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**GROUP EXEMPTION AUTHORIZATION FORM NO. 6**

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[To Establish Exemption from Federal Income Tax Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code]

An ELCA parish is eligible for inclusion in the group exemption ruling if it has authorized the ELCA to include it, and if it has provided the parish's Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) to the ELCA. An EIN is the nine-digit number assigned to your entity by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). This number is used for payment of the salary and benefits of the employees serving the entity.

The ELCA's Office of the Secretary submits an annual filing to the IRS that includes changes to our group exemption ruling. Group Exemption Authorization Form No. 6 can be completed by ELCA parishes whose EIN may not have been included in one of the prior filings by the ELCA, or if a change has been made to information that was previously filed.

A parish can be exempt from federal income tax without being included in the ELCA's group exemption ruling, but the ELCA would not be able to provide them with a certificate of exemption. If you wish to be included in the ELCA's group exemption ruling, please complete the form below.

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Legal Name of Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address of Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Employer Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

ELCA Parish Date of Formation or Incorporation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Legal Name of Congregation #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address of Congregation #1: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Employer Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

ELCA Congregation Date of Formation or Incorporation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Legal Name of Congregation #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address of Congregation #2: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Employer Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

ELCA Congregation Date of Formation or Incorporation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Legal Name of Congregation #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address of Congregation #3: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Employer Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

ELCA Congregation Date of Formation or Incorporation: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Name of Congregation #4: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address of Congregation #4: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Employer Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
ELCA Congregation Date of Formation or Incorporation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Legal Name of Congregation #5: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address of Congregation #5: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Employer Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
ELCA Congregation Date of Formation or Incorporation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Legal Name of Congregation #6: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address of Congregation #6: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Employer Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
ELCA Congregation Date of Formation or Incorporation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Person Completing Form (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_  
Position of Person Completing Form: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

The parish identified above is affiliated with and, for IRS purposes, subject to the general supervision or control of the congregations named above and authorizes the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to request that the parish be included under the Internal Revenue Service group exemption status, whereby the parish will be determined to be exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The parish hereby represents that it does not hold a separate determination letter issued to it by the IRS.

The ELCA parish acknowledges that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has authority to remove the ELCA parish from the group ruling, with or without cause.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN TO:**

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