

**Forward Leadership Community  
Application**

**Application Deadline: September 1<sup>st</sup>**

Directions: Please complete all requested information.

Scan and submit completed application to: [kbergstrand@nesynod.org](mailto:kbergstrand@nesynod.org)

Or mail to: **New England Synod, ELCA**  
**20 Upland Street**  
**Worcester, MA 01607-1624**  
**Attn: Forward Leadership Community**

Congregational Contribution to be remitted upon approval of application for the new term.

**Congregational Information**

Congregation Name:

Address:

Phone:

Name of Individual Completing Application:

Preferred email for receipt acknowledgement of **Forward Leadership** application:

**Congregational Leadership Team Member Information**

**Contact Info:** (Pastor and 3-4 Lay Leaders)

NAME	EMAIL	PHONE

## **Short Essay Responses**

Please submit a one paragraph response to each of the following questions. Please be specific, clear and concise.

**1. Why does your congregation want to enroll in Forward Leadership?**

**2. What does your congregation hope to take away from this experience?**

## Forward Leadership Covenant

The **Forward Leadership Community** is a new learning model designed to strengthen the effectiveness of motivated individuals and congregations in negotiating change and creating healthy environments for growth and renewal through congregational assessment, leadership training, and practical experience. In order to obtain the optimal benefit from this program, congregations must be prepared to commit to the full duration of the one year program session and agree to make arrangements for members of their Forward Leadership Accountability Team to attend program sessions in which Forward Leadership Team members are unable to attend.

We, the Leadership Team from the congregation of \_\_\_\_\_, covenant and commit to participate in the **Forward Leadership Community**. We agree to administer the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) survey, attend a CAT consultation meeting, communicate the results of the CAT to our congregation, and participate in 2 overnight retreats and 6 seminar sessions.

We also commit to creating a **Forward Leadership Accountability Team** consisting of 4-6 members of the congregation with whom we will share learnings and explore ways of implementing new skills and strategies in our congregational context.

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Pastor Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Team Member 1 Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Team Member 2 Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Team Member 3 Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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\* Additional Team Member 4 Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date