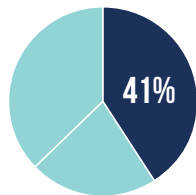




MISSION SUPPORT: A DEEP DIVE

Did you know that ELCA members in more than 8,900 congregations in the United States and Caribbean give approximately \$1.7 billion in regular offerings annually to support ELCA ministries in their local communities and worldwide? When members give through their congregations, about 5.5% of that money is shared with the local synod, which then shares a portion with the national churchwide office. This unrestricted giving from congregations is called Mission Support. Mission Support gives the ELCA both the foundation and the fuel to do God's work in the world locally, nationally and internationally. Thank you for your faithful support!

YOUR MISSION SUPPORT HELPS FUND THE FOLLOWING CHURCHWIDE MINISTRIES:



41% OF MISSION SUPPORT GROWS THE ELCA IN THE UNITED STATES:

- **Plant and support** hundreds of new congregations.
- **Enable congregations** to **renew** their ministries and **reach out** to their surrounding communities.
- **Develop and share** resources for faith, discipleship, prayer, stewardship and worship.
- **Work together** with our African-descent, American Indian, Alaska Native, Arab, Middle Eastern, Asian, Pacific Islander and Latino/Latina leaders and members.
- **Invest** in technology and communication.
- **Grow and sustain** financial resources.
- **Engage** in research and strategic planning.

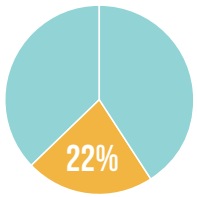


"WE SUSTAIN EACH OTHER"



"INSPIRING GENEROSITY"

[CLICK ON EACH STORY TO READ MORE!](#)



22% OF MISSION SUPPORT GROWS THE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND ADDRESSES ISSUES AROUND THE WORLD:

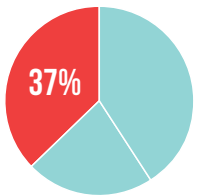
- As a member of the Lutheran World Federation, the ELCA is in communion with **147 other churches**.
- ELCA synods relate directly to **65 companion churches** through a total of **127 official relationships**.
- The **ELCA accompanies** new Lutheran churches, **expands** ministries and **trains** leaders and evangelists.
- The **ELCA sends missionaries** — including Young Adults in Global Mission — who are the hands and feet of Jesus around the world.
- The **ELCA addresses social issues** and **works for justice**.



“WHEN DISCIPLES USE THEIR VOICE”



“20 YEARS OF FORMATIVE SERVICE”



37% OF MISSION SUPPORT HELPS DEVELOP CURRENT AND FUTURE LEADERS IN THE ELCA:

- **Prepare** and **implement** a system for recruitment and assignment of rostered ministers.
- **Identify** and **provide** ministry resources and opportunities to lay leaders for networking.
- **Offer events and leadership opportunities** for youth and young adults.
- **Support** the work of **seven ELCA seminaries** and **26 ELCA colleges and universities**.
- Provide **coordination** and **support** for churchwide ministries.
- Provide **governance** and **leadership**.
- Sustain **ecumenical** and **interfaith** relations.



“STRONGER TOGETHER”



“EVERYONE BELONGS IN GOD’S FAMILY”

Thank you for your ongoing support! For additional resources, go to [ELCA.org/SOFIA](https://www.elca.org/SOFIA).