



**ELCA Youth Ministry Network Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, January 29, 2015 and Friday, January 30, 2015**

Sue Megrund, Ben Morris, Julie Miller, Tom Schwolert, Valerie Taylor-Samuel, Erik Ullestad, Todd Buegler (Executive Director), Paul Amlin (Churchwide Staff), Becky Cole, Regina Goodrich

Opening Devotions - Ben Morris

Introductions

Recap October 2014 Board meeting

Anti-racism training

Conversation with ELCA regarding diversity

Practice Discipleship - Catherine Anderson

The Practice Discipleship has impacted 25,000 leaders since its inception. 85% of the synods are engaged in this project.

Churchwide Staff Report - Paul Amlin

1. youthministrylinks.org is almost ready to be launched.
2. Youth Leadership Summit occurred in October. 150 people from 42 synods participated. The next Summit will be held in November 2016.
3. Youth Gathering registration and logistics update

Approval of October 2014 Minutes. Motion by Sue. Second by Valerie. Motion approved.

Executive Director's Report

Finances for the fiscal year look very good. Todd continues to live into his new call as a senior pastor at Trinity Lutheran in Owatonna, MN.

Strategic Plan Check-In

This is the third, and final, year of the Strategic Plan. We achieved our big, hairy, audacious goal of 1,000 members by 2015.

Extravaganza

The Extravaganza Team is helping us meet our goals in this area.

Partnerships

Mike Ward continues to steward our partnerships. We currently have 25 partners.

Definition of partnerships: a commitment of organization making financial contributions, gold and silver partners.

Financial Diversity

Tom will assemble a team to continue identifying other giving streams. An endowment exploration team will be established in 2015.

Membership

Membership Goal has been achieved -- 1000 members by January 2015. Additionally, 1,062 have registered for the Extravaganza.

Currently there are 64 persons who have self-identified as other than Caucasian equaling 6% of membership, short of the 9% strategic plan goal.

Cultural and Ethnic Diversity

There are 19 MYLE leaders attending the Multicultural Conversation, meeting concurrently with the board meeting. Rozella White visited with the board on behalf of the participants in the Multicultural Conversation.

Governance

The primary goal is to establish a better model for the Executive Director's annual review. Erik and Sue will work on this.

Practice Discipleship

Affirmations for Catherine Anderson's work to help us achieve the goals in this area.

Elections

The Chairperson and Secretary positions are open annually. Erik and Valerie are willing to continue to serve in these roles.

Motion to approve Erik Ullestad and Valerie Taylor-Samuel as a slate made by Julie. Seconded by Tom. Motion carried.

Wrap-Up

Julie Miller bid the Board farewell after six years of service.