

LaHurd Part IV Key Issues in Acting with the Other

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IV. Key Issues in Acting with the Other

A. Not "Should," But "How" We Work Together with Other Faith Traditions on Social Issues

1. Christian calling to serve the neighbor
2. civil society building

B. Challenges and Pitfalls

1. lack of initiative, vision, leadership, funding
2. countering media misinformation
3. stopping short of authentic grassroots relationship-building
4. failure to acknowledge inter-religious differences

C. What Lutherans and All Christians Might Do to Build Mature Relationships with Religious Others

1. initiate a dialogue group
2. facilitate transformation through experiential learning
3. move beyond mere tolerance to mature relationships

D. Opportunities and Reasons for Hope

1. shared commitments
2. "the big Shift"
3. interest at all levels of ELCA