

Position I Rostered Minister - Male (elect one)

Name	The Rev. Rob Schmidt
Congregation	Christ, Wyoming
Occupation/Vocation	Pastor
Education	BA Science, GVSU; MA Counseling, WMU; MDiv, Trinity Lutheran Seminary
Conference	Greater Grand Rapids
<p>Congregation Engagement Volunteer - Youth Group Leader St. Lukes Grand Rapids 94 - 97 Pastor Zion Freeland - 2006 - 2022 Pastoral Care and leadership Our Saviour Saginaw 2018-2022 Pastor Christ Wyoming 2022 - present</p>	
<p>Synod Engagement Served one year on synod Candidacy Committee Assisted with transition and closing of St. John - Saginaw Attended anchor church training 2019 Served Our Saviour Saginaw</p>	
<p>Churchwide Engagement National Youth Gatherings: New Orleans 2012 · Detroit 2015 · Houston 2018</p>	
<p>Gifts and Skills I have served the church for 18 years as a pastor, presently in my second call. Our churches where I served have actively discussed change, challenge and how to actively maintain health to be present in the world and community. I have walked with multiple congregations facing challenges besides my primary calls. There is energy and effort needed to stay connected at all levels of the church from church council to members, congregation to synod, and synod to the National church. In the midst of our changing world and culture, staying connected takes listening, dialog and conversation focused on loving and serving Jesus. I understand decisions at church-wide assembly represent collective discernment, not personal agendas. I will prepare for the assembly through reading all materials and participating in pre-assembly workshops. After encouraging a member of our congregation to apply for the national assembly in 2025, I became willing and excited to do the same. Should I be allowed to represent the synod I would have a willingness to discuss the experience with anyone prior to, and after the assembly.</p>	