Lutheran Educator Information Form for Mrs Anne Gonzalez

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Personal Information

Full Name: Mrs Anne Marie Gonzalez Maiden Name: Podoll Gender: Female

Address: 1101 Wilson St Addl. Address: City, State, ZIP: Onalaska, Wisconsin 54650

Phone: 608-780-9852 E-mail Address: annemgonzalez@gmail.com FAX: Country: United States

Place of Birth: Lafayette, IN Current Position: Director of Christian Education LCMS District: South Wisconsin

Classification: Commissioned Roster Status: Active Commissioned Minister Certification: DCE

Marital Status: Married

Current Marriage Date: 7/16/2005 Number of times married: 1 Number of times divorced: 0

Spouse Name: Gonzalez, Christopher **Spouse Vocation:** Dad/Customer service

Academic Background	d				
College/University	City/State	Degree	Yr. Received	Major	Minor
Gundersen Health System	La Crosse	One unit of Clinical Pastoral Education	2008	Clinical Pastoral Education	N/a
Concordia University	St. Paul	Bachelor of Arts	2005	Parish Education & Administration	Confessional Lutheranism

Hours beyond highest degree earned: 0 Number of years of experience in Lutheran Ministries: 10

Date of commissioning/ordination: 8/21/2005 **Note:** Neither "Yes" or "No" equals blank record.

College: Concordia University St. Paul, MN Are you able to consider a position which requires relocation? Yes

State Training Certificate: Is spouse mobile? Yes

State: Are you interested in a new position? **Yes**

Type: Is spouse a rostered worker? **No**

Speciality: Is spouse a pastor? No

Expiration Date: Dual call required? **No**

Concentration: Dual call requested? **No**

SLED Graduate: **No**Retired, but open to serving? **No**

Early Childhood Center Worker:

High School: Newton High School Newton, 1411 Graduated: 6/25/1998

School/Congreation	City/State	Responsibilities	Grade(s)	Years
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church	Onalaska WI	Oversee, lead, & train volunteers for youth ministry grades 6-12; Facilitate family faith development through existing programs (confirmation, Sunday School, youth group) and stand alone programs (Faith Legacy); Supervise, train teachers for, and lead where necessary Parish education (cradle to grave), including teaching regular adult Bible studies for women, facilitating Faith Legacy parenting classes; Organize young adult ministry; Assist pastor with other duties as needed/requested, such as giving children's messages, leading preschool chapels, and doing hospital calls and shut in visits as needed; Working with Pastor & volunteers to launch a Rebecca's Garden of Hope Tutoring & Mentoring		2005 - 2015

Peace Lutheran Church	Panchaio, Taiwan IL	Program at our church as a community service and outreach. DCE internship & volunteer missionary through LCMS World Mission Volunteer Youth Ministry program. This included six months of full time Mandarin training followed by 2 years of service at Peace Lutheran Church (a Mandarin-speaking local congregation). I taught 15-20 hours a week of English as a Foreign Language courses to adult learners. I led or assisted with direct outreach programs at the church for 10 hours a week, including English Bible studies for adults and a children's English program. I built relationships & shared the Gospel with students and community members on a	2001 - 2004
Camp Omega	Waterville MN	programmatic and personal basis. As a camp counselor for two summers, I was responsible for 8-20 campers at a time in cooperation with one or more fellow counselors. I shared in all areas of camp programming, including leading campfire programs, teaching Bible study, and organizing and leading camp activities like archery and canoeing. I was responsible for the day to day health and well being of the children under my care (grades K-8).	1998 - 1999

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Experience/Interest		
E I B Community	E I B Specialties	E I B Congregation Admin.
O O All of these	O O Adult Bible Study	O O Deaconess
O O O Large Urban	O O Assimilation	O O Dir. of Camps
O O Small Urban	O O OCamping Ministry	O O Dir. of Child Ministries
O O Suburban	O O OChristian Growth	O O O Dir. of Christian Ed.
O O Small Town	OOClassical Instruction	O 💿 O Dir. of Christian Outreach
O O Rural	O O Confirmation	O 💿 O Dir. of Family Life
O O Multicultural	O O O CPR/First Aid	OODir. of Music Parish
O O Central City	O O O Drama	O O O Dir. of Youth Ministries
	🔘 🔘 💽 English 2nd Language	OOSupt. Pt-Tm Agencies
E I B District	O O evangelism	000
O O All of these	O O Gifted	
O O Atlantic	OOOIndividual Instruction	E I B Elem. Preschool Admin.
O O Calif/Nev/Hawaii	O O Clibrary	Director Athletics: Elementary
O O Pacific Southwest	O 💿 O Marriage Counsel	O O Director Child Care
○	○	O O Director Preschool
○	○	O O Director of Music School
O O Florida-Georgia	O O Ministry to Elderly	O O Director Special Education
O O Central Illinois	O O Ministry to Families	O O Principal: Elementary
O O Northern Illinois	O O Multicultural Education	O O Principal: Assistant
○	O Outdoor Education	
○ 	O O Photography	
O O lowa East	○ ○ School Paper/Yearbook	E I B Secondary Administration
O O lowa West	Singles Ministry	O O Assistant Principal
O O Kansas	O 💿 O Small Group Ministry	O O Business Manager
○	OOOStudent Counseling	O O Dean of Chapel
○ • Mid-South	O O Sunday School	O O Dean of Students
O O Minnesota North	O O Teacher Training	O O Department Chair
○	O O Team Teaching	O O Director of Admissions
○	O O Volunteer Management	O O Director of Athletics
O O Montana	O O Worship Leadership	O O Director of Development
O O Nebraska	○	 Director of Student Activities
○	O O Youth Bible Class	C Executive Director
○	O O Youth Ministry	O O Guidance Counselor
O O North Dakota		O O Media Specialist
O O Northwest	E I B Music	O O Principal
O Ohio	O O Adult Choir	O O Registrar
O Oklahoma	O O Band	O O Superintendent
O O Rocky Mountain		000
O O South Dakota	○ ○ Children's Choir	
○	O O Contemporary Music	
○	O O Departmentalized	Computer Proficiency
○	O O Guitar - Contempory	Not Knowledgeable
O O North Wisconsin	O O Guitar - Traditional	Novice
O O South Wisconsin	O O Orchestra	O Basic user
O O Wyoming	O O Organ	Advanced

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Experience/Interest		
E I B Levels	E I B Secondary Subjects	E I B Secondary Coaching
O O Child Care/Inf/Tod/PS	O O AP Biology	O O Baseball, F
O O Child Care/School	O O AP Chemistry	O O Baseball, JV
O O Preschool (Age 3)	O O AP English	O O Baseball, V
O O Preschool (Age 4)	O O AP History	O O Basketball, Boys F
O O Nindergarten	O O AP Physics Economics	O O Basketball, Boys JV
O O Grade 1	O O O Art	O O Basketball, Boys V
O O Grade 2	O O Business Management	O O Basketball, Girls F
O O Grade 3	O O Business Secretary	O O Basketball, Girls JV
O O Grade 4	O O Computer Education	O O Basketball, Girls V
O O Grade 5	O O O Drama	O O Cheerleading
O O Grade 6	○ ○ Ceconomics	Cross Country
O O Grade 7	O O English	O O Field Hockey
O O Grade 8	○ ○ French	O O Football, F
O O Multi-Grade Classroom	O O Geography	O O Football, JV
O O Grade 9	O O German	O O Football, V
O O Grade 10	O O Government	O O Golf
O O Grade 11	O O History	○ ○ Ice Hockey
O O Grade 12	O O Home Arts	○ ○ Clacrosse
○ ○ Ocollege	OO Industrial Technology	O O Soccer, JV
O O District/Natl. Office	OOInstrumental Music	O O Soccer, V
	O O Latin	○ ○ Softball, JV
E I B Elementary Subjects	OOMath: Bas/Alg/Geo	○ ○ Softball, V
O O Art/Craft	O O Math: Adv/Trg/Cal/AP	O O Speech/Drama
O O Computer Education	O O Physical Education	O O Swimming
O O Drama	O O Russian	Tennis
O O English	OOScience-Biology	○ ○ Track
○ ○ ○ French	OOScience-Chemistry	O O Volleyball, JV
O O German	O O Science-General	O O Volleyball, V
OOIndustrial Technology	OOScience-Physics	O O Wrestling, JV
O O Mathmatics	O O Sociology	O O Wrestling, V
O O Music	O O Spanish	
O O Physical Education	O O Speech-Drama	E I B Elementary Coaching
O O Reading	O O Theology	O O Basketball
O O Religion	O O Vocal Music	O O Cheerleading
O O Science		Cross Country
O O Social Studies	E I B Special Education	O O Football
O O Spanish	O O Behavior Disorder	O O Soccer
	O O Consultant	O O Softball
	O O Learning Disabled	O O Track
	O O Physical Disorder	O O Volleyball
	OOSpeech/Lang. Therapist	O Other

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Essay and References Section

1. Describe your present ministry.

In my present ministry, I oversee and lead youth, young adult, and Parish educational ministries. Youth ministry is the primary focus of my work, and I am responsible for organizing, overseeing, and training adult leaders for our youth ministry. We have about 50 students in grade 6-12, with an average weekly attendance of 20 at our youth group. Young adult ministry includes several different modes of ministry as we seek to include college students, adults early in their careers, and young families in the life of the church. Some of this work includes advocating for young adult-friendly policies and events within the larger life of the church, organizing fellowship and service events aimed at this demographic, and building relationships through visits and care packages. I am responsible for overseeing our Parish Education programs, including cradle roll, Sunday School & VBS, and some adult education programs (others are overseen or led by Pastor & the elders). I am responsible for seeing that these programs have adequately trained staff, appropriate curriculum, and providing vision & direction for new programs when necessary. At times, I take direct leadership of one or more of the programs depending on the current gifts and skill sets of our volunteers, but always with the goal of developing leaders to take on those programs. As a KINDLE Associate of 2011, I developed my skills as a coach and leader of leaders. This training and experience has been important to all of the areas that I lead & oversee. I also take on other responsibilities as requested by pastor and/or the elders. At the present time, one of those responsibilities includes visiting a 40 year old shut in woman weekly.

2. Describe your understanding of the mission of the church.

The church is to share the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection with all people and nurture the faith of the Christian through baptism, Christian instruction, and worship, including regular reception of the Lord's Supper. As people live the Christian life, we help to nurture their faith and encourage their use of their gifts in their vocations, community, and church life.

3. Describe your understanding of team ministry and how you relate to the other members of a team...

Team ministries calls the members of a team to work together to further the Gospel. Some roles within a team will be flexible based on the gifts of the team, while others will be fixed based on the calling and/or job description of the people involved. Team ministries include both staff and lay volunteers, and as such, all called church workers are involved in team ministry. As a team member, I seek to understand others and help the team achieve its goals. This means that at times I am the leader of a team, at other times, I am a follower under the leadership of others, and sometimes I am called to coach the team or the team leader. I treat others with respect and seek to clarify the needs and goals of the team in order to best serve the team and the church.

4. Describe your philosophy and approach to educational ministry.

Educational ministries are charged with pointing to Jesus and keeping Him at the center of all things. In order to teach the most students, a variety of teaching methods must be used so as to reach different learning styles such as auditory and kinesthetic. Educational methods must serve the learner as well as the teaching goal and need to be flexible in order to reach the goal of best educating every student.

- 5. Describe your commitment to the doctrine taught and practiced in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.
- I am committed to the doctrine taught & practiced in The Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod. Jesus Christ is the center of everything that we do and teach as a church. Most disagreements of doctrine or practice that we have with other church bodies can be traced to our understanding of who Jesus is and what He has done for us. I continue to study and use the Bible, the Lutheran Confessions, and the documents produced by the CTCR as a part of leading and teaching others.
- 6. Describe your personal spiritual disciplines, prayer, and devotional life.

I begin the day with personal devotions; currently I am using the daily order of prayer from the Lutheran Service Book; I read this out loud to our kids as we are eating our breakfast. At the office, we frequently begin our day as a staff with a devotion and time of prayer. My husband and I read Bible stories and pray with our children every night as well as using the Lutheran Hour daily devotions and praying together as a couple each night. I end the day with another personal devotion, which right now includes reading 3-4 chapters out of the Bible from a one year Bible reading plan, and a time of personal prayer.

7. What do you consider your vocational strengths?

I enjoy working with people and helping them to grow as Christians. This includes people of all ages and stages; when I first arrived at my present call, I surprised the pastor with my willingness to take on hospital or nursing home visits as needed, since many people find this area of ministry uncomfortable. I am good at managing the details and organization of planning programs and studies, but am able to keep in mind that programs do not exist for their own sake- they exist to help people grow in faith and reach out with the Gospel. I am able to work in multiple ministry areas and maintain balance. I have gained the sense that ministry is for the long haul rather than a sprint, and I am able to see changes or growth areas as something occurring over time rather than something that needs to happen all at once.

8. Describe the vocational areas needing improvement and what you are doing to improve them.

Maintaining outward appearances of organization (i.e. office organization) has been difficult for me. The best way I have found to improve on this area is to enlist the regular help of someone more organized than me. I have found it difficult in areas that I am supposed to oversee but not directly lead to set good boundaries when no lay leadership is apparently available. Too often I find myself taking on direct leadership of things (such as our annual Easter Egg Hunt) that don't require my particular skills or training. The areas that do require my particular skills & training wind up suffering as a result because I have less time to manage them, plus

people within the church don't get the opportunity to use and develop their gifts. I am addressing this by starting recruitment earlier and building consensus for cancelling programs if no lay leadership is available.

9. What plans do you have for continuing education and/or skill building?

I consider regular continuing education to be an essential part of building and sharpening my skills. To that end, I typically attend two conferences a year in areas that will currently build my skills. I also meet monthly with other DCEs to share ideas, encourage each other, and pray for each other. In the long term, I desire to get a master's degree that would enhance my skills as a DCE.

10. What are your personal preferences for ministry?

The most important preference to me is working in a team ministry where trust is both given and received. Beyond that, I can see myself working in any number of ministry types- I could see myself working only with adults, continuing to work with teens, working with family ministry, doing chaplaincy type work, or doing outreach.

11. Personal Information

a. Describe your family (spouse and children) and any special family needs which you have.

My husband, Chris, and I have been married since July 2005. Our son, Ezra, was born in June 2011, and our daughter, Alaya, was born in April 2014.

b. Describe any personal needs which you or your family have which would enter into your consideration of a Call.

My husband suffers from chronic back pain, so the number and times of worship services would enter into our consideration of a Call.

c. Describe your present and preferred housing arrangements.

We presently own a small 3 bedroom home near our congregation. We prefer clean, safe housing with local access to amenities such as grocery shopping, libraries, and parks. We would be open to owning, renting, or living in congregational provided housing, including homes and apartments in the future, depending on the circumstances and area where we are living.

d.Are there any other circumstances about which a calling entity should be aware? None.

12. References:

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Reference 3 - Name: Martha Strong Position: DCE

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By submitting this Lutheran Educator Information Form (LEIF) to my District Executive:

Yes I am willing to submit to a background check on me.

Yes I affirm that this information is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that this information may be used by a District or Synodical official to assist congregations or schools of the LCMS to identify potential candidates for a position.

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