Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

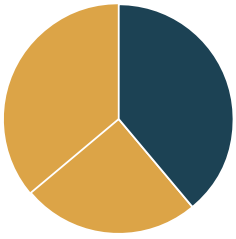
MISSION SUPPORT:
WHAT DOES MY OFFERING DO?

West Virginia - Western Maryland Synod

As Lutherans, we experience the difference God's grace and love in Christ make for all people and creation. This is why, when we gather each week for worship, many of us give generously, knowing this provides for more people to know the way of Jesus. When you share your offering, most of it stays in your congregation to support vital ministry. ELCA members give about $1.6 billion annually in regular offerings to ELCA congregations and worshiping communities. Because we are a connected church, a portion – about 5% on average – becomes Mission Support, shared by your congregation with your synod. In FY2025, the West Virginia - Western Maryland Synod shared $127,033 in Mission Support for ELCA churchwide ministries. Through Mission Support, we share in ministry around the country and across the globe, doing more together than any one person or congregation could do alone. Connected in this way, we experience Christ, seeking community, justice and love.


Northwest Intermountain Synod, ELCA

Your **MISSION SUPPORT** funds a variety of churchwide ministries.

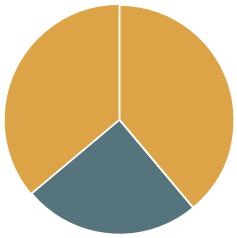


36% ESTABLISHES AND GROWS CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES that disciple individuals and form leaders. Together we:

Thank you for $45,732 from the West Virginia - Western Maryland Synod for these ministries!


ELCA Youth Gathering-tAble

- Plant and support hundreds of worshiping communities.
- Revitalize congregational ministries and reach out to their surrounding communities.
- Promote leadership opportunities, discernment and education through leadership initiatives.
- Support the work of seven ELCA seminaries and 28 ELCA colleges and universities.
- Host events and leadership opportunities for youth and young adults.
- Support regional work through directors for evangelical mission as well as candidacy and leadership managers.
- Prepare and implement a system for recruiting and assigning rostered ministers.

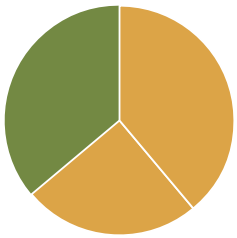


25% ACCOMPANIES LUTHERANS AROUND THE WORLD and promotes efforts to call and act for justice. Together we:

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- Accompany new Lutheran churches, expand ministries and train leaders and evangelists.
- Send missionaries to accompany communities around the world.
- Address social inequities and work for justice.
- Cultivate and maintain relationships with 153 other churches through the Lutheran World Federation to strengthen the church and its global work.
- Foster relationships between ELCA synods and 65 companion churches for a total of more than 120 companion synod relationships.
- Work with leaders and members of our African-descent, American Indian, Alaska Native, Arab, Middle Eastern, Asian, Pacific Islander and Latiné communities.



39% STRENGTHENS AND SUSTAINS THE MINISTRY and MISSION of the whole church. Together we:

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- Offer ministry resources and opportunities to lay leaders for networking.
- Coordinate and support churchwide ministries.
- Develop social messages of the ELCA as topical documents – called for by ELCA churchwide assemblies and adopted by the ELCA Church Council – to focus attention and action on timely, pressing matters of concern to the church and society.
- Provide governance, including maintenance of rostered leadership records and support for the ELCA Church Council and triennial ELCA churchwide assemblies.
- Sustain ecumenical and interfaith relations.
- Partner with congregations and ministries across the church as they explore new, innovative ways of being church in a constantly changing world.
- Invest in technology and communications.
- Grow and sustain financial resources.
- Engage in research and strategic planning.
- Create and share resources for faith, discipleship, prayer, stewardship and worship.

Thank you for your ongoing support and faithful partnership! For stories of your impact, visit **LivingLutheran.org/SOFIA**. To find additional Mission Support resources, visit **ELCA.org/SOFIA**. Scan the QR code to view the Mission Support video "What Does My Offering Do?"