

Network Regional Facilitators

Why we need regional facilitators:

- Ensure regional representation
- Create regional connections
- Be aware of and harness unique needs and gifts of individual regions

Desired outcomes of Regional Facilitators:

- Facilitate and communicate the Network to the region
- Increasing regional involvement in the Network
- Discover and respond to regional needs
- Work with the staff to be the hands as well as ears and eyes of the Network
- Increased Network membership within regions
- Strong relationships with synods and synod staff
- Help cultivate culture of healthy children, youth and family ministers

Skills necessary in prospective regional facilitators:

- Awareness of unique culture of the region
- Communication skills; written and oral
- Relationship building
- Encouraging, organized and outgoing
- Passionate about the mission of the Network
- Understanding of role and responsibilities
- Team player
- Resource to their region
- Self-starter, leader

Attributes of a Regional Facilitator:

- A member of an ELCA congregation
- Experienced in youth and family ministry
- Knowledgeable and influential in their region

Functions of a Regional Facilitator:

- Expand the base of leadership in the network
- Serve as a connector

- Accountable to staff and owners (Network Members)
- Strategic and emerging networks can be represented by additional facilitators by the will of the board
- Selected regionally prior to the Extravaganza for a 3 year term renewable once.
- The facilitator will be removed from the responsibilities in the event that they are no longer fulfilling the expectations, they move outside of the region, they leave youth and family ministry, they leave the ELCA (as their role is directly related to their ability to connect with and work on behalf of ELCA Children, Youth and Family ministries and ministers.)
- There will be a brief lunch meeting of the facilitators at the Extravaganza following the conclusion of the event introducing roles, giving a basic orientation, and creating a plan for the coming year.

Job Description

- Communicate as necessary with the region
- Market the Network and Extravaganza as resources
- Create and facilitate local networks within region with representatives from each synod
- Connect different parts of youth and family from areas such as outdoor ministry, campus ministry, ELCA colleges, synodical leaders, and congregational staff
- Support, uplift, and connect youth and family ministry in urban, rural, and suburban settings be done by full-time, part-time, and volunteer staff – lay or clergy.
- Be present at programmatic functions of the region including but not limited to youth leader training events and other gatherings of their constituents.
- Responsibilities may vary by region and can be brought forth by the regional caucus at the time of election.
- Attend the annual Extravaganza.
- Communicate with and report to Network staff.
- The facilitators will report directly to the staff. If the staff so chooses, they ask that the group chooses a convener to work closely with them.