

The 2019 Synod Assembly offering supports:

COMPANION SYNOD TRAVEL FUND

Your gifts strengthen cross-cultural partnerships

The Companion Synod Travel Fund helps cover travel expenses for guests from our companion synods in Hungary and Namibia to visit the Northeastern Iowa Synod.

In 2019:

- Ms. Vandus Turó, a Roma College member in Hungary, is serving as an international camp staff member at Camp Ewalu. She will present a seminar at the 2019 Synod Assembly.
- A Lutheran seminary student from Hungary spent a week in January visiting several sites in this synod, including Trinity, Mason City; St. Paul's, Waverly; and Wartburg College, a local farm and other organizations in the Waverly area.

Previous companion synod visitors include:

- Two guests from Namibia and one from Hungary traveled to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston with youth from their host congregations: Trinity Lutheran, Mason City; St. Paul, Hampton; Grace Lutheran, Tripoli.
- A young Hungarian woman joined the summer camp staff at Ewalu Camp and Retreat Center.
- Two Hungarian healthcare students spent two weeks in April 2017 visiting health care providers and other sites in Northeastern Iowa.



Pastor Mark Anderson hosts Ádám Nagy, a seminary student from Hungary.

- Pastor Erzsébet Molnár, director of the Lutheran-sponsored Roma College in Hungary, visited in June 2016 and addressed the Synod Assembly and WIYLDE.
- Bishop Ernst Gamxamub and Leonard de Vries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Republic of Namibia, visited in April 2016.
- Two youth from Namibia visited in 2015 and attended the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit.
- A Roma social work graduate from Hungary stayed for four weeks in 2015, touring area social service agencies.

Thank you for supporting our companion synod partnerships!

The 2019 Synod Assembly offering supports:

H. GEORGE ANDERSON NORTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD FUND FOR LEADERS

Your gifts help provide seminary scholarships

Gifts to the H. George Anderson Northeastern Iowa Synod Fund for Leaders help provide scholarships for seminarians from the Northeastern Iowa Synod.

Offering tuition scholarships removes potential debt for seminary students and encourages young adults and those with families to pursue answering the call toward lay or ordained ministry.

Generous gifts have grown the Northeastern Iowa Synod Fund for Leaders endowment to \$443,388. Scholarships totaling \$83,844 were distributed to 11 seminary students in 2018.

It is vital that the endowment continues to grow in order to prepare for the impending retirement of nearly half of this synod's active parish pastors over the next five to 10 years, and the pastors retiring throughout the ELCA.

Your gifts to this endowment fund strengthen local congregations, the synod and the broader church by making it easier for more people to become trained leaders to serve in ministerial settings.

Thank you for supporting future leaders of this church!



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