

**Policy for Redirection of Mission Support in Pastoral Sensitivity for Bound Conscience  
Adopted Unanimously by the WV-WMD Synod Council, 14 November 2009**

Consultation, Redirection, and Disbursement

A congregation dissenting from the actions of Churchwide Assembly 2009 on matters related to human sexuality may, in consultation with the synod, designate all or part of its mission support which would normally be remitted to the churchwide expression of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as *redirected from mission support proportional share with the churchwide expression as a matter of bound conscience*.

The congregation may specify the missions and/or ministries of (or related to) the church as the recipients of redirected mission support, and/or it may entrust the disbursement of redirected mission support to the synod which shall, mindful of the consultation, manage disbursements in keeping with the dissent of participating congregations.

Of those mission support remittances from congregations not participating in the aforesaid option, no more than the portion determined by the proportional share for the churchwide expression set by the synod assembly in its budgeting process shall be remitted.

Reporting

Report shall be made by the synod treasurer to the synod assembly and to participating congregations, detailing the disbursement of redirected mission support.

The synod shall also inform recipients of such disbursements that the recipients were funded from mission support dollars redirected from the proportional share for the churchwide expression as a matter of bound conscience.

Deadline, Delegation, and Expiration

The notification deadline for a congregation to participate in this program is January 31, 2010. The synod shall arrange for consultation with the congregation with all deliberate speed. Redirection shall not be retroactively applied to mission support already received by the synod. Redirection will commence for a given congregation upon receipt of formal notification of enrollment from the synod.

The synod council may delegate these duties to subordinate committees, commissions, officers, and/or agents.

This policy shall expire at the end of Calendar Year 2011 unless renewed by the synod.