## The American Association of Lutheran Churches



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Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1:3-5

Part of my responsibilities to The American Association of Lutheran Churches is to keep an accurate record of member congregations. Therefore, I request that every congregation provide information regarding membership statistics, finances, stewardship, worship services starting times, and names and contact information of pastoral and lay leadership, etc. Your efforts to complete this report and submit it by the due date (March 15) would be greatly appreciated. I would be especially grateful if each congregation would provide membership statistics and financial information. This is helpful information as The National Office accesses the health and vitality of all our congregations. Please note that financial information is held in confidence and is not shared outside The National Office. A template of the 2024 Annual Congregational Statistical Report is attached.

Additionally, I am requesting that each congregation would include a copy of their current Constitution when submitting their statistical report. As you know, new congregations applying to the congregational roster of The AALC are required to include a copy of their Constitution in their application packet and to send an updated Constitution once their membership is approved. In going through our congregational files, it has come to my attention that The National Office does not have up-to-date Constitutions for every congregation. Some Constitutions on file still reflect former denominational membership. Please send an up-to-date copy of your Constitution to The National Office so that we are in compliance with state charter requirements placed upon The AALC.

This packet also contains registration information about the 2025 Youth Conference, which will be held July 14-18 at the YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park CO. The theme is RESILIENT based on Philippians 1:27. Please encourage your youth to attend this event.

Once again, thank you for submitting the Annual Congregational Statistical Report and a copy of your current Constitution. I pray God's blessings upon your congregation.

I am your servant in Christ Jesus.

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