



Boundary Training Opportunities for Rostered Ministers

Healthy relationships depend upon clear and respectful boundaries. It is recommended by the ELCA that all rostered ministers go through boundary training every 3-5 years. Keeping in line with this recommendation, Bishop Keith's expectation is that all rostered ministers will attend a Boundary Training Workshop at least every 5 years.

The training can be done in-person or online through a recommended program. Starting in 2027, the Synod Office will host an optional in-person training once a year for all rostered ministers, SAMs, and available to lay ministers. There are also some excellent regularly hosted online Boundaries Trainings we recommend below. **After you receive your certificate of completion for a Boundary Training, please send a copy via email or mail to the Synod Office.**

If you find a different Boundary Training (or Anti-Racism Training) you wish to complete, please reach out to Bishop's Associate Pastor Michelle de Beauchamp to explore the possibility. If you have already in the last 3 years done a Boundary Training Course, please send a copy of that to the Synod Office.

Boundary Training Online Options

LeaderWise Boundary Trainings (UPCOMING DATES: May 7, August 12, October 13)

Healthy Boundaries for Healthy Leaders (Formerly called Not-Your-Average Boundaries Training)

LeaderWise's online boundaries training workshop is lively and interactive, full of reflection and conversation. Attendees have given us feedback that our boundaries training was a great experience AND caused them to re-evaluate some of their own practices. This live online boundaries training is 6 total hours with a break mid-way through. This online boundaries training will be conducted via secure Zoom video conferencing.

May 7: <https://www.leaderwise.org/workshops-programs/boundaries-05-07-2026>

August 12: <https://www.leaderwise.org/workshops-programs/boundaries-08-12-2026>

October 13: <https://www.leaderwise.org/workshops-programs/boundaries-10-13-2026>

FAITH+LEAD Course

Boundaries for Christian Leaders: Safeguard your community with wise and faithful frameworks.

Boundaries for Christian Leaders was designed to equip ministry leaders with wisdom, theology, and practical tools for setting and maintaining healthy boundaries in every area of ministry. Boundaries aren't walls meant to restrict: they're a gift from God, and they're necessary. Intentional frameworks for maintaining appropriate boundaries can allow you and those you serve to thrive. This course lays a foundation of theological insight and real-world application, so that church leaders can navigate everything from sexuality to technology with clarity, integrity, and grace. This training is offered online synchronously, and you can take it and pace it however you wish. Go here for more information and to register: <https://faithlead.org/course-lp/boundaries-for-christian-leaders/>

Safe Gatherings Clergy Ethics and Congregational Boundaries Certificate

This training is offered online synchronously (you can do it any time you wish). The training is self-paced and may be completed in multiple sessions if needed. Most say it takes about 3 hours. The Training Fee is typically \$29. Signing up can be a bit tricky, so we suggest you go over the registration tutorial [HERE](#). **Important: Rostered ministers must select CLERGY ETHICS & CONGREGATIONAL BOUNDARIES training option, and NOT the general training for volunteers.** To register visit their website: <https://safegatherings.com/learn-more/clergy-ethics/>