

**National Lutheran Secretariat
2025 Annual Gathering
Queens University of Charlotte
Charlotte, NC**

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

According to Article 5 of the Bylaws of the National Lutheran Secretariat, the six officers of the National Lutheran Secretariat shall be elected for a term of two years. No officer shall be elected to more than two (2) consecutive terms for the same office. The terms of the officers shall be staggered, with three (3) officers being elected each year. No more than two (2) officers shall be elected from any one state. The officer positions and their beginning term year shall be:

Officers 2-Year Terms Begin:

President - Odd Years
Vice President – Administration Even Years
Vice President – Outreach Odd Years
Secretary - Odd Years
Treasurer - Even Years
Spiritual Director - Even Years

The purpose of the NLS Nominating Committee is to facilitate the gathering of nominees to be elected to the three positions that are up for elections each year at the NLS Annual Gathering. This year, we're electing the Vice President of Administration, the Treasurer and the Spiritual Director positions. As of July 20, 2026 the nominees for these positions are:

- **Vice President of Outreach**
 - **Carolyn Witham VdC - North Carolina (second term)**
 - **Randy Poisel VdC - Inky**
- **Treasurer**
 - **Jerry Gray (second term) VdC - North Texas**
- **Spiritual Director**
 - **Rev. Chris Hogstad VdC - Western Washington**
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A brief description of each candidate's qualifications and background has been posted on the NLS website at <https://annualgathering.viadecristo.org/binder/nomination-forms/>

Respectively Submitted,

Karen Weires
2026 Nominations Committee Chair