

**Authorized Clergy and Lay Minister Supplies - 2018**

Authorized clergy hold an orthodox, confessional Lutheran faith and hold a traditional Lutheran understanding of the Authority of the Scripture and Confessions of the Church. Only ordained Lutheran clergy may lead the service of Holy Communion when serving as a supply pastor.

Authorized Lay Ministers are approved by the Dean and certified by the Mid-Northeast Mission District Executive Council. Those approved hold a traditional Lutheran understanding of Word and Sacrament ministry. Authorized Lay Ministers have taken continuing education courses in the Old and New Testament, preaching, and in leading worship. Authorized Lay Ministers may be contacted to preach and conduct services but may not lead the service of Holy Communion or consecrate the communion elements except under special circumstances authorized by the Bishop or Dean.

The Augsburg Confession, Article XIV states that “no one should publicly teach, preach, or administer the sacraments without a proper (public) call.” Lay Ministers fulfill the role of an office of ministry similar to that of a deacon in the earliest days of the New Testament Church. The New Testament relates that the apostles prayed and laid hands on certain men to designate them for special service to meet the needs of the faith community (Acts 6:1-6). “Deacon” comes from the Greek word “diakonos,” meaning “servant.” Lay Ministers, in union with the Bishop, Dean, and Clergy are sent to serve the people of God in the office of Word and Service.

Presently, there are four (4) Authorized Lay Ministers who have received instruction and, in special circumstances for the sake of ministry, may administer the Sacrament of Holy Communion with the reserved host on a temporary-only basis in our congregations with the approval of the dean. They are noted as such on the list that follows.

Authorization to administer Holy Communion with the reserved host may be renewed annually by the dean and mission district council.

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**SUPPLY LIST**

**Clergy**

- The Rev. Dr. William G. Beck, STS, retired LCMC pastor, 814 Wainwright Drive, Pittsburgh, PA.  
*Pastor Beck is currently serving at Dunmyer (Johnstown, PA) & Zion (Pittsburgh, PA)* 412-563-4782
- The Rev. Dr. John Harmon, retired NALC pastor, 5 Maple Rd., Laughlintown, PA 15655 724-441-4986  
*Pastor Harmon is currently serving at St. Mark's (New Stanton, PA) & St. Paul (Arona, PA)*
- The Rev. Carl Hendrickson, NALC pastor, 234 Arla Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15220 412-225-4186
- The Rev. Jim Neal, retired ELCA pastor, 2310 Maple Dr., Ford City, PA 16226 724-763-8331; 724-991-4942
- The Rev. Karl Schoch, retired NALC pastor, 7250 Ridge Rd., Butler, PA 16002 724-865-9120
- The Rev. Warren Smith, retired NALC pastor, 3400 Daniel Ln., Apt. 303, Monroeville, PA 15146 412-373-5271
- The Rev. Sandra Towberman, NALC pastor, 105 Blackthorn Dr., Butler, PA 16002. 724-504-0493; 724-586-3161  
*Pastor Towberman is currently serving at Holy Trinity (Grove City, PA)*  
(Currently not available for supply.)
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**Authorized Lay Ministers**

Ms. Rebecka V. Andrae, Authorized Lay Minister of the mission district, 131 Starboard Villa Ln., # 315, Greensburg, PA 15601.

Phone: 724-787-7780

Mr. Gregory Furer, Authorized Lay Minister of the mission district, 114 Douglas Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15215.

Phone: 724-822-9800

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Mr. Robert Niggel, Authorized Lay Minister of the mission district, 905 Seven Hills Rd., Chicora, PA 16025.

Phone: 724-991-8058; 724-445-2696

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Mr. William (Bill) Oehlschlager III, Authorized Lay Minister of the mission district, 209 Thornwood Dr., Butler, PA 16001.

Phone: 505-270-4618; 724-287-5151

*Authorized to administer Holy Communion with the reserved host*

Ms. Jeannine Sanford, NALC Authorized Associate In Ministry – at St. Luke’s, Saxonburg, PA) 425 Longfellow St., Vandergrift, PA 15690

Phone: 724-594-5533; 724-567-7605

Mr. Frederick (Fred) Chamber, Authorized Lay Minister for the mission district, 5095 Cherry Dr., Murrysville, PA 15668

Phone: 724-325-3166

Mr. Douglas Vogel, Authorized Lay Minister for the mission district, 2763 Penn Ave., Hollsopple, PA 15935.

Phone: 814-629-6019; 814-659-5942

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Qualified persons interested in being considered as Authorized Clergy and Lay Ministers of the Mid-Northeast Mission District are asked to speak directly with **Dean Carl Johnson**.

Dean Johnson can be reached via email at [cnarljohnson@gmail.com](mailto:cnarljohnson@gmail.com) and by church phone (St. John’s, Kittanning, PA) at 724-548-2051.

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**Compensation and mileage rates follow on page 3.**



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**Mid-Northeast Mission District**  
**Supply Compensation and Mileage Rates 2018**

**2018 MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT**

Standard 2018 IRS mileage rate for clergy and lay:

**\$ 0.545 (54 ½ cents) per mile**  
*(Same for all supplies)*

**2018 Supply Compensation Guidelines**

**Authorized Clergy**

- One Saturday or Sunday Service - \$150.00
- One Saturday and one Sunday Service - \$200.00
- Two Sunday Services - \$200.00
- Two Sunday Services and one Saturday Service - \$250.00

**Authorized Lay Minister or Authorized Seminary Student**

- One Saturday or Sunday Service - \$135.00
- One Saturday and one Sunday service - \$185.00
- Two Sunday Services - \$185.00
- Two Sunday Services and one Saturday Service - \$225.00