

THE VOCATION OF LUTHERAN HIGHER EDUCATION CALLED TO PLACE: AN EDUCATION ENGAGING ROOTEDNESS

The Twenty-seventh Annual Conference

July 12 – 15, 2021

Campus Team Reflection and Planning

1. (individual reflection) Take a moment to reflect on your experience of the past four days. What did you hear that surprised you? What do you know now that you didn't know before? Which of your beliefs/understandings were affirmed by the sessions you attended? Jot down some notes, to refer to as you begin to discern how this conference might affect your plans for the upcoming academic year.
2. (individual and group discussion) Which of the concurrent sessions did team members attend? What were the main takeaways from each session? You might consider summarizing these in a shared google document, or perhaps appoint a note-taker to share with team members later on.
3. (group discussion) The conference title this year was "Called to Place." From this title, several themes have emerged – among these are (1) physical geography; (2) cultural geography; (3) genuine belonging; and (4) the interaction of place with our institutions' Lutheran identity. Based on the team's individual reflections, and concurrent session takeaways, which of these conference themes (or perhaps another not listed here) might serve as an area of focus for your institution in the coming academic year? Please list this theme at the top of your shared google document (or at the top of the note-taker's document).
4. (group discussion) Thinking about the focus theme for the upcoming year, how will you structure activities surrounding it? To begin this discussion, you are invited to use the planning document that you received with this morning's Zoom link. As you begin planning, please be sure to know what the next step will be, and who is responsible for ensuring that it takes place. Please also be sure to think through what success will look like, and how you will know whether it has been achieved.