

Mission Moments

Sharing ways that Mission Support dollars from congregations are at work in the Western Iowa Synod and through our ELCA churchwide ministries. Thank you for caring and sharing. For Christ's mission has a church.

Western Iowa Synod Disability Resource Team

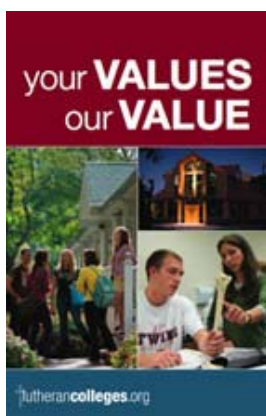
The Western Iowa Synod Disability Resource Team assists congregations in becoming more aware of attitudinal and structural barriers affecting persons with physical and mental disabilities, their families, and caregivers. It also encourages congregations to see the gifts of persons with disabilities and to envision our potential partnership in ministry.

Biennially the Disability Resource Team awards the Open Roof Award based on Mark 2:3-4. This award recognizes a congregation that has found ways to make its church and ministry more accessible and inclusive. Visit the Disability Resource Team page on the synod Web site, www.wisynod.org, to learn more.

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ELCA Colleges and Universities



The ELCA is in partnership with 28 colleges and universities throughout the U.S. Research has shown that Lutheran colleges were far more effective than large public institutions :

- at actively involving students in the classroom
- at creating interaction with faculty
- at engaging students in experiential learning
- at generating participation and leadership in extracurricular activities
- at integrating faith and values throughout the college experience

In short, the learning environment and active student involvement make a great deal of difference. Visit www.lutherancolleges.org to learn more about ELCA colleges and universities.

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Young Adults in Global Mission

The ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program invites young ELCA members ages 19-29 to step out of their comfort zone and be challenged in a one-year international mission service and learning opportunity. As these young people offer themselves in service, they also learn more about themselves, their relationship with God, and their place in God's world. They make friendships across culture and language that will change the way they look at the world. They are a part of a group of young adults who are open to being transformed by their experiences, equipping them upon return to provide a global perspective on issues facing the church and society. Read more at www.elca.org/globalmission/youngadults.

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