



Christian Education Network

of the ELCA

"... that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love ..."
Colossians 2:2

Our Mission: Supporting lifelong faith formation in the home and congregation

Prayer Pause



Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me show love,
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith,
Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness, light,
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console
Not so much to be understood as to understand
Not so much to be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
It is in dying that we awake to eternal life.

— St. Francis of Assisi

A Message from Our President, Diane McGeoch

ADAPTABILITY

Our congregations and ministries are often in a continual state of adaptability. We change, adjust, tweak, adapt, create, and re-create constantly throughout the church year. Many things emerge from this process including new ways of doing things, new gifts we hadn't been aware of, new approaches to faith formation, and new resources, connections, and technologies. There is sometimes amazement at how well an event or program turned out when we've had to adapt or change direction.

When the ELCA Youth Gathering was cancelled, many of us began the process of living into the theme of Boundless: God Beyond Measure in new and spirit-led ways. Congregations and youth are finding new opportunities to live this out in alternate events happening across the ELCA, mission projects and servant trips, and faith filled times at our wonderful ELCA camps and retreat centers. You will be reading about some of these alternate events in this newsletter. The events and ministries are as boundless as the creativity and energy that drives them. We can be boundless because our God is boundless.

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Boundless into the Fall: Learning Strategies and Resources fo

Rally Day Resources

"God's Work. Our Hands" [Resources](#) for a Day of Service on September 11, 2022. Reach beyond your congregation to be God's hands in your community. Look for publicity items, worship pieces, and a



God's work.
Our hands.

toolkit of ideas to make an impactful event.

Mission: Possible is a fun intergenerational Rally Day event that promotes the endless possibilities to use our talents to serve God and others. Can also be used at other times of year. [Download the lesson plan](#) and supporting pieces.



Stewardship Resources

The Generosity Project has been lifted up previously, but is worth revisiting to help families practice boundless generosity in response to God's love. Visit the [Facebook Group](#) to join the conversation and the [website](#) to learn more about resources.



Church Stewardship and Giving is a resource from **Faithward** with links to articles about different aspects of giving for both church and families, including how giving has changed since the pandemic.



Expanding Ministry to Others

How to Organize for Justice" by Kayla Gilchrest, an [online class](#) through ChurchNext. This course is for those interested in learning what it means to organize, what it means to do justice, what congregation-based organizing looks like and what our Biblical call as people of faith to do this work entails. The four-part series, also available as a podcast, can be taken as an individual or as a group.



Everybody Belongs, Serving Together is a comprehensive [guide](#) to church accessibility and inclusive ministry will help your church embrace people with disabilities, not only as recipients of God's love, but as partners in ministry. This resource from the Reformed Church in America is available as a download or can be ordered in a print edition.



Visit our website for more resources!

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Vision Statement



Building a community which equips, encourages and empowers those engaged in lifelong faith formation in a changing world, the CENetwork will:

Check out our **Facebook group** and join the conversations!

- Identify and evaluate resources and educational opportunities
- Facilitate communication and conversations
- Offer guidance, networking and mutual support
- Nurture spiritual growth online and face-to-face

Check out our latest [Pinterest boards](#)!



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