



ELCIC

*In Mission
for Others*

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

The ELCIC is a church *In Mission for Others*. At the 2008 meeting of our National Church Council, members in attendance discussed the question, “where is God calling the National expression of our church?” In response to that question—through prayer, discernment and discussion—the following five areas of focus were determined.

Compassionate Justice

“What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8

Through ministries such as Stewardship of Creation, the ELCIC, along with our partners Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR), KAIROS, and others, strives to be a church *In Mission for Others* by being a prophetic public voice and actively addressing social, environmental and justice issues locally, nationally and internationally.

Spirited Discipleship

“Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.” Acts 2:46–47

By living out our call to be *In Mission for Others* we strive to share our faith through out everyday actions. Whether it's being involved in one of the ELCIC's ministries or sharing the good news in our own unique way, members of the ELCIC are signs of hope and of God's amazing grace in this world.

Focused Framework

“It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.” Acts 6:2–4

Being effective as a church body means having a framework that is responsive to our mission, vision and goals. In the ELCIC, we work to build community within the church and among our partners through a strong administrative structure, open lines of communication, fostering relationships among all expressions of the church, and by having the courage to face the challenges of new realities that come before us.

Diverse Faces

“There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.” Galatians 3:28

Young and old, male and female, ethnically diverse and drawing on the gifts of people with varying abilities and socio-economic differences; we strive to be a church that better represents the landscape where God has planted us. All are welcome at the table, and our unique gifts enable us to be a church truly *In Mission for Others*.

Effective Partnerships

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.” 1 Corinthians 12:4–6

Our work *In Mission for Others* is multiplied when we work together with our partners both within the Lutheran communion and ecumenically. The ELCIC strives to be good stewards of the resources we have been given by working alongside our partners and rejoicing in the gifts we can share together.