



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

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Dear sisters and brothers,

Grace and peace to you! I am beyond happy we are together again. We don't have exhibit tables this year, but I hope you'll say hello when we run into each other during breaks.

The mission of the ELCA Foundation is to strengthen, support and sustain the ministries of the ELCA and related bodies. We do this by offering gift planning services for individuals and expertise for congregations in endowment funds and gift planning education free of cost!

We love our congregations, we love the ministries and services we have supported over the years, we wonder what will happen to these beloved institutions once we are not around. Our faithful service and stewardship do not have to end with our joining the church triumphant. Gift planning is about making sure your legacy gifts tell your story of faith and love, faith in God and love of family, friends, ministry, and service.

My call as a Gift Planner is to help you achieve your charitable and legacy goals utilizing resources available thru the ELCA Foundation following the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) rules and guidelines for charitable gifts. These legacy gifts are a testimony to your faith, your values, your priorities, your desires. My call too takes me to work with congregations to help in the creating of active and robust legacy programs to promote and receive legacy gifts. These gifts will provide financial sustainability now and in the future. Did I say these services are free of cost to you?

We never stopped working despite the fact we were prevented from holding face-to-face gatherings. I met with committees to draft gift policies and endowment documents, I met with donors to facilitate their charitable gifts, I participated in virtual events with partners and congregations. I hope you'll call me to work with you.

In gratitude,  
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