

Official Adoption Agreement For the

Direct Support of Mission Project

INGRIA OUTREACH AND CHURCH PLANTING

Project # RU0002-63214



This project is designated to help with outreach, church planting, and mercy work designed to assist pastors, congregations, and districts ('deaneries') of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia (ELCIR). The LCMS desires to work with the ELCIR in her commitment to strengthen the confessional Lutheran faith within Russia. Lutherans have worshipped in Russia for more than 400 years, but during the twentieth century they faced serious persecution under the Communist regime. By the end of the 1930s, Lutheranism was virtually expunged from Russia; all Lutheran churches and schools were closed, and pastors were exiled to labor camps, leaving parishioners without leadership for many years. Throughout the years of Soviet control, Lutheran families would gather in secret with other believers for common prayer, Lutheran worship, and to sing hymns. In the early 1990s, the situation took a promising turn after the dissolution of the Soviet Union. The long-established Lutheran church, ELCIR, was once again recognized by the State. The LCMS is in altar and pulpit fellowship with the ELCIR church body today. Our annual support need for the ELCIR is \$25,000.

Amount of support Pledged from our Family or Organization \$ _____
Please make all checks payable to Mission Central

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WE HEREBY AGREE TO SUPPORT THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROJECT, FORWARDING THE PROCEEDS

TO: MISSION CENTRAL

40718 HIGHWAY E16 MAPLETON, IA 51034-7105

Our Gift will be sent: () Once with this agreement, () At the end of one year

() Semi-Annually () Quarterly () Monthly

Dated This _____ of _____, _____

Congregation, Organization, or Individual

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Signatures

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My mobile phone

