



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Are you or others in your congregation asking questions like these:

- *How would receiving bequest gifts impact our church?*
- *If we received a bequest of \$100,000 today, what would happen to it?*
- *Are we prepared to receive a legacy gift?*
- *What do the legacy gifts we have received in the past say about us?*
- *What need in the church (a ministry, an outreach, etc.) would a legacy gift fund?*
- *Are members including the church in their estate plans? Why or why not?*
- *How would purposeful gift planning benefit our members and our congregation?*

As a ministry of the ELCA and through the partnership of your synod and the Lutheran organizations in our region, the ELCA Foundation provides gift planning services at no cost for congregations and their individual members.

What can a Regional Gift Planner do for your congregation?

- Assist in establishing a “Mission Endowment Fund”
- Lead an Estate Planning and Planned Giving Presentation
- Provide support for your Stewardship Education
- Cultivate planned gifts
- Assist Lutherans in reaching their Charitable Goals

Tim Urness is the Regional Gift Planner for the ELCA Foundation for Illinois. Tim is an integral team member of the ELCA Foundation, responsible for identifying, cultivating, soliciting, and securing new, ongoing, and planned gifts from individuals in support of synods, congregations, and the ELCA.



Tim has a BA from Southern Illinois University, and a MS from Northern Illinois University. He was until recently a Registered Representative (stockbroker), Registered Investment Adviser Representative (adviser), and Licensed Insurance Producer, with annuity and long-term care qualifications. His experience includes employment with Bank Financial, Fixed Income Capital Partners, and AXA Advisors.

Tim has been a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Charles, Illinois for over thirty years. He is an usher, active in the Men’s Bible Study, and volunteers for Hesus House in Aurora. He is married with three children.

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