

CENTRAL STATES SYNOD MINISTRIES

Fifty cents of every dollar contributed to the Central States Synod through congregational benevolence stays with the synod for ministry.

Reaching out

- Lutheran Disaster Response
- Social ministry partnerships
- Ethnic specific ministries
- Ecumenical relationships
- Companion Synod Program

Renewing congregations

- Partnership for Missional Church – clustering congregations for discerning God's purposes in their context
- Call process/ministers
- Intentional interim pastors
- Administrative support services
- Stewardship education

New congregation starts

Campus ministries

- Kansas State University
- University of Kansas
- St. Louis Campus Ministry

Outdoor ministries

- Camp Tomah Shinga
- Hollis Renewal Center

Bethany College

Seminary support

- Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC)
- Wartburg Theological Seminary

Preparing candidates

- Pastors
- Diaconal Ministers
- Associates in Ministry
- Parish Ministry Associates

Inspiring and Equipping
People to be a Part of
what God is up to in their
Everyday Lives

\$981,000
12%

Changed by Love
Endowment Fund
\$1,000,000
13%

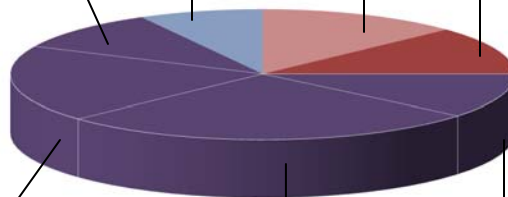
Resource
Development Costs
\$846,500
11%

The ELCA Malaria
Campaign / Global HIV
and AIDS Strategy
\$790,000
10%

Raising up Leaders of
all Ages for the Church
\$1,530,000
19%

Igniting Spiritual
Renewal
\$2,137,500
27%

Building Bridges across
the Differences that
Divide Society
\$615,000
8%



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**Changed by Love,
Sent in Love,
to Serve**

**Shaping the
Church for
God's Mission**



Members of Atonement,
Florissant, Mo. at the Festival
of Sharing in Sedalia, Mo.



Volunteers Greensburg, Kan.



Day Camp, Hollis Renewal
Center, Bonner Springs, Kan.

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**SHAPING
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FOR
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MISSION**

Strengthening the Local Congregation

God is calling! God is calling us to be part of his mission in the world today. We first heard that call in baptism, and by God's mercy, the Spirit keeps calling us to put our lives at God's disposal.



Over the past three years through a process of Bible study, prayer and Spirit-led conversation, we have heard God's call for a new day and context. We are people **Changed by Love, Sent in Love, to Serve**. This new statement of purpose comes with missional directions. Together they are shaping the life, structure and direction of the Central States Synod:

Igniting spiritual renewal – open to the work of the Spirit among us, grounding our lives more deeply in the life of Jesus Christ and practicing the Christian faith.

Raising up leaders of all ages for the Church – encouraging youth and adults to be leaders in congregations, synod and churchwide ministries.

Building bridges across the differences that divide society – living as God's agents for reconciliation and justice, being peacemakers in a world of division and hatred.

Inspiring and equipping people to discover what God is up to in their lives – helping each and every one of us to discern how God is calling forth our gifts.

Paul speaks of the Church as a clay jar, a piece of pottery, shaped by its maker. The jar may be cracked or broken, in need of repair or reshaping. But Paul says: "Therefore since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart...we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord...we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us (2 Corinthians 4:1-12)."

God in his mercy has given us an opportunity to be shaped anew. Because of the treasure of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, I boldly call upon the people of the Central States Synod to be part of this first comprehensive mission fund development program with a goal of 7.9 million dollars. **Changed by Love, Sent in Love, to Serve – Shaping the Church for God's Mission** will help us to live out more faithfully and fully the missional directions to which we have been called.

This fund appeal is an opportunity to tell God's story, to proclaim Jesus Christ and tell how God in his mercy has engaged us in ministry. When people who are *Changed by Love, Sent in Love, to Serve* respond generously to this fund appeal with individual gifts to support their passions we are confident we will be aligning our gifts with God's work among us.

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Enhanced Support for Existing Ministries and Programs

Congregational Stewardship Resources



Impact and Benefits

Igniting Spiritual Renewal.....\$2,137,500*

- Three new congregational starts
- Partnership for Missional Church
- Grants to revitalize existing congregations
- Lutheran Men in Mission retreats
- Sabbaticals for rostered leaders
- Rostered retreats/ leadership development



New congregation



KU Campus Ministry Service Trip to New York

- Lay Leadership retreats development
- Worship workshops/ resources
- Bolster the outdoor ministry of Hollis Renewal Center

Raising up Leaders of all Ages for the Church.....\$1,530,000*

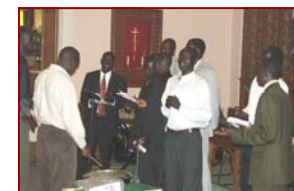
Rev. Amy Truhe
(TEEM program)
at Scherer
Memorial
dedication
(Chapman, Kan.)



- Lay Missional Academy
- Seminary student scholarship grants
- Grants for candidates for Parish Ministry Associates
- Seminary debt / retirement grants for pastors
- Theological Education for Emerging Ministries (TEEM) / ethnic & rural specific
- Seminary mission developer internships
- Young adult ministry training grants
- Continuing education grants for rostered Leaders and Parish Ministry Associates
- Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund for crisis intervention

Building Bridges across the Differences that Divide Society.....\$615,000*

- Ecumenical rural Partnership for Missional Church
- Companion Synod/ Bethany College exchanges
- Ethnic specific ministries
- Partnership for Missional Church internships
- Young adult exchanges
- "Experiments in Jesus' name" for Parish Ministry Associates
- Cross-cultural conversations



Sudanese worshipping community (First Lutheran, St. Joseph Mo.)

Inspiring and Equipping People to be a part of what God is up to in Their Everyday Lives.....\$981,000*



Lutheran Campus Ministry Retreat at Camp Tomah Shinga

- Supporting and expanding Campus ministry
- Lifelong learning education centers
- Bethany College
- Training scholarships
- Developing youth leadership week at Camp Tomah Shinga
- Bolster the future of Tomah Shinga's outdoor ministry
- Distance learning technology

Changed by Love, Sent in Love, to Serve Endowment Fund.....\$1,000,000*

Churchwide Support – Impacting the Whole Church.....\$790,000*

Resource Development Costs.....\$846,500*

* Contributions are subject to the gift acceptance policies and guidelines of the Central States Synod. Funds available for expenditure will be expended with the approval of the Synod Council