

REPRESENTATIVE POSITION DESCRIPTION

A Congregational House of Refuge cares for those experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. The church publicly designates itself a place of encouragement instead of condemnation, servanthood instead of superiority, and assistance instead of abandonment. This includes commitment to active ongoing support of expectant mothers and fathers. Each congregation appoints a volunteer representative who serves as primary advocate and contact for the program.

Congregational House of Refuge representative qualities:

- Reliable – someone the pastor trusts
- Attentive – listens for details and sees genuine needs
- Diligent – takes initiative, identifies tasks, and completes them
- Communicative – clearly corresponds and interacts with others
- Patient – remains engaged even amid delays and complications
- Collaborative – involves fellow parishioners, enlisting their help

Congregational House of Refuge representative responsibilities:

- Keeps the congregation mindful of the statement's pledges.
- Assures of God's forgiving fatherhood.
- Receives as Christ Jesus did, refraining from disregard or ridicule.
- Connects with anyone requesting pregnancy support.
- Coordinates resources and services within and outside the parish.
- Seeks involvement of congregation members.
- Remains regular in prayer, fervent in worship, attentive to the Scriptures, steadfast in confession and witness, earnest in celebration of all the Gospel's blessings, and thankful for the opportunity to serve.

Congregational House of Refuge representative draws upon these partnerships:

- Lutherans For Life Department of Volunteer Relations
- Network of Congregational House of Refuge congregations
- Local pregnancy resource centers and other support services
- Word of Hope crisis care and post-abortion healing hotline
- Congregation's pastoral and lay leaders

