

Christian Education Network of the ELCA

"... that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love ..."
Colossians 2:2

Mentor Program

Program Description

The purpose of the CENetwork of the ELCA Mentor Program is to assist people in their ministry of Christian education. Trained mentors are assigned to individuals for a six week time period, by the program administrator, who conducts an assessment and interview. Core values in this program include providing a simple, clear way for individuals to get immediate assistance with Christian education needs that fall within our 10 areas of interest.

Once an individual is assigned to a mentor, they agree to meet for six weeks, for up to 2 ½ hours a week, including travel. During their time together, they will set goals and strategies based on 10 areas of interest:

1. Introducing or developing a new Christian education program/How to review and select curriculum & resources.
2. Creating a Safe Church. Understanding requirements for background checks; lock-down and emergency procedures; guidelines for social media; photo release; electronic communications; and special needs.
3. Faith Formation in the home/Involving adults.
4. Theology Basics/Baptismal Promises
5. Training and keeping volunteers/Create a leader orientation for fall.
6. Cross Generational & Milestone Ministries.
7. Pre-School Ministry
8. Children's Ministry
9. Youth Ministry/Confirmation
10. Adult Education/Small Group Leadership

Following the six week session, the mentors conduct a final review and survey, which is submitted to the administrator.

The administrator posts soar stories to social media.

Job Descriptions

Administrator: 10 hr. /week Conducting assessments, interviews, and assigning mentors to individuals. Administrator is responsible for training mentors and is available as a consultant to the mentor. The administrator receives the reviews and surveys and submits “soar stories” for posting on social media, including testimonials.

Mentor: Willing to commit up to 2 ½ hr. /week meeting by phone, email, or in person with assigned individual to determine areas of interest and to establish goals and strategies for immediate implementation. Mentor conducts final review and survey and submits these to administrator.

