ELCA members in more than 9,300 congregations in the United States and Caribbean give approximately $1.75 billion in regular offering to support ELCA ministries in its local communities and worldwide. When members give through their congregations, a percentage of that money is then shared with the local synod and the national churchwide organization.

This unrestricted giving, called Mission Support, gives us both the flexibility and the trust to do God’s work in the world and a portion of the gifts circle back to support ministries in synods and local congregations. Of these unrestricted gifts, the churchwide organization receives around 2.6 percent. This represents the largest portion of the ELCA churchwide organization’s operating budget.

WHERE DOES MY OFFERING GO?

Grow the ELCA in the United States

- 357 new congregations
- 25%

Grow the Luther church around the world

- 230 new churches
- 18%

Provide coordination and support for churchwide ministries

- 1.1 million members
- 16%

Support and develop current and future leaders in the ELCA

- 9,900 new leaders
- 15%

Invest in technology and communications

- 7 new technology
- 8%

Provide governance and leadership

- 65 synodical bishops
- 5%

Grow and sustain financial resources

- 5%

Address social issues and work for justice

- 4%

Engage in research and strategic planning

- 2%

Sustain ecumenical and interfaith relationships

- 2%

Your Mission Support helps fund the following churchwide ministries:

Grow the ELCA

- Work together with our African American, Asian and Pacific Islander, Arab and Middle Eastern, and Latino/Latina members to develop networks and resources for ministry.
- Equip congregations and support them as they work for justice.
- Support our African Descent, American Indian and Alaska Native, Arab and Middle Eastern, Asian and Pacific Islander, and Latino/Latina leaders.
- Support the organization’s operating budget.

Lutheran World Federation

- Equip congregations and support them as they work for justice.
- Support our African Descent, American Indian and Alaska Native, Arab and Middle Eastern, Asian and Pacific Islander, and Latino/Latina leaders.
- Support the organization’s operating budget.

Youth and young adult ministries

- Equip congregations and support them as they work for justice.
- Support our African Descent, American Indian and Alaska Native, Arab and Middle Eastern, Asian and Pacific Islander, and Latino/Latina leaders.
- Support the organization’s operating budget.

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