

Who can be a member of L.S.A.?

- Church Office Staff
- Christian Education Directors
- Youth Directors
- Music Directors
- Parish Administrators
- Preschool Directors
- AIMs (Associates in Ministry)
- Parish Assistants
- Youth & Family Coordinators
- Parish Nurses
- Deacons, Deaconesses

Annual membership in L.S.A. is \$25. If you are a paid staff member in a Lutheran church or agency, you can hold "active" (voting) membership in L.S.A. If you serve as a volunteer or have an interest in supporting lay ministry, you can hold an "associate" (non-voting) membership for the same fee.

Mission Statement

...to affirm, uphold and clarify the role of professional Lutheran lay ministry; and to encourage, promote and provide for individual development through education and training.

Lutheran Staff Association of the Northwest
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(formerly APLLM; the Association of
Professional Lutheran Lay Ministers of the
Northwest)



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Lutheran Staff Association

What is L.S.A.?

- Lutheran Staff Association is a pan-Lutheran group of non-clergy employees serving Lutheran congregations, agencies and in specialized settings.
- Our Association was formed in 1960 under the name of Church Staff Worker's Association of the Northwest. We became Association of Professional Lutheran Lay Ministers (APLLM) in 1988 to conform to the national organization's name. In 1998, we began the process to change our name to the Lutheran Staff Association to have a less cumbersome title. At the 2000 conference the official name change took place. .
- Our membership is drawn from Lutheran congregations and agencies in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. We are funded by membership dues, judicatory support, and donations.

What does L.S.A. do?

Lutheran Staff Association promotes individual development for non-clergy staff. We provide opportunities for education, inspiration, training, and networking for mutual support to our members.

In the early part of each year we hold a 4-day conference to provide you with opportunities to learn and laugh, sing and pray, grow in faith and connect with others working in similar ministries.

Many congregations provide continuing education funds for their non-clergy staff so they can attend the L.S.A. conference annually. Your own spiritual growth as well as the ministry of your church or agency will be enhanced by your participation in this event.

Statement of Belief

We believe non-clergy employees provide valuable ministry to the congregations and agencies of the Lutheran church. We believe these dedicated individuals need and deserve opportunities for professional and spiritual growth specific to their service. L.S.A. seeks to provide this opportunity and actively encourages support of this mission from judicatories, congregations and interested individuals.

How you can support L.S.A.:

- Join as an active or associate member.
- Encourage your congregation's staff to attend the annual conference.
- Encourage your congregation to provide continuing education funds and time away for your office and program non-clergy staff to attend the annual conference.
- Copy this brochure and give it to other Lutheran non-clergy staff in your area.
- Monetary donations to support our conferences are welcome!

Who governs L.S.A.?

There are six (6) L.S.A. Board Members who volunteer their time and gifts to help the association. Board Members are elected by the membership to three (3) year terms.

The Board meets three or four times over the year to plan the annual conference and carry out the business of this association. Information about L.S.A. is distributed by the Board to interested individuals, churches, agencies and others in an effort to build an atmosphere for lay ministry as a whole.

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