

Dear Pastor/Parish Council President,

I am requesting the congregation's financial support to join the Evangelical Lutheran Parish Nurse Association (ELPNA). This is an organization that exists to support parish nurses in Lutheran congregations, Lutheran parish nurses who might be working in churches of other denominations and parish nurse coordinators who oversee and support Lutheran congregations and nurses.

Belonging to a professional organization such as ELPNA affords me and our congregation the opportunity to network with other parish nurses all across the country. We can exchange ideas and strategies that might be helpful in a new experience or specific aspect of ministry. A blog is available for members to dialogue question and ministry needs. Both congregations and nurses can benefit by being part of this organization.

Since I am not compensated by the congregation for my time as parish nurse<sup>1</sup>, I respectfully request that the congregation support my membership dues of \$30 per year for this organization. I'm privileged to serve as parish nurse for \_\_\_\_\_ Church and being a part of this ministry team is a blessing. I want to be a part of ELPNA to continue to serve and offer the most effective ministry we can together offer to our parishioners.

Respectfully,

\_\_\_\_\_, Parish Nurse

<sup>1</sup>This line of the letter is optional, depending on whether the requesting nurse is paid or unpaid.