

PERRY HIGHWAY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Social Outreach Team

PURPOSE

To lead this congregation's efforts to address the social, economic, and emotional needs of people both within the congregation and in the community at

MEMBERSHIP

The committee will consist of six members of the congregation, including a chair, appointed by the congregational council. The pastor of the congregation will be an advisory member of the committee.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- ◆ Study and make the congregation aware of material needs of people in the area it serves.
- ◆ Conduct programs, either as a congregation or in cooperation with other congregations and institutions, that provide material and spiritual assistance to people who are poor, hungry, or victimized.
- ◆ Create awareness of agencies and/or institutions that seek to alleviate social problems and human need; develop partnerships with them, inform congregational members of their work, and/or provide opportunities for financial support, as appropriate.
- ◆ Develop opportunities for congregational members to offer their time and abilities in Social ministry work.
- ◆ Receive and study Social Statements for the ELCA, develop means by which they can be discussed in the congregation, and develop action plans based on such statements, as appropriate.
- ◆ Develop and maintain a visitation program for the congregation's sick and shut-in.
- ◆ Coordinate the publicity and workings of the congregation's H.E.L.P. program.

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

ELCA World hunger Program Education
H.E.L.P. Program
Visitation Task Force

SKILL DEVELOPMENT EXPECTATIONS

- ◆ Attend annual Congregational Committee leadership training event.
- ◆ Review annual ELCA Hunger Packet

ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING

The chair of the committee will meet regularly with the pastor of the congregation 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.