



FOUR WAYS TO USE STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION

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*How can you inspire ELCA members with this publication?
Here are some ideas:*

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As part of your ongoing stewardship efforts:

Order additional free copies of Stories of Faith in Action and have a leader in your congregation introduce the resource and tell members it is available in their stewardship packets or near your stewardship bulletin board or display. Let them know that their giving in 2016 made these stories possible.

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In weekly bulletins and newsletters:

Selected stories from this publication are available as bulletin inserts to complement your existing communications. You can download bulletin inserts for printing at ELCA.org/SOFIA.

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Share one of the videos via social media or during worship:

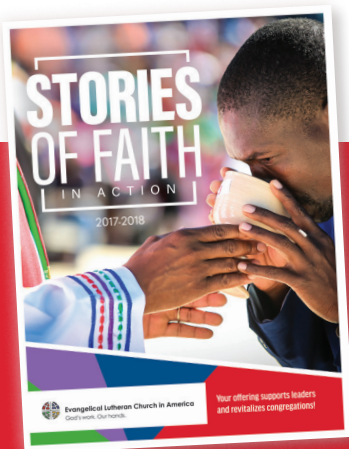
Some of the stories in Stories of Faith in Action have a corresponding video found at ELCA.org/SOFIA. Share these videos on your social media platforms or with your congregation as a video mission moment.

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As devotions for council meetings or leadership retreats:

Need a prompt for a devotional time? Stories of Faith in Action can inspire leaders in your congregation to consider creative ways to start or grow ministries. Select one of the stories to share and then have a prompt for reflection. Questions might include:

- Where do we see ourselves or our congregation in this story?
- Which partnerships made this story possible?
- What spark of inspiration does this story provide for potential ministry in our congregation?



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