

# *Covenant of Partnership*



Lutheran Social Services of Indiana  
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" (I 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.*

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## **Lutheran Social Services of Indiana (LSSI) agrees to:**

- Be a resource 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 access to our Church Relations Director who serves as 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
- To help support LSSI with an annual financial gift
- To appoint a member of the congregation to serve as a delegate
  - \*Attends LSSI's Annual Meeting
  - \*Acts as a liaison between church and LSSI
- To support the programs and services of LSSI through: (Check all the ways you would support LSSI)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Welcome members of the LSSI community to worship services
- \_\_\_\_\_ Encourage volunteer efforts with LSSI to support our shared ministry
- \_\_\_\_\_ Educate congregational members about the shared ministry with LSSI
- \_\_\_\_\_ Host a LSSI Sunday by inviting someone from LSSI to speak at church service, have a LSSI information booth at church or designate a special collection for LSSI
- \_\_\_\_\_ Support the Justice Bread program by providing awareness of the program to congregational members
- \_\_\_\_\_ Designate The Lutheran Foundation's Congregations Grant to LSSI
- \_\_\_\_\_ Refer clients to the Cup of Kindness Program to utilize the Pastor's fund
- \_\_\_\_\_ Consider hosting the LSSI Financial Literacy or Senior Financial Safety workshop at the church
- \_\_\_\_\_ Consider training lay volunteers to offer Financial Literacy curriculum
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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)