

*Although the request for the profiles coincides with the nomination for bishop, these profiles reflect all pastors serving in NELCSA, and those seconded by NELCSA, regardless of whether a pastor is available for nomination or not. It will be posted on the NELCSA Webpage under the heading: Pastors*

*These profiles can also assist vacant congregations to get to know a bit about the pastors that they have never met, and it will help the new bishop to get an overview of the pastors the bishop has to serve.*

### Profile of Pastor

1. Name: **Claudia Nolte-Schamm**

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Photo:



2. Personal history:

Date of birth: 27 August 1975

Where I grew up: Johannesburg

Where I went to school: Johannesburg

3. Marital status

Married, with two children

4. Studies:

Where and when I studied theology?

- BTh and Honours at UKZN Pietermaritzburg;
- Masters at GTU (Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California);
- PhD at UKZN (with one year research at Humboldt Universität Berlin)

Any subsequent/other studies or previous occupations:

- employed as part-time administrator at an NGO;
- part-time German tutor;
- employed as German (Deutsch als Fremdsprache) and Religion teacher;
- absolved a German teaching course through the Goethe Institut

5. Congregations and positions in which I served:

Pastor at New Germany Lutheran Church  
From 11/2005 until 12/2008

Part-time Administrator for St Peter's Child Care, Johannesburg  
2013

German Teacher at an Afrikaans High School  
2014

German and Religion teacher at a German School  
2015 - 2016

Pastor at St Martini Gemeinde Kapstadt  
From 07/2016 until present

6. Personal strengths and interests

- passionate about preaching and teaching
- structured and organised
- diligent, conscientious, focussed

7. Hobbies

- Guitar and song
- Nature/ walks

8. What do you think, makes church relevant to people and society today?

The world we live in needs places, messages, sources of hope. The church can be and provide this through the Gospel – where and when it is preached and lived in community and celebration. The message and fellowship provided by the church gives people strength, courage and perseverance to live their lives and face the challenges of their lives. It provides resources to grow in depth and spiritual maturity. It also encourages people to live lives of humility, justice and compassion – not only in their personal sphere, but also in their public spheres. The church – as Word, Sacrament and community – is a source of refuge and strength to the weary, encouragement to the discouraged, orientation to the disorientated. It is also a community providing a moral compass to the world, taking the role as “watchdog” over political, social and economic occurrences.