



North Carolina Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Outreach Team

The Outreach Team of the NC Synod helps to discover and discern where God might be calling us to respond to a community with a new congregation or intentional ministry focus.

This team will:

- Accompany the Synod Authorized Worship Community (SAWC) Explorations (generally 3-6 months).
- Support for leaders leading the SAWC Explorations.
- Prayerfully discern and recommend new ministry opportunities to the synod council for approval.

Job Description for Team Members

- To engage in this work through the synod's core values: Jesus, Generosity, Relationship and Reconciliation.
- To commit to praying for the mission work of the synod including current explorations.
- Engaged in a discernment activity at each meeting so that decisions are made anchored in the guidance of the Spirit.
- To participate fully in meetings and follow-up tasks.

This team will meet six times a year. Five meetings will be online along with one in-person meeting. The in-person meeting will be a day-long retreat to dream and set priorities for the coming year. Additionally, there may be workgroup meetings as needed. Members are appointed by the Synod Council. Terms generally last for 3 years with initial members being assigned staggered terms.

Goals

For 2022-2023, the Outreach Team will work to:

- Accompany the Triangle Exploration and Pastor Nikkeya Berryhill
- Accompany and make recommendations on further work of the East Charlotte Exploration and Nestor Mogollon.
- Explore and make recommendation on the Feast Gathering, Wilmington as a possibility for additional Mission Congregation of the synod. This includes deep conversation re: federating with the United Methodists.
- Explore the possibility of a recovery church/ministry in Charlotte.

This team's work may conclude in consultation with the bishop, synod staff liaison, and the ministry team co-chairs.