



North Carolina Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The Specialized Pastoral Care Ministry Team of the NC Synod will...

- Support ministries in chaplaincy, pastoral counseling and clinical education.
- Be responsible for stewarding the financial resources from the synodical budget to those ministries.

Job Description for Team Members

- To engage in this work through the synod's core values: Jesus, Generosity, Relationship and Reconciliation.
- To be a person of prayer who is knowledgeable about and supportive of ministries in chaplaincy, pastoral counseling and clinical education.
- To assist the bishop and the synod, in cooperation with other ELCA synods, Churchwide units, synodical committees, and ecumenical and accrediting organizations in matters regarding calls, expectations, support, program resourcing, advocacy, standards and relationships to rostered ministers who minister in specialized pastoral care.
- To participate fully in meetings and follow-up tasks.

Team Member Commitment

This team will generally meet two times per year, with the spring meeting consisting of an overnight retreat that includes those serving in specialized pastoral care settings to provide support and guidance. Members are appointed by the Synod Council. Terms generally last for 3 years with initial members being assigned staggered terms. Members can serve two consecutive terms. Ministry teams will generally be comprised of 4-8 people and strive for diversity.

Goals

For 2022-2023, the Specialized Pastoral Care Team will work to:

- Review and update the NC Synod roster of those serving in specialized pastoral care settings.
- Communicate with the NC Synod Candidacy Committee to learn of those participating in CPE (Clinical Pastoral Care) units and to provide scholarship dollars.

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