



## 2021 CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT TO THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE NORTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

**Name:**

**Congregation ID:**

At the Synod Assembly in June 2019, the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod, in partnership with all of its congregations, adopted an operating budget of \$ 796,432, in order to accomplish our shared ministry and mission.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Synod Assembly was not conducted, therefore, as constitutionally stipulated, the Synod Council voted to establish a budget for 2021 that was a duplicate/"roll-over" of the 2020 budget, including affirmation of the existing mission support formula. In 2021, all congregations are asked to use the following formula in order to determine their support of the 2021 synodical budget:

*Congregations of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod will aspire to set their response/commitment to the synodical budget as 20% of total current regular giving by members as reported on line 14a of the congregational annual report.*

*A congregation may not set a commitment below the prior year's level of commitment without consultation with the office of the bishop.*

*For those congregations below the figure as determined by the above stated formula, the Synod recommends that congregations aspire to increase by at least ½% of current regular giving each year as needed in moving toward the goal of 20%.*

**In 2021, our congregation, through the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will share for the wider ministry of the church....**

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Council President

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Pastor/Interim Pastor/Representative

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Date

Please return to Ellen at the Synod Office no later than March 15, 2021.

*Please note in order to be eligible for a Commitment Certificate Congregations must submit their commitment before the due date **AND** meet or exceed their commitment for that year.*