



South Dakota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Dear Members of the South Dakota Synod,

As we celebrate the promise of Emmanuel, God with us, we also celebrate that we are Journeying Together in Christ in our communities. We hope your congregation will find the following resources to be helpful as we end 2022.

Included in this package are several important documents:

- **Annual Report from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the ELCA**
- **Annual Report from Bishop Constanze Hagmaier**
- **2022 Ministry Celebration**
- **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 2023 Mission Support***
- **Congregational Leadership Form***

Each one of these is meant to be helpful to our ministry together as we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus and love & serve our neighbors. Some may be important to share at your annual meetings or with your council, some may be helpful for the wider church to keep in touch with what is happening in your congregation. I firmly believe that we are a stronger church together, so thank you for utilizing these resources.

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 or synod@sdsynod.org with any questions you might have.

We are thankful for the ministry that you are doing in your community. You have been called and empowered by the Holy Spirit to do this work, of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the world. We are thankful to be your partners in that work!

Peace and blessings to you as we Journey Together in Christ.

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