



**La Crosse Area Synod**

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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Rev. Jim Arends, Bishop

Rev. Elizabeth Howe, Dir. for Evangelical Mission/Assistant to the Bishop

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**Dear Congregational Treasurer for 2012:**

*(Share also with pastor[s] and congregational president)*

Enclosed with this mailing you will find your congregation's 2012 remittance forms. These forms should be used to send in your congregation's benevolences in the coming year. You also have the option of receiving weekly remittance forms to encourage regular first-fruits giving. Please call the synod office if you would prefer the weekly forms.

The Mission Support sent by your congregation allows our synod to provide a wide range of services to congregations, clergy, and lay members of our synod. In addition, over sixty percent (60%) of your giving is sent to the wider church, including ELCA missionaries, mission congregations, seminaries, colleges, campus ministries, outdoor ministries, and other partnerships. Your gifts are used extensively to further the mission of the whole church in the United States and around the world.

Thank you for your congregation's support in carrying out the mission of the church. Please urge your leaders to consider increasing Mission Support in 2012, with a goal of increasing it by one percent (1%) of your congregation's 2012 budget.

You may send other restricted benevolence gifts through the synod, if you wish. All restricted gifts are forwarded to their proper destination. This is intended to be a convenience for you and to give your congregation credit for all giving on synod reports.

A treasurer's worksheet and bookkeeping tips are also enclosed. **This is a reminder that the synod's year-end is January 10, 2012. All remittances must be made by that date to be included in the 2011 totals.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Derek Jackson, Synod Treasurer  
La Crosse Area Synod

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Enclosures

Sign up now to receive weekly updates from the synod and ministry partners – prayer requests, inspiring stories, news from other congregations, and notices about upcoming events and useful resources. Just send your name and e-mail address to [office@lacrosseareasynod.org](mailto:office@lacrosseareasynod.org).