

Erie Lutheran Conference Mission Profile

Please fill out the following survey honestly. Take the time you need to fill out all the questions as fully as you can. The more information you provide the better we can understand where we are and where the Spirit is leading us. Each individual may only submit one survey.

1. Which Congregation do you affiliate with?

- ☐ Abiding Hope, Erie
- ☐ Faith, Harborcreek
- ☐ Holy Trinity, Erie
- ☐ Immanuel, Erie
- ☐ Lamb of God, Erie
- ☐ Luther Memorial, Erie
- ☐ Messiah, Erie
- ☐ Mt. Calvary, Erie
- ☐ New Jerusalem, Erie
- ☐ Prince of Peace, Greene Township
- ☐ St. Jame's, Girard
- ☐ St. John's, Erie
- ☐ St. John's, Fairview
- ☐ St. Mark's, Waterford
- ☐ St. Paul's, Erie
- ☐ St. Peter's, Northeast
- ☐ St. Peter's, Erie
- ☐ Trinity, McKean

2. If you hold a leadership position in your congregation, please indicate what it is.

- ☐ Pastor
- ☐ Council Member
- ☐ Executive Committee Member
- ☐ Support Staff
- ☐ I am not in a leadership position

3. What is your position in the congregation?

- ☐ Clergy or other pastoral leader
- ☐ Staff
- ☐ Council Member
- ☐ Member at large
- ☐ Affiliated (not officially a member)

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4. For how long have you been affiliated with your current congregation?
- ☐ 0-5 years
 - ☐ 5-15 years
 - ☐ 5-30 years
 - ☐ 30+ years
5. What is your age?
- ☐ 0-10
 - ☐ 10-20
 - ☐ 20-30
 - ☐ 30-40
 - ☐ 40-50
 - ☐ 50-60
 - ☐ 60-70
 - ☐ 70-80
 - ☐ 80+
6. How would you describe your involvement in the ongoing ministry of your congregation?
- ☐ Very Involved
 - ☐ Moderately Involved
 - ☐ Lightly Involved
 - ☐ Not Very Involved
7. How often do you attend worship in your congregation?
- ☐ Weekly
 - ☐ Bi-Weekly
 - ☐ Monthly
 - ☐ On the holidays
 - ☐ Sporadically
 - ☐ Rarely
8. How often do you participate in the activities of your congregation OUTSIDE of worship?
- ☐ Every time
 - ☐ As often as I can
 - ☐ Sometimes
 - ☐ If it's something I'm interested in
 - ☐ If I am asked or invited personally
 - ☐ Not very often
 - ☐ We don't have many activities outside of worship

9. How would you describe your congregation (the people, not the building)?

(Check all that apply)

- ☐ Growing
- ☐ Thriving
- ☐ Surviving
- ☐ Declining
- ☐ Dying
- ☐ On Hospice
- ☐ Hopeless
- ☐ Holding our own

10. How would you describe your congregation's building, property, and grounds?

- ☐ Asset
- ☐ Challenge

11. Is your primary building entirely handicapped accessible? (From front door to altar, restrooms, fellowship spaces, classrooms, choir space, etc.)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

12. Are you concerned about the future of your congregation?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

13. Do you think your congregation WILL be closed in the next 5 years if nothing changes in your activities, giving, gathering, or property?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

14. Do you think your congregation WILL be closed in the next 10 years if nothing changes in your activities, giving, gathering, or property?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

15. Do you think your congregation SHOULD be closed in the next 10 years if nothing changes in your activities, giving, gathering, or property?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know
- ☐ I don't want to admit

16. Do you want your congregation to survive?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

17. Do you think your congregation SHOULD survive in its current model (giving, gathering, activities, property)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know
- ☐ I don't want to admit

18. Do you foresee a merge or consolidation with another congregation in your congregation's future?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

19. Are YOU (not your congregation, you personally), open to sharing pastoral leadership with other congregations?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Only if my needs are met at least as well as they are now

20. Are YOU (not your congregation, you personally), open to sharing support staff with other congregations? (Secretary, Accountant/Bookkeeper, Sexton, Musician, etc.)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

21. Are YOU (not your congregation, you personally), interested in partnering with other congregations for learning opportunities? (Adult Forum, Bible Studies, Workshops, Trips, etc.)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't participate in that now, so would not in the future

22. Are YOU (not your congregation, you personally), interested in partnering with other congregation for children and youth ministry (Faith Formation, VBS, Confirmation, First Communion, etc.)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Only if we can guarantee our children won't leave

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23. Would you participate in collaborative worship if it was not held in your congregation's building?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

24. Would you participate in collaborative activities (learning, service, etc.) if it was not held in your congregation's building?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

25. Do you think collaborative ministry with other congregation(s) would mean more work than you are currently putting into your own congregation?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

26. What concerns do you have about collaborative ministry in Erie Lutheran Conference?

27. What hopes and aspirations do you have for collaborative ministry in Erie Lutheran Conference?

28. Do you have other comments, concerns, or anecdotes to share?

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29. If you are willing to serve on a subcommittee (should one be created), please mark which ones you would have interest in. These would be multi-congregational collaborative committees for planning collaborative activities. (check all that apply)

- ☐ Worship
- ☐ Service
- ☐ Faith Formation (children and youth)
- ☐ Faith Formation (adults)
- ☐ Fellowship and Friendship

30. If you would like, and especially if you indicated you would be willing to serve on a subcommittee, please let us know your name and current congregation affiliation.