

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 youth ministry worker, pastoral salary

* 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

Chair of ELCIR Task Force

Pastor of Congregation

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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