

Covenant of Partnership



Lutheran Social Services of IN
and
Congregations



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*"I thank Him that enabled me, even Christ Jesus our Lord, for that He counted me faithful,
appointing me to His service" (1 Timothy 1:12)*

This document is a statement of joint ministry and as such, we agree to work together to fulfill the mission:

Lutheran Social Services of Indiana expresses the love of Jesus Christ for all people through services that empower individuals and families to move toward social, emotional, and spiritual wholeness.

Lutheran Social Services of Indiana agrees to:

- Be a resources for congregations to help them serve their members and communities
- Offer opportunities to serve and support our shared mission
- Link member congregations with other congregations and community members to partner in ministry
- Provide congregations with Church Relations Director to be a constant point of contact
- Offer a regular gathering of congregations and community members to discuss needs and successful services
- Share its expertise and talent with member congregations when asked and resources are available
- Pray for affiliated congregations, their members and our joint ministry

As an affiliated congregation, we agree to:

- Pray for the service recipients, ministry, and staff of LSSI
- Support the programs and services of LSSI through:
 - Welcome members of the LSSI community to worship services
 - Attend the annual meeting
 - Appoint a member of the congregation to serve as a delegate

- Encourage volunteer efforts to support our shared ministry
- Develop goals for support through financial contributions
- Educate congregational members about the shared ministry with LSSI
- Host an annual LSSI Sunday
- Support the Justice Bread program by providing awareness of the program
- Help support services with a financial gift through a general fund or through a specified program
- Refer clients to the Cup of Kindness Program to utilize the Pastors fund
- Work in partnership with LSSI to refer clients to the Counseling Program and/or provide a Counseling site in the Church for LSSI Counselors to utilize
- Consider hosting the LSSI Financial Literacy curriculum at the Church for the congregation and LSSI clients
- Receive LSSI client prayer request cards to pray for clients needs

Congregation Name: _____

Congregation Address: _____

Contact Email: _____

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____
Congregation Pastor

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____
Congregation Council President

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____
CEO, Lutheran Social Services of Indiana

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____
Board Chair, Lutheran Social Services of Indiana

"This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12)