

Name: **Michaela Eskew**

Lay/Rostered: Lay

Nominated for: Campus Ministry Committee

Category if Applicable:

Occupation: Minister of Faith Formation

Conference: Southeast Colorado

Home Congregation: First Lutheran, Colorado Springs, CO

Member how long: 2 years



**List three current or past congregational or synodical service activities. List the activity and dates started and ended:**

**Activity 1:**

Minister of Faith Formation at First Lutheran, COS, 2020-Present

**Activity 2:**

Director of Children's and Youth Ministry, Christ Episcopal Church, Alameda, 2016-2019

**Activity 3:**

Children's and Youth Minister, St. Bede's Episcopal Church, Menlo Park, 2015-2016

**Briefly describe your sense of God's call into mission and service in the Synod through this office:**

My call story begins in my own confirmation class when I was in middle school. I was drawn to being able to ask the hard questions and be mentored through caring adults in my congregation as to how to answer those questions for myself. From that point I knew I wanted to be a teacher of religion and God continued to open doors in church jobs, which lead me to seminary and eventually my current call at First Lutheran.

**Describe your skills and experiences that would be an asset to this office:**

I have an MDiv and MA in Christian Education from Princeton Theological Seminary. I did PhD coursework and comprehensive exams at the Graduate Theological Union in Art and Religion. I am self-taught in all theories of Children's, Youth, and Young Adult sustainable ministries. I grew up in the Bay Area of California (and worked in multiple church contexts there) so I have always been an ally of the LGBTQ+ community and seek to make any space I work with in youth and young adults inclusive and affirming.



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