

Instructions for Alaska Synod Core Values Exercise

1. Gather your group and get them centered with a moment of silence and opening prayer (see the other sheet).
2. Divide people into small groups (no more than 5 people in a group).
3. Give each group a scripture text (see accompanying sheet).
4. Instructions for each group (also found on accompanying sheet):
 - A. Read your text together out loud.
 - B. Have each person write their answers on a slip of paper to the following:
 - a. As you look at the lessons above, what are some key values that you see your lesson emphasize?
 - b. When you think about core values you want your synod to embody, what values would you list as most essential in addition to those listed in the lessons above?
 - C. When everyone has written some things down, have each person share their lists. Don't discuss anyone's lists until everyone has shared their list.
 - D. As a group, when you think about these and how you want your synod to function, which values would you want to emphasize – **make a list of 5-7 values that your small group wants to share**. Bring them to the larger group by writing them on an easel paper. These will all be used to discuss the key values your congregation will then send in to the synod to help discern the synod's values.
5. Back in the large group. Have each small group share its group's final list of 5-7 values. **Discuss and refine the list to a single list of up to 7 values that comes from your ministry or congregation.**
6. Turn in a single/final list of up to 7 values from your congregation or ministry as a final contribution. If you want to submit your final results online, you can submit the results using the Google form in this link: <https://forms.gle/ctKFErKnbhpryDT98>
7. If you have questions or would rather email your list of up to 7 core values, you can use the email address AlaskaVisionELCA@Gmail.com to submit or ask for help.