



**South-Central Synod of Wisconsin**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

December 23, 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you consider your Mission Support for the coming year, many of you will be asked, "What happens to the dollars sent to the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin?"

Your offerings are essential to the three expressions of the church: ELCA Churchwide, the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, and our Congregations. Churchwide extends our ministry across the nation and around the world; the Synod connects our congregations to Churchwide and one another and helps to equip them to carry out their missions locally.

Of every dollar you send to the Synod, approximately:

- **47 cents are passed on to Churchwide** for such ministries as: World Hunger; Lutheran Disaster Response, Relief, and Development; Global Mission, Peace and Justice; and related ministries, including campus ministry, disability ministry, seminaries, and christian education.

- **7 cents are passed directly to ELCA seminaries** in our region: Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa and Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

- **7 cents are passed to our Synod's campus ministries** in our Synod: UW Madison, UW Whitewater and UW Platteville.

- **39 cents stay in our Synod** to Care for, Connect and Equip our congregations to be the heart and hands of Jesus.

Additionally, a portion of the funds that we send to the Churchwide Organization returns to our Synod in the form of grants. In addition to providing funds to support the Synod's, Director for Evangelical Mission, churchwide provided over \$128,000 in grants.

I hope this and the stories in the enclosed Narrative Spending Plan provide a picture of how as a Church together, we are truly able to multiply the impact of our ministries.

We give thanks for all you have generously given, and we appreciate your Mission Support offerings in the coming year which are essential to making these critical ministries possible.

If you would like someone from the Synod staff or council to visit your church or attend your annual meeting, please feel free to let us know.

Peace and joy,

Jane Cahill Wolfgram  
Vice President

***"May the light of your grace shine like a great beacon to all people. May our gifts and your grace bring peace to the troubled, confused and lonely. May our generosity be the fuel that forms a congregation of people who make a difference in your creation.***

***May our joy in the grace of giving contribute to making this a place where all are welcomed, and where all are invited to experience the best of God's goodness. And all of God's people say... Amen!" (unknown)***