



Accompaniment for LGBTQ Candidates

Candidate-driven accompaniment for LGBTQ people seeking to be rostered leaders in the Lutheran church

For those entering, in, or returning to the candidacy process

Rooted in our history of helping LGBTQ people follow a call to ministry

Working in partnership with denominations as an independent, reforming voice

Backed by an Advisory Team that oversees the overall work of the Accompaniment Program

Are you an LGBTQ person seeking to become a rostered leader in the Lutheran Church?

Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries is available to provide appropriate and desired accompaniment, mentoring, coaching, and advocacy as you enter or return to the candidacy process or seek your first call. We have a grassroots network of people experienced with LGBTQ people in the Lutheran candidacy and first call process who can provide guidance for you. Consultation is also available in relation to materials that need to be submitted at various points in the candidacy process.

How does it work?

- Check out our webpage www.elm.org/candidacy for materials and resources, including [*The Mysteries of the Ages - a handy guide for LGBTQ people exploring or preparing for rostered ministry in the ELCA.*](#)
- We're available for a variety of support including: reading paperwork or essays for candidacy, being a sounding board or consultant in your process, providing coaches for first call candidates, and more. Be in touch!
- Once you've been entranced, we invite you to join [Proclaim](#), the professional community for Lutheran rostered leaders and those preparing for rostered leadership who publicly identify as LGBTQ. This connects the candidate with others in similar or parallel situations
- We strongly encourage all seminarians and candidates awaiting call to attend the annual national [Proclaim Gathering](#). This can be a vital time to connect with your colleagues and get resources for those already in calls. The Gathering is open to members of Proclaim.

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