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"People Living with Disabilities" statement adopted by ELCA

The Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) adopted an 18-page preliminary message, "[People Living with Disabilities](#) ." The message declares that "all people with disabilities are created in God's image and share the gift of freedom for relationship and its dignity, regardless of their particular disabilities or range of personal capacities to respond to God and others." The message calls on ELCA congregations, synods, the ELCA churchwide organization, seminaries and social ministry organizations to consider a number of specific actions, such as welcoming and recognizing the ministry of people with disabilities, encouraging people with disabilities to become professional leaders in the ELCA, and innovating effective ways to support people with disabilities.

Free tool kit for Alzheimer's and dementia staff education

For the third year, the [National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners](#) is offering The National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners Alzheimer's and Dementia Staff Education Week February 14-21 Tool Kit. The Tool Kit is free and available at www.nccdp.org . The tool kit includes many free PowerPoint in-services designed to be taught in 30 minutes to health care professionals and front line staff. While standards and regulations for dementia education differ from state to state, the NCCDP recommends a minimum 8 hours of dementia education to all staff. Throughout the year, additional dementia education should be provided that incorporates new advances, culture change and innovative ideas. In addition to facilitating the Train the Trainer programs, The NCCDP promotes dementia education and certification of all staff who qualify as Certified Dementia Practitioners (CDP®). The NCCDP recommends that at minimum there should be one Certified Dementia Practitioner® per shift. The NCCDP recommends a trained and certified Alzheimer's and dementia instructor by the NCCDP to utilize up to date NCCDP training materials.

Ten new year's resolutions for boards

Read the Great Boards Blog offering [ten resolutions for boards in the new year](#) . The Great Boards blog is dedicated to the exchange of ideas and information to promote effective governance of nonprofit hospitals, health systems, and other healthcare organizations. The blog is edited by Barry S. Bader, president of Bader & Associates, and is the companion site to their governance resource site, www.GreatBoards.org .

Upcoming Webinar from GrantStation

[Building a Grant-Seeking Calendar for 2011 - Wednesday, January 26](#)

This webinar will walk you through the process of building this coming year's grantseeking calendar for your nonprofit organization. The session focuses on how to design and effectively use a grant decision matrix, simplify your grants research, and create project specific grantseeking strategies. Participants will receive a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, notes, and several worksheets. \$89. More information and full schedule of Webinars is at [GrantStation](#) .

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