

Leaders in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Leaders in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will assist its congregations, synods, institutions and churchwide organization in creating a vision for participating in God's mission. ELCA leaders embody servanthood and will empower others, thus multiplying leadership in this church. Leaders will assist this church to become a more multicultural church, to learn from diversity, share power and build a system that flourishes from diversity. ELCA leaders will identify gifts and assets in persons and communities. They will partner with others to transform communities to be in mission in a pluralistic world.

Qualities of Leadership

1. A person of faith with a personal commitment to Jesus Christ
2. A person of integrity, courage and vision
3. One who is missional and has a clear sense of purpose
4. One who is able to mentor and equip
5. One who is open to new ideas and is characterized by creativity and vitality
6. Ability to demonstrate one's faith and values
7. Ability to listen to and learn from others, work collaboratively, and clearly communicate a vision
8. Growth in one's spiritual and devotional life as a Christian
9. Participation in the building up of the body of Christ and its mission
10. Commitment to the life and purpose of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and a willingness to work for the implementation of its vision