

# mission sup•port

*(n) the portion of offering shared to support the collective ministries of the church*

## WHAT IS MISSION SUPPORT?

Financial Mission Support is given to the synod by our 160 congregations. Each year, your congregation designates a portion of the congregational budget to send to the Rocky Mountain Synod to support our synodical, churchwide, and global ministries.

## HOW IS THE SYNODICAL BUDGET SET?

The synod treasurer and finance committee, on behalf of the synod council, present a proposed budget to the voting members of the synod assembly. The synod budget is set by vote of the synod assembly.

## HOW ARE MISSION SUPPORT DOLLARS USED?

As Lutherans we believe that God works through multiple expressions of the church: the congregation, the synod, the churchwide organization of the ELCA, and Lutheran institutions here and around the globe. We are a connected and inter-dependent church. In 2020, 47.5% of synodical mission support was shared with our churchwide organization.

## WHAT LOCAL IMPACT DOES MISSION SUPPORT HAVE?

Mission support allows for staff to accompany congregations in transition and supported and equipped leaders through digital gatherings throughout the pandemic. A portion of the budget is given to our 3 outdoor ministries, critical partners in faith formation of youth and young adults. Your commitment to being the church together provides for our work in local and state public policy. We are Christ's Church, Better Together!

