

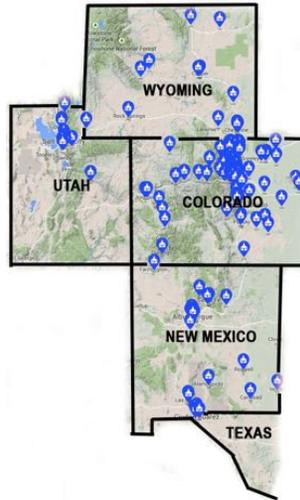
In 2016, \$1,187,500 will fund Rocky Mountain Synod work as "Church Together" and \$1,187,500 will be sent on to join with offerings from the other 64 synods to fund ELCA Churchwide ministries.

Of every dollar given in mission support
 ◀ half goes to RMS half goes to ELCA ▶

We are Church: Better Together

Thanks to your generosity, and in unity with the other 165 congregations in the Rocky Mountain Synod, the impact of YOUR CONGREGATION reaches far beyond your walls.

Mission Support is one of the primary ways that we are church together. When offerings flow from each congregation to the Rocky Mountain Synod and to the ELCA churchwide organization, it brings vital resources to those in need, equips leaders with solid biblical and theological education, and does so much more.



In our Rocky Mountain Synod, 2016 offerings from congregations (called "mission support") are expected to be **\$2,375,000**, and these gifts are received with gratitude!

50% of that mission support is passed on for the churchwide mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The total 2016 Rocky Mountain Synod anticipated income of **\$2,825,240** also includes **\$188,000** from the ELCA which is returned to the RMS and **\$262,240** in reserve, endowment, grant, gift, and interest income.

Take a look at the significance of all we are doing as "Church Together!"



Mission Support propels your offering across the synod, throughout the ELCA, and around the world to the places where the need is greatest.



COORDINATION AND SUPPORT OF MINISTRIES

- Facilitating communication and support to ministries across the church.
- Managing relationships and activities between the synod and churchwide organization.
- Providing for outdoor ministry, servant corps, and social service organizations.
- Inviting congregations and leaders into wider participation and collaboration.



SUPPORTING CONGREGATIONS AND EVANGELICAL OUTREACH

- Starting new congregations and worshiping communities.
- Renewing the ministries of existing congregations each year.
- Nurturing faith communities to grow and proclaim the good news of God's grace.
- Accompanying congregations through a healthy transition process.



BRINGING FORTH AND SUPPORTING LEADERS

- Expanding youth and young adult ministries.
- Preparing, recruiting and supporting church leaders, educational and teaching networks.
- Encouraging healthy leaders.
- Sustaining eight ELCA seminaries, 26 colleges, 180 campus ministries, 1,530 early childhood centers, and 257 elementary schools.



GLOBAL AND ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS

- Assisting global companion churches in building their capacity for mission and ministry in over 90 countries.
- Developing and cultivating ecumenical and interfaith relationships.



STEWARDSHIP AND MISSION FUNDING

- Inspiring people to be good stewards.
- Interpreting the mission and ministry of the church and its finances.
- Developing financial resources to fund God's work.



STEPPING FORWARD AS A CHURCH SERVING OTHERS

- Caring for God's creation through study, deliberation, and action.
- Serving in response to God's love through social ministry organizations.
- Witnessing to justice as the voice of the powerless.
- Meeting the needs of the hungry and victims of disaster.



GOVERNANCE

- Making decisions together through governance procedures including the Rocky Mountain Synod Council, the ELCA Church Council, the RMS Synod Assembly, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly, and the ELCA Conference of Bishops.