

West Virginia-Western Maryland Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Mission Support Request for Calendar Year 2027 2 September 2026

Coworkers for Christ's Kingdom,

Acting in regular session on 1 July 2026, the Synod Council voted

To renew the Mission Support Formula employed in CY2026 for CY2027.

The effect of the action is as follows:

Mission Support Formula for CY2027 at 12.89% of total unrestricted congregational giving (offering), asking that congregations not yet remitting mission support at 12.89% be asked to increase their mission support to 12.89%, while asking congregations at or exceeding 12.89% to not decrease the greater of either their proportional share or nominal contribution.

This represents no increase from the current year.

When your congregation adopts its budget, please complete and submit the Mission Support Pledge Form for Calendar Year 2027. It may be downloaded (in either pdf or MS-Word) from the synod's Mission Support webpage (<http://wv-wmd.org/congregations/MS/>). Mail it to the synod office (or transmit it via email as a pdf or MS-Word doc to MissionSupport@WV-WMD.org).

If you would like a consultation prior to or after your congregational meeting, please contact me at Bishop@WV-WMD.org or 304-363-4030.

Blessing upon your continued work on the frontlines of ministry. May the Gospel have free course.

In Christ's Service,



The Rt. Rev. Matthew Lynn Riegel, S.T.M.
Bishop