

LUTHERAN-EPISCOPAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Metropolitan Washington, D.C.
GUIDELINES

I. Purpose:

The Lutheran-Episcopal Joint Coordinating Committee shall work to support a comprehensive reception of the full communion agreement between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Episcopal Church USA by encouraging ongoing cooperation, joint ministry and common witness in all aspects of the Church's life.

II. Membership:

The Joint Committee represents three synods/dioceses: the Metropolitan Washington DC Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, and the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia.

The committee shall consist of the ecumenical officers (*ex officio*) plus two representatives (clergy or lay) from each jurisdiction.

The Canon-Ecumenist from the Washington National Cathedral may be invited to participate as a member.

The committee also may invite a representative from one of the full communion partner churches with which either the ELCA or the Episcopal Church has established such a relationship; and it may invite an observer from communions not in a full communion relationship with Lutherans and/or Episcopalians.

Lutheran and Episcopal members are appointed by the bishops, one per year, and may be reappointed.

The Chair of the committee shall rotate annually among the three local Lutheran and Episcopal jurisdictions named above.

III. Meetings:

The Coordinating Committee will meet at least four times per year. The committee shall arrange at least an annual meeting with the bishops for evaluation and future planning.

IV. Reports:

The committee shall keep minutes of all meetings and keep an archive of the minutes. The ecumenical officers shall submit annual reports of the committee's activities to their respective synod or diocese. Annual reports may be forwarded to the national Joint Coordinating Committee.

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