

## Giving opportunity for Japan:

# Lyra Precaria Ministry

### Project Description

Lyra Precaria is a Music Thanatology program initiated and supported by the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Association (JELA). An 18-month training program trains volunteers in harp playing, palliative care (care for the dying), and counseling. With this, volunteers are able to contribute care for the dying and their families in homes, care-giving facilities, and hospice.

Further education, both within Christian circles and beyond regarding music as a healing tool and how this relates to death and dying, is creating inroads in an area not well known in today's world, and especially in Japan. The Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church, particularly through Japan Lutheran College, is further engaging Lyra Precaria as part of the church's wider ministry.

Your contributions make the ministry of Lyra Precaria possible, as it relies on the dedication of volunteers working pro bono. Needs include ongoing training, speaking engagements, and transportation for Lyra Precaria members beyond the basic support provided through JELA.

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### How to Remit a Gift

1. Check is written out to "The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America"
2. On the memo portion of the check write the name of the project and the words, "Level II."
3. Write a letter including the following information:
  1. Name and address of the donor
  2. The amount of the gift
  3. The name of the project and the words "Level II" (as in number 2 above)
4. Send all of the above to: **ELCA Global Mission**

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