



## Your Congregation's Plan for Mission Support 2017

**As your congregation prepares a budget for 2017, please consider the following:**

How does your congregation share a living, daring confidence in God's grace?

How does your congregation express gratitude for God's grace?

How does your congregation practice generosity?

How does your congregation teach members about proportionate giving as a grateful and generous response to God's blessings?

Do your members understand how the three expressions of this church (congregation, synod, and churchwide ministries) work together to share God's love in the world?

What portion of your congregation's annual offerings will be shared with the synod and churchwide ministries for mission beyond your congregation?

Learn more about how your Mission Support dollars are used by visiting ELCA YouTube channel: [https://youtu.be/bftRz1uTpdU\\_](https://youtu.be/bftRz1uTpdU_)

Use the columns below to indicate your congregation's current level of Mission Support and your 2017 Plan (estimate) for Mission Support . Please return the completed form to the Sacramento Synod Office, Sierra Pacific Synod 9985 Folsom Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95827-1405 or fax it to 1-888-789-6434 Attention: Treasurer

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ELCA ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>2016 Actual</u>	<u>2017 Estimate</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<b>Annual</b> Regular Offerings	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____ %
Mission Support* budgeted for sharing with the synod and churchwide ministries	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____ %
Percent of Mission Support (Mission Support divided by annual offerings)	_____ %	_____ %	

*\*Mission Support is the portion of offerings that your congregation shares for synodical and churchwide ministries for God's mission beyond the local congregation. Other terms with similar meaning include "proportionate giving," "tithing" or "benevolence." Congregations are encouraged to forward 10% or more of their **annual** regular offerings as Mission Support to the Synod. The Sierra Pacific Synod forwards 36% of the Mission Support received to Chicago for Churchwide ministries throughout the United States and the world.*