



# Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod

## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Dear Pastor(s) and Congregational leaders,

Thank you to all who have sent in your Letters of Intent. For those of you who have not, please read through this letter in its entirety.

This is a friendly reminder and a request that you not forget or neglect to send us your congregational goal for Mission Support for 2017. It is our hope to have all responses sent in no later than February 28, 2017. Our Synod is looking forward to another year of partnership and collaboration, as we work together as stewards of God's Church and coworkers in the Gospel. Believe me, your offerings make a difference! In 2017 we are already planning a greater ministry:

- a local Philly Servant Trip in July for our youth.
- More stewardship workshops to equip our congregations to support ministry.
- A Reboot Sunday School and Faith Formation workshop on March 11.
- Read about these and more at [www.ministrylink.org](http://www.ministrylink.org)

Your continued contributions toward Partnership Support has made all of this and more possible. Please model good stewardship for your members by:

- Deciding what proportion of your regular giving you will share with your church partners and send in your 2017 Mission Support form
- Telling stories of the good we've been up to as a Churchwide and a Synodical body - we hope that the more our congregations hear about what we are doing, the more they'll feel encouraged, empowered, and willing to get on board!!
- Trusting that you not only have enough for your congregational work, but will have enough to empower others with the gifts of God entrusted to you. (II Cor. 8-9)

We pray that the year ahead will be an enriching one in your congregation's life - that the harvest will be plentiful and the labor will be joyful - and we look forward to being your partner along the way.

Thank you for your faithful ministry,

Larry V. Smoose, Chair  
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