

ELCA Educational Debt Task Force

Conversation questions with rostered ministers:

- What led you to pursue rostered ministry?
- What rostered ministry role(s) are you currently serving in?
- How did you come to take out educational loans? What went into that decision (or, how was the decision made for you)?
- How has carrying educational debt impacted you, personally? Your family? Your call process? Your ministry?
- What has the process been to pay down your educational debt?
 - What sacrifices, if any, have you had to make?
 - What support have you received (financial or otherwise), if any, from your congregation, your synod or the churchwide organization?
 - Is Public Service Loan Forgiveness an option that you have investigated?
- How do you think the fact that many rostered ministers carry educational debt will impact the ELCA in the long-term?
- What advice would you offer to the educational debt task force, as we continue our research and consider recommendations?

Conversation questions with candidates:

- What led you to pursue rostered ministry?
- What rostered ministry role(s) are you currently serving in and what might your ministry look like after graduation?
- How did you come to take out educational loans? What went into that decision (or, how was the decision made for you)?
- How has carrying educational debt impacted you, personally? Your family? Your candidacy process? Your ministry?
- How do you think the fact that many rostered ministers carry educational debt will impact the ELCA in the long-term?
- What advice would you offer to the educational debt task force, as we continue our research and consider recommendations?