



**South Dakota Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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Dear Partners in ministry,

Greetings from the South Dakota Synod! We know this year has been unlike any other for ministry, but one thing you can rely on is your year-end packet from the synod. We have updates, reports, and information for you to share with others.

Enclosed are several important documents for your congregation:

- Annual Report Cover from the ELCA
- A Letter from Bishop Constanze Hagmaier
- SD Synod's Strategic Vision - *Journeying Together in Christ*
- A Celebration of Ministry in 2020
- **Statement of Intent Form for 2021 (complete online or return form requested)**
- **Congregational Leadership Form (complete online or return form requested)**
- Guidelines for Digital Voting in Congregational Meetings (C.10.08)
- 2021 SD Synod Mission Plan
- A Message from Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota

Please read each document, and share with your council and other leaders in your ministry. The more everyone knows about what is going on, the stronger we are as a church together. **There are two documents that need to be returned to the synod office. Please do so following your annual meetings. All of the above documents and forms can be found online at [sdsynod.org/yearend](https://sdsynod.org/yearend).** Please contact the synod office at 605-274-4011 with any questions.

Thank you for all your work, as you proclaim the Gospel in our world.  
Peace and blessings to you!

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