



Strategic Plan

Communicate Jesus

- We encourage, empower, and equip communities of faith to expand the understanding of our unique ELCA identity and witness.
- We strengthen our ecumenical relationships and ministries.
- We grow our public witness through advocacy, integrating our ELCA theology and engagement with current issues and contextual realities.
- We deepen our global engagement by connecting local witness and global relationships.

Connect People

- We equip disciples—inclusive of lay leaders, pastors, deacons, and youth—to build healthy and vibrant faith communities.
- We foster a spirit of collaboration and intentional connection across the Synod as we participate in Synod events.
- The Office of the Bishop provides a ministry of presence and resources to support ministries in transition.
- We grow our partnerships with our Southwest colleagues in Region 2.
- We support new leadership and ministry initiatives including youth ministry, coaching, and ministry networks.

Create Possibilities

- We grow in gratitude and generosity to strengthen our financial capacity for ministry and witness.
- We seek and create new ways to connect and grow our rich diversity through multi-cultural ministries.
- We align and structure the Grand Canyon Synod for effectiveness, efficiency and support to our ministries.
- We accompany congregations and ministries to increase their capacity to be adaptive, right-sized, and vital.
- We raise up and support new leaders for the church's ministry through a revitalized candidacy process.