

Re-visioning A vision for learners and learning

Purposes:

- To engage with the richness and diversity within and between schools and ECSs in the process of revisioning *A Vision for learners and learning* across Lutheran education (<u>Growing Deep, Vocational</u> <u>practices: Community building</u>)
- To celebrate and grow collective identity as Lutheran schools and ECSs as we re-vision A Vision for learners and learning (<u>GD, VP: Strengthen Lutheran identity</u>)
- To affirm and grow contemporary learning in Lutheran education guided by our core beliefs and values about learners and learning (<u>GD, VP: Excellence in learning</u>)
- To further develop a culture of reflection, collaboration, innovation and creativity that drives ongoing transformation and improvement so that we may reach our highest potential (<u>GD, VP: Ongoing</u> <u>improvement and innovation</u>)



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Context

Where have you seen this?

A vision for learners and learning in Lutheran Schools

- Developed through regional workshops in 2002 and had revisions in 2005 and 2013
- Bill Spady conducted the workshops in each region.

'Outcome-based education is about preparing students for life, not simply getting them ready for college or employment.'

Bill Spady 1992

A vision for learners and learning Lutheran Schools

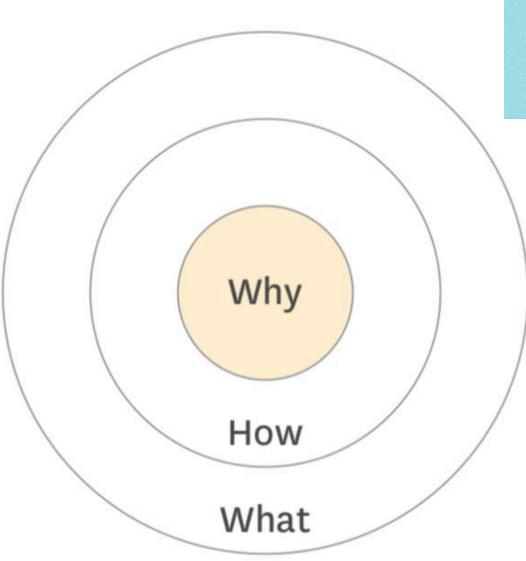


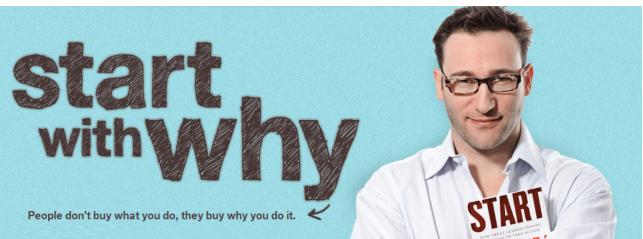
growing deep

Leadership and formation framework

Excellence in learning

Lutheran schools and early childhood services value excellence and creativity in teaching and learning for all community members. A culture of challenge and support nurtures enthusiastic, independent learners, committed to lifelong learning. Excellence in teaching and learning is focused on improving student outcomes which includes spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, cultural and social dimensions. All learners should have access to quality learning experiences that ensure they develop their Godgiven abilities so that they may enrich the world. High expectations are established through reflective practice, collaborative planning, monitoring, providing feedback and reporting on the effectiveness of learning. The learning environment promotes active engagement, risk taking, motivation and a strong learner voice.





Why - Your Purpose

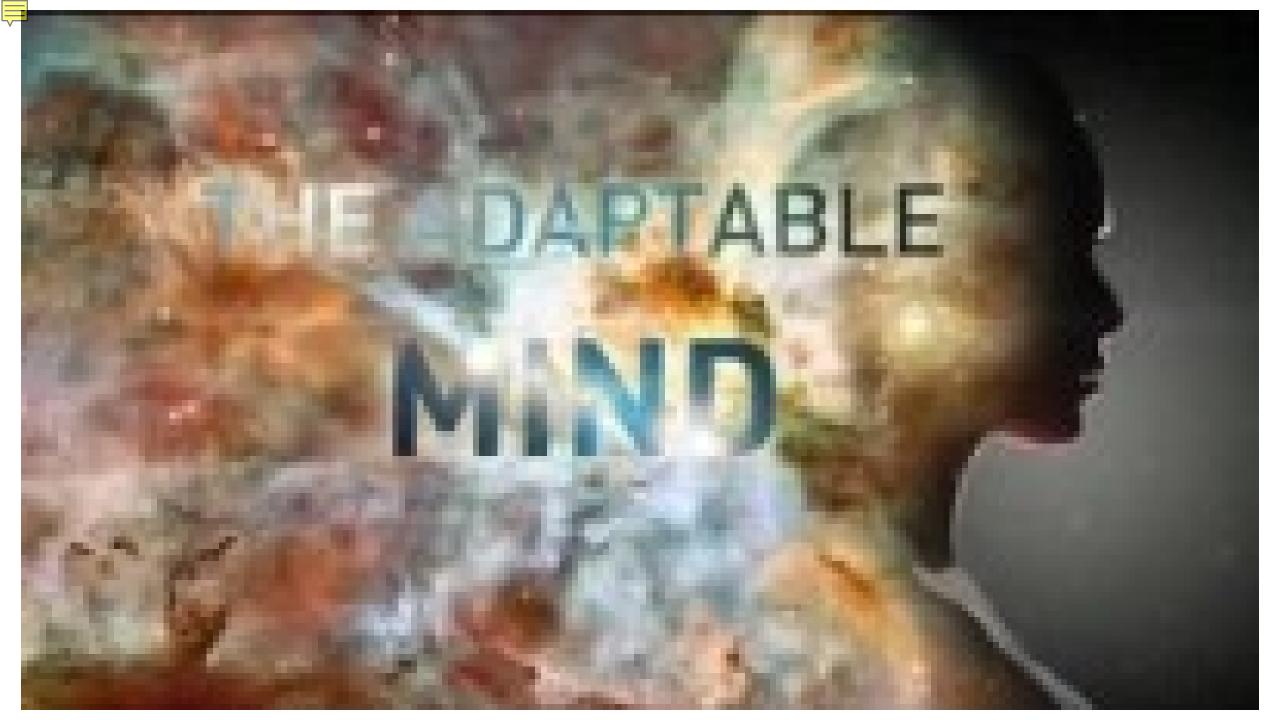
What is your cause? What do you believe?

How - Your Process

Specific actions taken to realise your Why.

What - Your Process

What do you do? The result of Why. Proof.



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Education is not just about the teaching of a what (some particular subject or another); it is also about the growing of a who. Christenson, T







Table discussion:

- What is our shared vision for the 'who' we are nurturing?
- What kinds of learners and learning does the world need?
- How do we describe the graduate learners of our school that will be able to respond to the future and needs of the world?

Gallery walk

- Record the important ideas that connect with your vision for graduate learners at Unity.
- As a group develop a profile of your graduate learner at Unity.



Lifelong qualities for learners in *A vision for learners*

What connections do you draw between your graduate learner profile and the Lifelong qualities?



As central to their mission and ministry, Lutheran schools seek to nurture individuals who are

- aware of their humanity,
- open to the influence of the Holy Spirit, and
- growing in and living according to a cohesive worldview

while



Abilities

Attributes & Ab Statement Living in community and reflecting characteristics of God through core values, especially love, justice, compassion, forgiveness, service, humility, courage, hope, quality and appreciation

and

Contributing to communities by being

- self-directed, insightful investigators and learners
- discerning, resourceful problem solvers and implementers
- adept, creative producers and contributors

and

- open, responsive communicators and facilitators
- principled, resilient leaders and collaborators
- caring, steadfast supporters and advocates



A framework for Lutheran schools

Ethos

We believe

- the Bible is the supreme authority for Christian faith and life
- the Holy Spirit works through the teaching of God's word in our schools to lead people to know and trust in God as Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier
- all people are sinful and saved by grace through faith in Christ
- because Christians live in grace, all they do is for God's glory not theirs
- · each person is a unique creation of God and a person loved by God
- all useful knowledge and learning is God's gift to people for their wellbeing
- service to others through actions and relationships is a reflection of and response to God's love for all

And because of this we value as core

- · the Bible as the authority informing what we do and teach
- the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of each person
- forgiveness, being forgiven and reconciliation
- that God, by grace shown through lesus loves, accepts and values each person
- the uniqueness and worth of each person
- God's gifts of knowledge and learning
- a spirit of service reflecting God's action in our lives

Value-based learning is further developed by contextual values particular to individual school communities

Therefore, in Lutheran schools we see

- · everything we are and do in relation to God
- · each member of our school community as someone in relation to God
- This understanding of the identity of each person before God motivates us to:
- · develop the whole person
- strive for the best
- care for each person
- help each student grow in the assurance of their God-given worth and purpose
- accept the need of discipline for the well-being of the individual living in community
- reflect characteristics of God
- create learning contexts incorporating values that reflect God's relationship with God's world

Lutheran schools aim to encourage and support students, informed and sustained by the Word of God, to develop their Godgiven talents so that they may shape and enrich their world



Meet educational authorities' requirements and state / territory, federal requirements

LIFELONG QUALITIES FOR LEARNERS

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Paradigms

Beliefs about learners

- All learners are valued for who they are and whose they are
- All learners need encouragement and deserve respect.
- Learners learn in different ways and at different rates
- · All learners have the ability to learn and learn best when
- > They experience succe
- > They take responsibility for their own learning
- > They can work both independently and collaboratively
- > Subject matter is meaningful
- > High, explicit learning expectations are presen
- > They are authentically assessed and appropriately challenged
- . Learners need to learn how to learn and think
- Collaborative partnerships between parents / caregivers and schools support learners and learning

Beliefs about learning

- Learning goes beyond the academic' if includes the spiritual, physical, emotional and social and has a transforming role
- Learning has affective and volitional dimensions as well as cognitive
- Learning is lifelong
- Learning involves learners progretsing through developmental cycles
- · Learning is facilitated when individual needs of the student are met
- Learning occurs in a context and is driven by curiosity, need and inquiry.
- Learning builds on previous knowledge, experiences and understanding

Beliefs about learning communities

- All people are learners
- Safe and supportive learning environments facilitate active learning
- Effective learning communities respect diversity and encourage reflective practice and productive feedback
- Learning communities are strengthened by having a shared vision and common core beliefs
- Learning communities reflect upon and respond to the world of today in ways that enable their members to face the future with confidence
- Learning cultures need to be intentionally developed



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A framework for Lutheran schools

GREEN LIGHT I like this and would like to keep it (highlight or underline this)

AMBER LIGHT I am unsure about this and would like to discuss it and possibly change it (question mark this)

RED LIGHT I am challenged by this statement and would like it omitted.

(put a line through this)



What hopes do you have for the development of a Vision for learners and learning?

What advice do you have for the reference group who will take your feedback?



God, who makes all things new, new stars, new dust, new life; take our hearts, every hardened edge and measured beat, and create something new in us.

We need your newness, God, the rough parts of us made smooth; the stagnant, stirred; the stuck, freed; the unkind, forgiven.

And then, by the power of your Spirit, We need to be turned toward love again. Amen.

Resources to continue the discussion

• <u>https://padlet.com/LuthEdAus/revision</u>

