

Dear Partners in Ministry,

Did you know there is a new project of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the [**Church Property Resource Hub**](#)?

Developed in response to requests from synod and congregational leaders, the Church Property Resource Hub offers support in navigating the opportunities and challenges that buildings and land represent for congregational vitality and the wider mission of the church.



COURSES &
RESOURCES



SUPPORT
FORUM



SUCCESS
STORIES

Find **resources** and expand your knowledge of church property management through templates, guides, explainers; and **courses**.

Share advice and get support from colleagues with experience answering property management questions, all on our digital **forum** (forthcoming).

Be inspired by **success stories** of faith communities using underutilized space in exciting new ways to fulfill their missions.

The Church Property Resource Hub is ...

... an online platform that connects congregations and synod leaders to information, organizations and guidance on effective, faith-driven management of church property.

The Church Property Resource Hub is NOT ...

... an attempt by the churchwide organization to take control of congregations' property. Local churches hold the title and deed to their property; their right to make independent decisions about the use, management and future of their property is codified in the ELCA constitution and churches' individual constitutions.

The Church Property Resource Hub is led by the Rev. Sarah Jones (program director), Deacon Sarah Kretschmann (digital communications manager) and the Rev. Tim Brown (director of congregational stewardship). This team is reaching out across the ELCA, our sibling denominations and the many organizations and businesses that focus on church property, to collect, curate and disseminate information that synods and congregations need.

In these first months of the project, the Church Property Resource Hub team has:

- Invited all 65 of the synods across the ELCA to connect with the new initiative
- Published 15+ new FREE church property resources for faith leaders
- Hosted monthly webinars featuring experts in church property
- Sent monthly newsletters to leaders throughout the ELCA and beyond
- Gathered 12+ stories of congregations' innovative space and land projects
- Launched the new Church Property Resource Hub online Support Forum for resource sharing and support
- Developed eLearning courses for rostered and lay leaders to building their skills in managing church property

We encourage you to access the following resources as you navigate church property opportunities and challenges:

- **[Join the Church Property Resource Hub Online Community on LeadNet!](#)**
- **[Explore resources available to you today.](#)**
- **[Sign up for e-newsletters to receive invitations to future webinars and the latest resources.](#)**

We are grateful to do this work together. Please reach out to CPRH@elca.org with any questions or to set up an individualized meeting.

Grace and peace,



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