



Grand Canyon Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." Colossians 2:6-7

Dear Rev. Cain, Rev. Book, and Desert Cross Lutheran Church,

With overflowing thankfulness we have received your fiscal year 2026 - 2027 Mission

Support Plan. Your commitment to give \$60,000 in congregational mission support reflects the deep roots your congregation has in our shared mission. **Thank you!**

This year, as we ground ourselves in 'Rooted in God's Story,' our strength comes from being rooted in Christ, built up together, and strengthened in the faith we share. Paul calls us to be rooted in abundance rather than scarcity, in partnership rather than isolation, in hope rather than fear. Your faithful commitment embodies that call, and we are grateful to be writing God's story together.

Working together, your congregational mission support:



Empowers Local and Global Partnerships:

We strengthen relationships with Lutheran Social Services, Spirit in the Desert, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, California Lutheran University, and companion churches in Senegal and Mexico.



Advocates for Justice:

Through LAMA and LEAN, we lift faithful voices in our state legislatures for compassion, dignity, and justice.



Supports Strategic and Ethnic-Specific Ministries:

We accompany vital yet vulnerable ministries with mentorship, grant writing, and advocacy.



Grows Ministries that

Transform Lives: From our 3 campus ministries to youth and young adult gatherings, we are creating sacred spaces where young people experience Christ's love and discover their calling.



Invests in New & Sustained Leadership:

We support, ordain, and equip pastors and deacons through candidacy, seminary financial assistance, and First Call Accompaniment.



Provides Support and Care:

With the Office of the Bishop, we walk with congregations through transitions, providing coaching, resources for vitality, and pastoral presence across the synod.

Rooted Together in Christ,



Deborah K. Hutterer

The Rev. Deborah K. Hutterer, Bishop
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