

PERRY HIGHWAY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Christian Education Committee

PURPOSE

To provide a lifelong program of Christian Education that will enable members of all ages to learn the Holy Scriptures and Lutheran teachings and apply them to everyday life.

MEMBERSHIP

The committee will consist of no less than six members of the congregation, including a chair, appointed by the congregational council. The pastor, director of Christian education and youth ministry, and the Sunday School superintendent will be advisory members of the committee.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- ◆ Plan ongoing, regular educational experiences that appeal to all segments of the congregation.
- ◆ Plan special events that promote and encourage all members to participate in the education program.
- ◆ Plan opportunities for members to learn about the needs of people throughout the church and the world, including such areas of concern as global missions and hunger awareness.
- ◆ Coordinate recruitment of volunteer leaders and teachers for the congregation's education program.
- ◆ Provide for ways of the congregation to recognize and thank the people who volunteer to teach and lead in the educational programs.
- ◆ Review available curricula and other educational materials and select those that will be used for the educational program of the congregation, giving special attention to those from the publishing house of Augsburg/Fortress.
- ◆ Give special attention to the education programs that support faith development and involvement in the life of the church, such as confirmation ministry, the incorporation of new members, early childhood, and family support programs.
- ◆ Provide Teacher Training opportunities at a minimum of three times a year.

TIME COMMITMENT

The term of service is one year. The committee meets monthly, as well as for special meetings at times mutually agreeable to all committee members. Those serving on this committee may also be asked to serve as liaisons to various subcommittees, with the time commitment varying as needed.

POSSIBLE SUBCOMMITTEES

Confirmation Subcommittee
Adult Education Subcommittee
Vacation Bible School Subcommittee

SKILL DEVELOPMENT EXPECTATIONS

- ◆ Review annual ELCA Education packet
- ◆ Attend annual Congregational Committee leadership training event.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING

The chair of the committee will meet regularly with the pastor of the congregation and the Director of youth and Education to coordinate plans for the committee's work and discuss ways to increase its productivity and effectiveness.

The committee will provide a monthly written report of its accomplishments and recommendations to the congregational council.

The committee will prepare an annual written report of its work to be included in the reports given at the annual meeting of the congregation. This report will include recommendations for greater effectiveness.

The committee will prepare an annual budget request as part of the congregation's budget development process.

A council member will be appointed as the committee's liaison and will be the connecting link between the two bodies.

The committee will provide quarterly reports to the Staff Support Committee and comment on the effectiveness of staff members who serve as advisory members of the committee.