



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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# Your Congregation's Plan for Mission Support **2012**

**As your congregation prepares a budget for 2012, please consider the following questions:**

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?

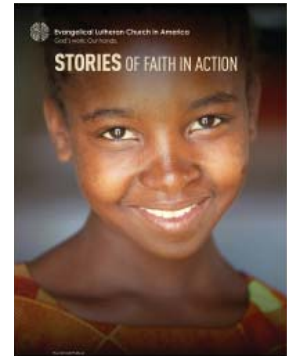
How does your congregation teach members about proportionate giving as a grateful and generous response to God's blessings?

Do your members understand how the three expressions of this church (congregation,

synod and churchwide) work together to share God's love in the world?

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

Learn more about how God is changing lives through the ELCA by visiting [www.livinglutheran.com/stories](http://www.livinglutheran.com/stories).



Instructions: Use the columns below to indicate your congregation's current level of mission support and your 2012 mission support plan. When you have completed the information below, please return it to your synod office.

Name of Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

	2011 Actual	2012 Projected	Percent Change
Weekly offerings pledged by members	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____ %
Mission support* budgeted for sharing with the synod and churchwide organization	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____ %
Percentage of mission support (mission support divided by weekly offerings)	_____ %	_____ %	

\*Mission support is the portion of weekly offerings that your congregation shares with synodical and churchwide ministries for God's mission beyond the local congregation. Other terms with similar meaning include "proportionate giving," "tithing" or "benevolence." For specific information about the ELCA churchwide budget, visit [www.elca.org/budget](http://www.elca.org/budget).