



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Stories of Hope From our Synod--

**Lutheran Planned Giving Partnership
CSS/AOK Synods**

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Thank you for your partnership in this ministry of providing planned giving services to the ELCA congregations, members, institutions and agencies within the Central States (CSS) and Arkansas/Oklahoma Synods (AOK). The work we do together, inviting every ELCA member to consider remembering one or more ministries of the ELCA as part of their philanthropic giving plans, is so very important to the churches, institutions and individuals we help as well as the future of our church. It continues to be a pleasure to work with and represent each of the partners within the Lutheran Planned Giving Partnership (LPG) of the CSS and AOK Synods. The CSS/AOK Partnership includes: Bethany College, Camp Tomah Shinga, Hollis Renewal Center, Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Lutheran Campus Ministry of the CSS Synod, Lutheran Campus Ministry of the AOK Synod, The Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod, The Central States Synod, Oaks Indian Mission and the ELCA Foundation.



Together, being in partnership with the LPG and the ELCA Foundation we achieve things on a scale and scope that we could never do otherwise. We are Church Together! As our faith matures and deepens, so does the way we support God's work in the world.

The LPG and the ELCA Foundation exist to sustain and grow our ministries by stewarding assets for all the related organizations of the ELCA. Utilizing a variety of deferred giving vehicles offered by the ELCA Foundation, the regional gift planners work with individual congregational members and churches to develop giving plans that reflect family and ministry values.

In 2016 the ELCA realized 17 million in planned gifts! The work of the church is so blessed to have this wonderful support from our members via estate planning!

“For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building;”

1 Corinthians 3:9

In Service,

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