Name: Nicole Garcia

Lay/Rostered: Pastor

Nominated for: Mission Outreach Board

Category if Applicable:

Occupation: Faith Work Director for the National LGBTQ Task Force

Conference: Boulder/Broomfield

Home Congregation: Christ the Servant Lutheran Church,

Member how long: 10 years

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

Activity 1:

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church Council, 2012-2013

Activity 2:

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, Facility Committee Chair, 2014-2015

Activity 3:

St Paul Lutheran Church, RIC Task Force, 2004-2008

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

I am an Ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament who is currently on-leave-from-call. I have accepted a position with a national non-profit advocacy organization. I am called to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ to those who live on the margins.

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

In my new position with the Task Force, I will be: - Advance a truly liberating, queer theology through partnerships, amplifying the powerful voices of faith leaders and people of faith to expose the moral crises of racist, misogynistic and anti-LGBTQ discrimination in this country. - Broaden and deepen our faith work leadership partners and constituencies in Jewish. Muslim, Christian and other faith/spiritual communities, as well as in secular communities. -Lift up the voices of diverse faith leaders and people of faith from multiple religious/faith perspectives with an intentional emphasis on amplifying the voices of Black and Brown people. partnering with faith-based and nonprofit organizations that carry out faith-based work to achieve impact. - Provide resources and support to constituents who affirm the need for justice and equity for Black, Brown and LGBTQ people as a value of their faith, their spiritual values or their secular moral views. - Resource diverse LGBTQ people so they can find welcoming institutions to serve as their affirming religious or spiritual homes. I believe the position at the Task Force will advance the work of the MOB

