



## Your Congregation's 2019 Plan for Mission Support

**As your congregation approves a budget for 2019, 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 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?

How do you participate in ministries with other expressions of the church to achieve a scale and scope that you could not do as a single congregation?

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

How does your congregation share a percentage of other receipts (endowments, rents, bequests, and unexpected gifts) with the synod and churchwide ministries?

Learn more about how God is changing lives through the ELCA by visiting [LivingLutheran.org](http://LivingLutheran.org).

Use the columns below to indicate your congregation's current level of Mission Support and your 2019 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>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Estimate</u>
ANNUAL regular offerings	\$ _____	\$ _____
Mission Support* budgeted for sharing with the synod and churchwide ministries	\$ _____	\$ _____
Percent of Mission Support (Mission Support divided by annual offerings)	_____ %	_____ %
Contribution from receipts other than Regular Offerings		\$ _____

*\*Mission Support is the portion of offerings your congregation provides for synodical and churchwide ministries for God's mission beyond your congregation. You may call this proportionate share, tithe 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's approved budget includes forwarding 37% of the Mission Support received to Chicago for Churchwide ministries throughout the United States and the world.*