

THE REVEREND ANDREW W. TOOPES

Name: Rev. Andrew W. Toopes
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Educational Background: BA Concordia College, St. Paul, MN; MDIV, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN (1983)

Member of Synod Congregations: 61 years

Home Congregation: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Bowling Green, KY

Synod Experience: Convention Delegate (1992, 2016)

District Experience: Mission Board, Mid-South District (12 years); Mission Board Chairman, Eastern District (3 years); Mission Board, Florida-Georgia District (3 years); LWML Zone Counselor (14 years total)

Congregational Experience: Pastor, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Bowling Green, KY (6½ years); Pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church, Stuttgart, AR (1½ years); Pastor, Hope Lutheran Church, Bradenton, FL (4 years); Pastor, Christ Memorial Lutheran Church, Malvern, PA (4 years); Pastor, Zion Lutheran Church, Avilla, AR (18½ years);

Community and Other Experience: Law Enforcement Chaplain for local law enforcement (30 years); Chaplain for ATF and DEA (25 years); Hospital Chaplain (35 years); Hospital Ethics Board (3 years)

Brief Personal Statement: I have been blessed to serve in the Mid-South under every District President we have had. All of these men have served the Lord faithfully in that office. I believe with all my heart that it is time for a change. We need to take a practical look at the office of District President. Do we need a full-time President or would a part-time position better serve our churches and show us as good stewards? Times are changing and just because a model worked 30 years ago does not mean it will work today.