

# LPF Board Member Functions, Activities, Commitments. . .

## KEY LPF BOARD ROLES:

### 1. **policy setting**

- a. help focus, prepare for, and participate in board zoom/conference calls (generally every 4-8 weeks)
- b. help discuss and make wise decisions on program priorities, outreach, budget, etc. help with followup
- c. read and respond to board materials; support effective, collaborative board process, decision-making
- d. invest ongoing time, energy and leadership in at least one program area and one organizational area...

### 2. **help develop and support LPF issue education, advocacy, and program development**

- a. encourage peace with justice activity, e.g. by sharing advocacy and program updates, blogs, calls for action, resources – in members' church, youth group, school, community, personal & LPF networks...
- b. stay current with peace & justice activity in Lutheran circles and strong activist groups (e.g. FOR zoom)
- c. help shape, write, edit, disseminate LPF advocacy alerts, resources, leaders guides, social media, etc.

### 3. **help make LPF stronger as an organization, growing in numbers, resources, and effectiveness**

- a. email, call, send letters/intros to potential members on LPF activity, involvement, fundraising, issues
- b. invite LPF members and people you know to become more active, to share their activity with others
- c. encourage and support LPF leaders: staff, board, local leaders, peace partners, emerging leaders...
- d. help strengthen financial support of LPF with ideas, outreach, requests, contacts, personal donations...
- e. assist in implementing program, outreach, mutual support, admin. activities encouraged by our board

## LPF PROGRAM AREAS:

1. **Christian Peacemaking, Nonviolence:** The Biblical Vision of *Shalom*; Nonviolence activities, skills
2. **War and Militarism:** Military spending, Foreign policy, War prevention, Youth and military service...
3. **Family, Community Violence:** Gender/Media/Racial/Police/Gun...Violence; Conflict resolution skills
4. **Justice Issues:** Hunger, Poverty, Inequality, Climate Change, Addressing Racism/Sexism/Classism... To maximize our efforts, we work with and build on the efforts of other active groups, faith-based and secular.

LPF **board organizational contributions** include serving as officers – co-chair, secretary, treasurer – and helping with such activities as outreach, building support, finances, mailings, calls, data base, office tasks...

## CORE SERVICES OF LPF:

### a. **support for member activity, fellowship, and projects** – LPF

members around the country work on a wide range of peace and justice efforts in their church, community, school, & beyond... These include education, advocacy, local organizing, building congregation committees, nonviolent protest, education and action... We regularly do outreach to, and look for ways we can support activity of local members.

**b. workshops and trainings** in every key LPF issue area led by our leaders across the US, 800 in the past decade. A key focus has been training, support, and mentoring for leaders: We have led 240

leadership workshops in recent years, including 70 weekend and longer intensive Leadership Trainings in 20 states.

**c. education and advocacy resources** on a range of peace & justice efforts in member churches, schools, communities, and beyond... Includes several blog & *Facebook* posts a month; regular letters to members; a website with 120+ resources, e.g. a dozen engaging leaders guides with handouts; worship materials; an interactive computer activity on budget priorities; guides on violence against women, women in peace-making; our "Path of Hope" list & exhibit of 160 peace & justice movements & heroes throughout history...

**d. support within Lutheran Churches for moral deliberation and action** on issues of peace & justice; e.g. our Resolution on Nonviolence was endorsed by 140 congregations, 31 synods and the Churchwide Assembly, sparking much activity. LPF has led efforts for Lutherans to greatly impact defense spending, landmines, chemical weapons, hunger, Middle East conflicts, gun violence, prejudice, human rights ...

LPF's website has material in all the above areas in blogs, advocacy updates; resources, group and congregation materials; highlights of LPF activity in recent years, etc.:

**[www.lutheranpeace.org](http://www.lutheranpeace.org)**

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