



St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute Alumni Council Guiding Principles

Mission: The mission of the Ecumenical Institute's Alumni Council is to develop and enhance the involvement of E.I. alumni and future alumni in supporting the mission and goals of the E.I. The Council seeks to cultivate a mutually beneficial relationship between alumni and the E.I. by supporting alumni programs, assisting alumni in the promotion of the E.I. to prospective students, facilitating communication with alumni, and strengthening alumni bonds of fellowship and professional association.

Responsibilities: The Council works with the E.I. Dean, Advancement Committee, and staff to:

- Promote the E.I. to prospective students and to organizations and others within their circle of influence;
- Help identify and cultivate financial support for the E.I.;
- Strengthen alum ties to E.I. by developing programs or events for alums; and
- Foster communications with and among alums, and promote their continued engagement with one another and with the E.I..

Council Membership: The Alumni Council has 14-24 members who represent the diversity of faith traditions and graduation years of the alumni. Council members serve staggered three year terms and may serve two consecutive terms.

Meetings per year: The Council meets at least three times per year. Additional meetings of the Council may be called at the request of the E.I. Dean, Council Chair, or at the request of Council members.

Council Chair: The Council Chair serves a two-year term. The Council Chair also serves on the E.I. Advancement Committee in an *ex officio* capacity. The Chair and Vice Chair are selected by the Dean, in consultation with the E.I. Advancement Committee and, if applicable, the previous Council Chair.

Council Vice Chair: The Vice Chair serves a one-year term but may serve two consecutive one-year terms. The Vice Chair that serves during the Chair's second year of office becomes the new Chair at the end of the previous Chair's second year.