

LOUISIANA INTERCHURCH CONFERENCE (LIC)

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Report to the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana
To Live the Faith We Hold in Common

*Formed in 1970, and today composed of 25 judicatory bodies, representing 15 different Christian denominations, the Louisiana Interchurch Conference seeks greater Christian unity through sharing a common faith in witness, worship, study, and service. Largely funded by the member churches, we are **grateful for the support of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana** and its commitment to ecumenical relationships that keep before the churches Christ's vision of unity.*

The **53rd Annual Assembly of the LIC was held on March 13-14, 2023**. This was the first in-person Assembly since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The theme was: **“We are one body, with many parts,”** which was illustrated with Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head figures. There was great interaction within breakout groups as we considered the strengths and opportunities for ecumenism in this “post-COVID” world. A panel of campus ministers highlighted campus ministries across the state, many of which are ecumenical ministries.

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity occurs annually on January 18-25**. We encourage you to start now to plan events for your area for 2024. The theme for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be “You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27). Additional resources and liturgy will be distributed by LIC as the 2024 dates approach. Sign up for LIC email updates or follow LIC on Facebook to receive the notifications.

Bishop Shannon Duckworth serves on the LIC Board of Directors, representing the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana. LIC would also welcome additional board representation from the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana and is currently **seeking a Regional Coordinator for the Houma-Thibodaux region**. The regional coordinator serves on the LIC executive board and facilitates regional information sharing and ecumenical gatherings. This region includes the parishes of: St. Mary, Assumption, St. James, Terrebonne, and Lafourche. The position is open to clergy or laity.

If you are interested in more information about serving on the LIC Board of Directors, or the work of the Louisiana Interchurch Conference in general, please contact: Leigh Rachal director@lainterchurch.org / 337-278-6621.

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