

“Walking together † for the sake of mission † in God’s world”

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We, the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, 106,000 members of 212 congregations, walk together for the sake of mission in God’s world.

Walking Together

† We support missional leaders

- Guidance for students through candidacy process and Candidacy Committee
- Council Leader Workshop education events for congregational leaders
- Lifting up future leaders through the Bishop’s Initiative
- Winter Theological Event for rostered leaders
- Mobility assistance for rostered leaders
- Fund for Leaders financial assistance for seminarians
- First Call Debt Reduction assistance for pastors with educational debt
- Fall Ministry Retreat for renewal and education of rostered leaders
- Lay School of Ministry for members of all congregations
- Associate in Ministry, Deaconess, and Diaconal Minister support
- Theological Education for Emerging Ministry oversight
- Synodically Authorized Ministers training, support, and placement
- Regional mobility conferences for pastors
- Lutheran Youth Organization gatherings and leadership development
- Youth Workers Network
- Intentional interim ministry, training, and support
- Leadership Support Commission of the synod
- Salary Standards Committee of the synod
- Lives reflective of the Wholeness Wheel
- Soul Support for office administrators
- Book discussion blogs
- Synod staff support and counsel
- First Call Theological Education Six Synod Annual Event
- Encourage Text study formation and attendance
- Conference deans

† We pray and worship

- Weekly prayers for leaders, congregations, and specialized ministries
- Worship at Synod Assembly, Fall Ministry Retreat, and Winter Theological Event
- Worship resources through Synod Resource Center
- Wisconsin Council of Churches Prayer for Christian Unity resources
- Introductory workshops of ELCA worship resources
- Cherish Our Children initiative affirming prayer and safety
- Twin Ports Ministry to Seafarers
- Leadership Support Commission as a prayer group for rostered leaders

† We deepen discipleship

- Book of Faith initiative
- Council Leader Workshop education event for congregational leaders
- Evangelism and stewardship offerings for congregations and leaders
- Mission consultations for congregations
- Lay School of Ministry for members of all congregations
- Synod Resource Center resources
- Synod staff support and counsel
- Colleague Groups for first call rostered leaders

† We celebrate generosity

- Stewardship guidance for congregations
- Synod Resource Center resources
- Mission interpretation
- Planned giving initiatives
- Mission endowment establishment and growth
- Mission Support Commission of the synod
- Synod staff support and counsel
- First fruits, proportional, and second mile giving exemplified for congregations

† We raise up missional leaders

- Lifting up future leaders through the Bishop's Initiative
- Guidance for students through candidacy process
- Outdoor ministry and campus ministry support to nurture future leaders
- Fund for Leaders financial assistance for seminarians
- Lay School of Ministry for members of all congregations
- Financial support of Lutheran colleges and seminaries
- Lutheran Youth Organization leadership development
- Youth Workers Network
- Leadership Support Commission of the synod
- Associates in Ministry, Deacon, and Diaconal Ministry support
- Synod staff support and counsel
- Twinning of Lay School with the training department in Malawi

† We equip congregations

- Outreach and stewardship resources and guidance for congregations
- Lay School of Ministry for members of all congregations
- Mission consultations for congregations
- Book of Faith initiative
- Synod Resource Center resources
- Cherish Our Children initiative
- Mission Support Commission of the synod

- Synod staff support and counsel
- Soul Support of office administrators
- Support of conferences, clusters, and coalitions of congregations
- Teaching Congregations (part of the Bishop's Initiative)
- Understanding "accompaniment" with our international companions

† We encourage healthy, whole lives

- ELCA health and wellness initiative
- Events surrounded by retreat, worship, collegiality, and education
- Wellness wheel model for ministry
- Support for sabbatical leaves for rostered leaders
- Cherish Our Children initiative
- Pastor's mountain hike at Christikon

For the Sake of Mission

† We work to revitalize congregations

- Mission consultations for congregations
- Book of Faith initiative
- Provide resources for congregational ministry and mission
- Lay School of Ministry deepens faith and theology
- Mission opportunities with ecumenical partners
- Cherish Our Children initiative
- Intentional interim ministry, training, and support
- Mission Support Commission of the synod
- Leadership Support Commission of the synod
- Synod staff support and counsel
- Teaching Congregations
- Support contextual and collaborative (local/grassroots) mission strategies

† We support specialized ministries

- Campus ministry
- Outdoor ministry
- Chaplaincy – military, hospital, prison, elder care, etc.
- Soul Support of office administrators
- Cherish Our Children initiative
- Intentional interim ministry, training, and support
- Lutheran Youth Organization
- Youth Workers Network
- Women of the ELCA
- Lutheran Men in Mission
- Twin Ports Ministry to Seafarers
- Wisconsin Council of Churches
- Wisconsin Lutheran Office of Public Policy
- Disaster relief efforts
- Initiatives in peace and justice
- Veteran's support

† We engage in global concerns

- Synod companion relationship with Brazil and Malawi
- Hunger Action Committee of the synod
- ELCA World Hunger and
- Malawi feeding station and sustainability project support
- Engaging issues of peace, mercy, and justice
- Lutheran World Relief projects and support
- Global Mission events

† We reach out with the Good News

- Mission consultations for congregations
- Book of Faith initiative
- Malawi parish-to-parish relationships
- Programs and resources for witness and service
- Global Mission events
- Twin Ports Ministry to Seafarers
- Mission Support Commission of the synod
- Leadership Support Commission of the synod
- Support contextual (or local/grassroots) mission strategies

† We begin new ministries

- Transformative strategies for revitalizing congregations
- New mission starts and satellites
- Yoking, merging, or clustering congregation for the sake of mission
- Mission consultations for congregations
- Responding to synod-wide mission opportunities
- Ecumenical partnerships for the sake of mission
- New mission start sponsorships
- Mission Support Commission of the synod
- Synod staff support and counsel
- New ministry Mission Partners

† We stand with the marginalized

- Hunger Action Committee work of the synod
- Global Mission Committee work of the synod
- Malawi hunger assistance
- Participation in Lutheran Disaster Relief
- Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan
- Parish Nurse Ministry
- Twin Ports Ministry to Seafarers
- Wisconsin Lutheran Office of Public Policy
- Mission Support Commission of the synod
- Lutheran World Relief projects and support