

ENGLISH DISTRICT

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Dear Friends in Christ,

God's blessings to you and His peace, as we celebrate the conclusion of one "1-1-1" missions giving cycle and prepare, by His grace, to begin a new one on September 1, 2021. We are beyond thankful to the congregations and individuals that have participated in this giving initiative in the past and invite each of you to begin or continue that support in the upcoming year.

We partnered together as a District several years ago to begin this work together because we believe that there is power and there is strength in many giving a little. That is to say, all of our gifts, when put TOGETHER for use in God's Kingdom, can accomplish so much in reaching out with the Good News of the Gospel. That is what we believed. And thanks to you and your dedicated support, that belief and that hope was proven to be correct. You and your congregations have responded each year, including (and especially!) this past year in order to support mission plants, new congregations, and campus ministries across our District and across the North American continent. Thank You!

Each giving cycle for 1-1-1 lasts from September 1 – August 31, which means that we are right at the end of one cycle and the beginning of another. If you or your congregation have been gathering funds to support these ministries and are waiting to send them into the District office, now would be a good time to do so. If you're a congregation preparing to begin or continue in this partnership, please join us in support of Blessed Sacrament Lutheran Church (Hayden, ID) & St. John Lutheran Church (Clarksburg, WV).

Our hope and prayer is that 1-1-1 has been a blessing to your congregation in the same ways that it has blessed congregations and ministries throughout our District for three, going on four, years now since its original adoption at the 2018 English District Convention. It was a great reminder of God's faithfulness then and continues to be still today.

May the blessings of our good and gracious God be with you every day as you serve Him with joy!!

In Christ,

Rev. Justin Laughridge
& The English District LCMS Missions Council