

Reflection by  
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How do you see yourself living your faith through your participation many church councils and ecumenical connections?

Over the years, I have learned that we are all connected. Our humanity unites us all and that we are all one in the eyes of God. Therefore, my participation on the various church-related councils and ecumenical groups has been very rewarding. I feel these experiences have enriched my faith life by sharing and learning from the many others who have offered their own personal perspectives. The journeys have enriched my faith on many levels — just by being present and working together on common issues and challenges.



Why do you feel it's important to live generously in this way?

The rewards are great! Interaction with others at all levels of church governance is so educational. Learning about God's faithfulness in so many different denominations and the various Lutheran settings, e.g. urban, suburban, rural has been very fulfilling. In addition, seeing God's work throughout the many different cultures and world religions has exposed me to the awesome beauty of the Creator's loving power and gifts. This sounds so trite but, it is just a blessing to have been afforded the opportunity to grow and learn and serve.

What would you say to others who want to live more generously and live their faith?

You will be blessed and uplifted! You will learn so much and experience God's loving presence in so many different ways.

***We are called to live generous lives.  
Love includes community and service. Love encompasses all.***