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Vigorously Making Known
the Love of Christ

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Michigan District, LCMS

An accounting of the mission and ministry through the Michigan District, LCMS
by its congregations.

Fiscal year ending January 31, 2013

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last summer, at the end of June, delegates attending the Michigan District Convention gathered under the theme of *IMAGINE ... Living as God's Forgiveness and Forgiving Family* – highlighting the third of our Synod's three emphases: Witness, Mercy, and *Life Together*. Throughout the next three years, this theme will be a guiding influence over the mission and ministry that we as Michigan District congregations conduct in Life Together.

What follows is REALLY a brief and unique accounting of the continuing grace of God at work in our midst ... in the many conferences that were held ... to the arrival of Rev. Chris Bodley to establish the A2E Urban Ministry Initiative in Detroit ... and everything in between ... like the resurgence of Concordia University Ann Arbor under the leadership of Concordia University Wisconsin. In support of this resurgence, the Michigan District gifted \$1.2 million to Concordia, Ann Arbor.

May God continue to lead, guide, and bless us! May we as God's family in our Life Together continue to pray that God would not only bless what we are doing, but that He would lead us to do what He wants to bless.

Sincerely,

Rev. David P. E. Maier

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President

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Mission

In grateful response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacraments, the mission of the Michigan District of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod is vigorously to make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our churches (congregations), communities, and world.

Vision

Our congregations are filled to overflowing with people of HOPE! Our living hope, indeed our joyful and confident life and witness to the world, comes from the transforming power of the Gospel and the resurrected Christ who has graced us with *an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for ALL* who believe in Him as Savior and Lord. (1 Peter 1:4). This living hope inspires our dependence on, devotion to, and commitment to the Word of God, worship, prayer, and each other and moves us to take the love of Christ to our family, friends, neighbors, community, and the world in word and deed.

Stories of Hope!

Mission and Ministry of the Michigan District, LCMS

Conferences



Inspiring speakers encouraged professional church workers and laity at **convention** and **conferences**. Themes and topics included: Imagine ... Living as God's Forgiveness and Forgiving Family, Joy-filled Ministry in a Discouraged World, Go ... Teach!, Tech in the Early Childhood Classroom, Digital Learning in the 21st Century, Holding up the Prophet's Hand, Mission U, Grace Place Wellness, and Confirmation. In October, pastors prayed over one another at the All Pastors' "First of All, Pray" conference (pictured left).

Youth



Last year, 210 youth from all over Michigan gathered on Concordia University Ann Arbor's campus for the **Junior High Youth Gathering**. The theme "In His Image" was a reminder to youth that they are free to live and love in His redeemed Image. On Saturday morning they lived out the image of God through servant events. Groups spread out to over a dozen locations across Washtenaw County to serve food, assist with clean-up projects, help the needy, assist in missions, and serve in other ways.

A2E

Apologetics

Theological Conferences on
APOLOGETICS
απολογία

In late January through February 2012, the Michigan District welcomed over 1,200 people to the **Theological Conferences on Apologetics**. The Lord certainly blessed the participants with a greater assurance of their salvation, but also with the confidence, capacity, capability, and courage to defend what they believe. Through the use of God's inspired Word, other historical evidence, and practical application, God graciously planted many seeds that we pray will bring forth a rich harvest of courageous, confessing Lutheran believers. Distinguished presenters included Rev. Dr. Paul L. Maier, Dr. Adam S. Francisco, and Rev. Dr. Robert D. Newton.

Acts 2 Enterprise (A2E), led by missionary-at-large Rev. Christopher Bodley, is a strategic and holistic urban outreach initiative. It is a catalyst for renewing the hearts, minds, and spirits of children and families in Detroit.



Since February 2012, A2E Leadership Workshops have provided LCMS urban pastors, laity teams, and ministries an opportunity to come together to identify critical issues and expand their vision to partner with community agencies, faith-based ministries, non-profit organizations, and schools in addressing the needs and challenges of serving the community. Currently, 19 congregations will, with Christ, work towards revitalizing communities while continuing their mission in Word and Sacrament ministry.

Webinars



The District Office hosts monthly **free live webinars** for professional church workers and lay leaders throughout the state and beyond. The hour-long presentations cover topics such as: school board membership, service as an elder, effective governance models, strategic planning, stewardship, missions, and more.

Social Media

The District utilizes its Facebook page ([facebook.com/milcms](https://www.facebook.com/milcms)) as a conduit for discussions on new media technology and communication strategies. Discussions



are open to the general public and follow a weekly topic ranging from social media strategies to website design tactics and more. The **live discussions** are automatically archived to the Facebook page for further reading by conversation participants and interested parties.

"Studying to be a deacon has greatly impacted my life. I'm getting into God's Word, understanding the history and what it means to me, and then able to teach that to other people."

Deacon Jack Mosher
Zion, Petoskey

Deacons



"I constantly thank God for the blessings He has given me through the support of the Michigan District, LCMS over the past four years at Concordia University Ann Arbor and years to come as I attend Concordia Seminary, St. Louis."

Aaron Mol
Michigan District Student
Aid Recipient

Student Aid

Nineteen new students began their deacon training in 2012. Learn more at www.michigandistrict.org/deacons.

Missions

Through unrestricted gifts and *The Future is Now* campaign funds, the following **Missions** were supported in 2012:

- St. Thomas, Ann Arbor (*Freedom Township Mission*)
- St. Thomas, Eastpointe (*Harper Woods multi-site*)
- Christ The King, Flint (*Flint Tri-Circuit Deaf Mission*)
- Faith, Grand Blanc (*North Oakland Satellite*)
- Grass Lake, Grass Lake (*Grass Lake Mission Start*)
- Light of Christ, Marysville (*Mission Subsidy*)
- Cross & Resurrection, Ypsilanti (*Dundee/Tecumseh Mission*)
- Trinity, Utica (*Journeys*)
- St. Charles, Nativity (*Chesaning Mission Start*)
- Lutheran City Ministries, Detroit (*Family of God Mission*)
- St. Matthew, Holt (*Rehoboth Lutheran Church*)
- Trinity Sudanese, Lansing (*Sudanese Ministry*)
- Messiah, Midland (*Restoration Fellowship and Coffee Shop Outreach*)
- St. Paul, Pontiac (*St. Paul, Pontiac*)
- St. Michael, Richville (*Hmong Ministry*)
- Faith, Troy (*Hamtramck Bengali & Arabic*)

Schools

In classrooms across the Michigan District, teachers help children build a secure future by teaching them about a God who loves them unconditionally, created them to be His Children through Baptism, and offered a plan of restoration through Christ Jesus. Today, over 16,000 students are being equipped to



pursue excellence in academics, use their spiritual gifts and talents, and apply their faith throughout their lives to spread the Gospel and enrich their communities.

Michigan District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Summary of Financial Activities For the Year Ended January 31, 2013

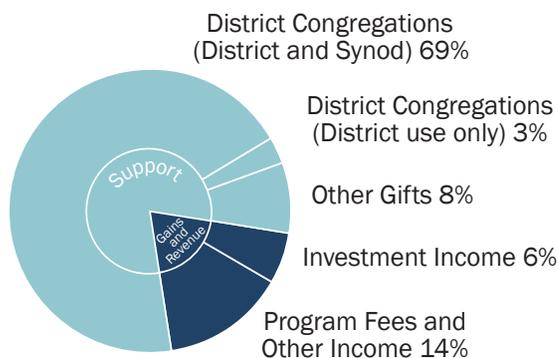
Support, Revenues, and Gains

District Congregations (District and Synod).....	4,703,723
District Congregations (District use only).....	227,968
Other Gifts.....	523,187
Investment Income.....	385,947
Program Fees and Other Income.....	942,914
Total Support, Revenues, and Gains.....	6,783,739

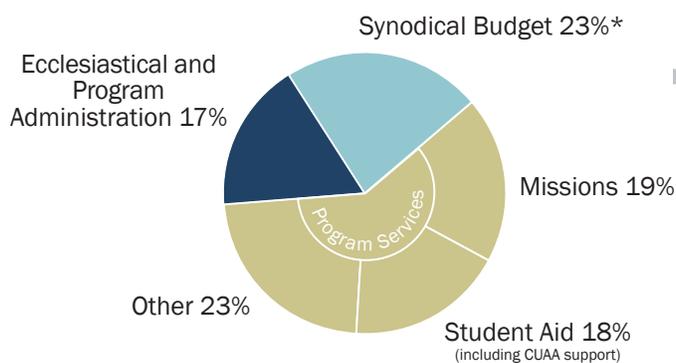
Expenses

Synodical Budget*	1,858,224
Program Services	
Missions.....	1,503,264
Congregation Ministry Facilitators.....	423,340
Christian Care.....	137,377
Lutheran Schools.....	315,576
Youth Ministry.....	36,893
Loon Lake Lutheran Retreat Center.....	106,258
Other Congregation Program Services....	188,934
Communications.....	301,028
Student Aid.....	1,420,820
Worker Care.....	412,323
Ecclesiastical and Program Administration	
Administration.....	749,989
Convention.....	175,444
Development.....	208,859
District Properties and Depreciation.....	222,791
Total Expenses.....	8,061,120
Change in Net Assets	(1,277,381)

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 40.5% 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.

Support for National and International Ministries

For the fiscal year ending January 31, 2013, the Michigan District remitted \$1,903,724 to Corporate (national) Synod, which represents 40.5% of the District's unrestricted gifts from congregations. The 35 districts of the Synod contribute approximately \$16 million of undesignated revenue to Corporate Synod annually in support of national and international mission and ministry. The balance of the \$65 million 2012/13 budget of Corporate Synod comes primarily from restricted gifts and sales of materials and services. The Program Budget Summary for Corporate Synod indicates that 56% of the undesignated revenue is allocated directly to Programs of the Synod (including 14% for missions and 28% for education).

Allocations of the budgeted use of undesignated revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 are as follows:

International Missions 10%	KFUO 3%
National Missions 4%	Ecclesiastical Services and Commissions 9%
Pastoral Education 6%	Officers and Administration 18%
University Education 22%	General and Administrative 17%
Communications 11%	



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