



# Congregational Application

**Complete and submit to:**

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**by August 26, 2024**

Name of Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Conference (include county if different than the conference): \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Pronouns

Email

## Love Revolution Lay Leaders:

Person 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Pronouns

Email

Person 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Pronouns

Email

Person 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Name

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Person 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Name

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Please respond to the following essay questions in 200 words or less. Feel free to attach pages if needed.



At the core of Love Revolution, is the affirmation of the baptismal promise and the 5 Gifts of Discipleship. We ask that you reflect on these core tenants as a community below. We ask that you rate how you are currently doing as we hope to increase over the 2 year process your ratings for each of these. Your answers will help us select a diversity of congregations as well as determine baselines for your congregation.

**Live among God’s Faithful people:**

(1 is not like us & 5 is like us a lot)

Our members connect with each other outside of church functions	1	2	3	4	5
Our congregation has a sense of being part of the wider community	1	2	3	4	5
Our congregation makes connections and is welcoming of new people	1	2	3	4	5

**Hear God’s Word and Share in the Lord’s Supper:**

The congregation engages in the study of scripture outside of worship	1	2	3	4	5
This congregation has a sense of spiritual practices (prayer, devotions, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
This congregation sees being part of the body of Christ as central to it’s mission	1	2	3	4	5

**Proclaim the Good News of Jesus in both Word and Deed**

The community tells stories of how Jesus is at work in their lives	1	2	3	4	5
In this community the gospel’s Good News can be heard on a regular basis	1	2	3	4	5
In this congregation people are eager to talk about Jesus with others	1	2	3	4	5

**Serve all people following the example of Jesus:**

In this community we regularly engage in serving our neighbors in need	1	2	3	4	5
This community seeks out new ways to serve people	1	2	3	4	5
This community takes inventory of the gifts in the congregation	1	2	3	4	5
Our congregation listens actively to the needs of our neighbors	1	2	3	4	5

**Strive for justice and peace in all the earth:**

This community talks about justice issues – economic (poverty, hunger, homeless), war, racial, environmental, etc.	1	2	3	4	5
This congregation actively engages in social actions to effect change (demonstrations, community organizing, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Our congregation has prayed for peace	1	2	3	4	5

Please complete the following questions related to your congregation's eligibility and commitment.

<p><b>Program participation</b></p> <p>Is your team able to commit to the full two-year process?</p> <p><i>All pastors and lay leaders must commit to the full two-year process. This includes some representation from the congregation at ALL seven of the formation events and retreats, in addition to participation in monthly coaching sessions.</i></p>	Yes	No	Comments:
<p><b>Mentoring availability</b></p> <p>Will some of your team members be able to mentor future waves of Love Revolution for one to two years?</p> <p><i>At least two people per team commit to additional mentoring for the next congregational cohort. This should include the pastor if the congregation is not in pastoral transition.</i></p>	Yes	No	Comments:
<p><b>Diverse representation</b></p> <p>Does the majority of the congregation's membership identify as BIPOC (black, indigenous, people of color) or those whose primary language is not English? Or does the congregation's leadership come from historically underrepresented communities?</p> <p><i>At least 20% of congregations selected will have diverse representation.</i></p>	Yes	No	Comments:
<p><b>Changed/Changing Demographics</b></p> <p>Do you find that the demographics of the congregation's surrounding community are changing? What are you noticing?</p> <p><i>We will select participating congregations with a preference for communities with a changed or changing demographic.</i></p>	Yes	No	Comments:
<p><b>Annual Reporting</b></p> <p>Are you able to commit to being part of the annual reporting process for both the Lilly Endowment as well as synodical communications about how Love Revolution is changing your congregation?</p> <p><i>Participants are asked to provide input for SEPA Synod's annual program evaluation and reporting to the Lilly Endowment.</i></p>	Yes	No	Comments: