

Director for Congregational Engagement

Position Purpose:

The Director for Congregational Engagement initiates and sustains mutually enhancing partnerships between PLU and the congregations and synods of Region I of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and faith communities of all traditions that share PLU's mission in the Tacoma/Seattle region. The Director is an integral member of the Campus Ministry team and collaborates closely with the Office of the President, Advancement, Admissions, Marketing and Communications, and the Faculty.

Position priorities and areas of accountability:

- Initiate, promote, and manage outreach, communication, and facilitation for collaboratively identified programs between PLU and faith communities that enhance and are supportive of their respective missions.
- Serve as a member of the Campus Ministry team contributing to its mission especially the Partner Chaplain program and campus worship.
- Assist the Office of the President in recruiting, encouraging, and informing Member Representatives from Region 1 and assisting with the Annual Meeting of the PLU Corporation.
- Convene a Roundtable including representatives from the Office of the President, Marketing and Communications, the Center for Community Engagement and Service, Admissions, and Advancement in order to strategize, initiate, foster, and track partnerships between PLU and faith communities.
- Contribute to the long standing investment of the Lutheran Studies Chair, Religion faculty, and the Wild Hope Center for Vocation in relating to regional faith communities and promoting shared opportunities for learning that include, but are not limited to retreats, conferences, and workshops.
- Facilitate connections between students, faculty, staff, and local faith communities as relevant to their faith/spiritual development including learning, vocation, service, engagement with social justice issues, and other outcomes.
- Arrange for appropriate representation of PLU at meetings of the ELCA colleges, church wide meetings, synod assemblies, and other church-related gatherings.
- Serve as an advocate and champion for Lutheran Higher Education (LHE), and the experience of LHE at PLU.

Qualifications:

Required:

- 5-7 years of service as an ELCA rostered minister (pastor or deacon) or deep and proven experience with and commitment to Lutheran congregations and other faith communities and Pacific Lutheran University
- Evidence of strength in collaboration, consultation, innovation, problem solving, and community building
- Skilled in public speaking and written communication and confident in large and small groups
- Comfortable with social media and the use of digital communication to reach out to and engage with faith communities
- Well-developed intercultural capacity and commitment to social justice

Preferred:

- Prior leadership experience in a higher education setting
- Experience in facilitation, event planning, and creative and effective uses of technology for communication and program delivery
- Knowledge of congregations in Region 1 of the ELCA and other faith communities in the Tacoma/Seattle region that support PLU's mission

Salary Range:

- \$25,000—\$30,000 (0.5 FTE) plus pro-rated benefits.

Reports to:

- Office of the President

Interested persons should send a PDF of their current Rostered Minister Profile or, if you are not a rostered ELCA minister, a resume along with a cover letter and references to the Southwestern Washington Synod Bishop's office at swwsynod@plu.edu by April 1, 2017.