

Your congregation's plan for MISSION SUPPORT 2016

As your congregation prepares a spending plan for 2016, please reflect on the following in making your decisions.

- How is your congregation using the good news of Jesus Christ to wonder, discover and boldly participate in what God is up to in the world?
- How is our identity as a church in the Lutheran tradition a driver for your congregation's plan in the coming year?
- In what ways do the resources you allocate for ministry reflect our trust that God's Spirit is active and transforms the lives of others?
- Where are you participating in ministries together with other expressions of the church to achieve a scale and scope that could not be done otherwise?
- How is your congregation a catalyst, convener and bridge builder for justice and peace?

As you discuss your mission support commitment for the coming year, please consider what portion of your congregation's weekly offerings will be shared with the synod and churchwide ministries beyond your congregation. We believe growing this portion each year models and encourages a growth in giving for each household.

Learn more about how God is changing lives through the ELCA by visiting www.livinglutheran.com/stories.

Instructions: Use the columns below to indicate your congregation's current level of Mission Support and your 2016 Mission Support plan. When you have completed the information below, please return it to your synod office.

Name of Congregation _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP code _____

Submitted by _____

Date _____

Phone _____

Email _____

	2015 Actual	2016 Projected	Percent Change
Weekly offerings pledged by members	\$	\$	%
Mission Support* budgeted for sharing with the synod and churchwide ministries	\$	\$	%
Percentage of Mission Support (Mission Support divided by weekly offerings)	%	%	

*Mission Support is the portion of regular offerings that your congregation shares for synodical and churchwide ministries for God's mission beyond the local congregation. For specific information about the ELCA churchwide budget, visit www.ELCA.org/resources/financial.



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