

What is it?

The Mission Endowment Fund is intended to be a sustainable fund for designated purposes including grants to seminarians, to first call pastors for seminary debt reduction, to rostered and lay people for continuing education, to new congregation starts and to existing congregation revitalization.

Why is it important?

The high cost of education is no secret. The median indebtedness for a seminarian at graduation is \$45,000. Scholarship grants and seminary debt reduction grants allow some relief to the seminarian or first call pastor to better focus on their studies and ministry.

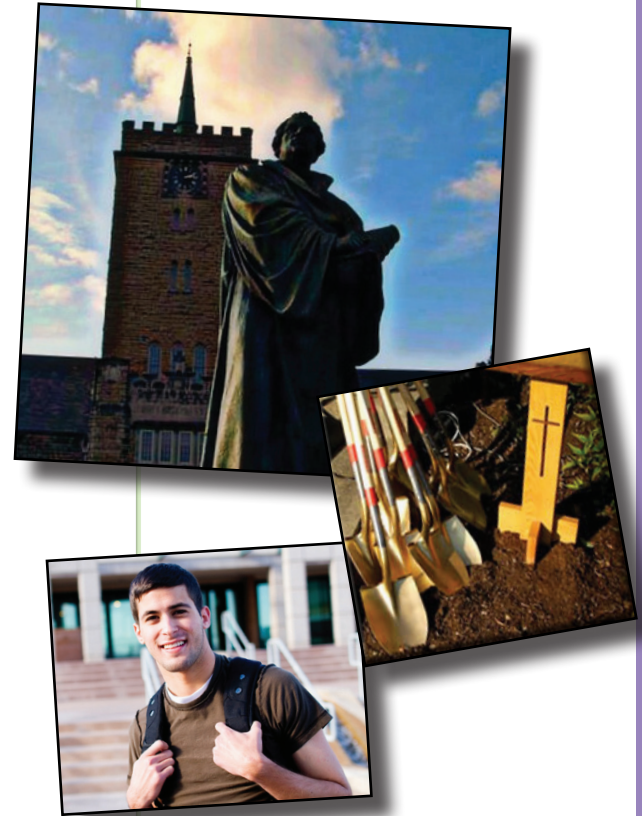
How can I help?

Your designated gift to the Mission Endowment Fund assures that financial assistance will be available in the future. Please prayerfully consider your gift today!

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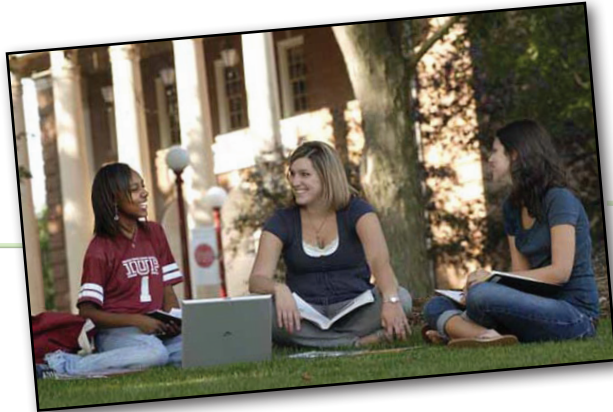
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Mission Endowment Fund ...

The Central States Synod Mission Endowment Fund was established in 1999 by action of the Synod Assembly. The purpose of the fund is to enhance the mission outreach of the Central States Synod apart from the general operation of the synod.



Your gift could enable the Mission Endowment Fund Committee to provide ...

- Seminarian Scholarship Grants for seminarians in the Central States Synod candidacy process
- Seminary Debt Retirement Grants for first call pastors in the Central States Synod
- Continuing Education Grants for rostered people, professional church workers and lay leaders in the synod
- Grants for New Congregation Starts/ Revitalization of Existing Congregations



How to give ...

Cash gifts for the Central States Synod Mission Endowment Fund may be sent to the synod office.

For online giving (credit cards accepted) please visit www.css-elca.org/mef.html.

If you want to plan a deferred gift from your estate, contact our ELCA Lutheran Planned Giving regional gift planner at the synod office by calling (913) 948-9701 or (866) 915-3548.

Governance of the Fund ...

The Mission Endowment Fund Committee is the custodian of the fund. The Committee is charged with the administration and management of the fund.

This Committee is comprised of lay and rostered people from across the synod, including the Synod Treasurer, a synod staff person and the ELCA Lutheran Planned Giving regional gift planner. Committee members are appointed by the Central States Synod Council.



About the fund...

This brochure provides a “snapshot” of the Mission Endowment Fund. To receive additional information by mail, please complete and return the form below. Information may also be found on the Central States Synod web site: www.css-elca.org/mef.html.

If you have specific questions, please call (913) 948-9701 or (866) 915-3548, or indicate below that you would like a personal contact.

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- Yes, please send me more information about the Central States Synod Mission Endowment Fund.
- Yes, please call me at the phone number indicated above to answer specific questions about the fund.

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