

# 2024 RMS Nominations

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<b>Nominee</b>	Stephanie Kopsch
<b>Lay/Roster</b>	Pastor
<b>Position Nominated for:</b>	
<b>Occupation</b>	Intentional Interim
<b>Home Congregation</b>	St. John's Episcopal Church, Boulder, Colorado
<b>Membership</b>	17 months (interim....)
<b>Sense of God's call</b>	The disciplinary Committee is charged with listening to difficult conversations when things have gone wrong. As an interim, I often find myself in conversations on how a previous pastorate ended, about disappointments, and about expectations parishioners had on their clergy and clergy had on their congregations. How to live into our calling as Church Together is the call I want to remember and hold up when circumstances get to the point that a disciplinary committee needs to be engaged.
<b>Skills/Experiences</b>	I have been ordained for 31 years and in three pastorates and ten interims seen a lot of ways of how people can lose their way, even in the church. In that time, I have learned to listen to as many sides of a story as possible before seeking to discern ways forward. Patience, but also the right word spoken at the right time, can open new avenues of communication and understanding, keeping in mind that the church's mission is not ours but comes to us from Christ.
<b>Service Activity 1</b>	Serving on Reference and Counsel 2020-2024, chair in 2023
<b>Service Activity 2</b>	Serving as Intentional interim in both, ELCA and Episcopal congregations in Colorado and Wyoming
<b>Service Activity 3</b>	Arranged and coordinated the Clergy visitation program between the Badische Landeskirche (Germany) and the RMS 2013-2016
<b>Committee Position Nominated for:</b>	Discipline Committee rostered leader
<b>Council Position Nominated for:</b>	

**2025 Churchwide**

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