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Your covenant commitment to the ELCA Missionary Sponsorship endowment fund allows
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Companions
Your covenant commitment of $10,000 or more for one year or after three consecutive annual gifts of at least $3,000
In addition to the above: Companions are honored at a recognition event, often during the annual Summer Missionary Conference.

Neutrophils
Your covenant commitment of $1,000 or more in one year
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Rental
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Repos
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