

## How Will Project Connect Use the Information You Provide?

Project Connect is an initiative of the Eastern Cluster of Lutheran Seminaries and funded by a grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc. Its purpose is to provide a network of church leaders who will cooperatively encourage young adults to stay involved in the life of the church and to think theologically while discerning vocationally. We hope that one result of this endeavor will be more young adults who discern a call to a vocation of public ministry in the church.

This online and secure database is one resource that has been developed to facilitate the work of Project Connect. We hope that it will make it easier for all of us as church leaders to represent the church by knowing how to stay connected with young adults whose gifts and passions might be used in a vocation of public ministry.

This database is secure because the only persons who will be granted a password are those who are on the roster of the ELCA in Regions 7, 8 and 9. Exceptions to this rule will be considered in cases where non-rostered persons are providing leadership for authorized ministries of the ELCA in Regions 7, 8 and 9 (examples of non-rostered persons who might be granted a password for this database - the camp director of a Lutheran camp officially affiliated with the ELCA; a synod youth ministry director).

The information in the database will not be shared with any person, organization, or entity outside of the ELCA. The information will only be shared when it is for the purpose of inviting young adults into additional or deeper involvement in the life of the ELCA in its variety of expressions (congregation, synod, churchwide) or its authorized institutions (ELCA seminaries, church-related colleges of the ELCA, Lutheran Campus Ministry organizations, Lutheran Student Movement, outdoor ministry organizations - camps and retreat centers - officially affiliated with the ELCA, Lutheran Volunteer Corps, Lutheran social service organizations, military chaplains who are ELCA pastors). Examples of how Project Connect might use this information:

- Inform a pastor of an ELCA congregation when a young adult has moved to a nearby location.
- Inform the chaplain of a church-related college or university of the ELCA that a student is considering or indeed enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate school program of that college or university.
- Inform the minister of a campus ministry supported by the ELCA or one of its synods or congregations that a student has enrolled in a college or university served by that campus ministry.
- Inform the leader of an ELCA outdoor ministry site or program, or a representative of the Lutheran Volunteer Corps, or similar ministry of the ELCA, that a young adult might be interested in considering service or participation in that ministry.

We may also, from time to time and using contact information provided in the database, inform young adults of activities, events or other information in which they

might be interested. The purpose for providing this information to young adults entered in the database will be to invite them into additional or deeper involvement in the life of the ELCA in its variety of expressions or its authorized ministries.

We will absolutely comply with the request of any individuals to have their name and/or any contact information removed from the database. This request can be made directly by the individual or, on their behalf, by any individual who has been granted a password for this database. These requests, or any other suggestions or comments about this database, should be directed to:

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