



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

Thank you for agreeing to be an NC Synod Storyteller!

We look forward to working with you to tell the stories of ministry that are happening all across our synod—both synodically and in congregations just like yours.

“So, what exactly is a Synod Storyteller?”

You have been chosen as a Synod Storyteller and you will volunteer some of your time to help bring stories of the ways we are church together to the folks in your congregation. We hope you will be an advocate in your setting for the connectedness we share and the ministries we accomplish together as a synod. The stories will sometimes highlight synod ministries, sometimes stories from our agencies and institutions, sometimes churchwide ministries, and sometimes stories about ministries happening in other congregations. Also, we hope to hear from you so we can share with the rest of the synod the good ministries that are happening in your own congregation!

“So, what exactly have I agreed to do?”

1. You will share in your congregation—through your newsletter, bulletin, social media, bulletin boards—stories that we send to you which are specifically designed for Synod Storytellers. We will make them easy to share and will send them quarterly: March, June, September and December.
2. You will sign up for the synod's bi-weekly e-newsletter called *Synod E-News*—if you're not already subscribed—and encourage your congregation council and members of your congregation to sign up also. [Sign up here.](#)
3. You will send us, at least once a year, a short story (300-350 words) with two or three good quality pictures to illustrate your story. What are the ways the Holy Spirit has encouraged your congregation to reach out with the love of Christ into your community? Share those stories with us so we can share them across the synod—on our website, in *E-News*, and through social media!
4. You will be our guest at an annual Synod Storyteller luncheon with Bishop Smith to hear first-hand the many ways our offerings and gifts from across the synod are making a difference for the sake of the world.

A few more things.

It is crucial that a Synod Storyteller be someone who is comfortable using e-mail; all of our correspondence will happen that way. If you are not, now's the time to say so! We appreciate your continued advocacy for the ministries we share.

If you weren't subscribed to *Synod E-News* on January 2, 2018, you might not have seen the bishop's reflection in that issue. He outlines a newly-focused vision for the synod and talks about ways we are church together. [Read the article here.](#)

As director of communications & resources for the synod, I look forward to working with you as together we tell the Gospel story that is being lived out all across our synod every day.

God's Peace,

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