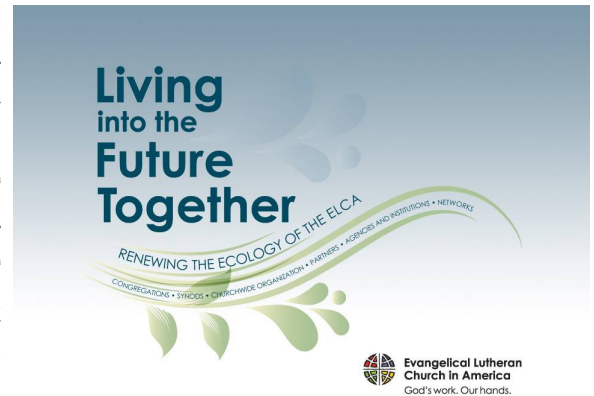




## PREFACE

TABLE TALK has been a venerable Lutheran tradition since Martin Luther gathered his family and friends at the dinner table for food and conversation. This Churchwide Assembly provides us the opportunity to carry on this tradition. Among the important issues to address at this assembly are the LIFT report and its implementing resolutions. In order to spur reflection and conversation about this important work, the LIFT task force asks you to talk with your dinner companions about one or more of the following questions. You also are welcome to engage your congregations in conversation about them.



## QUESTIONS

1. The LIFT report and recommendations emphasize that the ELCA needs to make **strengthening and supporting congregations** a priority. What could we do together to help strengthen your congregation?
2. A priority of the LIFT report is to nurture **evangelizing, missional congregations**. What does this phrase mean to you? What could this look like in your congregation? How can all of us work together to implement this priority?
3. The LIFT report emphasizes the importance of **synods as catalysts for mission and ministry**. How does your congregation interact with your synod? How might the relationship be deepened?
4. The LIFT report challenges this church to welcome **young people** and integrate them into its life. It also challenges us to live into our commitments to be **a diverse church**. In what ways are young people a vital part of your congregation? How has your congregation worked to become diverse? What can be done to address these challenges?
5. Developing leaders is an important emphasis in the LIFT report. What do you look for in a leader? What practical steps can be taken to encourage the development of leaders?