

Network of ELCA Colleges and Universities

Mission and Strategic Plan - 2022 – 2025

Mission

The Network of ELCA Colleges and Universities articulates a vision for Lutheran higher education in North America that finds expression in the rich and diverse missions of its member institutions. To support the distinctive strengths of these institutions and their common calling in higher education, NECU sustains relationships among its member institutions and with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. NECU provides leadership development and other collaborative opportunities for its member institutions.

Strategic Plan, 2022-2025

GOAL I: Deepen the understanding of the rich diversity of Lutheran identity at NECU Institutions. **Strategy I:** Expand dialogue in and among NECU Institutions and develop a resource repository to support such dialogue.

Strategy 2: Affirm Diversity, Equity and Inclusion as a core commitment of Lutheran identity.

GOAL II: Enhance Lutheran distinctiveness through increased inter-institutional collaborations. Strategy 1: Increase opportunities for inter-institutional collaborations. Strategy 2: Strengthen leadership development opportunities.

GOAL III: Strengthen NECU's relationship with the ELCA. Strategy 1: Increase collaborations with the churchwide organization. Strategy 2: Improve ties with synods and congregations.

Member Institutions

Augsburg University Augustana College Augustana University Bethany College (Kansas) California Lutheran University Capital University Carthage College Concordia College (Moorhead, Minnesota) Finlandia University

Gettysburg College Grand View University Gustavus Adolphus College Lenoir–Rhyne University Luther College (Iowa) Luther College (SK, Canada) Midland University Muhlenberg College Newberry College Pacific Lutheran University Roanoke College St. Olaf College Susquehanna University Texas Lutheran University Thiel College Wagner College Wartburg College Wittenberg University

