

# WHERE YOUR OFFERING GOES

Mission Support is the financial lifeblood of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

In our Southwestern Minnesota Synod **52.5%** of your Mission Support offerings are being passed on to churchwide ministries of our ELCA and the other **47.5%** funds ministries of our Southwestern Minnesota Synod. Here's how \$100 given in Mission Support is used to support God's Mission in our ELCA and our SW MN Synod:

## \$100 given in Mission Support

### SW MN Synod Ministries

<b>Mission Staffing</b>	<b>\$30.61</b>
Includes compensation and benefits for synod staff (pastoral, program, and support) who support the mission of our SW MN Synod.	
<b>Shared Ministries</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>
Ministry partners include Lutheran Campus Ministry, ELCA Colleges, Luther Seminary, Shalom Hill Farm, MN Council of Churches and Lutheran Coalition for Public Policy in MN.	
<b>General Administration</b>	<b>\$2.55</b>
Costs for operational expense of synod.	
<b>Leadership/Programs</b>	<b>\$2.34</b>
Candidacy, boards, governance and other programs.	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$47.50</b>



**47.5%** went to SW MN Synod Ministries &  
**52.5%** went to ELCA Churchwide Ministries

In addition, in 2014 we passed through our synod **\$505,314** for other benevolences, including World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, Missionary Sponsorship, Companion Synod Projects in the South Eastern Diocese of South Africa, seminary scholarships, seminary debt reduction and more. Thanks be to God for sharing generously!

### ELCA Churchwide Ministries

<b>Congregations &amp; Synods</b>	<b>\$20.49</b>
Supports new and renewing congregations in the USA and works with synods in many ways including Directors for Evangelical Mission.	
<b>Global Mission</b>	<b>\$10.51</b>
Missionaries and global partnerships are supported. Additional money from World Hunger nearly doubles this amount!	
<b>Mission Advancement</b>	<b>\$4.20</b>
Manages World Hunger and Disaster Relief so 100% of gifts are given for their purposes.	
<b>Mission Administration</b>	<b>\$15.20</b>
The Offices of Presiding Bishop, Treasurer, and Secretary provide oversight and management of our ELCA's mission.	
<b>Retiree Support</b>	<b>\$2.10</b>
Financial support for retirees whose pensions are in need of assistance.	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$52.50</b>

