

Treasurer's Report 2020 Synod Sept Assembly

Thank you! Thank you! For your support and the support of your congregations during Covid 19

2020 Forecast and 2021 Budget as of August 31st, 2020

So far this year, congregational support has been at 86% of last year despite the impact of Covid 19. The full year forecast for 2020 congregational support is a continuation of this 86% pace or \$955,000 versus a budget of \$1,120,000 for a shortfall of (\$165,000). Forty eight percent (48%) impacts ELCA Churchwide and fifty two percent (52%) or (\$85,800) impacts the Synod. This Synod impact will be significantly reduced with the expected 100% forgiveness of the Synod's \$64,495 loan received as part of the federal Payroll Protection Program (PPP). With savings in expenses (primarily travel), the net income forecast for 2020 is a surplus of \$11,500.

The 2021 Proposed Mission Strategy includes a budget amount for Congregation Mission Support at \$1,050,000 which is (\$70,000) less than the 2020 budget but \$95,000 (or 10%) more than the 2020 forecast of \$955,000. It is hoped that Covid 19 will be less of an impact in 2021. For 2021 the portion budgeted to ELCA churchwide remains at 48% but, since the budget is less year-to-year, the amount is less by (\$33,000). The major Synod budget reductions year-to-year are to the Leadership Center Investment (\$13,000), to travel by Synod Council (\$6,000), and to travel by clergy (\$18,000). Salaries for clergy and staff are flat year-to-year; benefits are assumed to increase by 4%.

2019 Audit Report

The Audit Report for 2019 was completed on September 11, 2020. On page two of the eighteen-page report, the audit firm of Salmon, Sims, & Thomas provide a favorable opinion of the NT-NL Synod financial reports for 2018 and 2019, i.e. the years ending 1/31/19 and 1/31/20. This report is available on the NT-NL website.

General Fund in 2019

The Synod received \$1,111,109 from congregations during 2019; this is (1.7%) less than the amount received in 2018. The Synod also received \$25,790 from endowments handled by the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest; \$2,713 in interest income, and \$5,515 in other receipts, for a total of \$1,146,127. We gave 48% of congregational support to Churchwide (\$533,634), and Mission programs and operations totaled \$589,103. These disbursements of \$1,122,737 resulted in an operational surplus of \$22,389. \$19,000 of this surplus was due to strong congregational support for the Leadership Investment Center which permitted a (\$19,000) under-run versus budget. Unrestricted funds as of 1/31/20 were \$50,771.

The Synod also received \$129,200 in pass-through money. This was money that we received from congregations for the support of other congregations, ELCA programs (like world hunger, hurricane response, and disaster response), Lutheran ministries (like Briarwood, Sunset Ministries, and Upbring),

and the NT-NL Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) . Another \$265,000 was sent to or paid on behalf of Sierra Leone, New Mission Starts, Umoja congregations, DLA Leadership, Bishop Benevolence, Bishop's Camp Scholarship, and others. (This was a strong increase versus the 2018 amount of \$196,000.)

Assembly Fund in 2019

For the 2019 Assembly, total receipts were \$40,348. The West Conference and Calvary Lutheran of Richland Hills were hosts and helped to keep assembly expenditures low at \$28,648, resulting in a \$12,300 surplus to be used for future assemblies. These 2019 receipts/expenditures included offerings of \$4,888 with half going to the NT-NL Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) and half to the West Conference.

Mission Endowment Fund (MEF)

In 2019, this fund received permanent contributions of \$10,080 from congregations and individuals. For operations, MEF received \$22,916 from contributions to the Seeds that Change event (almost twice the amount in 2018). **Investment gains were \$162,679.** The MEF spent \$14,024 for expenses and distributed \$80,000 in grants. In 2019 the net increase in the fund was \$91,737.

DiscipleLife Alive! Endowment Fund (DLAEF)

The DLAEF was funded by a \$400,000 portion of the funds contributed to DiscipleLife Alive! DLAEF has been a separate fund since January 1, 2016 and has grown to a balance of \$513,952 as of 1/31/20. Grants totaling \$16,000 were distributed in 2019. The balance in the fund increased by \$33,656 in 2019.

This report summarizes the numerical data in the financial reports for the year ending January 31, 2020. Those reports are part of this Assembly's Book of Reports. For information on the accuracy of these reports, as well as additional financial disclosures, please contact the Synod Office. A complete audit report for 2018 will be available on-line as part of the 2020 Assembly. The 2019 audit will be available as part of the 2021 Assembly.

Submitted by,

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