



The Mission of the ELCA is “Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world.”

The Mission of the Southern Ohio Synod is “To equip congregations to be and make disciples for Jesus.”

Mission Support is the portion of offerings that congregations share with synods and the church wide organization so that we can carry out our mission together.

For every \$100 of Primary Mission Support Received by the Synod:

\$40 is shared with the Church Wide Organization so that together we are able to:

- Grow 70 new congregations
- Help 163 existing congregations focus on renewal
- Share the good news of the Gospel through the work of nearly 230 missionaries in 48 countries
- Award \$2.5 million in grants to support ELCA ministries in congregations
- Support our partnerships with Lutheran World Federation, World Council of Churches and National Council of Churches in Christ.

\$6 is shared to with our Affiliates and Partners so that together we can be and make disciples

- Trinity Seminary & Capital and Wittenberg Universities
- Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio and Ohio Campus Ministries
- Ohio Council of Churches and Region VI of the ELCA

\$8 is used for Outreach so that together we can be disciples by making new disciples

- 5 New Congregations Under Development
- 4 Renewing Congregations Through the Transformation Ministry Process
- 4 Companion Synod Relationships on 4 different continents, Glocal Event
- Amazing Grace Day Camps

\$46.00 is used for care and support of our congregations and leaders to help them be and make disciples

- Leadership Development (Leadership Institute, Lay School of Theology, First Call Theological Education, Call Process, Candidacy, Rostered Leaders Event}
- Youth and Family Ministries Programs and Support, Faith Trek
- Congregational Mission Planning, Conflict Management, Pastoral Care & Support, Dwelling In The Word
- Synod Fest, Communications, Earth Keeping, Mental Illness Awareness

In addition, Special Mission Support is received for

- World Hunger, Malaria Campaign
- Lutheran Disaster Relief
- Lutheran Service Agencies (LSS Central Ohio, Graceworks)