

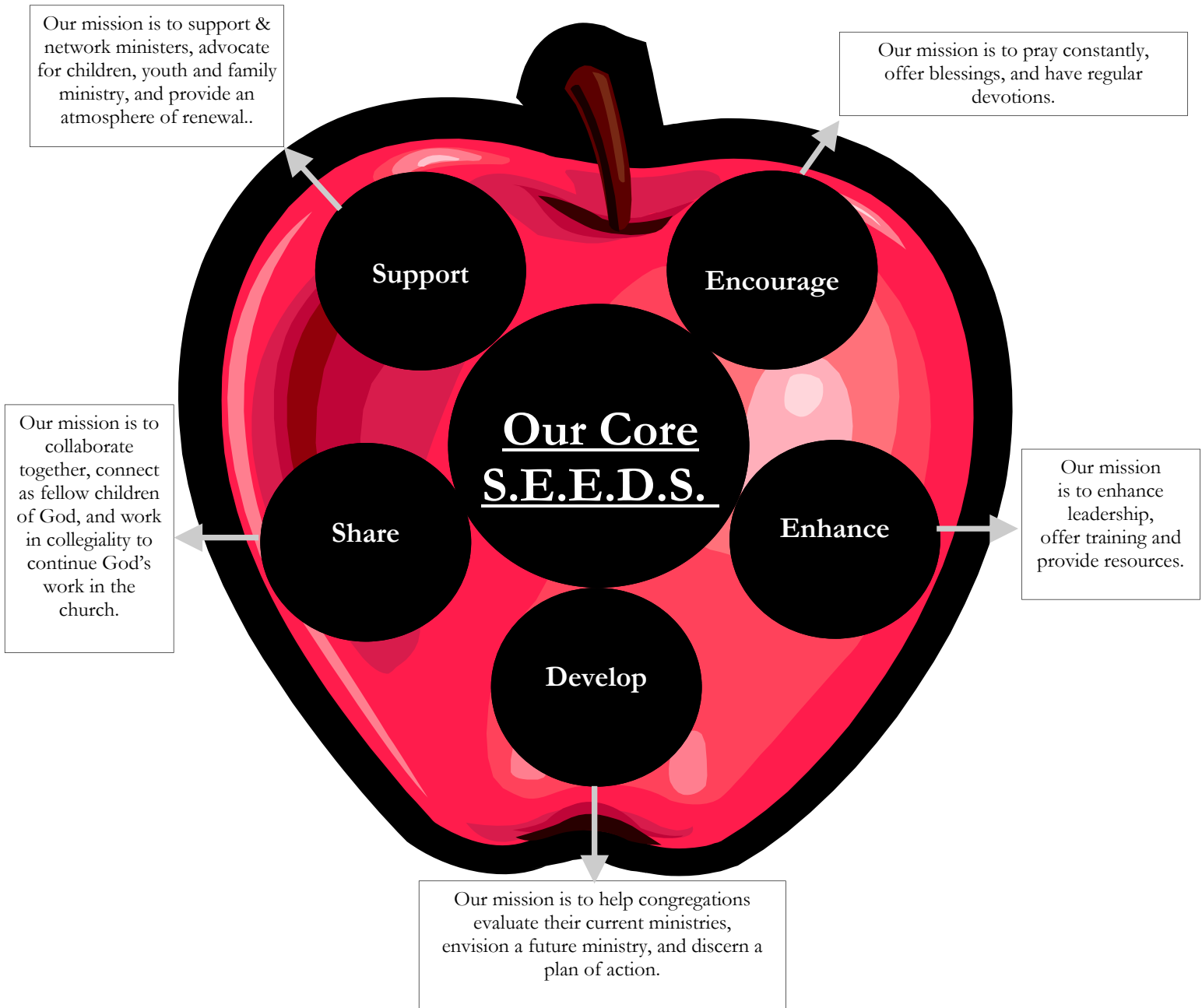


**CYF (Children, Youth & Family)
Ministry Steering Committee
Minneapolis Area Synod & Saint Paul Area Synods**
Core Vision and Values

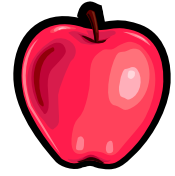


Our mission statement:

"To Support, Encourage, Enhance and Develop children, youth, and family ministries as they effectively Share the Good News of Jesus Christ."



The S.E.E.D.S. of our ministry – Support, Encourage, Enable, Develop, Share



Gatherings For Youth Ministry Leaders

Hosting Ascension Day Breakfast, welcome lunches for new leaders, a networking lunch at the Extravaganza, plus support and resourcing for various local youth ministry networks

Training Events

Sponsoring various training events for volunteers and professionals in children, youth and family ministries, and Christian education – such as the January Recharge, Next Steps in Exemplary Youth Ministry, Safeguarding God's Children, and Healthy Relationships/Boundaries Seminars

Scholarships

Providing scholarships for adult ministry leaders for continuing education events and conferences, i.e. *Passing on the Faith, Peer Ministry, and ELCA Youth Ministry Network's Extravaganza*

Resources

Development of resources such as compensation guidelines for CYF leaders, call process document, resource directory of local contacts, agencies, and organizations in CYF ministries

Partnerships with Resource Groups

ELCA Youth Ministries/Gathering Team, ELCA Youth Ministry Network, ELCA Bible Camps, ELCA Colleges, Youth Leadership, Youth Encounter, Luther Seminary, Search Institute, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, The Youth & Family Ministry Institute, and The Exemplar Youth Ministry Study Team.

Synodical Communication and Support for Youth and Family Ministers.

Synodical Staff (Jo Mueller and Susan Miller), Synod websites, Y&FM Directory, email listserv, "Connections" newsletter, various mailings, and Salary Compensation Guidelines.

Celebration of Confirmation

Annual gathering for confirmation students from ELCA congregations from across the metro area

Companion Synod Connections

Liepzig and Tanzania connections & trips for senior high youth

ELCA National Youth Gathering

Adult leader training, communication, and scholarship fund for inner city congregations

LYNC – Lutheran Youth Networking in Christ

Linking youth & adult leaders through shared events, communications, bridging congregations, and leadership development; also connecting to ELCA Churchwide Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO)