

What is an Associate in Ministry?

An Associate in Ministry is a rostered lay professional in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America who is called to equip and empower others on their faith journey. AiMs may be called to serve in a variety of areas, including education, youth ministry, music, administration, or parish nursing. They have completed theological education in addition to education in their field of service. AiMs are connected not only to their local congregation but to the synodical and church wide expressions of the church as well. AiMs submit an annual report to their synod bishop, and complete 50 hours of continuing education each year.