



Metropolitan New York Synod

Press Kit



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

*“A bitterly divided world needs the witness of churches growing together in greater **unity** and cooperation now more than ever.”*

*“We recover hope in our communities when we seek to understand one another and commit ourselves to **unity.**”*



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Our synod is the regional expression of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**.

Lutherans are a diverse group of people, convinced that the Holy Spirit is leading us toward **unity** in the household of God.

As Lutherans, we are worshipping God, helping friends and neighbors, **celebrating diversity, feeding the hungry, working for justice, and advocating for peace**.

When we **serve others** and address **social issues** that affect the common good, **we live out our Christian faith**.

There are nearly **200 congregations** across New York City, Long Island, in the five boroughs of New York City, and in the counties of Westchester, Putnam, Orange, Rockland, Sullivan and Dutchess.

The Rev. Donald J. McCoid serves as our interim bishop.



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Mission Statement

Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered and sent for the sake of the world.

Vision Statement

CLAIMED: by God's grace for the sake of the world, we are a new creation through God's living word by the power of the Holy Spirit;

GATHERED: by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will live among God's faithful people, hear God's Word, and share Christ's supper;

SENT: by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serve all people following the example of our Lord Jesus, and strive for justice and peace in the world.



MNYS Fact Sheet

- 13.5 million people living within the **synod territory**
- 63,959 **baptized** members
- 16,009 in **weekly worship**
- 190 **congregations**
- Around 350 **rostered ministers** (pastors and deacons rostered in the ELCA)
- Over 100 **synod deacons**
- One of the **most diverse** synods that is a part of the ELCA



MNYS Ministries & Programs

- Sanctuary for **Immigrants** (approved resolution)
- **Anti-Racism** Committee
- Commission for **Gay & Lesbian** People
- **Environmental** Stewardship Committee
- **Disaster Relief**
- **Domestic Violence Awareness** Task Force
- **Global** Mission
- **Hunger** Committee
- **Multicultural** Mission
- **Youth** Ministry





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