

South Dakota Synod, ELCA

# GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

*The word synod is derived from the Greek word synodos, in turn a conjunction of syn-, meaning together, and hodos, meaning a going or a way.*

## Together

*We go this way together. And together we apply our hands to God's work.*

Faith Builders  
 Faith Family Style  
 Answer the Call  
 Candidacy Process  
 Native American Ministries  
 South Dakota Women of the ELCA  
 Mission Partners/Mission Boosters  
 Campus Ministry—Augustana, NSU, SDSMT, SDSU, USD  
 Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO)  
 Fisher's Net/Select  
 ELCA Churchwide Committee  
 Synod Assembly  
 Ecumenical Relations  
 Representation at the ELCA Council of Bishops  
 Synod Council  
 Global Health  
 Conference Assemblies  
 Educational Ministry  
 Senior High-School Gatherings  
 Seminary Debt Reduction Program  
 Companion Synod Connection—Nicaragua  
 Lutheran World Relief  
 Assisting Congregations in Transition

Train Up a Child  
 Emergng Ethnic Ministries  
 ELCA Disaster Response  
 Synodically Authorized Ministers  
 Stewardship Consultations and Education  
 Seminary Scholarship Program  
 Lutheran Men in Mission  
 YNet  
 Lutheran Planned Giving  
 First Call Theological Education

book, brochures, booklets, inserts, etc.  
 Associates in Ministry (AIM)  
 Support to Pastors in Crisis or Transition  
 Companion Synod Connection—Cameroon  
 Multicultural Ministry  
 Association of Christian Churches  
 The Growing Edge  
 Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota  
 ELCA World Hunger Appeal  
 Face-to-Face Visits  
 Pulpit Supply

### A Sample of the Ministries We Do Together

Luther Seminary  
 TEEM  
 Call Process  
 Rural Life

Interim Pastors  
 ELCA Churchwide Task Forces  
 Support to Ministry  
 Stewardship Events  
 Administrative support—congregations  
 Crisis/Conflict support—congregations, pastors  
 Preaching by synod staff  
 Communication—website, e-mail, RSS news feed, newsletters, synod hand-

Outreach and New Congregation Development  
 Endowment  
 Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota  
 Prison Congregations of America  
 Heartland Ephphatha  
 Congregational Ministry  
 Education/Evangelism Team  
 Global Connections  
 Chapel in the Hills

And more...



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*We encourage one another*

*We are stronger*

# Together

*We share our burdens*



*We share our gifts*

*We meet in Christ*

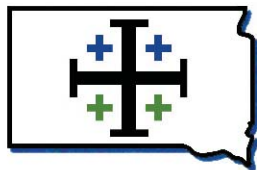
Throughout history, the Christian church has been about community... about *going the way together*.

Sharing our gifts, our talents, our burdens, and our joys makes the journey better. It makes *us* better—better able to lend our hands to God's work.

So it is that individuals become congregations, congregations become synods, and synods become church.

At each level, we seed and grow the relationships—formal and informal, structured and relaxed—that forms our shared ministry, helping us do together what we could not do well alone.

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Just as congregations base their budgets on regular giving by their members, so too does the South Dakota Synod base its annual Mission Plan on congregations' mission support.



In 2007, congregations of the South Dakota Synod contributed \$2,061,509 toward the shared ministry of this synod. Thank you!

The synod in turn contributes toward the ministry of the church-wide expression. In 2007, the South Dakota Synod dedicated 42% of its congregations' mission support—\$864,154—to ELCA ministry.

## ***Together in this Synod, We***

- Encourage and develop future leaders through the Answer the Call campaign
- Work with congregations in times of pastoral transition
- Provide support and training for lay leaders through Faith Builders
- Provide support and training in youth ministry through Faith Family Style
- Coordinate the work of the Candidacy Committee to help guide candidates for ministry
- Provide support and training for rostered leaders
- Work with and support people of other cultures and other colors
- Provide help, resources, and networking for congregations in areas such as stewardship, finances, outreach, worship, constitutional questions, etc.

# Together

*We extend the reach of our hands*



## ***Together beyond this Synod, We***

- Support global mission through our companion synod relationships in Cameroon and Nicaragua as well as the Global Connections Task Force, Global Health Ministries, and more
- Engage in education ministry including Luther Seminary, ELCA church colleges
- Participate in national expressions such as ELCA Church Council, Youth Leadership Network (YNet), Churchwide Assembly, churchwide committees and task forces, Conference of Bishops, etc.
- Support ELCA World Hunger Appeal and Disaster Response

*God uses our hands—together.*



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