



## Vocational Discernment Opportunities for Young Adults

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### Project Connect - Calling Leaders for a Changing World

The world is most certainly changing...as Christians, we stand firm in our commitment to get involved in this world as God calls for us to do - "to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God". (Micah 6:8).

Project Connect is all about **young adults** who want to consider the whole range of possibilities that God has provided for making this world a better place.

We are dedicated to helping you find opportunities to be involved in service to the world, the church, and individuals, in ways that will change the world while giving you an opportunity to discern God's call for a lifetime of service and ministry.

Here are some opportunities that are available to you:

- An **internet web site** [www.projectconnect.org](http://www.projectconnect.org) - A source of information for those who want to discern God's purpose for their lives, stay connected with the church and its opportunities for leadership and discernment.
- A cadre of **Discernment Advocates**: pastors who love their work and want to share with you the excitement that comes from making a positive difference in this world.
- If you aren't currently enrolled in a program of higher education, we encourage you to explore the possibility of applying for or transferring to a **Lutheran College or University**. They offer chaplains and campus programs that will help you stay connected to the church and encourage you to consider the ways that God is calling you. Visit the Project Connect website for more information regarding the colleges and universities of the ELCA.
- If you are a college student, **Lutheran Campus Ministries** are located at many public and private colleges and universities. They offer great programs and activities to keep you connected with the church and provide many service opportunities throughout the school year. Call or email us at Project Connect and we'll also be able to help you find a **Lutheran congregation** that's near your campus.
- **Lutheran Student Movement** has activities at many colleges and universities. They sponsor regional LSM retreats. The LSM National Gathering, held each year during the Christmas break, is an awesome opportunity for inspiration and staying connected with other Christian students. The Project Connect website has a direct link to the website for Lutheran Student Movement.

- Work at a **Lutheran Camp** for the summer. Go to the strategic partners tab on our website and click on ELCA Outdoor Ministries for a complete listing of camps and retreat centers in the East. Or contact the Project Connect office and we'll help you get connected with the right camp for you.
- **Project Connect Immersion** experiences offer summer-long or school-year opportunities for working in a congregation by serving in many of the ways that pastors serve. These Immersion experiences offer a stipend of \$2,500. Information and application materials can be downloaded from the Project Connect website or contact the office for more information.
- **Project Connect Competitive Mini-Grants** are experiences that can be designed for the summer, full-time, or for the academic year, part-time. They take place with the sponsorship of a particular congregation. A Competitive Mini-Grant is a ministry experience that has been designed by the young adult applying for the grant. Grants can be designed with budgets of up to \$5,000, of which \$2,500 can be included as a stipend for the recipient. Information and application materials can be downloaded from the Project Connect website or contact the office for more information.
- Summer-long opportunities for exploring your life direction are available through **Servant Summer**. These are individualized community service projects in Lutheran social service agencies and similar settings along the East Coast. There's a link to Servant Summer from the Project Connect website.
- There are many summer jobs and internships, as well as long-term employment opportunities, available through agencies and institutions affiliated with **Lutheran Services in America**. Contact Project Connect for information on how to contact this federation of Lutheran ministries, the biggest charitable organization in the USA.
- You can make a commitment for being involved in service ministry for a whole year with the **Lutheran Volunteer Corps**. There are volunteer houses in major cities throughout the USA. Volunteers make a commitment to working for peace and justice, sustainable lifestyle, and living in community. There's a direct link from the Project Connect website to that for Lutheran Volunteer Corps.
- Are you interested in a year of service with a global focus? **Young Adult Global Missions** might be just the thing for you. There's a link to their website from the Project Connect website.

**STAY CONNECTED!**  
**[www.projectconnect.org](http://www.projectconnect.org)**

Please use and visit often the Project Connect website often. The website, which is updated constantly, offers lots of information for you because all of us in the ELCA want you to stay connected to the church!

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