

We are a church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

What does it mean to be a confident church?

As members of the ELCA, our faith in a loving God frees us to be bold and courageous, open to the Holy Spirit's invitation to be active in the world.

Together we can respond swiftly to neighbors in need, when flooding hits the Dakotas or a tsunami washes away homes and businesses in Japan.

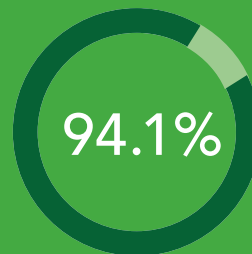
We can share the gift of Jesus with people anxious about difficult economic times and hungry for good news.

We can joyfully be a part of God's work in congregations large and small, focused on renewal or new starts in our communities. Thanks be to God!

Mission Support—the portion of our regular offerings that our congregations share with synods and the churchwide organization—unites us in this vital, life-giving work. Mission Support makes it possible for ELCA members from Alaska to the Caribbean to be responsive as one church to exciting new opportunities for ministry.

More than 76 percent of the revenue for churchwide ministries comes from Mission Support. It continues to be the most important source of income for the work of the larger ELCA. Your generosity makes this possible.

In 2010, ELCA members gave \$1,830,676,032 in regular offerings to support God's mission and ministry through the three expressions of the ELCA.



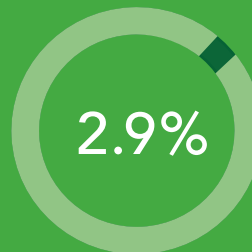
CONGREGATIONS

\$1,722,217,970 remained in congregations to fund local ministries



SYNODS

\$55,812,147 was shared to support ministries through synods



CHURCHWIDE MINISTRIES

\$52,645,915 was sent from synods to support churchwide ministries



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