

ELCA Churchwide Assembly elects new secretary

MILWAUKEE (Aug. 9, 2019) – Sue Rothmeyer, a deacon who serves as executive for administration with the Office of the Secretary, was elected secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) by the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. She is a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Chicago, and lives in Oak Park, Ill.

Rothmeyer was elected on the fifth ballot with 509 votes to 402 votes for the Rev. LaMont Wells of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Roosevelt, N.Y.

“Thanks to this assembly for entrusting me with this new sense of vocation, and I will covet your prayers and your support, and the ways in which we can work together in the days ahead in this role,” Rothmeyer said to the assembly following her election.

The Rev. Wm “Chris” Boerger, was elected secretary in 2013 and will retire at the end of his current term.

The assembly – the highest legislative authority of the ELCA – is meeting Aug. 5-10 at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee. Gathering under the theme “We are church,” the assembly participates in worship, Bible study and plenary discussions to decide how to go about God’s work as a church.

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About the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America:

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with more than 3.7 million members in more than 9,300 congregations across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region. Known as the church of “God’s work. Our hands,” the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians and service in the world. The ELCA’s roots are in the writings of the German church reformer, Martin Luther.

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