



Rocky Mountain Synod, ELCA

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Dear Siblings in Christ in the Rocky Mountain Synod,

Happy Advent! Our Synod Staff and Council would like to thank you for your generosity this year. We are grateful that your congregation shares what it receives with the synod for the sake of our united ministry. In much the same way, the Rocky Mountain Synod practices this same generosity by sharing a good part of what it receives with the ministries of the national and global Church.

Thanks to you and your congregation's mission support, we are able to support a variety of ministries throughout our synod. Our transition ministry accompanies congregations and rostered leaders in times of transition between calls and congregations. Through our lay and rostered ministry, we walk with people discerning a call to ministry and support the theological training of pastors, deacons, synodically authorized ministers, TEEM candidates, and lay preachers. We walk alongside congregations in conflict and accompany congregations in processes of renewal and envisioning new futures. We support new congregations and help sustain critical ongoing ministries on the border, on college campuses, in prison, and in outdoor ministries. Our synod staff is able to travel to connect face to face with congregations throughout our synod, and so much more. We couldn't do any of this important work without your faithfulness and generous spirit.

As we are coming to the end of the calendar year, we are also coming to the end of our synod's fiscal year, which ends on January 31st. We know that for some of us, as individuals and as congregations, this has been a difficult financial season, which makes us even more grateful for your generosity in sharing these precious resources. If you are able, we encourage you to continue your support with any end of year giving you may have. We also know this is a time of year when many congregations are preparing budgets and ministry

plans for their annual meetings, and we hope you will continue to support the two-year budget we passed together at our 2025 Synod Assembly.

This is a wonderful time of year – a time of celebration, anticipation, gratitude, and kindness. We are so grateful for you and for the ways you proclaim Christ's love in your community. We look forward to all the ways we will partner with you in the ministry share in the coming year!

Your Synod Staff and Synod Council in the Rocky Mountain Synod wish you Advent Blessings and a Merry Christmas!

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