



## **NC Synod Boundaries Education**

In July of 2019, in recognition of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of women, the bishops of Region 9 developed the “Region 9 Bishops’ Relational Agreement for boundaries, candidacy and call process.” The introductory paragraph of that document states:

*Committed to always reforming for the health of leaders, vitality of congregations, and the flourishing of the gospel of Jesus Christ, we agree to work together as a region to address systemic issues facing rostered ministers who are women.*

The document outlines the bishops’ expectations regarding boundaries education and can be found here: <https://www.nclutheran.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/05.13.2021-Bishops-Relational-Agreement-UPDATES.pdf>

Since then, the bishops of Region 9 have expanded their vision to include annually required boundaries education focused not only on issues of financial, relational, personal and professional boundaries, but also Gender Justice and Racial Justice in a three-year rotation.

Every active rostered minister, candidate for rostered ministry, synodically authorized minister or lay preacher is required to be current on their annual boundaries education in order to activate an RMP, transfer into another synod of Region 9, be available for any call or appointment, including interim work, or serve as a synod-recommended supply preacher.

The synods of Region 9 are working in cooperation to offer multiple education opportunities each year to facilitate this requirement.