Attachment A

**Covenant Agreement Template**

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC)

**Statement of Covenant**

between

***[Companion Name)***

and

***[synod name]*** of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

**INTRODUCTION** With joy and thanksgiving to God, this covenant relationship was established between [partner name] and [synod name] of the

 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada on [date]. As companions

 in Christ, we participate in each other’s life and mission through

 communication, learning and prayer. The relationship is an avenue

 for sharing understandings, faith, worship, prayer, visits, people

 exchanges and other activities and resources.

**[Companion Name}** [history, size, other relevant information]

**[Synod Name]** [history, size, other relevant information]

**PURPOSE** The [companion name] and the [synod name] of the Evangelical

 Lutheran Church in Canada are both part of the universal church

 of Jesus Christ, and share a common Evangelical-Lutheran

 heritage as well as ecumenical vision. The purpose of our partnership is:

* To strengthen Christian unity, and deepen the communion

between the two churches,

* To strengthen the identity of the local church as part of the

universal Church, and

* To promote the mission of our churches in their respective societies.

**EXPRESSION OF OUR COVENANT RELATIONSIP**

As companions in Christ, we will do the following:

1. Pray at worship services for our companion and its mission and ministry, and

Encourage congregations and individuals to include such prayers in their worship life.

1. Learn about the other’s history, geography, culture and current affairs. Such information

Shall be shared widely throughout our respective churches through preaching, teaching,

Written materials, personal conversations, and other appropriate methods.

1. Encourage exchange visits, including both clergy and lay members of our churches.

These visits may be brief or extended for training and/or service in mission, education,

 Medical work, and other areas.

1. Support projects as mutually agreed upon by the [companion name] and the

[synod name].

1. Be open to the call of the Spirit revealing creative ways to grow in our companionship.
2. Agree to evaluate this covenant every three years.

This covenant is signed in agreement by:

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[Name] [Bishop Name]

[Title] Bishop, [synod name]

[Companion Name] Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date