

# ELCA Mission Interpretation Ministry

## 7 Minute Council Presentation

### Objectives:

- Thank congregational councils for their decision making around Mission Support
- Lift up one synodical mission that benefits from congregational Mission Support
- Lift up one churchwide mission that benefits from congregational Mission Support
- Share SOFIA and one way to use it in the congregation
- Introduce/remind council of the benefits of having a Mission Interpreter in the congregation

### Process:

- Introduce yourself and thank Pastor/Council President for inviting you....or whoever was your connection
- Share a brief explanation of Mission Interpretation (Think of your elevator speech!)
  - \*Mission Interpretation is a *network of people across the ELCA who tell the stories of how God's mission in the world is accomplished through our generous giving. Mission Interpreters share the connectedness between the 3 expressions of the church...congregation, synod, and ELCA*
  - \*Share that there are MIs in most synods of the ELCA and share a bit about the network in your synod
  - \*MIs are available for visits to congregations (Temple Talk, Adult Forum, Confirmation Class, or a simple display board during Fellowship). Invite us!
- Explain your purpose for being at the meeting
  - \*To THANK them for all they do when making decisions around Mission Support
  - \*Times are difficult....budgets tight...decisions can be difficult
  - \*THANKS from your synod....lift up a synodical mission that benefits from congregational mission support (Camping, Campus, Seminary, etc.)
  - \*THANKS from the ELCA.....get ready to use SOFIA!
- Lift up/use the SOFIA magazine
  - \*These are some of the stories of what your mission support does for people across our country and across the world. (Highlight one story that connects with the congregation or your synod)
  - \*Share the 25th year anniversary timeline in center of publication
  - \*Explain how to get SOFIA...[elca.org/resources](http://elca.org/resources). Free...pay for shipping only.
- THANK AGAIN!!!
  - \**Thank you for the attitude of abundance and for the generosity of this congregation! Without it....none of these stories would be told. Thank you for this blessing to God's mission in the world.*
- Share M & M's