



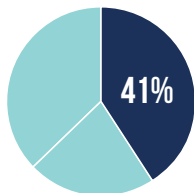
# MISSION SUPPORT: A DEEP DIVE

Did you know that ELCA members in more than 8,900 congregations in the United States and Caribbean give approximately \$1.7 billion in regular offerings annually to support ELCA ministries in their local communities and worldwide? When members give through their congregations, about 5.5% of that money is shared with the local synod, which then shares a portion with the national churchwide office. Thank you for your faithful support!

In FY2020, the Greater Milwaukee Synod shared **\$912,019** directly in Mission Support for ELCA churchwide ministries. In the midst of such a challenging year, thank you for your continued commitment to respond to God's call to love and serve as a neighbor, both locally and with the wider church. It is through your faith-filled and financial support that the following ministries are possible.

We ARE church together - Thanks be to God!

## YOUR MISSION SUPPORT HELPS FUND THE FOLLOWING CHURCHWIDE MINISTRIES:



**41% OF MISSION SUPPORT GROWS THE ELCA IN THE U.S.**

Thank you for **\$373,928** from the Greater Milwaukee Synod for these ministries!

- **Plant and support** hundreds of new congregations.
- **Enable congregations to renew** their ministries and **reach out** to their surrounding communities.
- **Develop and share** resources for faith, discipleship, prayer, stewardship and worship.
- **Work together** with our African-descent, American Indian, Alaska Native, Arab, Middle Eastern, Asian, Pacific Islander and Latino/Latina leaders and members.
- **Invest** in technology and communication.
- **Grow and sustain** financial resources.
- **Engage** in research and strategic planning.

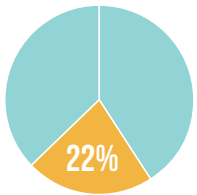


**"WE SUSTAIN EACH OTHER"**



**"INSPIRING GENEROSITY"**

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**22% OF MISSION SUPPORT GROWS THE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND ADDRESSES ISSUES AROUND THE WORLD:**

Thank you for **\$200,644** from the Greater Milwaukee Synod for these ministries!

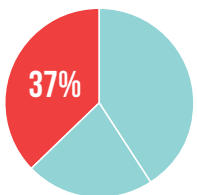
- As a member of the Lutheran World Federation, the ELCA is in communion with **147 other churches**.
- ELCA synods relate directly to **65 companion churches** through a total of **127 official relationships**.
- The **ELCA accompanies** new Lutheran churches, **expands** ministries and **trains** leaders and evangelists.
- The **ELCA sends missionaries** — including Young Adults in Global Mission — who are the hands and feet of Jesus around the world.
- The **ELCA addresses social issues** and **works for justice**.



**“WHEN DISCIPLES USE THEIR VOICE”**



**“20 YEARS OF FORMATIVE SERVICE”**



**37% OF MISSION SUPPORT HELPS DEVELOP CURRENT AND FUTURE LEADERS IN THE ELCA:**

Thank you for **\$337,447** from the Greater Milwaukee Synod for these ministries!

- **Prepare** and **implement** a system for recruitment and assignment of rostered ministers.
- **Identify** and **provide** ministry resources and opportunities to lay leaders for networking.
- **Offer events and leadership opportunities** for youth and young adults.
- **Support** the work of **seven ELCA seminaries** and **26 ELCA colleges and universities**.
- Provide **coordination** and **support** for churchwide ministries.
- Provide **governance** and **leadership**.
- Sustain **ecumenical** and **interfaith** relations.



**“STRONGER TOGETHER”**



**“EVERYONE BELONGS IN GOD’S FAMILY”**

Thank you for your ongoing support! For additional resources, go to [ELCA.org/SOFIA](http://ELCA.org/SOFIA).