

# ELCA Foundation

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The ELCA Foundation exists to support and sustain ELCA ministries by enhancing gifting capacity and stewarding resources. They serve individuals, congregations, synods, churchwide, and other related ELCA organizations.

Tharan Leopold, the Regional Gift Planner serving our synod, gets to meet so many generous and wonderful people in our synod. He is humbled to be invited into homes to hear stories, learn about what inspires you, and what the legacy is that you wish to create.

It is possible that your congregation is the beneficiary of an estate gift established by a regional gift planner. Someone you know may have talked with him about their legacy intent. There are so many ways that you might already be experiencing the work of the ELCA Foundation without realizing it! (Did you know that there is no cost or obligation to utilize a Gift Planner like Tharan? It is their ministry to be of service!)

His hope is that everyone would have a planned gift in place. Instead of leaving it up to chance or a stranger, plan your gifts. A legacy plan is an exclamation point to your faith story!

A message to you, from Tharan:

“Meet with me to have a conversation about your own planned gift! I promise it isn't that difficult and can be a rewarding experience. Once you have met with me and see how easy it is to create a planned gift, encourage others to do so! Advocate for your congregation to have a mission endowment fund to be a beacon of light outside your congregation.”

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