

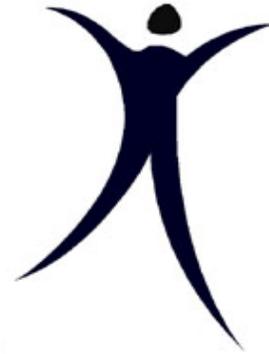


## Mission Interpreters are willing to:

Communicate with your congregation monthly via newsletter, bulletin board, e-news, presentations, or other means. Stories for you to use will be provided to you by your synod's Mission Interpreter team.

Present at least one talk per quarter to your home congregation. This talk may be in the form of a mission moment in worship, an adult forum, an address to church council, etc. You decide which method works best for you and your congregation.

Commit to the Mission Interpretation Ministry for at least two years.



## Are **YOU** willing to serve?

Please prayerfully consider becoming a Mission Interpreter. Contact one of the following people for additional information or to volunteer:

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# Mission Interpreters

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Telling the story of  
our hands doing  
God's work in the  
world



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*"As for us, we cannot help  
speaking about what we  
have seen and heard"*  
*Acts 4:20*



*“Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world.” - ELCA Mission Statement.*

## Congregational Benefit

When Christians understand their baptismal identity as co-workers in a wider church, they become strong advocates supporting the mission and ministry we share beyond the congregation, through the synod, the churchwide organization and partner organizations.

The Mission Interpreter Ministry helps congregations by increasing the understanding of the work we do together. Members of the congregation see how they are personally connected to mission and ministry around the world!

“Mission minded” congregations are growing in membership and spirit!



A Mission Interpreter is a person who helps us understand (interpret) the church’s role (mission) in the world.

### What Do Mission Interpreters Do?

Mission Interpreters are volunteers from ELCA congregations who help bring to life the stories of how our offerings and gifts are transformed into effective ministries through the ELCA and ELCA mission partners. Mission Interpreters remind us of how we make a difference in Christ’s mission and the work of the church. They thank people for their faithful giving, share information, provide resources, and give guidance on doing God’s work through the congregation, synod, churchwide organization, and mission partners. This is accomplished through talks, presentations, visits with council and committees, social media, church newsletters, etc.

### Mission Interpreters are *not*:

Fundraisers or starters of local activities.

### What are the Qualifications?

- Be faith-filled, loving Christ and the church
- Be an active member of a congregation
- Be a good and faithful steward
- Be willing to attend training sessions
- Become knowledgeable about the ELCA and its mission partners

### Mission Interpreters Receive

- Resource materials for sharing
- Training workshops to equip them for this ministry
- Networking opportunities with other Mission Interpreters
- Access to Facebook page to share ideas and information