



God calls us as individuals and as congregations to share our time, talents, and money in order that the church might fulfill its mission in the world more effectively. Sharing these blessings reflects our commitment to the building up of the Body of Christ.

As partners in ministry with the whole Church, we ask each other to grow toward and beyond tithing as a fundamental expression of faith and as one aspect of healthy and gracious stewardship.

After prayer and conversation, we the people of God at \_\_\_\_\_

**[Congregation Name, Location (NEPS #)]**

intend to support the mission of the whole church by designating \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as our NEPS/ELCA mission support for 2009.

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Signature of Congregational Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Office \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by January 10, 2009 to: Pastor D. Michael Bennethum  
Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod  
4865 Hamilton Blvd.  
Wescosville, PA 18106

**Note:** If the Mission Support figure on this form changes after February 1 as the result of a congregational meeting, please contact the synod office with the change.

*God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work (2 Cor. 9:8).*

# Instructions for Completing the Mission Support Intention Form



Dear Partners in Stewardship,

The form on the reverse side of this page indicates your synodical and churchwide Mission Support intention for 2009. In determining what God is calling your congregation to contribute to the ministries of the larger church, you are invited to use a process that emphasizes proportional giving. This expresses congregational benevolence as an ongoing and growing percentage of regular giving; that is, your congregation's anticipated income.

Prayerfully consider this process when completing the form:

1. Determine your mission support figures for 2008:

What is your anticipated total income for 2008 (include all resources you typically use to build your budget)? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

What is your mission support commitment for 2008? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

You will find the percent of your Mission Support by dividing the budgeted figure for Mission Support by the figure for anticipated income. \_\_\_\_\_ %

*Example: Anticipated income \$130,000.00  
Mission support \$ 13,000.00  
\$13,000 ÷ \$130,000 = .10 or 10%*

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2. Calculate your mission support intention for 2009:

What is your anticipated total income for 2009? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

What portion of your income will you designate for mission support through the synod and ELCA? \_\_\_\_\_ %

In response to Christ's gracious love, prayerfully consider growing your contribution to the work of the whole church by an additional 1% of anticipated income. \_\_\_\_\_ %

What will be your mission support commitment for 2009?

You will find this amount by multiplying your anticipated income figure by the percent designated for mission support. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

write this amount in the box on the reverse side

*Example: Anticipated income \$140,000.00  
Portion designated 11%  
Mission support \$ 15,400.00*

If you have questions, please contact Pastor Mike Bennethum at 610-395-6891 (Michael.bennethum@ecunet.org)

***Thanks be to God for your partnership in the gospel,  
and thank you for your gracious and faithful giving!***

(please return this form by January 10, 2009; however, note that forms will be accepted after January 10)