



Victoria Flood.

Keynote

Victoria Flood serves as Director for Mission Support in the churchwide expression of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Learning more about the ministries of our church through visits in synods and with congregations is one of Victoria's greatest joys in this position. She is often heard saying, "Mission Support is rooted in our faith and our relationships. It is one of the most tangible ways that all of us in the ELCA demonstrate we are church together for the sake of the world."

Victoria began serving in this position in March 2016. Prior to that, Victoria served 15 years in the churchwide expression of the ELCA as part of the team in Research and Evaluation. Prior to serving in the ELCA, Victoria worked nearly seven years in Wisconsin state government.

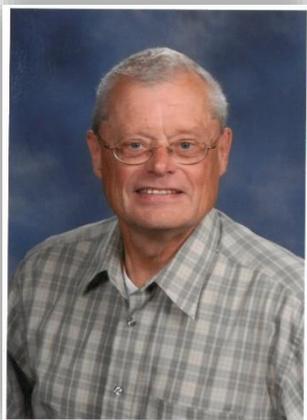
Victoria earned a Master's degree in Public Administration and Public Policy from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Bachelor's degree in Humanities and Political Science from Valparaiso University.

She and her husband, Rod Boriack, live in Des Plaines, IL. They are proud parents and grandparents to 2 children – Katy (Christian); Jon (Brooke); 1 grandchild, Ayden, and one grandchild on the way. Victoria and Rod are members of Trinity Lutheran in Des Plaines.

Reverends Harvey Nelson, Jon Nelson.

Bible Study

Rev. Jon Nelson was born in Nigeria as a part of a missionary family and spent a significant part of his childhood in Africa. He graduated with a B.A. in History from Valparaiso University and received his M.Div. from Wartburg Seminary. His first call was to a two-point parish in the Eastern ND Synod and he currently serves Ebenezer and Tripolis churches near Willmar, MN. Rev. Nelson serves the synod as Dean of the Lakeland Conference, his community as a member of the school PTSA, and his family as son, brother, husband, and father (of two). Given his background, it's no surprise that Rev. Nelson has a passion for intercultural development, mission and ministry, and studying the intersection of faith and culture.



Rev. Harvey Nelson was born in Nebraska and grew up in Casper, WY. He graduated from the Univ. of Wyoming before moving to MN where he received his M.Div. from Luther Seminary. Harvey went on to earn a PHD in Church History from Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. Rev. Harvey Nelson has served congregations in New Jersey, Lakefield, Litchfield, Willmar and Buffalo Lake. Harvey and Marie were married in 1969 and have three adult children; Gina, Jeremy and Jon. They also have 3 grandchildren; Sophie, Eva and David. Harvey and Marie served for 5 years at Dashen Bible College in Nigeria, and they taught and worked at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Umphumulo, Kwa Zulu/Natal in South Africa for 5 years. Now Harvey and Marie are retired living in Willmar, MN where Marie plays cello and is a string teacher.