



Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

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Greetings, Beloved!

I have been so encouraged, as I have traveled the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod these last few months, to see **how vibrant and creative our congregations are**. I have witnessed **innovative ways to form faith, to reach out to young adults, to make neighborhoods better**. I've also witnessed **honest soul-searching** as our leaders and congregations come to grips with the vastly changed culture in which we serve.

I am also excited to watch the growth of important Synod ministries that:

- gather rostered ministers to learn to **lead change in uncharted territories**;
- teach congregations to **recognize and engage systemic racism**;
- provide grant funds to congregations for **networking, innovating, communicating, and equipping**;
- witness to and empower **people experiencing homelessness**;
- build faithful community among **teens and young adults**;
- **tell the stories** of the ministries we do together;

and so much more! These ministries offer hope and inspiration to all of us in the five-county Lutheran community.

Thank you to the congregations, the rostered ministers, the members, and partners who make these relationships possible. We truly cannot do it without you!

We continually give thanks to God for the dedicated corps of individuals who go above and beyond by contributing to our annual *It Takes All the Saints* appeal. **As this year ends, won't you help out with a contribution to help our Synod move forward?**

As the traditional ways of funding the work of our Synod continue to be challenged, *It Takes All the Saints* provides a much-needed stream of support to help ensure that our Lutheran presence endures in good times and in bad.

Thank you for your faithful support. **I look forward to working closely with you** to help shape a future- and community-oriented Synod in the years ahead.

In Christ,

The Rev. Patricia A. Davenport
Bishop



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