

BUDGET DESCRIPTION LINE ITEMS

LINE #	DESCRIPTION	EXPLANATION
3	Congregational Contributions/Support	Support received from congregations and individuals to support our synod and our ministries. This value is used to base the partnership expenses highlighted in yellow below in the budget.
4	Other Revenues	Revenue consists of income from event registrations.
5	Funding from ETS	Funds received from the Equipping the Saints Campaign to support the Authentic Diversity and Leadership Asst. to the Bishop.
6	Transfer from Designated Funds	Funds transferred in from the Cross-Generational designated fund to cover budgeted expenses.
7	DEM Grant - ELCA	Funds received from the ELCA Churchwide office to support the position of the synod Director for Evangelical Mission.
8	Other Income	Reimbursement money from other GMS related ministries to offset budgeted expenses. A portion of total salaries (Lines 50-52).
13	ELCA Mission Support	For every mission support (formerly called "benevolence") dollar the Greater Milwaukee Synod (GMS) receives from congregations, 50.0 cents (22/23 FY) and 45.0 cents (23/24 FY) is sent to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (Churchwide).
15 - 16	LSTC and Wartburg Seminaries	By sending dollars to the Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, IL and Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA, GMS helps to prepare candidates for rostered ministry.
17	Wisconsin Council of Churches	The Wisconsin Council of Churches (WCC) is a network of Christian churches and faith-based organizations committed to working together across our many differences. Exercising holy imagination, we help each other make courageous choices that lead toward peace with justice, the vitality of the church, and the well-being of our neighbors. The Council connects 20 Christian traditions, which have approximately 2,000 congregations and over one million church members in Wisconsin.
19	Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee	Founded in 1970, the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee is a 53-year-old nonprofit organization through which the regional leaders and adherents of 22 member faiths and denominations dialogue to build personal relationships, conduct public programming to counter hate and fear while fostering interfaith, intercultural and interracial understanding, tolerance and friendship, work together on hunger, unemployment, environmental challenges and other social issues to create a better society for everyone.
20	Native American Ministries	Support provided to the Lutheran Church of the Great Spirit in Milwaukee
21	Hmong Ministry Conference	Funds to support annual conference
22	Lutheran Office for Public Policy	LOPPW is a ministry of advocacy for the ELCA expressed through partnership of the six ELCA Synods with congregations in Wisconsin and ELCA World Hunger.
23	Lutheran Outdoor Ministry	Support provided to camping ministries in Wisconsin & Upper Michigan
24	Lutheran Volunteer Corps	LVC unites full-time stipend Volunteers with financial supporters, non-profit organizations and ministries to work for peace with justice across the nation. In addition to working for justice, LVC Volunteers live together in intentional household communities of 4-7 people to encourage simple, sustainable living.
25	Region V Office of the ELCA	Region V encompasses the twelve synods of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Region V is a link between churchwide and the synods by assisting in communication and working on tasks between the two expressions, such as the assignment process for seminaries.
26	Lutheran Planned Giving of Wisconsin	The ELCA Foundation is the private foundation that exists to help all members of the church practice good stewardship of their assets. It is a pass through foundation cultivating gifts for ministry and providing a full range of gift planning services and gift vehicles. Cynthia Halverson is the Regional Gift Planner for LPGW.
34	Lutheran Campus Ministry	Funds to support the work of Lutheran Campus Ministry in Milwaukee.
35	Committees' Programs & Mission	Funds to support the various small committees in our synod ministries.
36	Bishop's Discretionary Fund	Used where needed as determined by the Bishop

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37	Cross+Generational Ministry Programs	Support various Cross+Generational Programs such as the National Youth Gathering.
38	Congregational Assistance & Sabbatical Support	Support for congregations in an emergency situation or when their pastor goes on a sabbatical.
39	Synodical Candidacy Committee	Support provided for people entering the candidacy program by paying part of the application fee for a candidate.
40	Evangelism/New Mission Starts	Funds used to aid in the start of new congregations in the synod
41	Companion Synod Visits	Funds used to support delegation visits between GMS and the El Salvador Lutheran Church and the Meru Diocese of the Lutheran Church in Tanzania.
42	Anti-Racism	Support for committee work, workshops and other training events for the synod's commitment to anti-racism training.
43	Leadership Support Events	Used to supplement events (Fall Leadership Conference, Together in Mission etc).
45	Reconciling in Christ (RIC)	Support for workshops and other training events for the synod's commitment to equality and full inclusion of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.
50-56	Compensation and Employee Benefits	Funds are provided to pay for the ministry of the synod staff.
58-61	Travel, hospitality, and meetings	Provides for synod staff & council meetings, staff travel to various events, and meetings at the synod office.
62	DEM Related Expenses	Expenses incurred by the Synod Director for Evangelical Mission for various duties, funded by a grant from the ELCA churchwide office. (See Line 7)
63-66	Office Expenses	Includes postage, office supplies, paper and software expenses.
67-72	Purchased Services	Covers legal expenses incurred throughout the year, payroll, web hosting fees, and the annual audit of the synod's finances.
73	Office Insurance	Costs to cover GMS's property and equipment, liability and bonded insurance coverages.
74	Credit Card Fees & Miscellaneous	Fees incurred for using credit card related services. (VANCO, Stripe, Tithe.ly, etc.)
75	Sponsorships	Funds used to sponsor other organizations through advertising. (MICAH, SOPHIA, etc.)
76	Leased Equipment	Funds used to lease copier and postage equipment.
77	Furniture & Equipment Purchases	Funds used to purchase furniture, computers and electronics for the synod office staff.
78	Facilities Expense	Costs to rent and cover utilities at the synod office at Ascension Lutheran Church, Milwaukee.
80	Total Administrative Ministries	Total of lines 50-78 of the synod budget.
81	Total Ministries	Total of line 80 and 47. Administrative ministries, partnerships and synod ministries.
82	Income Above Expenses	Total of Contributions and support (Line 12) minus Total Ministries (Line 81). A number in parenthesis indicates a net deficit.
83	Transfer from Undesignated Reserves	Amount transferred from Synod undesignated reserves to offset any net deficit as indicated in line 82.