

ENGLISH DISTRICT

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

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To: English District LCMS Congregations, Pastors, and Treasurers

Date: September 8, 2026

Subject: Congregational Commitment for Fiscal Year 2027

The triennium theme of ***“Living the Baptized Life in Christ”*** from Galatians 2:20 encourages us that as the Baptized, we have been ***crucified with Christ*** and we no longer live, ***Christ lives in us***. The life we live in the body ***we live by faith in the Son of God*** who loves us and gave himself for us.

Our work together as Christ’s Church has been fruitful and blessed by the Lord. **Thank you for your faithful commitment and sacrificial giving in 2026.** Through your faithful stewardship, congregations, ministries, and schools have expanded their outreach as they continue to reach people with the Gospel. People who had been walking in darkness are now living with the joy of Easter resurrection in their lives.

The district uses its resources to support congregations, church workers, schools, and ministries. In 2 Corinthians 8:1-5, the apostle Paul writes about the Macedonian churches. He acknowledges their generosity which resulted from the grace that God had given them. But in verse 5 he identifies what they did first, and it is key: *“They gave themselves first to the Lord, and then to us in keeping with God’s will.”* With overwhelming joy, we thank God for your work and the care you provide God’s people in your local setting.

The English District encourages all our congregations to give something, whatever amount it may be, to the work of the church through giving to the district. We know that in your local congregation, your congregants support your ministry with their tithes and offerings. We seek to lead by example with faithful stewardship and dedicated support for all congregations and ministries in the USA and Canada.

Through your gifts, the English District will remain committed to respond in kind to the work of the Savior and His Father in Heaven. Our prayer is that your 2027 congregational commitment, whatever it may be, will come after you first give yourselves to the Lord and then seek to support your neighbors in their needs.

Please return a copy of the enclosed form to the district office, by December 15, 2026.

Keep a copy for your records.

Thank you for your commitment, and may God bless your efforts to carry out His will.

Declaration of Commitment

To: Board of Directors of the English District of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod

From: _____
(Church Name)

of _____
(City) (State/Province)

In order to support the proclamation of the Gospel through ongoing ministries of **national and worldwide mission projects** of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, and

ongoing ministries and services of the **English District in Mission Development, Human Care, Christian Education, Youth Ministry, Family Life, and Stewardship;**

and, with a commitment to our common mission responsibilities, and after prayerful consideration, it is the intention of our congregation to commit the following:

\$_____ or _____% of our congregational income for the 2027 calendar year. (If pledging a percentage, please indicate what you expect your annual income to be: \$_____.)

Our fiscal year runs from _____ to _____.
Month/Day Month/Day

Please check all boxes below in which your congregation will also prayerfully consider increasing your offerings for the Lord's work through the English District LCMS:

- ☐ Participate in a Dollar for Mission 1-1-1.
- ☐ Build a dollar and percentage increase into your church's budget for next year.
- ☐ Utilize District materials such as the Servant to Servant, letters, bulletin inserts and appeals that tell the mission stories of the district.
- ☐ Develop a "spiritualized budget" that prioritizes "proclaiming the Gospel throughout the world" (missions) and make a first fruits commitment to a monthly mission contribution.
- ☐ Make use of LCEF Ministry Solutions - Stewardship material.
- ☐ Host an LCMS Foundation: Lifetime Plan for Giving Presentation.

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**** FOR BUDGETARY PURPOSES ONLY ****

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