

How Mission Support Funds Ministry Across Our Church


Individuals
and Families



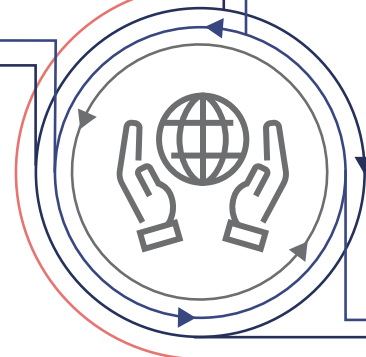
Your Congregation

Your offering supports your congregation's vital presence in your community. When your congregation votes to designate the percentage of your offerings it will share with your synod, your congregation is sharing Mission Support for ministries led by the wider church on your behalf.



**Your Churchwide
Organization**

Your churchwide organization uses Mission Support dollars to lead and support ministry on behalf of the whole church. This includes starting and supporting new ELCA ministries, training leaders, sending missionaries and growing the Lutheran church around the world.

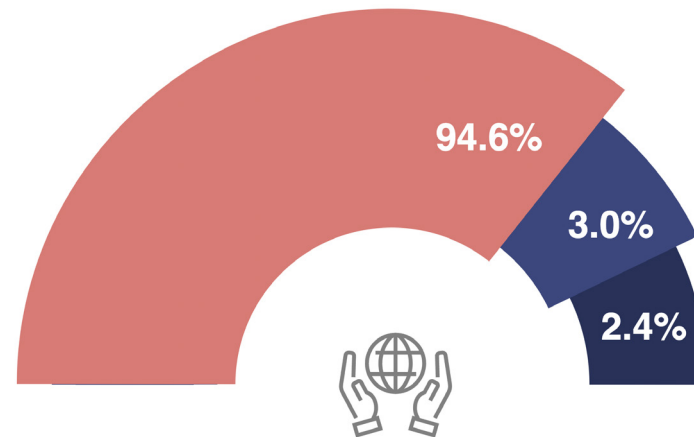


Your Synod

Your congregation's Mission Support dollars are stewarded by your synod leaders to nurture and equip ELCA congregations and rostered ministers. Synods support area ministry partners (camps, colleges, seminaries and more) and build relationships with global-companion churches. Synods designate a portion of the Mission Support funds they receive from congregations to be shared with your churchwide organization for ministries across our church.

Where Does My Offering Go?

In 2021, through the generosity of ELCA members, \$1.6 billion was shared in unrestricted offerings* to support God's mission and ministry through the three expressions of the ELCA. Thank you for your support of the



94.6%

Congregations

\$1.59 billion was stewarded by over 8,900 ELCA congregations and worshipping communities.

\$90.8 million was shared by congregations with their synods as Mission Support.

3.0%

Synods

\$50.2 million in Mission Support was stewarded by the ELCA's 65 synods.

2.4%

Churchwide Organization

\$40.6 million in Mission Support was stewarded by the ELCA churchwide organization.

*Unrestricted offerings do not include special offerings (e.g., congregational capital improvements or gifts to ministries such as Lutheran Disaster Response or ELCA World Hunger).

How Your Offering Becomes Mission Support



As Lutherans, we believe that Christ has freed us from sin and death, and even from ourselves, so that we can love and serve our neighbors. One way we turn our faith into action is by making a financial gift — an offering — to our congregation.

Each year, ELCA congregations pledge to send a portion of their offerings to fund ELCA ministries in their synods and beyond. We call these funds Mission Support.

Mission Support enables the ELCA's more than 8,900 congregations and 65 synods to pool resources to love and serve our neighbors in ways that no individual or congregation can do alone. Mission Support is one way we are church together — it's essential to who we are as the ELCA. Through Mission Support, we expand our participation in God's life-changing work in our communities and around the world.