Report of the Churchwide Organization

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“It Takes Three!”

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God’s grace transforms us and connects us.

To learn, to love to lead!
Say Amen!
Mission Support

$728,507
Southwestern Texas gave over $78,000 to Lutheran Disaster Response in 2018
Corridor Interfaith Alliance for Families (CIAF)
Buda, Texas

We are church together, working toward a just world where all are fed.
Say Amen!
New Ministry Starts
Other Ministries
Companion Synod: Costa Rica
Mission Investment Fund loans
Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Lutheran Call to Action

The Churchwide Assembly will be voting on this proposed social statement in August. The statement covers issues of gender justice in the church and U.S. society.

To learn more, go to elca.org/womenandjustice
At the 2019 Churchwide Assembly, the ELCA will issue an apology to People of African Descent regarding the church’s complicity in slavery and the legacy of racism still present in the ELCA, United States and globally.
Inter-Religious Statement

The ELCA Church Council has unanimously recommended the proposed, “A Declaration of Inter-Religious Commitment: A policy statement of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,” for adoption by the 2019 Churchwide Assembly.

Learn more now!
CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY
HOW CAN YOU MAKE AN IMPACT?

SHARE
If you have an idea for a new church or vitality work, contact your synod office. Ask for the Director for Evangelical Mission (DEM) or your bishop.

PRAY
Be a prayer partner for the New Starts, Mission Developers and Vitality work.

GIVE
Make a gift online today at ELCA.org
THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELCA
As of Feb. 28

$230 million total impact
• $182 million gifts & commitments
• $48 million in planned gifts
International Leadership Development and International Women Leaders

The Global Leadership Academy, an event for women from 12 companion churches and institutions, was held in Hyderabad, India in November 2018, thanks to generous support from the Campaign for the ELCA.
Fund for Leaders
Providing $2.6+ million in scholarship assistance to 254 seminary students during the 2018-2019 academic year.
THANK YOU!

Your generosity was record breaking. In 2018, gifts to ELCA World Hunger totaled over $23.5 million, marking the largest annual income in the ministry’s history.
Lutheran Disaster Response

In 2018, internationally, Lutheran Disaster Response responded to **47 emergencies in 33 countries**.

Domestically, we responded to **32 emergencies in 19 states/territories**.
• International engagement to protect migrant children, youth and families
• 116 welcoming and sanctuary congregations in 30 synods in all 9 regions in the ELCA
• 8 Guardian Angel programs – 6 new this year in Omaha, Denver, Boston, Atlanta, Detroit and Minneapolis/St Paul
“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday

SEPTEMBER 2019 8

God’s work. Our hands.
Women of the ELCA Gathering
July 16-19, 2020
Phoenix, AZ

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ROSTERED MINISTERS GATHERING

Rekindle the Gift Within You

JULY 20-23, 2020
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Say Amen!
and Thank you!