

How your offering becomes Mission Support

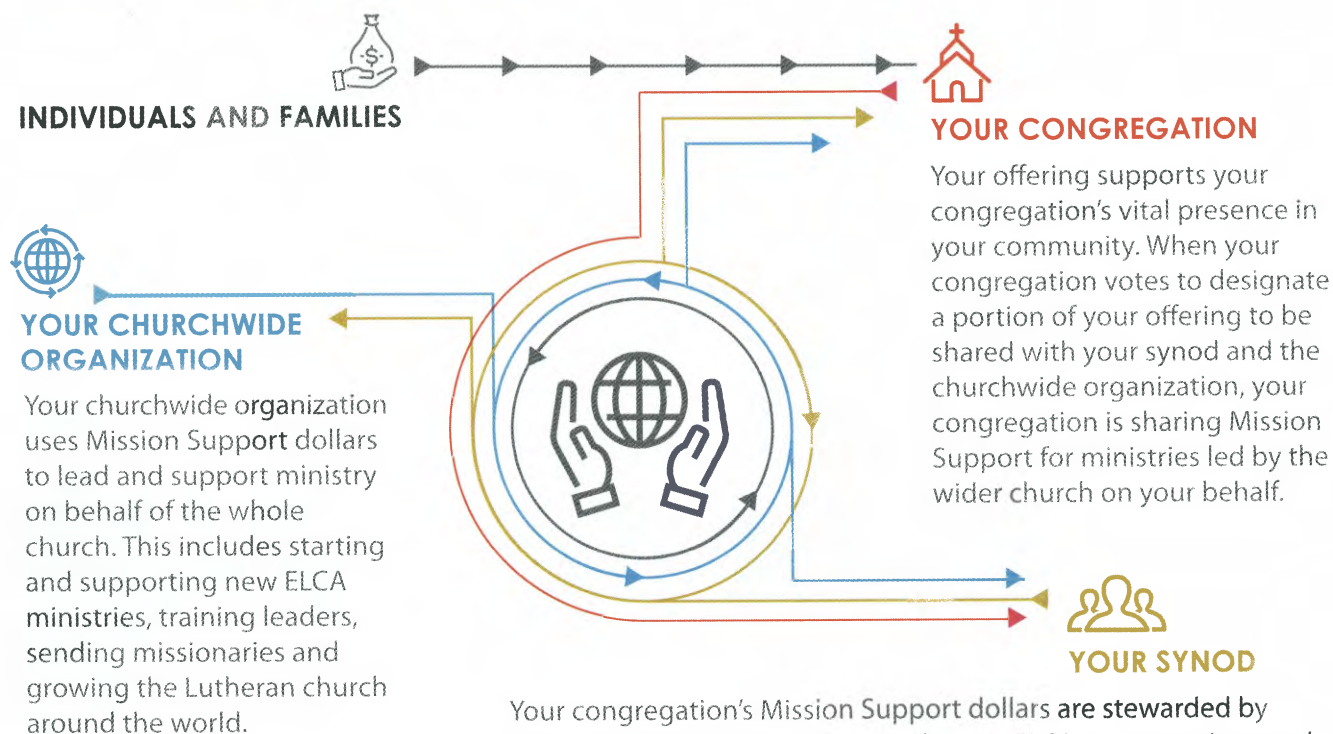
As Lutherans, we believe that Christ has freed us from sin and death, and even from ourselves, so we can love and serve our neighbors. One way we put our faith in action is by making a financial gift — an offering — to our congregation.

Each year, ELCA congregations pledge to send a portion of the offerings they receive to fund ELCA ministries in their synods and beyond. In the ELCA, we call these funds Mission Support.

Mission Support enables the ELCA's 65 synods and more than 9,100 congregations to pool resources to love and serve our neighbors in ways no individual or congregation can do alone. Mission Support is one way we are church together — it's essential to who we are as the ELCA.

Through Mission Support, we participate in God's life-changing work in our communities and around the world.

How Mission Support funds ministry across our church



2018 financial picture

In 2018, ELCA members gave \$1.7 billion in unrestricted offerings* to support God's mission and ministry through the three expressions of the ELCA. Thank you for your generosity!

94.5% — CONGREGATIONS

\$1.6 billion was stewarded by the ELCA's 9,100-plus congregations

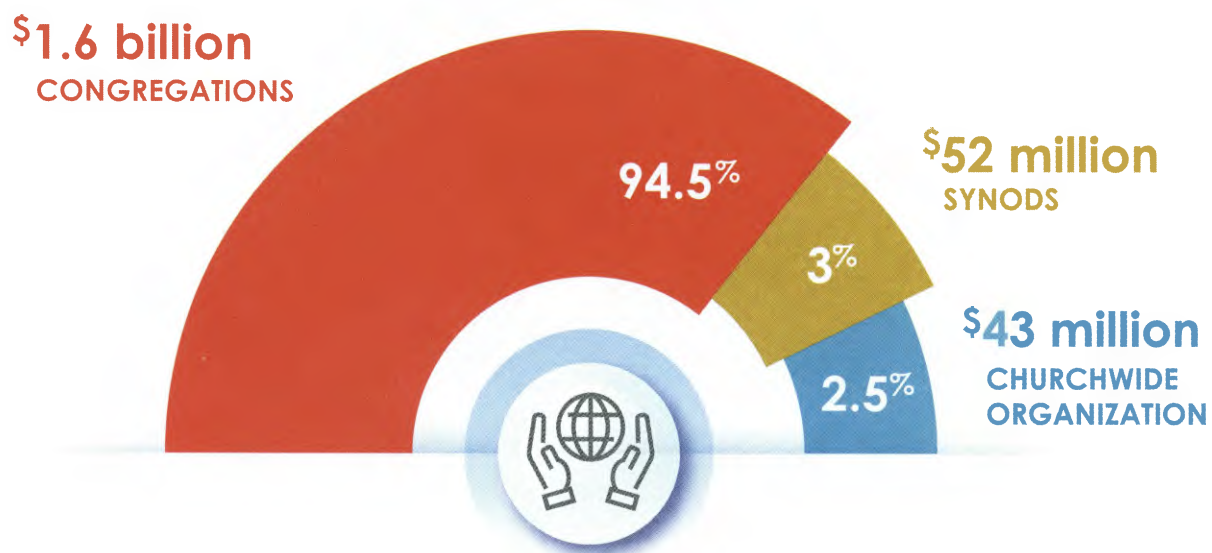
3% — SYNODS

\$52 million was stewarded by the ELCA's 65 synods

2.5% — CHURCHWIDE ORGANIZATION

\$43 million was stewarded by the ELCA churchwide organization

*Unrestricted offerings do not include special offerings (e.g., congregational capital improvements or gifts to ministries such as Lutheran Disaster Response).



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