

In NC Synod we support:

- 14 campus ministry sites
- 4 outdoor ministry sites
- 1 Lutheran University & 1 Lutheran Seminary
- 6 mission congregations and 10 Synod Authorized Worshipping Communities
- 9 services for the aging sites
- 90+ candidates for rostered ministry
- 20+ first call leaders with learning & mentors
- 40+/yr congregations in the call process
- 25+/yr congregations in conflict or stress
- 100+/yr congregation visits/consultations
- 5+ Youth and Family ministry events
- 1,000+/yr resources through the Heilig Resource Center & congregational ministry
- 2 partner synods: Costa Rica & Papua New Guinea

In the ELCA we support:

- 8 seminaries & 26 colleges & universities
- 185 campus ministry sites
- 200+ mission congregations
- 147 outdoor ministries
- 300 schools
- 250 missionaries/volunteers in 45 countries
- World Hunger Appeal, Disaster Response
- Lutheran World Relief, Strategy on HIV/AIDS
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

This week each individual in your congregation will live out his/her life differently because of their faith and faith community. This week your congregation will continue its ministry of worship, education, outreach, visitation, service and hospitality. This week the NC Synod will continue its efforts in planting new congregations, preparing candidates for ministry, helping congregations call their next pastor, supporting agencies and institutions, providing campus ministries, planning youth and family ministries and more. The ELCA churchwide organization will do the ministries it is best called to do. Together we are the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

In baptism God's Holy Spirit claims you. Now the Spirit is using you to grow the church. The Spirit empowers you, your congregation, and the church universal in a wide variety of specific and mysterious ways.

And so we pray, "Come Holy Spirit, our souls inspire!"

*"Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries."
- 1 Corinthians 4:1*



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IT ALL BELONGS TO GOD!

*"But who am I, and who are my people,
that they should give as generously as this?
Everything comes from you, and we have given
only what comes from your hand."*

- 1 Chronicles 29:14

Thank you for responding



We celebrate our partnership and thank you for your support of the many ministries you provide through your benevolent gifts, including gifts to the North Carolina Synod and ELCA. We thank you for inviting us to share that

partnership with you.

As individuals we ask, "How much of what is God's do I need to use for my own needs and how much is God calling me to share with the church community and others?" As congregations we ask a similar question: "How much of what is God's—all that has been generously received by our congregation—is God calling us to share beyond our community?" Similar questions are asked by all expressions of our church and by the many ministries we support.

We invite you to ask these questions, trusting in an abundant and generous God who provides for your every need.

"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

—2 Corinthians 9.8

We Give Proportionately

As we ask individuals to share proportionally from what they are given, we also ask congregations to share proportionately to ministries beyond their walls— especially to the ministries of the NC Synod and ELCA. In doing so we acknowledge that through each expression of the church unique ministries are done well, and that the whole church in all its expressions is much stronger than any of its individual parts. So just as congregations invite members to consider increasing their giving by 1% of their income, we invite your congregational community to do the same.



We Respond Generously

We ask you to respond generously with all the resources God provides. Consider tithing unrestricted bequests. In Capital campaigns trust that God will remain faithful and generous as you tithe from the gifts to that campaign. Consider offering at least a tithe of your endowment and memorial fund income to ministry beyond the congregation. As a congregation, model the trust and confidence in a loving, grace-filled and abundant God.



We Walk Together, Sharing Christ

As church we are called together in community. Without people in community there is no church, the Body of Christ. Without the Body of Christ we do not have congregations, synods or a church that serves around the world. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has over 10,000 congregations. The NC Synod has well over 200 of those 10,000+ congregations. We walk together as the Body of Christ. Together we minister and witness in our neighborhoods and around the world. We share Christ, advocate for justice, provide hope and promise, and meet human needs.

