

Dear Synod Bishops,

We are pleased to share that the online system for the Annual Congregation Report was opened on Monday January 12 for data entry by congregations. We have received nearly 200 responses, and there are another 600 in progress. The Office of the Secretary is eager to receive their reports.

Your congregations received an email on January 22 letting them know the system is available and reminding them where they can find all the resources. You can see a copy of this email [here](#). As a reminder, congregations received a letter from Secretary Mills with their login information in early January.

Your synod statisticians received an email in mid-December containing login information and personalized Form As. If you should need these sent to you, please let me know by emailing me at destiny.hisey@elca.org.

Complete congregation Form As are not yet available within the synod portal. We expect this to be resolved next week. All other functions appear to be in good order. Reports can be submitted on behalf of a congregation, and synod dashboards are accessible from within the synod portal. If you should have issues with the synod portal, please let me know.

Many of the issues congregations (and some synod users) reported experiencing last year seem to be resolved. If you hear from any congregations experiencing issues with the system, please let me know immediately so we can address them.

Also, if you were unable to download your synod's 2024 Form As from the synod portal, I now have access to those files and am happy to forward them to you if needed.

Many thanks for your partnership in this ministry,

Destiny