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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*“Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself” (Matt. 22:37-39).*

Praise Jesus, the Prince of Peace! Thank you for your steadfastness in serving Christ in the midst of the challenging circumstances around us. Whether it be through hurricane relief, helping those affected by wild fires, or supporting those in need in your congregations and in your communities, you continue to respond to follow Christ’s command to “love your neighbor as yourself.” Our resources touch lives and change hearts.

Thank you for your faithful tithes and offerings which enable the English District to continue to be a source of hope and opportunity for people who need us. It is important to us that our ministry is open, accessible, and inviting in ways that encourage all members of the English District to use their gifts in ministry. Your generosity allows us to provide assistance to others in new and exciting ways.

As we reflect upon 2018, we would like to share some of the highlights of this year. In June, the District met in convention at Concordia University, Ann Arbor, Mich. Business included elections and several resolutions which will go to Synod at convention in 2019. One highlight in particular is the 1–1–1 mission funding initiative that the district’s mission committee brought forth. You can find links to the 1-1-1 video and Frequently Asked Questions on the [A Dollar for Missions](#) page of the district website. We are excited about this initiative as it allows everyone to participate in serving the Lord and giving toward missions.

Please prayerfully consider joining us in ministry, so that the LCMS English District can continue its work in spreading the message of Christ. To that end we established the English District Endowment Fund, which is designed to support current and new missions and ministries, church worker and seminary students, and campus ministries in the areas where our congregations live and witness. We have set a goal of \$50,000. Will you help us reach that goal by making a special contribution toward mission work in the English District?

Every gift matters. Whatever God leads you to give will be a great blessing as we all work together to plant new missions, schools, and provide resources to existing ministries and church workers across the United States, Canada, and around the world.

May God be with you: behind you to encourage you, beside you to befriend you, beneath you to sustain you, above you to watch over you and within you to give you His peace.

The Rev. Dr. Jamison J. Hardy  
Bishop/President

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#### Ways to give –

- **Donate by mail:** Make check payable to English District LCMS and specify Endowment Fund in the memo line. Mail in the enclosed envelope to 33100 Freedom Road, Farmington, MI 48336-4030.
- **Donate online:** Visit our website ([englishdistrict.org](http://englishdistrict.org)), click on the “Donate Online” box and follow the link to our secure payment page. You may pay by credit card or electronic funds transfer (EFT) from your bank account. Be sure to specify Endowment Fund in the designation box.
- **Donate by Text:** Text the amount of your donation (including \$ sign) with the word “Endow” to 248–916–0274 (eg. \$100 Endow). (See <http://www.englishdistrict.org/give-now> for more information.)