

**Name: Samm Melton-Hill**

**Lay/Rostered:** Pastor

**Nominated for:** Mission Outreach Board

**Category if Applicable:**

**Occupation:** Pastor

**Conference:** Metro/Mountain West

**Home Congregation:** Highlands, Denver, CO

**Member how long:** Call officially starting in April of 2022



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

**Activity 1:**

Pastor, Highlands Lutheran Church (Current)

**Activity 2:**

Vicar, St. Paul Lutheran Church- Arlington, MA (New England Synod)

**Activity 3:**

Intern, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church- Quincy, MA (New England Synod)

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

As a new member of the Synod, I believe this would offer an opportunity to engage with the synod and church on a greater scale, especially as I transition from chaplaincy to congregational ministry. My congregation (Highlands Lutheran Church) has named outreach within our own community and connecting more meaningfully with the synod as goals for this coming year. As a pastor, I have a particular interest in community outreach of which the congregation supports and encourages. My introduction to the church and ministry was through an ELCA mission start-up in St. Charles, Missouri, The Bridge Coffeehouse and Fairtrade Market, which eventually led me to pursue ordination. This has always been an important aspect of my calling to ministry and one I hope to continue to carry forward.

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

I hope that as a first-call pastor, I might be able to offer some insight and perspective to this committee. Though new to the synod and congregational setting, I feel fairly well connected to the Denver community, though believe it would be helpful to learn more about the outreach and mission of other conferences. Within the Denver community, I serve on the board of the Rocky Mountain Refuge, a hospice home for the unhoused community, and volunteer for the Colorado State Parks. I also remain a member of Proclaim, an extension of Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries.



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