

CONGREGATIONAL MISSION INTERPRETER POSITION DESCRIPTION



Purpose

To share the message, the mission, and the ministries of the ELCA with individuals, congregations, and others.

Objectives

- To develop a network of selected individuals, who will share the message, the mission and the ministries of the ELCA throughout the territory of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod.
- To identify, recruit, train, support, evaluate and thank those who have the gifts to serve as congregational Mission Interpreters.
- To provide information, inspiration, and opportunities for individuals and/or congregations to grow in their involvement in and support of ELCA ministries.
- To strengthen the connections between ELCA and synodical congregations, agencies, institutions, and organizations.
- To be a resource to congregations by sharing interpretive materials with them.
- To listen to the stories and concerns of the people and communicate their mission and ministry stories to others throughout this church.

Activities

- Present at least one talk per quarter. This presentation may be in the form of a temple talk, Sunday school lesson, address to congregational council, committee presentation, etc. The mission interpreter decides which method works best.
- Communicate with the congregation/s monthly via newsletter, bulletin board, or other means such as telephone or e-mail.
- Attend one gathering per year. These gatherings enable attendees to share ideas and experiences and to learn new ways to share, and celebrate the message of hope in Jesus Christ.
- Assist with conference or synodical events.
- To help identify and/or recruit potential Congregational Mission Interpreters.

Qualifications

- Faith-filled—love of Christ and the Church
- Active member of an ELCA congregation
- Knowledgeable about the ELCA
- Good communication skills
- Strong financial supporter of his/her congregation
- Willing to attend training sessions