



Your congregation's plan for

# MISSION SUPPORT 2017

## Mission Support Intent Form

Dear pastors and stewardship leaders,

December 2016

Please use this Mission Support Intent Form for 2017 to help plan and report your congregation's financial support for the wider church's mission. These Mission Support Intent Forms are very helpful to our Synod Council in making wise and faithful decisions about our work together as we make a budget for the upcoming year.

We want every member of this church to know this: when they, as members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, give to their local congregation, a percentage of that money is shared with the Northeastern Minnesota Synod and the national churchwide organization. Together, their generous giving and your congregation's faithful mission support makes it possible for us to...

- + grow the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- + grow the Lutheran Church around the world
- + support and develop current and future leaders in the ELCA
- + provide coordination and support for churchwide ministries
- + invest in technology and communications
- + provide governance and leadership
- + address social issues and work for justice
- + grow and sustain financial resources
- + engage in research and strategic planning
- + sustain ecumenical and interfaith relationships

If you have not had an opportunity to discuss your congregation's intent yet, please do so at your next council meeting or financial/ budget meeting. With many congregation's annual meetings being planned for December and January, now is the time to talk about your plan to support the mission and ministries of the Northeastern Minnesota Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Please use the form below to respond to this request.

Thank you for your leadership!

Name of congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Congregational ID Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

### Mission Support Intent:

	2016 Actual	2017 Budgeted
Mission Support budgeted for sharing with the synod and churchwide*	\$	\$

\* Mission Support includes a congregation's undesignated offerings to the synod (but does not include other offerings to local, synodical, or churchwide ministries, i.e. Disaster Relief, World Hunger, local food shelf, etc).