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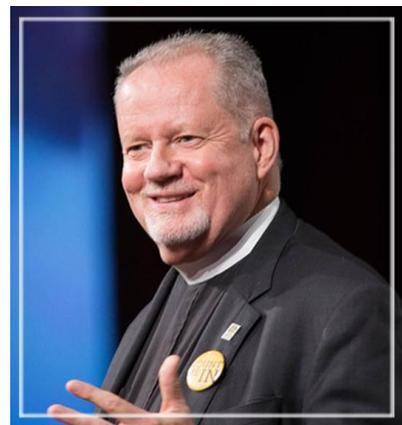
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Dear friends in Christ,

“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine” – Ephesians 3:20.

The Lord has blessed this campaign, as have so many Lutherans, including you. It is my hope and prayer this newsletter informs, inspires and invites you to continue to engage with the campaign in meaningful ways.

We have accomplished so much together since the campaign's launch in February 2014. As of March 31, more than \$146.5 million (74 percent of our goal), as well as an additional \$31 million in planned gifts, has been contributed toward the priorities of the campaign. Yet, there is more work to be done. We have a goal, which – with God's help – we are striving to meet and surpass.



In this final year of the campaign, we are focused on:

- Reaching our \$115 million goal for ELCA World Hunger.

including Fund for Leaders and Youth and Young Adults.

- Continuing to accompany our neighbors from around the world through the Global Church priority.
- Advancing congregational vitality, as well as enhancing ministries with those with disabilities.

Thank you for all that you do to support these priorities. Together, we can do more!

Sincerely,



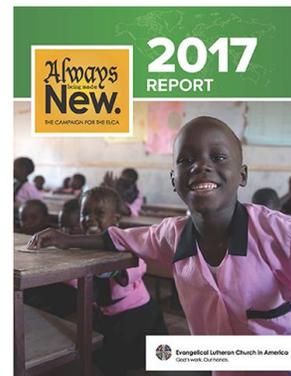
Pastor Ron Glusenkamp
Director, *The Campaign for the ELCA*

Campaign Progress

2017 Campaign Report – out now!

Thanks to all the congregations, synods and individuals who have participated in *The Campaign for the ELCA*'s first four years. In the [2017 Campaign Report](#), you will see how your generosity continues to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors around the world. Please share this important work and progress with your synod and congregations!

In addition, to find out how you can continue to support the campaign in its final year, please visit ELCA.org/campaign.



Campaign News

Campaign year four impact

The campaign celebrated exciting milestones in its fourth year, thanks to the support of synods, congregations and ELCA members. Shared in a [news release](#) earlier this year, announcements included ELCA Fund for Leaders reaching its \$15-million campaign fundraising goal, ELCA World Hunger's largest year of direct giving and a generous year for Lutheran Disaster Response in 2017.

[Read about these exciting milestones](#) in the news release.



First International Women Leaders scholar celebrates graduation

Congratulations to Sarah Abendanon of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Suriname! Sarah is the first ELCA International Women Leaders scholar to complete her program of study. On April 28, she received her bachelor's degree in marketing from Augsburg University in Minneapolis.

[Learn more](#) about the International Women Leaders program.



ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm Challenge

The 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering is right around the corner and with it comes an exciting fundraising challenge for ELCA youth, their families and congregations. ELCA World Hunger's [Global Farm Challenge](#) is a yearlong, youth-driven fundraising challenge to support the agriculture-related programs of ELCA World Hunger, our church's ministry to end hunger and poverty. Many youth and youth groups will raise funds in advance of the Gathering in June, and many will bring their offerings to the event.

Now, thanks to generous friends of the ELCA, gifts will go even further: All gifts toward the Global Farm Challenge will



we can raise more than \$1 million this year to create healthier families, stronger economies and a future filled with hope. [Get involved](#) by supporting our youth in this challenge today!

Make A Gift Today!



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