

Responsibilities of a LEIRN member within his or her synod

1. Be a general ecumenical and inter-religious resource to the synod bishop.
2. Encourage synodical celebrations, activities, and other efforts as a witness and model for ecumenical and inter-religious relationships (e.g. judicatory covenants, pastoral letters, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, etc.) Participate and encourage the participation of others in events and organizations that counteract religious bigotry, hatred, and violence such as the Shoulder-to-Shoulder Campaign.
3. Encourage ecumenical and inter-religious resource sharing and programming within the synod.
4. Encourage ecumenical cooperation in mission and ministry between the synod, Lutheran Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Representatives Network (LEIRN), other ecumenical and inter-religious relations networks, and other church judicatories.
5. Promote the study of formal dialogue materials, calls for responses, and where called for, the implementation of Churchwide Assembly actions.
6. Promote the dissemination and use of education materials prepared by ELCA Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations, other units of the ELCA, or its full communion partners that relate to ecumenical and inter-religious issues.
7. Support other synod clergy or laity doing ecumenical and inter-religious work.
8. Actively encourage more people to be ecumenically and inter-religiously involved, including through ecumenical formation of young adults who display a passion for ecumenical and inter-religious life.
9. Be an active member or chair of your synod's Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations Committee or its equivalent, if one exists, or convene such a group if one does not.
10. Advocate for ecumenical and inter-religious visibility at synod Assemblies; e.g., workshops, guest speakers/preachers, involvement in ordinations, awards, etc.
11. Advocate for budget lines and personnel support for ecumenical and inter-religious work within the synod.
12. Notify the secretary of LEIRN promptly of any changes affecting communications or continuity of participation such as address, phone number, or email changes, as well as resignation, retirement, or moves across synod boundaries.

Regional and national responsibilities of LEIRN members

1. Attend the LEIRN meeting which is held annually in conjunction with the National Workshop on Christian Unity (NWCU).
2. Encourage synodical representation (in addition to yourself) at the NWCU, state council of churches' events, or other opportunities for learning and mutual support.
3. Initiate communication at least twice annually with a LEIRN Executive Board member—if possible, from your Region.
4. Ascertain your synod's ecumenical and inter-religious activity and share it with LEIRN via the LEIRN Executive Board.
5. Communicate the work of ELCA Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations to the bishop and

others in the synod.

6. In cooperation with the LEIRN Executive Board, encourage regional resource sharing and programming as appropriate.
7. Contribute to the LEIRN blog (leirn.blogspot.com) and promote awareness of it and the LEIRN Facebook Group.
8. If requested, accept assignments to facilitate the work of LEIRN, such as serving as a liaison to a counterpart network or organization; e.g., NWCUC planning committee, EDEIO, UMEIT, CADEIO, CEN.
9. Encourage diversity and inclusivity whenever new people are invited or assigned to ecumenical and inter-religious tasks.
10. Encourage colleagues to use sabbatical or continuing education time and funds for ongoing ecumenical and inter-religious growth.