

# What is Justice, Discipleship and Stewardship?

The names for our Missions have been changed at churchwide and now the synods are in the process of changing the names also. The descriptions of the different things have not really changed just the titles have. We in Southeastern Iowa are trying to keep up with the change. So from now on we are Justice, Discipleship and Stewardship.

## *Justice*

- a: justice is faith in action; it addresses inequities in political, economic and social systems;
- b: justice is equity and impartiality, mercy and compassion;
- c: justice includes serving God in ways that bring healing and wholeness to the church, the society and the world;

Women of the ELCA justice initiatives include combating commercial sexual exploitation, human trafficking and supporting families with special needs through our online resources. We advocate for racial and cultural equity through our anti-racism training and our cross-cultural programming.

Women active in Women of the ELCA also work for justice by supporting partner organizations who lift up women and children such as the [1,000 Days Movement](#), [Lutheran World Relief](#), and the [Women's Funding Network](#).

## *Discipleship*

- a: discipleship is a lifelong journey of living out and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.
- b: disciples are followers of Jesus who are intent on carrying out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19–20) and the Great Command (Acts 1:8).

Women of the ELCA participants are active disciples in many ways. They practice the seven marks of discipleship: praying, studying, worshiping, inviting, encouraging, serving, and giving. Whether it be making quilts and health and school kits for [Lutheran World Relief](#) or [studying the Bible together](#), or assisting in worship, they grow in faith and share what they've learned with friends and neighbors.

## *Stewardship*

- a. stewardship is careful and responsible management of the money, property, and resources that God has entrusted us.
- b. stewardship is providing for the ministries that God has entrusted to our care

Women of the ELCA encourages and equips women to consider their responsibility and capacity for stewardship. We create educational resources about giving and managing money, including devotions, Bible studies, and program materials for individuals and small groups.

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Katie's Fund, and more in the [Stewardship Guide](#), *Providing for Mission and Ministry*. And, share the [monthly stewardship devotion](#) with the women in your congregation.