



CONGREGATIONAL APPLICATION

Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Complete and submit to:

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Name of Congregation: _____

Address: _____

Conference (include county if different from conference): _____

Pastor: _____

Name

Pronouns

Email

Phone

Love Revolution Lay Leaders

Person 1: _____

Name

Pronouns

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Phone

Person 2: _____

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Person 3: _____

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Person 4: _____

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Person 5: _____

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Congregation Leadership Teams consist of the pastor plus four or five lay people.

(Please complete the questions on the following pages.)

Please respond to the following essay questions in 200 words or less. Attach pages if needed.

1. How does the Love Revolution framework (Love God. Love Neighbor.) already exist in your congregation?

2. What do you hope will be different in your congregation by participating in Love Revolution?

3. How do you hope your community/neighborhood will change because of the Love Revolution process?

4. What factor(s) lead you to believe your congregation is ready now for this change?

Live among God's faithful people: (1 is not like us, 5 is a lot like us)

Our members connect with each other outside of church functions	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5
Our congregation has a sense of being part of the wider community	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5
Our congregation connects with and is welcoming of new people	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5

Hear God's Word and share in the Lord's Supper: (1 is not like us, 5 is a lot like us)

The congregation engages in the study of scripture outside worship	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5
This congregation has a sense of spiritual practices (prayer, devotions)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5
This congregation sees being part of the body of Christ as central to its mission.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5

Proclaim the Good News of Jesus in word and deed: (1 is not like us, 5 is a lot like us)

The community tells stories of how Jesus is at work in their lives	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5
In this community the gospel's Good News can be heard regularly	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5
In this congregation people are eager to talk about Jesus with others	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5

Serve all people, following the example of Jesus: (1 is not like us, 5 is a lot like us)

In this community we regularly engage in serving our neighbors in need	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5
This community seeks out new ways to serve people	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5
This community takes inventory of the gifts in the congregation	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5
Our congregation actively listens to the needs of our neighbors	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5

Strive for justice and peace in all the earth: (1 is not like us, 5 is a lot like us)

This community talks about justice issues—economic (poverty, hunger, homelessness), war, racial, environmental, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5
This congregation actively engages in social actions to effect change (demonstrations, community organizing, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5
Our congregation has prayed for peace	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5

Please complete the following questions related to your congregation's eligibility and commitment.

<p>Program Participation</p> <p>Is your team able to commit to the full two-year process?</p> <p><i>All pastors and lay leaders must commit to the full two-year process. This includes representation from the congregation at all seven of the formation events and retreats, in addition to participation in monthly coaching sessions.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO. Comments:</p>
<p>Mentoring availability</p> <p>Will some of your team members be able to mentor future waves of love Revolution for one to two years?</p> <p><i>At least two people per team commit to additional mentoring for the next congregational cohort. This should include the pastor if the congregation is not in pastoral transition.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO. Comments:</p>
<p>Diverse representation</p> <p>Does most the congregation's membership identify as BIPOC (black, indigenous, people of color) or those whose primary language is not English? Or does the congregation's leadership come from historically underrepresented communities?</p> <p><i>At least 20% of congregations selected will have diverse representation.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO. Comments:</p>
<p>Changed/Changing demographics</p> <p>Do you find that the demographics of the congregation's surrounding community are changing? What have you noticed?</p> <p><i>We will select participating congregations with a preference for communities with a changed or changing demographic.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO. Comments:</p>
<p>Annual reporting</p> <p>Are you able to commit to being part of the annual reporting process for both the Lilly Endowment as well as synodical communications about how Love Revolution is changing your congregation?</p> <p><i>Participants are asked to provide input for SEPA Synod's annual program evaluation and reporting to the Lilly Endowment.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO. Comments:</p>