



# Michigan District Annual Report

For the fiscal year ending January 31, 2017

## A Message from The President

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the 368 congregations of the Michigan District, LCMS we often use the word *ministry* in our conversations. We speak of ministry to the unchurched, to the hungry and homeless, to children, to our communities, to singles, to married couples, and to many, many more aspects of congregational and community life.

But what is *ministry*? The word comes from the Greek *diakonia*, “to serve.” Ministry is service to others in God’s name. In Matthew 20:28 we read, “*The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many*” (NIV). *By grace, and with His strength, we, too, serve with the same willing heart as members of the family of God.*

Thanks to your support, the District’s congregations have been able to offer genuine care and service for the people in their communities in 2016, through:

- Free preschool for underprivileged children in Allen Park and Armada;
- Free prenatal and infant care in Detroit;
- Free basketball and tutoring program for children in Wyandotte;
- Food pantry and ESL classes in Pontiac;
- Neighborhood cleanup and weekly dinners in Flint.



Additionally, the District has been able to support the ministry of St. Peter Confessional Lutheran Church in South Africa. Our brothers and sisters in Christ there provide quality education and healthcare, help create jobs, and take care of the widowed and orphaned. Through your generosity, the Michigan District has also provided student aid for 112 church worker students in the Concordia University System.

We’d like to encourage you to subscribe to the enews and *Michigan In Touch* blog so you can read about the work that is taking place in the Michigan District and be encouraged in your ministry.

May God bless every congregation, pastor, and member as we serve Christ, community, and others as partners in ministry in His church.

May God grant this for His sake,

*Rev. David P. E. Maier*

Rev. Dr. David P. E. Maier  
President, Michigan District, LCMS

*Pictured Above: Raising Up Readers Program, Trinity, Wyandotte; Pictured Below, Left to Right: Ultrasounds at the Luke Project 52; Students at St. Peter Confessional Lutheran Church, South Africa; Neighborhood Cleanup Team, Franklin Avenue Mission, Flint.*



# Summary of Financial Activities

For the Year Ending January 31, 2017

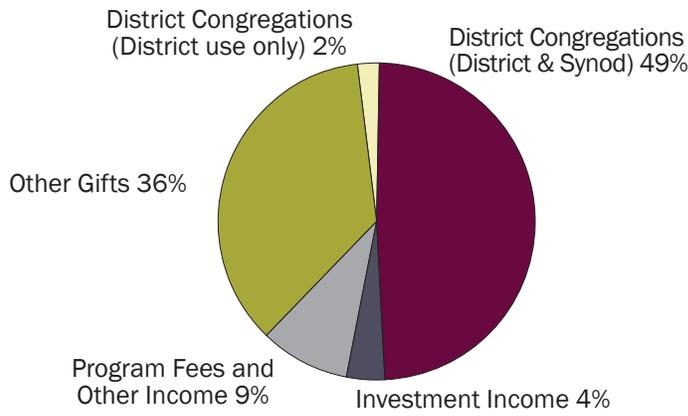
## Support, Revenues, and Gains

District Congregations (District and Synod).....	4,265,188
District Congregations (District use only).....	195,184
Other Gifts.....	3,113,074
Investment Income.....	392,182
Program Fees and Other Income.....	741,919
<b>Total Support, Revenues, and Gains.....</b>	<b>8,707,547</b>

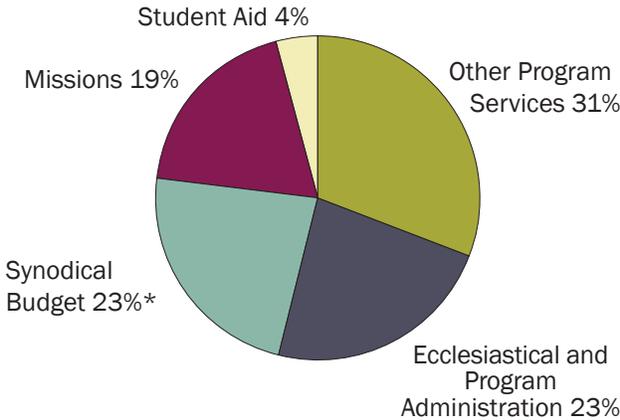
## Expenses

Synodical Budget*	1,531,999
<b>Program Services</b>	
Missions.....	1,267,960
Congregation Mission & Ministry Facilitators..	576,143
Christian Care.....	119,347
Lutheran Schools.....	274,087
Youth Ministry.....	82,472
Loon Lake Lutheran Retreat Center.....	94,188
Other Congregation Program Services.....	148,210
Communications.....	296,562
Student Aid.....	240,054
Worker Care.....	458,517
<b>Ecclesiastical and Program Administration</b>	
Administration.....	793,522
Convention.....	247,880
Development.....	243,135
District Properties and Depreciation.....	226,425
<b>Total Expenses.....</b>	<b>6,600,501</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets .....</b>	<b>**2,107,046</b>

Revenue



Expenses



Information is taken from the audited financial statements of the Michigan District, LCMS. Copies of the audit report, which include all integral parts of the financial statements, are available from the District Office.

\*The Michigan District sent 39.5% of its unrestricted cash receipts from congregations to national Synod during the fiscal year. The numbers on the financial statements reflect adjustments based on pledges from congregations and to the Synod as required by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

\*\*The Here We Stand Capital Campaign contributed a new change in net assets of \$2,284,014.

# Support for National and International Ministries

For the fiscal year ending January 31, 2017, the Michigan District remitted \$1,531,999 to Corporate (national) Synod, which represents 39.5% of the District's unrestricted gifts from congregations. The 35 districts of the Synod contribute approximately \$14.3 million of undesignated revenue to Corporate Synod annually in support of national and international mission and ministry. The balance of the \$83.1 million 2016/17 budget of Corporate Synod comes primarily from restricted gifts and sales of materials and services.

Allocations of the budgeted use of undesignated revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 are as follows:

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| International Missions 1.5% | Mission Advancement 7.3%                      |
| National Missions 4.9%      | Concordia Historical institute & KFUE 2.4%    |
| Pastoral Education 4.9%     | Ecclesiastical Services and Commissions 10.8% |
| University Education 12.5%  | Officers and Administration 23.7%             |
| Communications 19.4%        | General and Administrative 12.6%              |

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