

WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR MISSION SUPPORT DOLLARS?

Thank you for your support of the ministries of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod. Your financial gifts to the synod support the following priority areas both within the synod and throughout the ELCA:

DEVELOPING LEADERS

Living and serving as the body of Christ in a changing world requires strong leadership. This synod develops rostered leaders through a commitment to candidacy, call process, and educational events. Lay leaders are developed through special learning opportunities like RENEW! and Synod Assembly. Our synod's support for Lutheran Campus Ministry reflects a long-term commitment to leadership development for the church.

EQUIPPING CONGREGATIONS

Vibrant congregations have the tools necessary to do God's work in the world. Our synod has a strong focus on equipping congregations through annual events and ongoing congregational encouragement. Our synod's support for Lutheran Advocacy-Minnesota and the Minnesota Council of Churches empowers those organizations to continue providing resources that equip congregations to serve God in the world.

ACCOMPANYING GLOBAL PARTNERS

Our synod's deep relationships with our global partners (the Lutheran Church of Colombia

**Equipping
Congregations:
29%**

**Developing
Leaders: 26%**

**Infrastructure:
35%**

**Global Partners:
10%**

(IELCO), the Central Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania, and the new and emerging Evangelical Lutheran Church – Africa Mission, South Sudan) shape our ministry in powerful ways. This synod remains committed to accompanying these partners as together we do God's work in the world. The Global Mission/Companion Synod Table coordinates these funds and relationships.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The priorities of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod can only be accomplished with a firm organizational foundation. The infrastructure of our synod includes more than just basic office expenses. The governance of this synod is included in infrastructure as are all administrative tasks including event registration, website and database management, and financial oversight.



Southeastern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Equipping congregations and leaders to follow Jesus into a changing world.
Developing leaders • Equipping congregations • Accompanying global partners

