

New Synod-wide Team Formation

(*indicates already formed)

***Anti-Racism**

Countering the sin of racism and its ongoing work in our systems and society

***Hunger**

Addressing Hunger on the local, statewide, national and international stages through direct service and advocacy

***Accompaniment**

Companion Synod relationship, YAGM, engagement with the nations (tribes) within our synod, and teaching the ELCA accompaniment model

***Advocacy for Justice**

Companion Synod relationship, YAGM, engagement with the nations (tribes) within our synod, advocacy work and more!

Immigration

Looking to welcome our newest neighbors and work for just and compassionate immigration policy

Simplify

Working with congregations to declutter and open space for new growth, whether a congregation is closing or simply looking to simplify

Disaster Response

Rapid response team to mobilize and coordinate synod-wide support for those in crisis

Stewardship of Creation

Team focused on helping congregations and communities in the synod steward the gift of creation well

Invocation Innovations

Team dedicated to imagining how grants could be used to deeply benefit the clergy, laity and congregations of the synod in their work of sharing the gospel of Jesus in word and deed, and then writing and managing those grants.

Mission Interpretation (Story Core?)

Telling the story of the ELCA, the Synod, and helping congregations tell their own stories of how they steward mission dollars

Emerging Missions

A team required for the DEM, whose focus is on scouting for, developing, and supporting mission developers and new mission starts.

Strategies for Vitality

A team required for the DEM, whose focus is on imagining and co-ordinating Synod-wide strategies and collaborations focused the vitality of congregations and connecting with new, young and diverse people as part of the ELCA's [Future Church Initiative](#).

***New Song(s)**

Synod composer's circle focused on encouraging composition and providing a platform for those compositions to be found and used in the synod and beyond.

Congregational Education

A team dedicated to identifying and developing educational resources for the synod

Theological Teaching Team

A team dedicated to identifying and developing educational resources and opportunities for continuing education, engagement and inspiration of the Clergy of the ECSW