

Member-at-Large/Lay Woman (two positions)

First Position

Ms. Frances Hale

Trinity, Pasadena

Lay Woman

POC or Primary language other than English



Congregational service, currently and within the last three years:

About a year before the pandemic began I heeded the Lord's call and joined Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Pasadena. I didn't grow up Lutheran, and am eager to learn, so I jumped in with both feet to learn by doing. I am currently serving my congregation as treasurer, a worship assistant, and as a member of the chancel and bell choirs. In addition, I'm spearheading the effort to reconnect with our community post-COVID. We hosted a brainstorming luncheon where members were invited to share their ideas, and there will be a follow up meeting to discuss the steps to put our ideas into action. For the two previous years I served as a member of church council. During the time we were not able to worship in person due to COVID concerns, a small group of parishioners, including myself, produced Sunday services which were posted to Youtube.

Community Service, currently and within the past three years:

Over the past three years I have volunteered at our community bad weather shelter, monthly Love Our City banquets for our unhoused neighbors, and at Trinity's weekly LA County Regional Food Bank distribution center. I have also served as a host for the annual banquet at Youth Actor's Academy, which teaches life and business skills. Prior to the pandemic I worked and volunteered for Heifer International, even taking part in a 5K charity walk! During the pandemic shut down I co-produced, wrote and hosted Kid's Corner virtual Sunday school which consisted of a bible lesson, related craft, a prayer and a closing comment on the week's lesson. Viewers from across the country tuned in weekly.

Synod involvement, currently and within the past three years:

I represented Trinity at the previous Synod assembly.

Ms. Ligia Achar

Angelica, Los Angeles.

Laywoman

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Congregational service, currently and within the last three years:

I have been Angelica Lutheran Church office Administrator since 2017. I have served as a council president in the past. I serve as an acolyte every Sunday at our church.

Community Service, currently and within the past three years:

I run the food distribution program at Angelica Church, assist with the senior feeding program, serve as a member of New City Parish board, also planning a community breakfast twice a month.

Synod involvement, currently and within the past three years:

I have been a voting member to the Synod Assembly in the past. I was part of the planning team of Bishop Brenda Boss installation at Angelica Church.

Second Position

Ms. Allison Demeter Johnson

Mount Cross, Camarillo

Lay Woman

Congregational service, currently and within the last three years:

I am very active in my congregation. I am assistant minister often, lead Bible Studies, I have been on Church Council for last four years, taken communion to home bound seniors, on several committees- Senior Ministry, Worship and Music, and Care Team, maintain church bulletin board, Lead and sing Holden Evening Prayer service, and participate weekly in church



Community Service, currently and within the past three years:

I have participated in my son's Boy Scout activities and in helping him complete his Eagle Scout requirements, participated in local events for Autism awareness, and am often calling the graffiti hotline to keep our city clean.

Synod involvement, currently and within the past three years:

I have attended the Synod Assembly most years since my college years. Many as a delegate. I will be a representative to attend Triennial conference for WELCA next year. I have attended other synod and conference events.

Ms. Nancy Mason

Shepherd of the Valley, Simi Valley

Lay Woman

Congregational service, currently and within the last three years:

Currently Vice President of Church Council, previously the Director of Still Waters Food Pantry, currently on Women's Board



Community Service, currently and within the past three years:

I ran the Homeless Pantry for eight years, was the President and am currently the Vice-President, and work with children's education as needed.