

The Value of LEA membership

From a Lutheran school administrator...

I am a member of this professional organization for three main reasons. The first is that LEA provides a distinctively Lutheran sphere of philosophical thinking which is different from what I might receive from a secular organization like Phi Delta Kappa or from an broadly Christian organization like the Association of Christian Schools International. There is high value which can be gained from the other organizations, but the Lutheran perspective on who we are and what we do is clearly evident through LEA.

The second is the professional support I receive from the information that is provided. Much of the content communicated through published works and other forms is related directly to professional education and to the ministry we share. These thoughts and ideas come from folks in the trenches beside us.

That of course is closely linked to the third high value reason to belong, that of community. I have personally received (especially in trying times) the kind of support and insight that one would hope to find in a congregation. We are all linked by one central purpose, that is preparing the saints for good works (Eph 4:11-16). The collegiality of other Lutheran Education professionals is a huge factor for my continued involvement in LEA.

It's just nice to belong to a community of learners, educators and leaders. This is our Lutheran learning community!

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