

- Does your congregation or ministry need a comprehensive strategic plan?
- Do you need to know the information behind the financial numbers that your treasurer provides?
- Would you like help in preparing a grant request for a prospective major donor?
- Do you need guidance in structuring a volunteer recruitment and retention program?
- Would you like assistance in learning to read a financial statement?
- Do you need to establish an endowment or foundation to support your ministry into the future?
- Do you need to develop an orientation manual for new lay leaders?
- Do you need an assessment of your insurance coverage to determine if it is adequate?

SCOLBE, the Service Corps of Lutheran Business Executives, can help congregations and ministries address these questions, and others. We're here to offer confidential business consulting solutions that will assist Christian organizations to be stronger and more proactive.

SCOLBE advisors offer consulting in these areas:

Financial Matters
Short- and Long-Term Planning
Risk Management
Funding and Resource Development
Information Technology
Governance
Volunteer Recruitment and Retention
Communications and Marketing

Advisors Wanted:

Christian business professionals—working and retired, men and women—who wish to volunteer their experience and expertise to congregations and ministries in the local community

Skills Needed: Experience in business disciplines related to financial matters, short- and long-term planning, risk management, funding and resource management, information technology, governance, volunteer recruitment and retention, and communications and marketing

Compensation: The fulfillment in serving Him by helping others fulfill their mission

Benefits: Networking, fellowship and the satisfaction of serving as a valued mentor

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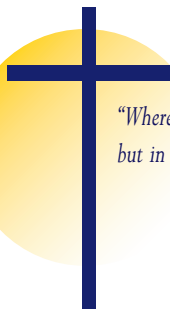


Putting Business Experience to Work for Christ

"Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise."

— Proverbs 19:20 NIV

Client Information



*"Where there is no guidance the people fall,
but in abundance of counselors there is victory."
— Proverbs 11:14 NASB*

Who We Are

The Service Corps of Lutheran Business Executives, known as SCOLBE, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to networking local Christian business leaders with congregations and ministries in eastern Nebraska and western Iowa. Our advisors contribute business and professional experience, skills and talents to provide organizations with counseling, consulting, planning and on-site program participation.



What We Do

Our goal is to help Christian organizations become stronger and better prepared for the future. We enlist the services of a carefully selected group of volunteers—men and women, working and retired—who will listen to and address the needs of each congregation and ministry.

SCOLBE advisors are well equipped to offer business leadership and acumen in a variety of disciplines. Our advisors are members of local ministries, they know the community and they share Midwestern values. Together, we can help your ministry address challenges and build a proactive strategy to strengthen your organization from the inside out.

SCOLBE services are focused on helping each ministry fulfill its vision, mission and purpose without duplicating other services that may be acquired from volunteers, paid staff and/or direct from the District or Synod. Our advisors want to see each ministry grow; they will provide honest recommendations for the actions they believe will help your ministry succeed.

Affordable Advice

Because we are a nonprofit organization, we are able to offer consulting services to our community at a rate much less than traditional consulting firms. Clients purchase only the services they need: Whether that's advice on one topic or more extensive advice on multiple administrative issues, SCOLBE will put together an affordable solution.

Find out how we can help your organization with its specific needs:

Call us at 866-331-9333.

SCOLBE client projects include:

- † *A congregation wishing to grow its endowment fund – SCOLBE connected church leaders with a seasoned gift-planning advisor to help establish a continuous marketing and promotions plan that will include a legacy society, gift planning workshops and church bulletin announcements.*
- † *A Lutheran school seeking a fundraising operations analysis to determine if it should hire a gift planning officer – SCOLBE connected the school with two gift planning professionals to gather and analyze the necessary information as well as help this client understand cost versus benefits of the program and develop a five-year hiring plan.*
- † *A Lutheran ministry looking to develop a better orientation process for new foundation board members – SCOLBE networked this ministry with two advisors who have board leadership skills; these advisors are sharing their experiences in working with other organizations to build a successful board member orientation plan.*
- † *A ministry with a need to better understand financial statements in lay terms so staff can effectively answer board members' questions and make good decisions going forward – SCOLBE introduced leaders with a CPA who will help the ministry develop a multi-phase training process for the entire administration team.*

