August 15, 2016

Dear Members of Slovak Zion Synod,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! I am writing to you on behalf of the Slovak Zion Synod to invite you to participate in the Slovak Zion Synod's 2016 Assembly Offering. This special in-gathering of gifts will be received and recognized at the Synod Assembly taking place September 4-10, 2016.

Since we last gathered a special assembly offering two years ago, our synod has been active and faithful in making a difference in the lives of people both on this continent as well as globally. Thank you for your faithful participation in the Body of Christ!

This offering is an opportunity for all of us to give a special thank offering and to go the *extra mile* in our giving with a *gift of love* (in Slovak, a *milodar*) that is in addition to our regular mission support (benevolence) commitment. This gift to the Special Appeal will support the mission of the Slovak Zion Synod as it provides special care to congregations and ministries in the United States as well as support for our partners in Central and Eastern Europe and beyond.

There are various ways in which your congregation can participate:

- By taking a special second offering on August 28; or,
- By sending a special gift from the congregation's treasury on behalf of all the members.

Your gift may be sent to the assembly with your voting members or mailed to the Synod Treasurer. Even though everyone is not able to be present at the Synod Assembly, consider that your congregation's special Synod Assembly Offering, represents your presence and your grateful response for the blessings that you have received in your individual lives and as a congregation.

May the Holy Spirit guide you in your generosity as you respond with thankful hearts and open hands to God's generosity in your lives.

Sincerely in Christ,

Wilma S. Kucharek

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