



What Does Your Synod Offering Do?

Mission Support money is distributed as follows:

55% goes on to support our ELCA Churchwide Ministries that reach around the world.

To find out more, go to the front page of our website and find a link to “Stories of Faith in Action.” This will take you to a resource site where you may view & print a PDF copy of this resource which highlights ways in which our mission support impacts the world. You will find, too, a link to a resource to help you use this resource in your congregation. (“Stories of Faith in Action” may also be ordered from www.elca.org and you only pay the shipping.) Other resources to help explain Mission Support to your congregation may be found alongside these resources, as well.

45% stays in the synod to support ministry across East Central Synod of Wisconsin, including:

- † Mission planning and visioning for congregations
- † Renewal, redevelopment, and new ministry development
- † Stewardship help and development for congregations
- † Conflict resolution for congregations
- † ECSW Resource Center—lending materials and providing workshops at individual churches and synod-wide events
- † Call Process and Interim Ministry support
- † Candidacy Committee—works with candidates exploring call and participating in seminary
- † Retreat leadership for Congregational Councils and/or congregational staff
- † Continuing education funding for congregational leaders, rostered staff, and church staff
- † Support and assistance as requested, to Church Council Presidents, Treasurers and Secretaries
- † Support for youth activities—Synod youth events and the Synod Youth Committee
- † Outreach Initiatives—support to two seminaries; WI Council of Churches; Lutheran Office of Public Policy; local ministries
- † Staffing and office expenses of the Synod
- † Expenses to operate the Synod office building—heat, lights, lawn, etc.