

***“How Do I Know if the
Congregational Lay-leadership Initiative (CLI)
Is Right for My Church?”***

Churches that should seriously consider pursuing the CLI lay-led congregational ministry model include those in the following situations:

1. If you are a smaller congregation that has been unable to find a pastor to fill your current vacancy; and especially if you have been without a pastor for over eighteen months.
2. If your post-Covid worship attendance average is less than 50 on a typical Sunday.
3. If you have capable lay leaders—who are active retirees or younger—who you suspect (or know) have particular ministry gifts and abilities.
4. If you suspect your members are ready and willing to consider a lay-led ministry strategy that would not necessarily depend on finding and calling an ordained pastor.

Lutheran CORE’s Congregational Lay-leadership Initiative (CLI) might be just what your church needs at this time in its history. CLI can benefit your ministry whether or not you have an organized call committee. If you are still searching for a new pastor the CLI model can serve as your interim ministry strategy; organizing and training your lay leaders to fulfill various pastoral roles. Or, if you are not still searching for a pastor, CLI can become your long-term ministry strategy moving forward.

Is there any financial cost involved in our assisting you with the implementation of the CLI ministry model? While a one-time \$100 financial contribution to Lutheran CORE would be appreciated, it is not required.

Read the resource, “How Your Congregation Can Identify, Enlist and Train Part-time Lay Ministers” for all the steps involved in pursuing this ministry strategy. You will find this resource on this same Lutheran CORE website. Contact me directly if you have any questions.

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