

Reverend Dr. Richard Zeile

BIO

R-Detroit; Term expires 01/01/2019

Rev. Dr. Richard A. Zeile was elected to the board in 2010. He has served as Pastor & Headmaster at St. John's Lutheran Church & School in Taylor, as well as Adjunct Professor of Education at Concordia University, Ann Arbor. Ordained in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, he has served Lutheran Parochial schools for most of his professional life, and also a year as Chaplain Resident at Detroit's Sinai-Grace Hospital. He helped organize Detroit's Old Redford Academy PSA in 1999, and served as president of Detroit's Woodward Academy PSA, 2005-2009. He worked for the successful Michigan Civil Rights Initiative in 2006, and is currently member of the Detroit Chapter NAACP, North Rosedale Park Civic Association, and American Family Association.

Dr. Zeile has written articles on educational policy, and curricula for Concordia Publishing House, and presented at various forums including the Michigan Association of Middle School Educators. He studied history and humanities at Valparaiso University (BA), education at University of Michigan's Rackham School (MA), church history at Harvard Divinity School (MTS), liturgics at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN (MDiv), educational administration at Wayne State University (EdSpec), and Christian education at Detroit's Ecumenical Theological Seminary (DMin).

Dr. Zeile is married to Barbara (nee Tonkovich) Zeile and raised 4 (now adult) children in Detroit.