

2023-2024
TABLE LIFE AT
River of HOPE
LUTHERAN CHURCH



We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Why does River of Hope have Tables instead of Committees?

Because we gather around the table, Christ's table, each week in worship, we believe that confession and forgiveness through Jesus Christ is what centers us, grounds us, and sets us free to follow Jesus in our daily lives. So, we meet around tables to do ministry through River of Hope. The purpose is for them to bring life to the world by following the example of Jesus. So that means YOU are invited to serve!

Here are the qualifications for serving on a table:

- Passion. You are invigorated about faith, about the ministry of River of Hope, about sharing God's love both inside and outside River of Hope.
- Commitment to reading scripture and praying. No experts. Just learners.
- Participation. You participate in the life of River of Hope.
- Support. You financially support the life of River of Hope.

How do tables make decisions?

All table members are called to hold River of Hope's purpose as central to all that we do: *We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ*. River of Hope's Guiding Principles also shape decisions. All table members are called to consider seriously these principals, our core values, as they make decisions for River of Hope's purpose in the world. All decisions are made by consensus with no one's voice going unheard.

Guiding Principles

[Remember, disciple=learn]

God is God and we are not.

We are called to grow together as disciples: to forgive, to teach, to love.

Disciples are inspired by the Holy Spirit to take risks.

Disciples work for God's justice.

Disciples serve with no strings attached.

Disciples invite and welcome through loving acceptance.

We meet you where you are.

For the sake of good order, tables...

- Know their purpose. They shouldn't meet just to meet but have a clear purpose for meeting. If the table meets its end, then thank the people for that season and see what's next.
- Put meeting locations and times on church calendar.
- Appoint a chair
- At each meeting take minutes and submit them to Pastor Hans and the River of Hope Office Administrator.

Table Purposes & People

RIVER TABLE [elected]: The River Table will have elected members that serve one and two-year terms. Working in tandem with the Vision Table, each member will relate to another table as a communicator and will help to support and equip that table with resources.

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VISION TABLE [open]: The Vision Table's purpose is to keep God's mission to love the world in the forefront of decision-making. This table will help ask questions to reflect on where we have been and where God's Spirit is leading us anew.

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STEWARDSHIP TABLE [open]: The Stewardship Table's purpose is to ask the following questions: *How are we using our time, talent and treasure to transform lives through Jesus Christ?* and *How can we help make this happen?*

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PARISH PERSONNEL TABLE [open]: The Parish Personnel Table's purpose is to help facilitate and promote healthy and effective work atmosphere for all employees and called pastors of River of Hope. They maintain working job descriptions of church employees, conduct an annual review of the pastor, and assist in hiring additional church employees.

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC – WAM [open]: The Worship and Music Table's purpose is to engage in and re-shape the worship life of River of Hope, innovating out of our rich Lutheran tradition to create a dynamic, participatory, and holy worship that reflects the love of the Triune God.

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COVID-19 RESPONSE TABLE [open]: This Table has not been active lately but has kept you in the loop through the pandemic.

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“WE GO OUT” OUTREACH TABLE [open]: We Go Out to serve, We Go Out to educate, We Go Out to advocate. Our Table is charged with organizing WGO events for River of Hope. We provide opportunities to live out the mission of our church. Non-table members are also invited to brainstorm ideas, lead events, and participate. We work alongside the Faith Formation Table.

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FAITH FORMATION TABLE [open]: This table is involved in lifelong faith formation for all ages. We work in conjunction with the We Go Out table to coordinate intergenerational servant and fellowship events to provide opportunities to grow in faith and “proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace” (Baptism service, Evangelical Lutheran Worship p. 228). This table also oversees Confirmation (7th –10th grade), Headwaters (toddler – 6th grade), and a variety of other youth and family activities, including summer camps.

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GATHERING TABLE [open]: The Gathering Table is called upon whenever food is needed. Examples would be Headwaters/Confirmation, preparing food for members of our church family, or making cookies for Pastor Hans to share on his visits. This table is currently under reconstruction as the pandemic recedes.

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