

# ELCIR MINISTRY COVENANT

Recognizing our common partnership in the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia (ELCIR), Church/Individual/Organization of (city/state/zip) \_\_\_\_\_

commits to supporting God's mission through the Companion Synod Relationship between the Northeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA, and the ELCIR in the following ways:

**FINANCIAL:** \$\_\_\_\_\_ for year 20\_\_\_\_ Monthly/Yearly: \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ Months/Years

## RELATIONSHIPS:

- A. As a Church/Individual/Organization, we will covenant our support for accompaniment of the ELCIR in ministry for (see brochure, and vision statement on back side):\*
- \_\_\_ ELCIR Endowment Fund (salaries and/or *Educational Centers/Bible Schools*)
  - \_\_\_ scholarships for seminary/leadership training, e.g., for pastors, children and youth ministry, diaconal ministry
  - \_\_\_ a friendship congregation relationship
  - \_\_\_ participation in or support of a short-term mission opportunity
  - \_\_\_ other—special ministry project such as support of Nadia and Alex Krongolm youth ministry work, youth worker in Sortavala or other \_\_\_\_\_

\* Unless a specific project is designated within the area identified above, the Task Force will work with the ELCIR to determine the best use of support in that area, with your approval

We will:

- 1) pray for the people of the Ingrian Lutheran Church,
  - 2) tell the story of our companion synod's work and ministry in our congregation and community, and
  - 3) maintain a relationship with the Ingrian Lutheran Church by writing letters and telling about our congregation's ministry and mission
- B. As the Task Force for the Companion Synod (ELCIR), we will:
- 1) assist you in developing a relationship and communicating with the persons/programs you are supporting,
  - 2) provide educational materials that will expand your understanding of the work of the ELCIR,
  - 3) arrange for the transfer of funds donated to the ELCIR, and
  - 4) pray for your congregation's ministry.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson of the Congregation

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Chair of ELCIR Task Force

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Pastor of Congregation

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Date received by Northeastern MN Synod

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Church's, pastor's, or member's e-mail address

**Please return one copy of this covenant to:**  
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