



South Dakota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Dear Partners in Ministry,

Peace and blessings to you from the South Dakota Synod, on behalf of our savior Jesus Christ! As we approach the end of this year, we share some updates, resources, celebrations, and information with you.

Enclosed are important documents for your congregations and your annual meetings:

- **Annual Report from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the ELCA**
- **Annual Report from Bishop Constanze Hagmaier**
- **2021 Ministry Celebration**
- **Neighbors in Solidarity Support Challenge**
- **5 Year Vision of the South Dakota Synod: “Journeying Together in Christ”**
- **South Dakota Synod Mission Plan**
- **Annual Report from Lutheran Planned Generosity**
- **Statement of Intent for 2022 Mission Support***
- **Congregational Leadership Form***
- **Considerations for Electronic Meetings**

It is our hope that you will use these resources during your annual meeting and pass along other vital information to your leaders in your ministry, such as church staff or your council. We are a stronger church together, and so we encourage your ministry to be well connected and informed.

There are two documents* which need to be returned to the synod office following your annual meeting. You can also find the documents online at sdsynod.org/yearend. Please contact the synod office at 605-274-4011 with any questions you might have.

Know that you are beloved, forgiven, and empowered for the work of the church. We are thankful for who you are, what you do, and for our partnership.

Blessings to you as we *Journey Together in Christ!*

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