



A LOOK AT OUR CONGREGATION

Congregation Name and City:

Date:

What do you think the priorities in ministry ARE in your congregation, and, what do you think the priorities SHOULD BE? Following is a list of twelve (12) priorities of ministry. On the left arrange them numerically (1-12) according to what you think they ARE, and, on the right arrange them numerically (1-12 with 1 being most important) according to what you think they SHOULD BE in your congregation.

ARE

SHOULD BE

_____ **EVANGELISM:** Share the Gospel and have an active program of visitation and training. _____

_____ **WORD AND SACRAMENT:** Proclaim God's Word in preaching and administer the Sacraments. _____

_____ **STEWARDSHIP:** Demonstrating what it means to live out who, by grace, we have become, and to respond with "thanksgiving." _____

_____ **EDUCATION:** Provide Christian Education opportunities for all ages and groups in the congregation. _____

_____ **GLOBAL OUTREACH:** To care for all God's created through Support of the work of the ELCA. _____

_____ **LOCAL OUTREACH:** To become actively involved in the support of needy causes in the community. _____

_____ **BUDGET:** Strive to meet our basic financial obligations so that our congregation can survive. _____

_____ **GOALS:** Set goals for the congregation and annually to review our aims and accomplishments. _____

_____ **AUXILIARIES:** To organize and be involved in organizations within the congregation. _____

_____ **SENIOR CITIZENS:** To provide opportunities / organizations for the older persons in the congregation. _____

_____ **YOUNG ADULTS:** To provide ministry to singles and young adults / couples in the congregation. _____

_____ **YOUTH:** Work to serve and minister to our young people in youth organizations, youth choir(s), etc. Also making use of Bible Camps, Retreats, etc. _____