



Northern Illinois Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Report of the Vice President

I want to start my report by expressing my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and generosity towards the work of our synod.

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for the remarkable way in which you have adapted to the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has presented to your congregations. Your leadership, dedication, and unwavering commitment to your communities and the synod have been truly inspirational.

The past years have been some of the most difficult in our collective memory, and the way in which you have persevered through this trying time has been nothing short of remarkable. From the transition to virtual services and the implementation of safety measures to the creative ways in which we have continued to engage with one another, your leadership has been critical in ensuring that we have continued to grow and serve as a synod. You have shown yourselves to be good and faithful servants, tirelessly working to ensure that our synod is able to continue its important work. Through your commitment, we have been able to make a positive impact on countless lives and communities.

As we move forward, I am aware that there are challenges ahead, particularly with regards to budget concerns. However, I remain optimistic that we can continue to carry out our work and achieve our goals. With your continued support, I believe that we can overcome any obstacles that come our way. I am confident that we will continue to thrive and serve our community.

Thank you for your leadership, your guidance, and your unwavering commitment to your congregations and the synod. It has been an honor to serve as your Vice President and I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to grow and serve alongside you.

Once again, I want to express my sincerest thanks for your generosity and dedication to our synod. Your contributions have made a tremendous difference in **Walking Together - loving Christ, loving all, for the sake of the world.**

Peace,

Minnette Willard