



CONGREGATIONAL MISSION SUPPORT REMITTANCE FORM INSTRUCTIONS

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Please complete all six lines at the top. Synod staff uses this information in various ways. Don't forget the email address and name of the person completing the form – we need to know who to contact with questions.

- ✓ Helpful hint: If you prefer to print the form, fill out the information at the top, leaving the Remittance Month line blank, and make copies. Then, each month, fill in the Remittance Month.

What do the different choices mean?

- Mission Support – Your church may still use the word “Benevolence.” This line represents dollars you are remitting to support the work of the synod and ELCA. Fifty-two and a half percent (52.5%) of everything that comes in designated as Mission Support gets sent on to the ELCA. Mission Support funding represents 96% of the synod income.
- NIS Endowment/Trust Fund – By choosing to support this fund, your dollars go into the NIS Endowment Fund where the interest income is used to help fund synod initiatives not covered in the day-to-day operating budget.
- ELCA World Hunger – Money remitted to the synod designated for World Hunger is forwarded to ELCA once a month. These funds are separate from the monies calculated as a part of Mission Support above.
- ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response – These funds also pass through the synod and are sent to ELCA once a month. These funds are also separate from the monies calculated as a part of Mission Support above. This is different from Lutheran World Relief. Both organizations work together in many instances. Lutheran Disaster Response is the disaster ministry of the ELCA that provides short- and long-term recovery when disaster strikes. You can send it to the general Disaster Response fund or to specific disasters like hurricanes (use code DDG0087 – Hurricanes in the “Please Specify” section), tornadoes (use code DDG0020 – Tornadoes) or flooding (use code DDG0069 – Flooding).
- Missionary Sponsorship – This is another pass-through line that is sent to the ELCA once a month, separate from the Mission Support calculation above. You can support specific missionaries through this line. You must include the missionary's name (and code, if you know it) in the “Please Specify” section.
- Global Mission – These funds also pass through to the ELCA once a month, separate from the Mission Support calculation above. This line is for support designated for our companion synods/churches in India and Tanzania. You must include the details (and code, if you know it) in the “Please Specify” section.
- Other Designated Gifts – This is everything else, for example, the ELCA Global Barnyard Gifts, LOMC, LSSI, NIS Innovation Fund, NIS International Partnerships Fund. You must be very specific.

For ELCA contributions (other than World Hunger and Disaster Response), please call the office to get the ELCA Fund ID code to include on your remittance statement. This will reduce delays.