



Rocky Mountain Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Lutheran Advocacy Ministry – New Mexico

Become an

Advocating Congregation or Advocating Faith Organization*

by completing at least six of the activities below

▪ **Education:**

- Invite a speaker from Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM to teach or preach in your congregation
- Organize a group or forum to learn about issues on the LAM-NM Advocacy Agenda
- Study the ELCA Social Statements or similar documents from your denomination or faith tradition
- Keep advocacy visible within your congregation through communications and/or displays

▪ **Action:**

- Send people to the annual LAM-NM Fall Conference
- Form an advocacy team in your congregation to help mobilize responses to LAM-NM Action Alerts
- Encourage people to join the LAM-NM Advocacy Network
- Do an offering of letters to state public officials regarding a current LAM-NM issue
- Promote voter registration in your community
- Send people to the LAM-NM Bishop's Luncheon & Issues Briefing during legislative sessions
- Include the ministry of advocacy in your corporate prayers
- Host a non-partisan meeting or forum (relating to LAM-NM issues) with the state legislators who represent the area that includes your church's location

**We encourage ELCA, ecumenical, and interfaith congregations as well as faith organizations to partner with our advocacy ministry by becoming a Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM Advocating Congregation or Organization.*

When at least six of the activities have been completed, fill out the Commitment Form on the other side of this page and send it to address below.

Please reaffirm your congregation or organization's commitment by completing at least six activities every two years.

LAM-NM works in an advocacy partnership with the NM Conference of Churches & the Presbytery of Santa Fe

*Together we proclaim and embody God's unconditional love for the sake of the world
Christ's Church, Better Together*

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**Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM
Advocating Congregation or Advocating Faith Organization
Commitment Form**

Name and Address of your congregation or faith organization:

Designate two Advocacy Leaders in your congregation or faith organization to be the primary liaisons between your congregation or faith organization and Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM:

Name _____	Name _____
Email _____	Email _____
Address _____	Address _____
_____	_____
Phone _____	Phone _____

Identify at least 6 advocacy activities from the list on the other side of this page that your congregation or faith organization has completed. (Attach additional pages, if needed.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Obtain the affirmation of your congregation or faith organization (e.g., congregation council, social justice committee, or similar group approval or leadership adoption) and have a representative sign this form.

This congregation or faith organization publicly affirms its identity as a community who serves all people and who strive for justice and peace in the world. We intend to lift up our voice in advocacy with and on behalf of our neighbors living in poverty or experiencing hunger. We intend to partner with Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM and other advocating congregations.

Congregation/Faith Organization

Representative

Date