



805-177 Lombard Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB R3B 0W5  
204.984.9181 | 1.877.352.4247  
[info@elcicgsi.ca](mailto:info@elcicgsi.ca)  
[elcicgsi.ca](http://elcicgsi.ca)

## *CEP - Lifelong Learning*

**From the desk of Rev. Paul Gehrs**

When you celebrate the value of continuing education, others in your context will be energized for curiosity, reflection and learning.

Twice per year, employees and employers receive a summary statement for each member account. This statement is an opportunity to sit down together to review the mission goals of your congregation or organization and to mutually agree on learning goals.

In April, the ELCIC posted a new Mutual Ministry Guide in order to:

1. Help nurture good and healthy mutual relationships between the ministries of the rostered minister and the church leadership.
2. Encourage intentional and regular evaluations of congregational ministries, the staff and rostered minister based on their church mission goals within the context of your particular settings.
3. Seek together opportunities for growth and renewal.

If you are wondering how to start a conversation about mission goals, [this may be a place to begin.](#)

We all have much to learn as we seek to faithfully live and act as Christ's disciples. In recent months, in various circles, I have been hearing the observation that "We live in a time when the answers on how to proceed are not obvious." This makes life-long learning all the more vital.

CEP offers the opportunity to pause and reflect, to develop knowledge and skills, to encounter new perspectives and resources, to deepen the spiritual practices of prayer/Scripture/worship and to experience growth for more effective ministry.

\*\*\*\*\*

For additional information about CEP, contact Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the Bishop, ELCIC. [pgehrs@elcic.ca](mailto:pgehrs@elcic.ca) 204-984-9156.