Law and Ethics at Wisconsin Lutheran College and teaches the “Principalship” class at Martin Luther College. Dr. Holtz has helped with the program for the professional growth for pastors and has presented at WELS education conferences.

___ Mr. Tim Luetzow, 59, is a semi-retired construction professional with a background in accounting and purchasing. He has an Associate Arts degree in accounting from MATC and a BS from WLC in Business Administration and Leadership. He is an Adjunct Faculty member at Madison College and Wisconsin Lutheran College. He is currently a member at St. Matthew’s in Oconomowoc serving as Chairman of the Board of Stewardship on the Church Council and on the leadership training committee.

___ Mr. Kevin Loersch, 60, of Watertown, WI., is a 1980 graduate of Manitowoc Lutheran High and a 1984 graduate of DMLC. He taught in WELS schools for twenty-five years before beginning his second career at a Watertown Kwik Trip in 2009. Four of his five children have graduated from or are attending MLC. In his spare time Kevin enjoys playing organ and singing for worship.

MLS Governing Board (Male Teacher) *Vote for one.*

___ Teacher John Melso is 58 years old and currently services as principal and teacher at St. Paul in Wisconsin Rapid. He has been principal and teacher at 4 other WELS schools. He has served as chairman of several teachers’ conferences and program committees. He also served on the visitation committee for Wisconsin Lutheran HS and on the visitation committee for Michigan Lutheran Seminary’s initial WELSSA Accreditation. Two of his sons graduated from Michigan Lutheran Seminary and two graduated from Luther Prep.

___ Teacher Wesley Town is 28 years old and teaches at Mt. Calvary-Grace Lutheran School in La Crosse, WI. He not only graduated from Michigan Lutheran Seminary, his first call into the ministry was to serve for two years as a tutor at MLS.

___Teacher John Byus, is 50 years old. He graduated from Michigan Lutheran Seminary in 1990. Upon graduation from MLC he served 19 years at First Lutheran School in La Crosse in various ways in both the grade school and the congregation. He currently serves as mission advancement director at Onalaska Luther High School overseeing social media, alumni coordinator, and public relations administrator.

District Offices:

Board of Appeals:

Vote for one in each section below.

Pastor:

- ___Pastor Matthew Crass (inc.)
- ___Pastor Joel Neumann
- ___Timothy Schwartz

Teacher:

- ___Teacher Steve Gartner
- ___Teacher Ben Rank

Lay Person:

___Mr. Bill Bittner is 72 years old and a member at New Life Lutheran Church in Rockford, Illinois. He is an engineer and has 40 years of experience as senior manager in municipal government for cities in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Illinois. He has been blessed to serve in a variety of WELS congregational leadership positions including school board, evangelism, property maintenance, building committees, elders, and three terms as congregational chairman.

___Mr. Kyle Rupprecht is from St. John's in Lewiston MN. He is a lifelong member of the WELS and grew up in the Lewiston / Winona area on a dairy farm. He graduated from Winona State University with a BA in Economics and Computer Science. As the Market President at the Minnwest Bank he manages the working relationships with both customers and coworkers.

___Mr. Victor Vieth: Is 60 years old. He is a lifetime member of the WELS, currently at St. John's, Lewiston, MN. Mr. Vieth is known nationally for his work in addressing child abuse. He annually provides a module on child abuse to MLC students entering the field of education and has frequently lectured at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. He has

been instrumental in developing our WELS special ministry on child abuse (Freedom for the Captives) and has provided training and technical assistance to WELS pastors and teachers throughout the synod on issues of child abuse.

Constitution Committee: *Vote for one.*

- Pastor Daniel Iwinski, inc.
- Pastor Peter Wells,

District Mission Board:

Lay Persons:

John Deglow, inc. John is 44 years old. He works as a Kwik Trip Store leader and has served on the district mission board for 6 years. He is a member at St. Mark in Watertown.

Tim Wiedenfeldt is 41 years old and a dairy farmer. He currently serves as Chairman of St. John, Newville, Wi., and is helping to lead in the mission effort in Deerfield, Wi.

Pastor:

- Paul Schupmann, inc.
- Joe Fricke

Ministry of Christian Giving:

- Pastor Andrew Ewings
- Pastor John Hildebrandt, inc.

Nominating Committee:

Chairman:

- Pastor Bruce McKenney, inc.
- Pastor Ethan Steinbrenner

Vote for Two:

Capitol Conference:*

Pastor Shaun Arndt
 Pastor Nathan Berg

Central Conference:

Pastor Dave Brandt, inc.
 Pastor Clint Burow

Chippewa Conference:

Pastor Joel Naumann
 Pastor Roger Quandt, inc.

Mississippi Conference:

Pastor Dave Leistekow, inc.
 Pastor Dan Olson

Southwestern Conference:

Pastor Joel Neumann
 Pastor Peter Snyder, inc.

Wisillowa Conference:

Pastor Dan Foelske
 Pastor Andy Lindtke

Worship Coordinator:

Pastor John Bauer
 Pastor Phil Moldenhauer, inc.

*Pending District Approval of the request of the Capitol Circuit to form a new Conference.