

Rev. Michael Von Behren

Rev. Dr. Michael Von Behren began his service as NOW District President on May 1, 2024. Prior to that, he served as pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Spokane, Washington, for 19 years (2005–2024); he also served as a vicar at Holy Cross while a student at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. Mike studied servant-leadership at the graduate level, earning a Ph.D. from Gonzaga University in the School of Leadership Studies. Mike's Ph.D. research also focused on nonprofit founding in intercultural settings. Mike has a passion for proclaiming God's Word, for new ministry starts, and for connecting interculturally. He is eager to help people deepen their faith through the study of Scripture and to grow in their service and leadership on behalf of Christ. Mike and his wife Jennifer have two beautiful adult daughters. Together, Mike and Jennifer enjoy cool nights camping, steep trails, baseball in any form, Minnesota football, movie nights — and most especially, time with family.