



#BETTERTOGETHER
#ELCASCHOOLSANDCENTERS



CONNECT-DEVELOP-INSPIRE



CHURCH AND SCHOOL: TOGETHER IN MINISTRY

A self-study guide to
Congregations and
Education Centers operating
TOGETHER IN MINISTRY to
transform lives and change
communities for the good.

ELCA Schools and Learning Centers
1301 E. Main St. #3215
Carbondale, IL 62901
800-500-7644
www.elcaschools.org

Church and School: Together in Ministry

REVIEWING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Church and School: Together in Ministry



Strengthen Relationships.
Build Community.

Provides a positive and proactive process for reviewing the relationship between church and school or center in four areas.

What

Congregations and Education Centers operating TOGETHER IN MINISTRY transform lives and change communities for the good. The self-study provides a positive and proactive process for reviewing this relationship by covering four areas:

Educational Philosophy and Mission
Professional Personnel
Faith Development
Governance

Details

Making the commitment to complete the Together in Ministry self-study will enable congregations, schools, and centers to communicate a shared Mission and Vision to children, families, congregational members, and the community at large.

Ask Why

Open with asking “why?” Invite the self-study team members to answer the following questions as prep work, then come together for discussion. This will provide the first step towards a shared understanding, building respect for one another, and establishing a productive working relationship. It will also indicate if more time is needed for research or clarification of answers. Keep the discussion general rather than personal, i.e. not about the pastor, administrator, or staff — but the ministries.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

An alignment of mission and ministry between church and school.

Helping children learn how much God loves them.

Incorporating faith into every aspect of the day through best practices.

Completed SMART Goal Action Plan defining your path forward.

Certificate of completion.

Why did the church's school/center ministry begin?

What is the congregation and school's purpose now?

Describe the current relationship between the congregation and school.