

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

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

June 2026



## **I. OFFICERS OF THE SYNOD, PROFESSIONAL STAFF, AND LEGAL COUNSEL**

Bishop (term expires 2028)  
Vice President (term expires 2027)  
Secretary (term expires 2029)  
Treasurer (term expires 2028)  
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Director of Evangelical Mission

The Rev. Craig A. Miller  
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The Rev. Lisa Barnes  
The Rev. Chad A. Hebrink  
The Rev. Karla Leiby  
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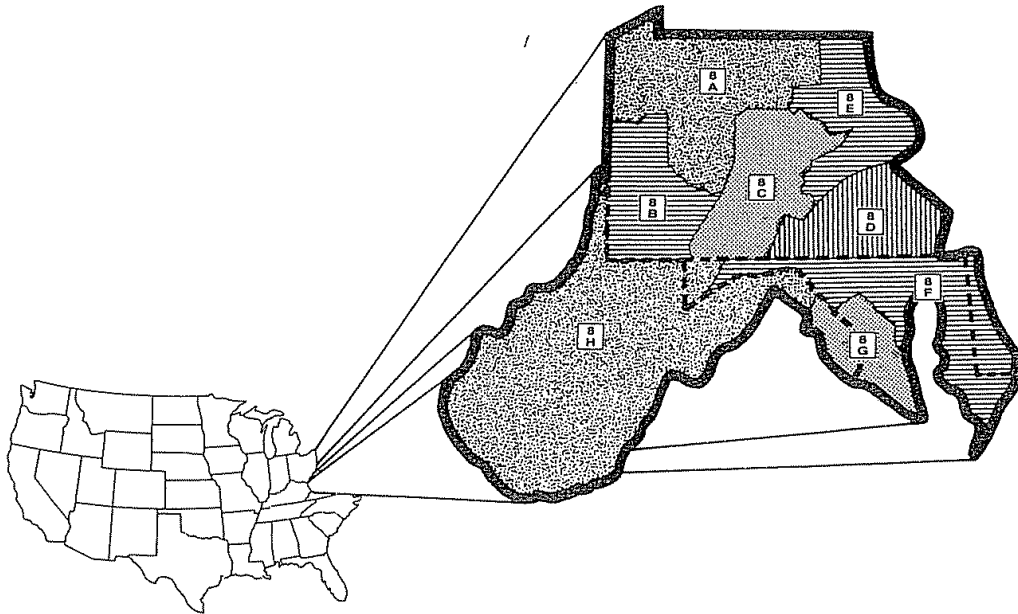
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## REGION 8



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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Adjudicated Youth  
Wilderness Services for Business,  
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##### **Senior Living Services**

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**Related Ecumenical Agency**

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Ms. Sue Ellen Spotts, USS Bishop's Representative

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

Sister Marianne Brock

Mr. Chad Shuck

Ms. Erin Hayes

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, 2025 (updated 3/6/26)

(\*indicates members of the Executive Committee [1 yr term])

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*Secretary	The Rev. Lisa Barnes P.O. Box 80 Potts Grove, PA 17865 E-mail: secretary@uss-elca.org	(C) 856-417-5813	2029
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The Rev. Andrew Weaver (2027)  
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The Rev. Erwin Roux (2029)  
Ms. Danielle Lauver (2029)

Ms. Wendelin Davis (2029)  
Mr. Kevin Cunningham (2029)  
The Rev. Samuel Leister (2031)  
The Rev. Ann Zimmerman (2031)  
The Rev. Harold "Dutch" Rinker (2031)  
Ms. Pamala Rhoades (2031)

### **Committee on Discipline**

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)  
Mr. Robert Reed (2031)  
The Rev. Paul Kampa (2031)  
The Rev. Karla Leiby (2031)  
*vacant*

## **VI. ELECTED BY THE CONFERENCES**

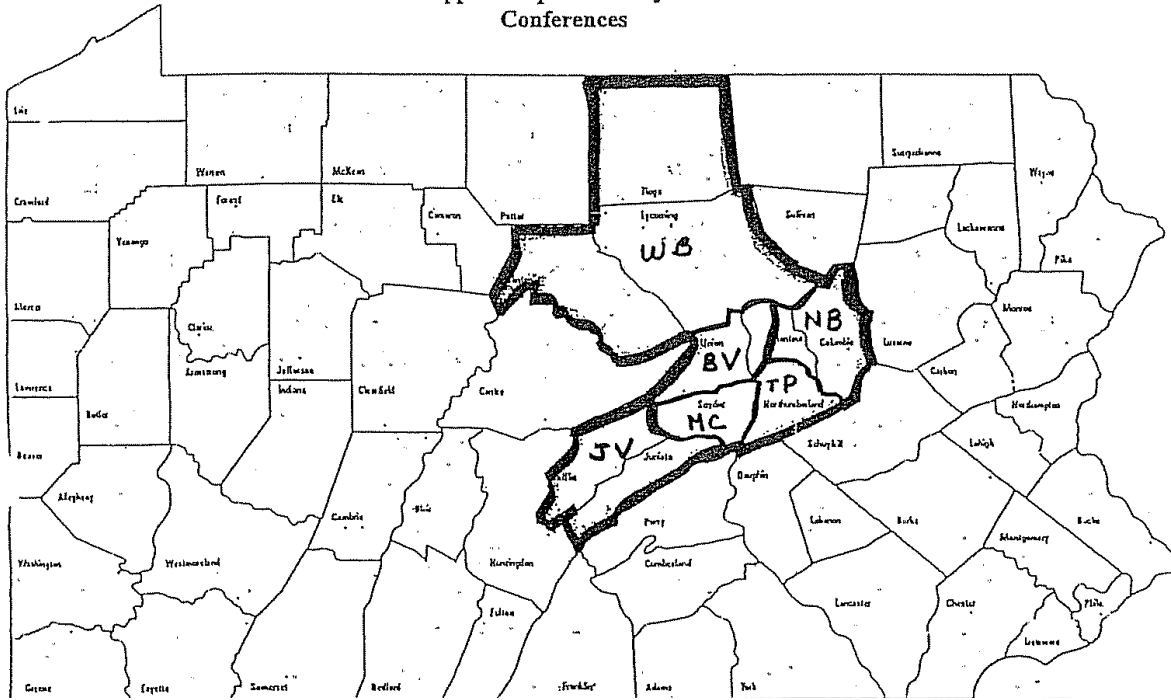
### **Conference Officers**

*Terms begin July 1*

Conference:	Dean:	Secretary:	
Buffalo Valley	The Rev. Justin Lingenfelter	The Rev. Katy Moran	2029
Juniata Valley	The Rev. Richard Adams	The Rev. Carla Volland	2026
Middle Creek	The Rev. Robert Doll (none elected)	The Rev. Mindelle Bartholomew	2027
North Branch	The Rev. Daniel Warrntz	The Rev. Gordon Smith	2029
Tulpehocken	The Rev. Elizabeth George	The Rev. Andrew Weaver	2028



# 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

##### **Ad hoc Committee Synod Structure Team**

Ms. Cindy Bilger  
The Rev. Kenneth Longfield  
Mr. Chris Minich  
Mr. Noah Roux  
Mr. John Yingling

##### **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**

The Rev. Mindy Bartholomew (2026)  
Ms. Diane Bubb (2028)  
Ms. Wendelin Davis (2028)  
Mr. James Girven (2026)  
Ms. Barbara Horn (2025)  
Ms. Kaye Long (2026)  
The Rev. Theodore Cockley (2026)  
Ms. Sherry Bingaman (2027)  
The Rev. Mike Sigler (2027)

#### TEAMS

##### **Bishop's Discernment Team**

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The Rev. Richard Fangmann  
The Rev. Rick White  
The Rev. Christine Kirchner  
Ms. Holly Fry

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The Rev. Ann Zimmerman

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Mr. Ayden Goss  
Ms. Claire Hershberger  
Ms. Tavin Reitz  
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**VIII. BOARDS OF DIRECTORS ELECTED BY SYNOD COUNCIL  
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**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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