



Priorities:

- P** ...Pray Together
- E** ...Educate
- A** ...Advocate for Social Justice and Public Policy
- C** ...Communicate/Collaborate
- E** ...Expand Membership

See full Mission Statement for more detailed description of Priorities, as well as Strategies and Principles.

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Member Churches

- African Methodist Episcopal Church
- African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
- Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
- Church of God in Christ
- Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of LA
- Cumberland Presbyterian Church
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- Religious Society of Friends
- Roman Catholic Church
- United Church of Christ
- United Methodist Church
- (and) Church Women United in Louisiana*

Associate Member:
Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem

Statement of Purpose

Recognizing that Jesus calls all people to be one, the Louisiana Interchurch Conference, representing diverse communions, strives to proclaim in word and deed to the people, churches and institutions of Louisiana that faith which we hold in common, in the hope that by our common witness we will grow toward greater unity in Christ Jesus.



The Annual Assembly

The Louisiana Interchurch Conference is governed by a Conference Assembly of representatives elected or appointed by its member communions. Each Communion is entitled to a minimum of five representatives at the Annual Assembly, and for each additional 20,000 members, a Communion may send three additional representatives. In addition, individual congregations whose Communions are not yet members, are also entitled to representation. The two-day Annual Assembly is held each year in March.

The Board of Directors

The Judicatory Leaders or their designates, the Board members elected at large, and consulting members meet semi-annually. These meetings provide opportunity for fellowship, to consider resolutions and new business, and a programmatic theme is presented.

Executive Committee

This Committee is comprised of the officers and coordinators of the nine geographic regions. The responsibility for carrying out the decisions and assignments made by the Board and Assembly, together with oversight of the Commissions and program units of the Conference, comprise the work of this Committee.

Standing Commission

Faith and Order: The work of this Standing Commission centers on providing occasions for presentation of theological and doctrinal issues as Assembly themes. Study materials have frequently been provided through the work of the Commission for congregational use. Updates on denominational dialogues are shared.

Committees and Task Forces

Criminal Justice: This Commission originally worked within the area of ministry to the prisons of the state, but the focus was enlarged to include juvenile justice and capital punishment issues. We supported the Prison Chapel Foundation in building chapels at state correctional facilities.

Stewardship of the Environment: This Commission works to raise the consciousness of Louisiana citizens concerning environmental issues and works in coalition with others to offer possible solutions.

Education/Formation Task Force: The goals of this Task Force are to: a.) Educate & train the next generation of ecumenists; b.) Start a mentoring program for those who are new to LIC.

Communication/Collaboration Task Force: This Task Force works to share the ecumenical story and current ecumenical events.

Advocacy/Social Justice Task Force: This group endeavors to serve as a prophetic voice in LA. Its work includes the Bread or Stones anti-poverty initiative for children.

Membership Task Force: This Task Force works to broaden the participation of churches in ecumenical mission and ministry.

PROGRAM UNITS

Farm Program

This program provides counseling and assistance to farmers in Louisiana and surrounding states. It is funded through periodic grants from Farm Aid, Inc.

Endowment Fund for Christian Unity

The Endowment Fund for Christian Unity was established in 1994 with the interest used to fund programs to meet the goals and objectives of the Conference.

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