



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” - Galatians 6:9

Dear siblings in Christ,

Just as nature transforms, so too does our Church. Mission Forward is how we enact change through deep relationship and reparative justice. Mission Forward allows us to remain relevant, impactful and ultimately see the hand of God at work in the world around us. This focus calls us all to a deeper commitment - one that requires not just our hearts, but also our resources.

Our Synod has experienced many seasons - ministry highs and heartbreaks, declines and closings, transitions and transformations. These seasons all give way to new opportunity to overcome challenges and make continuous efforts to live like Christ in the neighborhoods where we live and serve. These seasons, through our justice and holy advocacy work are how we evolve, remain relevant and expand. **Together, we move the mission forward.**

To continue this important work, we need your support. Your generosity will help sustain our established churches and Synodically Authorized Worshipping Communities in order to reach more people and to build a more inclusive community where Jesus's love, justice and true connection lie. Together, we can ensure that these transitions bear fruit in the lives of many.

We invite you to do two things:

- 1) Prayerfully make a regular financial contribution to support the ongoing work of our Synod here: <https://donorbox.org/mnys-mission-support>
- 2) Share with us your Mission Support plan for 2025: **English:** https://elcamediaresources.blob.core.windows.net/cdn/wp-content/uploads/2025_Mission_Support_Statement_of_Intent_fillable.pdf and **Spanish:** https://elcamediaresources.blob.core.windows.net/cdn/wp-content/uploads/2025_Mission_Support_Statement_of_Intent_Spanish_Fillable.pdf

NO gift is too small and every gift grows our faithfulness to the Gospel. When we are faithful and intentional, people have the opportunity to see God differently, and our ministries get to be advocates working on their behalf.

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In Peace and partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Branden Dupree', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr. Branden Dupree, Director for Evangelical Mission