

We share accountability.
We are accountable to God, each other and the wider church.

We share decisions.
We use each person's knowledge/wisdom/experience.

We are open to resources.
We want to use all the gifts God sends us.

We are people focused.
We respond to others with care and compassion.

We are committed to excellence.
What we are called to do we do well.

We are open to taking risks.
We encourage ourselves and each other to try new things.

We are committed to collaboration.
We work together for the good of all and for mission.

We are ministry focused.
God has gifted each person for ministry.

We are mission focused.
Everything we do contributes to the mission of the church.

We are Christ centered.
We pray together to determine God's will for us.

WHAT KEY PRINCIPLES SHAPE OUR DECISION-MAKING AND BEHAVIOR?

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE WHEN WE ARE FAITHFUL TO OUR REASON FOR EXISTING?

Every person is a missionary.



Every leader is a mission director.

Every congregation, conference and ministry is a mission center.

WHAT CORE VALUES GUIDE US ALONG THE WAY?

"...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." *Ephesians 4:12-13*

- Being Christ-centered
- Collaborating
- Trusting God and one another
- Taking risks
- Communicating openly and honestly
- Being interconnected
- Being compassionate
- Being committed
- Being faithful

WELCOME TO MINISTRY IN THE INDIANA-KENTUCKY SYNOD OF THE ELCA!

A brief catechism for synod staff, synod council, synod committees, teams and task forces, and anyone else involved in ministry in or on behalf of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod



TO EMPOWER, EQUIP, AND ENCOURAGE THE PEOPLE OF GOD TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN