

Seminary Coordinator

The mission of the Seminarian Network is to educate seminary communities about the mission and ministry of Episcopal Relief & Development. Seminary Coordinators have an exciting and creative ministry in their seminary and diocese—a ministry of education and encouragement.

Selection and Training

- Coordinators are chosen in their first year and ideally serve for a three-year term, as we strive for continuity.
- The selection should be based on interest on the part of the student and of his/her commitment to Episcopal Relief & Development.
- Orientation, training and nurture of new representatives will be the responsibility of that seminary's current representatives and Episcopal Relief & Development's Network staff contact.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Raise awareness and rally support for Episcopal Relief & Development within the seminary community and field placements.
- Ensuring the inclusion of those suffering from extreme poverty in the prayers of the people.
- Reading all material received from Episcopal Relief & Development in order to maintain an understanding of current activities.
- Establishing partnerships with students interested in missionary outreach and social action.
- Ensuring representation for your seminary at the meeting of the Seminarian Network each fall.
- Encouraging that at least one member of the team attends the Network Meeting in the spring.
- Communicating regularly with the Episcopal Relief & Development Network staff contact and representatives of other seminaries.
- Send a report of your seminary's activities to Network staff contact prior to the spring Network meeting.

Coordinators are encouraged to:

- Establish contact with the Diocesan Coordinators in their home diocese and in the diocese where the seminary is located.
- Inform their bishops of their work and support of Episcopal Relief & Development.
- Communicate regularly to their seminary dean and/or associate dean(s).
- Seek the necessary funding for travel to and from the Network Meetings.
- Strive to link all ongoing missionary work of the seminary with the work of Episcopal Relief & Development and visit program partner sites when possible.