



# Michigan District Annual Report

For the fiscal year ending January 31, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

The Michigan District, LCMS serves congregations and church workers as they go about

- Sharing the Good News of Jesus with people who do not know Him (Great Commission Ministry) and
- Seeking out and compassionately attending to people in need (Great Compassion Ministry).

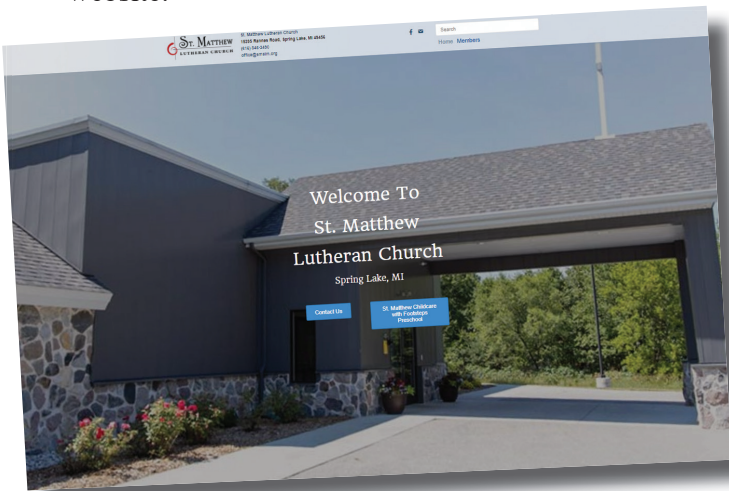
We support congregations so that they can thrive in Christ-centered ministries, loving and joyful atmospheres, and sustainable organizational systems (Healthy Congregations). And we support our church workers so they can also thrive in Christ-centered lives, loving and joyful spirits, and stable family and professional systems (Healthy Church Workers).

Because of your generous support, the District has been able to accomplish much in 2019 towards these Critical Targets of supporting congregations and church workers as they in turn reach out to their communities.

- A Dual Campus Ministry grant was awarded to St. Luke, Haslett and Christ Campus which includes both a suburban and a center city location. This dual campus approach provides both locations with opportunities for learning and support and is a definite two way street through which both sites are more creative, stable, and responsive to outreach opportunities.
- The Digital Footprint Initiative was developed to address many of the challenges some congregations face when they do not have a web presence or do not have skilled, willing, and trained volunteers to update their current website.



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President



- The District's Thought Leader and Innovative Missional Ministry Podcasts were added as one more way to inspire and encourage church workers on the go.
- A Mental Health Case Manager was added to our staff in order to offer a confidential process for church workers and their families to receive guidance when going through a difficult time so they can make an informed decision about their mental and emotional health.
- The Student Debt Assistance through Ministry Focus helps church workers who graduated from our Colleges and Seminaries and are facing a heavy load of debt.

These are some of the new initiatives that began in 2019. However, that's certainly not all. Our ministries throughout the District continued serving their communities and reaching out to the least and the lost. Please take a moment to watch the Annual Report in video format at [michigandistrict.org/annualreport](http://michigandistrict.org/annualreport).

To stay informed on how God continues to bless and send out His people in the Michigan District, please visit [michigandistrict.org](http://michigandistrict.org) and subscribe to the enews, blog, and podcast.

May God continue to bless us all, as Jesus sends each and every one of us into our communities and the world.

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# Summary of Financial Activities

For the fiscal year ending January 31, 2020

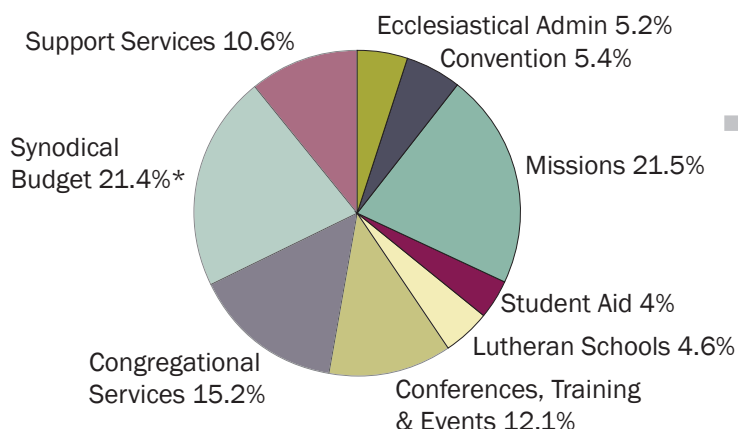
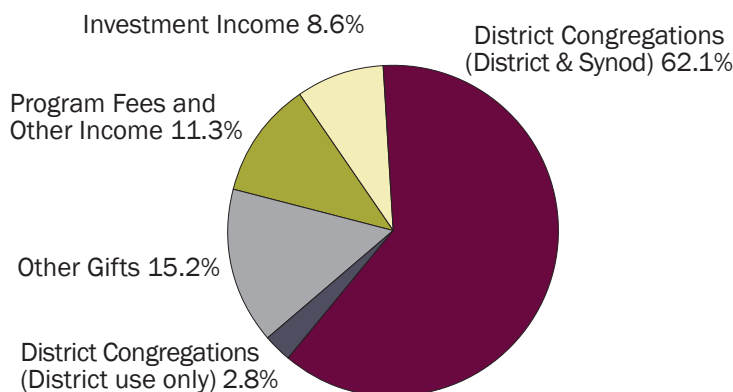
## Support, Revenues, and Gains

District Congregations (District and Synod).....	4,519,842
District Congregations (District use only).....	202,825
Other Gifts.....	1,105,720
Investment Income.....	623,539
Program Fees and Other Income.....	822,355
Total Support, Revenues, and Gains.....	7,274,281

## Expenses

Synodical Budget*.....	1,516,874
Program Services	
Ecclesiastical Administration.....	370,548
Convention.....	379,120
World & National Missions.....	1,522,787
Student Aid.....	284,350
Lutheran Schools.....	323,517
Conferences, Training, & Events.....	859,588
Other Congregation Program Services.....	1,075,576
Support Services	
Management & General.....	482,921
Fundraising.....	267,554
Total Expenses.....	7,082,835
Change in Net Assets.....	191,446

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 35% 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, 2020, the Michigan District remitted \$1,534,374 to Corporate (national) Synod, which represents 35% of the District's unrestricted gifts from congregations. The 35 districts of the Synod contribute approximately \$13 million of undesignated revenue to Corporate Synod annually in support of national and international mission and ministry. The balance of the \$81 million 2019/20 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, 2020 are as follows:

### Program Services

Mission & Ministry Programs	33.4%
Ecclesiastical programs	32.2%
Management & General	29.4%
Fundraising	5%

For a more detailed breakdown of the synodical budget visit [lcms.org/board](https://lcms.org/board).

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