

**UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD
of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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United as Christ's Disciples, we Support one another; and Serve God in the World

June 2025

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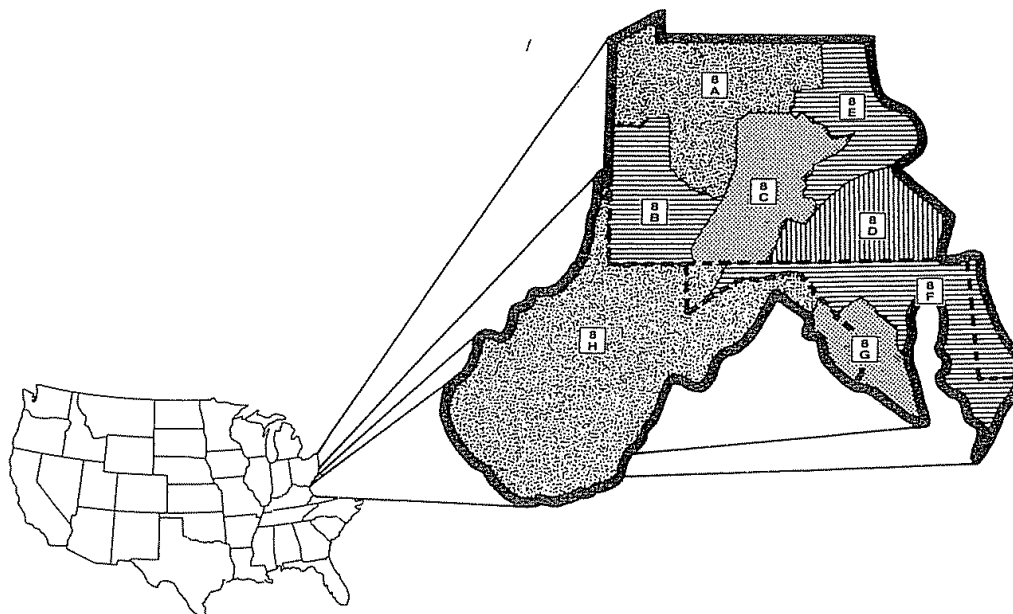
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REGION 8



Synod 8.A—Northwestern Pennsylvania. The counties of Armstrong (part), Cameron, Clarion, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Indiana, Jefferson, McKean, Mercer, Potter, Venango, Warren in the state of PENNSYLVANIA.

Synod 8.B—Southwestern Pennsylvania. The counties of Allegheny, Armstrong (part), Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Lawrence, Washington, Westmoreland in the state of PENNSYLVANIA.

Synod 8.C—Allegheny. The counties of Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clearfield, Huntingdon, Somerset in the state of PENNSYLVANIA.

Synod 8.D—Lower Susquehanna. The counties of Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, York in the state of PENNSYLVANIA.

Synod 8.E—Upper Susquehanna. The counties of Clinton, Columbia, Juniata, Lycoming, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Tioga, Union in the state of PENNSYLVANIA.

Synod 8.F—Delaware-Maryland. The state of DELAWARE; the city of Baltimore and the counties of Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Dorchester, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, Worcester in the state of MARYLAND; the counties of Accomack, Northampton in the state of VIRGINIA.

Synod 8.G—Metropolitan Washington, D.C. The District of Columbia; the counties of Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince Georges, St. Mary's in the state of MARYLAND; the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William, and the independent cities within the territory of these counties in the state of VIRGINIA; BERMUDA.

Synod 8.H—West Virginia-Western Maryland. The county of Garrett in the state of MARYLAND; the state of WEST VIRGINIA.

IV. AFFILIATED AND RELATED AGENCIES, INSTITUTIONS, AND CAMP

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Diakon Youth Services
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Community and Church Groups
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Senior Living Services

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Bookkeeper - Linda Aurand

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Mr. Gabriel Schaeffer, Synod Council Representative

Rev. Kenneth Wagner-Pizza, Diocesan Bishop's Representative

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The Rev. Katy Moran

V. ELECTED BY THE SYNOD

("F" indicates first term; "X" indicates ineligible for re-election)

**SYNOD COUNCIL
UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

August 1, 2024

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The Rev. David Byerly (2025)
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The Rev. Rick Adams (2025)
Mr. Barry Spangler (2027)
The Rev. Joel Zeiders (2027)

The Rev. Andrew Weaver (2027)
Ms. Barbara E. Horn (2027)
The Rev. Erwin Roux (2029)
Ms. Danielle Lauver (2029)
Ms. Wendelin Davis (2029)
Mr. Kevin Cunningham (2029)

Committee on Discipline

The Rev. Matthew D. Schuster (2025)
Ms. Linda Everitt (2025)
The Rev. Sarah V. Hershberger (2025)
Mr. Ken Mummah (2025)
The Rev. Mike Sigler (2027)
Mr. Adam R. Mitchell (2027)

The Rev. Gretchen Johanson (2027)
Ms. Carol Winter (2027)
The Rev. Lisa Barnes (2029)
Ms. Beverly Hoffman (2029)
Ms. Pamela Mausteller (2029)
The Rev. Ronald Montgomery (2029)

VI. ELECTED BY THE CONFERENCES

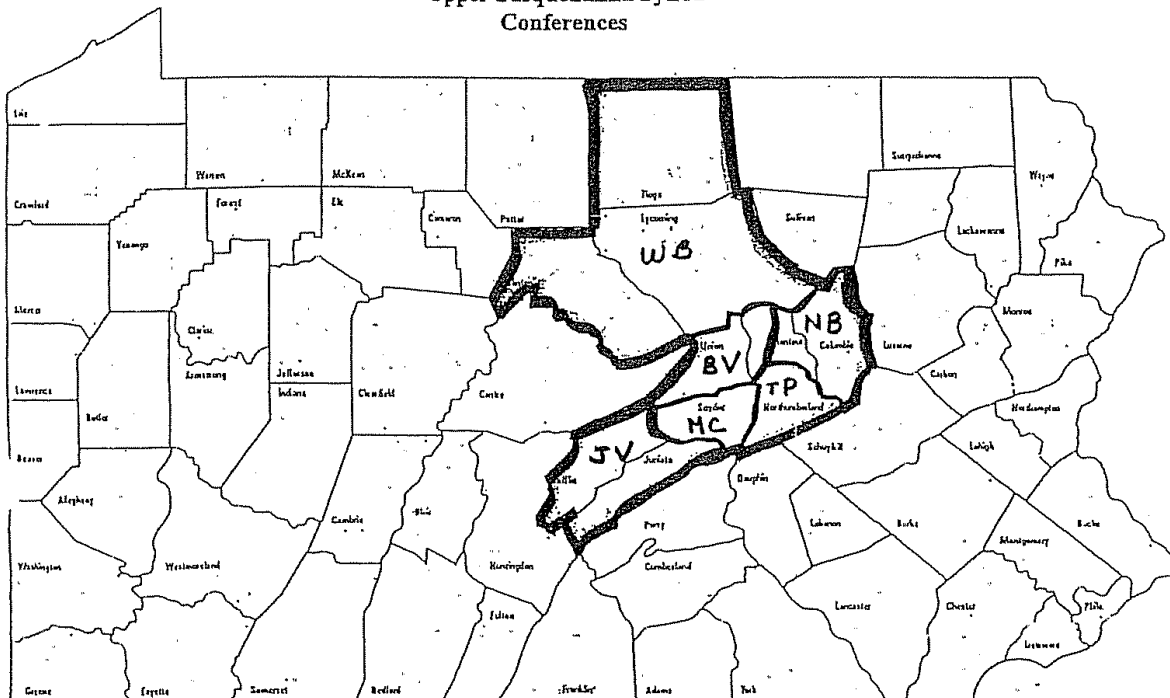
Conference Officers

Terms begin July 1

Conference:	Dean:		Secretary:	
Buffalo Valley	The Rev. Gary Schaeffer	2026	The Rev. Justin Lingenfelter	2027
Juniata Valley	The Rev. Richard Adams	2027	The Rev. Carla Volland	2026
Middle Creek	The Rev. Robert Doll	2026	The Rev. Mindelle Bartholomew	2027

North Branch	The Rev. Joel Zeiders	2026	The Rev. Christine Kirchner	2027
Tulpehocken	The Rev. Elizabeth George	2027	The Rev. Karla Leiby	2026
West Branch	The Rev. Jeffrey LeCrone	2027	The Rev. Harold "Dutch" Rinker	2026

Upper Susquehanna Synod Conferences



Key:

BV - Buffalo Valley Conference
JV - Juniata Valley Conference
MC - Middle Creek Conference
NB - North Branch Conference
TP - Tulpehocken Conference
WB - West Branch Conference

VII. SYNODICAL ENTITIES

2025 USS Committee, Ministry Teams, Networks, Taskforces

COMMITTEES

Audit Committee

Rich Handy (2028)
Michael Hess (2026)
Kaylene Trick (2027)

Candidacy Committee

The Rev. Karla Leiby, chair (2027)
Ms. MeeCee Baker, (JV – 2028)
Deacon Mary Lou Byerly (2028)
Mr. James Girven (WB – 2026)
The Rev. Christine Kirchner (NB – 2028)
The Rev. Katy Moran (BV – 2028)
Ms. Pam Rhoads (T – 2027)
Ms. Eileen Stauffer (MC – 2028)
The Rev. Dr. Gilson Waldkoenig, ULS
The Rev. Becky Resch, Region 7 & 8

Finance Committee

The Rev. Chad Hebrink, Treasurer
Mr. Scott Frost, Chair
The Rev. Rick White
Mr. Jeff Mitchell

BOARD

Lay Ministry Institute Board

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Ms. Wendelin Davis (2025)
Mr. James Girven (2026)
Ms. Barbara Horn (2025)
Ms. Kaye Long (2026)
The Rev. Theodore Cockley (2026)

TEAMS

Bishop's Discernment Team

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Ms. Kim Crissinger
The Rev. Richard Fangmann
The Rev. Rick White

The Rev. Christine Kirchner

Ms. Holly Fry

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Ms. Alicia Anderson, Penn State University
Ms. Shelley Litz, Protestant Campus
Ministry, Penn Tech at Williamsport
(vacant) Bloomsburg University
(vacant) Susquehanna Univ.
(vacant) Lock Haven Univ.
Mr. Chad Hershberger, Convenor

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Mr. Chad Hershberger

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Ms. Beverly Hoffman
Mr. Lowell Leitzel
The Rev. James Vitale
The Rev. Karen Ward
Mr. John Warfel
The Rev. Ann Zimmerman

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Ms. Charlene Rineer
Ms. Maddy Coup
Mr. Ayden Goss
Ms. Claire Hershberger
Ms. Tavin Reitz
Ms. Ellie Schaeffer
Mr. Gabriel Schaeffer
Rev. James Vitale
Ms. Evelyn Weiser

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The Rev. Kristina Schaeffer, Co-Chair
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The Rev. Chad Hebrink

Ms. Brenda Sterner

Note: Bishop Craig A. Miller is a member of all synodical committees, boards and teams.

**VIII. BOARDS OF DIRECTORS ELECTED BY SYNOD COUNCIL
OR APPOINTED/NOMINATED BY BISHOP**

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania

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The Rev. Justin Lingenfelter

**The Lutheran Council for Campus Ministry
at Pennsylvania State University**

Trustee of Susquehanna University

The Rev. Robert Doll (2026)

Trustee of United Lutheran Seminary

The Rev. Barbara J. Collins (2026)

IX. SYNOD ORGANIZATIONS

**Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization**

Purpose: As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

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