

Epworth's Local Church Representatives Be the Face & Voice



LCR's are identified for each United Methodist congregation in the South Carolina Conference. **The role of the LCR is to be the face and voice of the children of Epworth Children's Home for his or her congregation.**

The LCR is an extension of the Epworth staff and the key story teller. We ask that each church in the conference select one lay person to serve in the capacity of LCR for Epworth. It's helpful if the person selected has a passion for serving children.

As the Epworth LCR for your congregation you are the face and voice of our children to those in your community. The role of an LCR can be broken down into:

Ambassador:

As an LCR you serve as an ambassador for our children. Children who have been abused or neglected are among the most voiceless in our community. You can help give them a face and a voice in your faith community by telling their story.

Liaison:

As an LCR you help to connect your faith community to the ministry Epworth provides. Not all of our church members know about or understand the necessary and life changing ministry provided to children by Epworth. You can help connect the church and your pastor to the ministry by sharing information on a regular basis.

Encourager:

As an LCR you will have the opportunity to hear and see first hand the ministry provided to children. You can assist Epworth in their ability to continue to provide exceptional care for our children by encouraging those in your community to contribute to Epworth through their time and treasures.

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What do being the FACE and VOICE look and sound like?

Being the Epworth advocate in your congregation is a vital task to build strong connections between church members and the Epworth ministry. The following is a sample list of ways you strengthen your congregation's connection.

Monthly CARE Stories

Each month Epworth sends stories to congregations to print in their bulletins and newsletters. We will also send them to you if you wish. Share these stories by talking about them with others. Make sure they are included in your church's publications.

Mother's Day & Work Day Appeals

Each year, since before the 1940's, Epworth has provided two opportunities for church members to financially support the ministry. Mother's Day and one Sunday in September (Work Day) are designated as Epworth Sundays. Because Epworth is not an apportioned item by the conference, these offerings represent a significant portion of our annual budget. Between the two offerings Epworth is able to operate nearly five of the nine cottages on campus.

- ◇ Epworth will send a packet of information to your church office two months prior to the offering. Please check in with your pastor and church secretary to ensure your offering materials have been ordered and are distributed to the congregation. You can assist the office by calling Epworth directly to order materials after checking to see if they have been ordered.
- ◇ In each packet you will find a page with two "Ministry Moments" that can be shared by you or your pastor during the announcements on the two Sundays prior to the offering date.
- ◇ Encourage your congregation to be a "Sustaining Congregation" by giving at a minimum of \$6.00 per member each year.

Speakers Bureau

Epworth receives numerous calls from local churches and businesses requesting to have someone come and speak about the ministry. If you are interested in serving on our speakers bureau it will assist us in helping spread the word to those churches without an active LCR.

Tours

Schedule a group or individual tour for you, your church or a group from your community by calling Sherri Mims at 803-256-7394. Sunday worship is at 10:00 AM followed by a tour and lunch is a great time to come, but you can schedule a tour for any time.

Your Voice Makes the Difference!

You have the ability to bring Epworth's ministry to life in your own community. Tell others about the Epworth story!

