

Yes, I would like to participate in a Colleague Group!!

Name: _____

Church: _____

Phone: _____

1. What type of group are you interested in?

2. Would you consider being the facilitator of this group? Yes No

3. Who do you think might be interested in this group?

Want to be part of a group where you know you will be heard, affirmed and supported in life and in ministry, with rostered ministers who pray and play together? Then a Colleague Group is for you..



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**COLLEAGUE
GROUPS**

Northeastern Iowa Synod, ELCA

A Ministry for Rostered Ministers

What are Colleague Groups?

Colleague Groups are small groups of people in ministry—especially rostered ministers—who meet regularly for personal and ministry support, encouragement, prayer and spiritual feeding.

Colleague Groups are intentional and structured. They meet periodically as determined by the group.

Colleague Groups were developed as a way of encouraging collegiality and relationship building in ministry and to enhance spiritual growth.

Colleague Groups are meant to be a safe place for colleagues to share personal and ministry related experiences and challenges, to give and receive support and prayer, to give and receive peer review, to develop skills and knowledge, and to grow in their relationship with the Triune God.

Is there a CG for Me?

Colleague Groups can have special focus, e.g.:

- Parish Pastors and/or Deacons
- Interim Pastors
- Lay Professionals
- Youth Ministers
- Senior Pastors
- First Call Pastors and Deacons

Colleague Groups may also be formed around certain topics such as:

- Spiritual Growth
- Evangelism
- General Support
- Gender
- Health Issues
- Staff Pastors and/or Deacons

How do I become involved in a CG?

- To begin a new group: Gather a group of colleagues together, agree on a facilitator, then contact the Assistant to the Bishop for Rostered Leadership at the synod office.
- To join an existing group: Contact one of the Colleague Group members or the synod office.

In a Colleague Group, we celebrate the rhythm of life, joys and sorrows, laughter and tears, giving and receiving, with colleagues in ministry in a safe and trusting environment.

What will be expected of me if I become a CG Facilitator?

As a CG facilitator you will be responsible for:

- Arranging and communicating meeting times and places.
- Facilitating meetings.
- Attendance at an annual facilitator meeting at the synod office.
- Reporting annually to the Assistant to the Bishop for Rostered Leadership.

A Colleague Group is a place to share joys, concerns and issues of life and ministry in a trusting, caring and honest environment.

What kind of support will I receive as a CG Facilitator?

As a CG facilitator you will receive:

- Help getting started in your new role.
- \$100 stipend each year you continue as leader.
- Support and ideas at an annual gathering of facilitators.