



**ELCA Youth Ministry Network Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, April 26, 2015 through Tuesday, April 28, 2015**

Jeremy Myers, Sue Megrund, Tom Schwolert, Erik Ullestad, Valerie Taylor Samuel, Regina Goodrich, Becky Cole, Todd Buegler (Executive Director), Paul Amlin (Churchwide Staff)

Opening Devotions: Erik Ullestad
Recap January 2015 Board meeting

Executive Director's Report
Todd presented the report of the Executive Director

Churchwide Staff Report - Paul Amlin
Paul Amlin gave a report from the Churchwide office
Youth Core Leadership Team (12 youth): Could this group present at the E?
Youth Leadership Summit will occur November 2015: 2 youth per synod are invited

Churchwide Staff Report – Rozella White
Affirmed the importance of communication and relationship
Most of the people who attended Extravaganza hadn't heard of the YMNET. How do we work together to incorporate new people into the network. These conversations will continue at MYLE this summer
Working to create leadership development for youth & young adults of color (and the adults who mentor them)

Strategic Plan
The Strategic Plan ends at the end of the calendar year. We reviewed the Mission Statement and considered what we do well, what needs improvement and what could possibly be removed.
Mike Ward led us in discovering what we believe the key points would be if we were starting a strategic plan from scratch.
We reviewed the current strategic plan areas

Financial Diversity: Need to work on this area, specifically endowment

Practice Discipleship: Accomplished; evaluate in October

Cultural and Ethnic Diversity: Not Met; Continue to work on this and look at other areas of diversity as well.

Membership: Accomplished, over 1,100 members; need to focus on retention, diversity and mentor members to Network Leaders

Extravaganza: Leave as is

Partnerships: Accomplished; maintain with moderate growth

Governance: Increase focus on this area; Metrics would be useful; Leadership development

Further discussion about possible new areas that could be incorporated in the strategic plan

Discussion on moving forward to create the next strategic plan

Future Meetings

June 2015: Online meeting

August 2015: Online meeting

October 22-24, 2015 in Minneapolis, MN

April 17-19, 2016 at Lutheran Center in Chicago, IL

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Cole