



# Hand in Hand ELCA Missionary Sponsorship Covenant

In a covenant relationship, an ELCA missionary, the ELCA Global Mission Support team, the companion church, and a sponsor promise to accompany each other by giving generously and receiving graciously in Christ's name. This covenant is a promise of prayer, communication, and financial support.

I/We \_\_\_\_\_  
sponsor's name city, state

**covenant to support** \_\_\_\_\_  
missionary's name or "Missionary Sponsorship: where needed most"

**with prayer, communication, and financial gifts. In this covenant relationship, I/we pledge to contribute**

**\$\_\_\_\_\_ per year for**  **one year,**  **two consecutive years or**  **three consecutive years,**

**beginning in the year 20\_\_\_\_\_.**

### About me/us

- individual/family. ELCA members, please note your congregation's name, city, and state:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- ELCA congregation
- Women of the ELCA unit:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
(congregation name, city, state)
- \_\_\_\_\_  
(other, please describe)

### This covenant

- is a new relationship
- renews a relationship
- replaces a covenant with:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
(missionary name, country of service)

### Giving level (see reverse side)

- Helping Hands
- Friends
- Neighbors
- Companions
- Endowment Companions

### GMS office use

Please list the names and contact information of those who will faithfully promote Missionary Sponsorship. At least one of the contacts should have an e-mail address, as most missionaries communicate electronically.

Contact name (title/position)	Contact mailing address	Contact e-mail address
1.		
2.		
3.		

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Title/position date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Title/position date




\_\_\_\_\_  
 The Rev. Twila Schock, director, ELCA Global Mission Support  
**800-638-3522, ext. 2657**

Complete two copies of the covenant.  
 Keep one copy and mail the other to:

**ELCA Global Mission Support**  
**8765 W. Higgins Road**  
**Chicago, IL 60631-4101**

## ELCA Missionary Sponsorship Giving Levels

Your covenant commitment to sponsor an ELCA missionary makes a world of difference. Your generous support helps ELCA missionaries join hands with neighbors and companion churches around the world to teach, preach, build, grow, give, and receive. **Thank you!**

 <p><b>Helping Hands</b> Covenant commitments under \$2,000 in one year</p>	<p>Receive communication from the Global Mission Support team, updates from the sponsored missionary, and the <i>Global Mission Support and Service Annual Directory</i>.</p>
 <p><b>Friends</b> Covenant commitments of \$2,000 or more in one year, or a commitment of \$1,000 or more for two or more consecutive years</p>	<p>In addition to the above: During home assignment (every two years), the sponsored missionary makes every effort to accept an invitation to visit.</p>
 <p><b>Neighbors</b> Covenant commitments of \$10,000 or more in one year</p>	<p>In addition to the above: During home assignment (every two years), the sponsored missionary makes it a priority to accept an invitation to visit. <i>Neighbor, Companion, and Endowment Companion</i> sponsors are acknowledged in the <i>Annual Directory</i>.</p>
 <p><b>Companions</b> Covenant commitments of \$75,000 or more for one year or after three consecutive annual gifts of at least \$25,000</p>	<p>In addition to the above: <i>Companion and Endowment Companion</i> sponsors are honored at a recognition event, often during the annual Summer Missionary Conference (SMC).</p>
 <p><b>Endowment Companions</b> Covenant commitments to the <i>ELCA Global Mission endowment fund</i> of \$75,000 or more in one year or after three consecutive annual gifts of at least \$25,000</p>	<p>In addition to the above: <i>Endowment Companions</i> are invited to name their gift (e.g., the Jane Smith Memorial Missionary Sponsorship, Covenant Lutheran Church Missionary Sponsorship).</p>

**Gifts for ELCA Missionary Support help make a world of difference. Here are examples of the good your gifts can do.**

<b>\$10</b>	pays for a month's supply of cooking kerosene.	<b>\$2,000</b>	helps provide one year of home-school curriculum for a missionary child.
<b>\$50</b>	purchases a pass for public transportation.	<b>\$5,000</b>	helps a missionary family fly to and from their country of service.
<b>\$120</b>	provides two- to 12-months of e-mail access, depending on the area.	<b>\$10,000</b>	covers the cost of health insurance for a missionary couple for one year.
<b>\$200</b>	covers a month's rent in some areas or a month's security expense in others.	<b>\$70,000</b>	is the average, all-inclusive cost for a single missionary (e.g., training, salary, benefits, housing, in-country support) for one year.
<b>\$1,000</b>	pays for a short-term missionary's stipend and benefits for one month.		



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