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The Rev. Richard H. Graham, Bishop Metropolitan Washington, DC, Synod 305 E Street NW, Suite 300 Washington, DC 20001

Dear Dick,

On behalf of those whose lives will be impacted through the ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, I want to express my deep gratitude to you and the members of Bethany Lutheran Church for that portion of the proceeds from the sale of their property given for the work of the ELCA. This legacy gift will further enable our church to do God's work.

I want to personally thank you for the decision to tithe the money given to the synod for churchwide ministries. We receive the check in the amount of \$158,850 with joy and gratitude.

Thank you for your kind words. I look forward to seeing you at the October meeting of the Conference of Bishops.

In Christ,

Pr. A. Craig Settlage

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