



North Carolina Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

NC Synod Shared Ministry Team

The Shared Ministry Team of the NC Synod is created to provide networking opportunities to create healthy collaborative relationships between congregations throughout the NC Synod. This team will in cooperation with the call process coordinator:

- Create and update annually as needed a vision and strategic plan for shared ministry in the NC Synod.
- Provide accompaniment to congregations seeking deeper relationships with neighboring congregations.
- Help congregations seeking or living into yoking relationships create or live into shared ministry covenants.
- Create networking opportunities across the synod for those with interest in shared ministry.
- Promote establishing shared ministry relationships in every congregation of the NC Synod.

Job Description for Team Members

- To engage in this work through the synod's core values: Jesus, Generosity, Relationship and Reconciliation.
- To attend bi-monthly meetings to report in on the various congregations actively engaged in shared ministry.
- To serve as a liaison to and regularly check in on the congregation(s) or conference(s).
- To help staff a table for synodical events (i.e. synod assembly, synod gathering, fall convocation, WELCA convention, LMM convention, etc.)
- To participate fully in meetings and follow-up tasks.

Team Member Commitment

This team will meet five to six times a year. Five meetings will be ninety minutes 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.

NOTE: Members are appointed by the synod council. Terms generally last for three years with initial members being assigned staggered terms. Members can serve two consecutive terms. This team will be comprised of 5 to 10 people and up to 20 ad hoc liaisons.

Goals

For 2023, the NC Synod Shared Ministry will work to:

- Create a vision and strategic plan for 2023-2024.
- Create liaisons for all shared ministry sites.
- Develop materials and/or presentations to invite congregations to prayerfully discern shared ministry opportunities.

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