

REPORT FROM THE  
**MISSION SUPPORT AND STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10*

The **Mission Support and Stewardship Education Committee (MSSEC)** works to equip congregations in the Central/Southern Illinois Synod with resources for mission support and stewardship. This year our committee has worked with a less than full committee with the loss of our former chairman, Pastor Nikoli Falenschek as he accepted a call outside the C/SIS Synod and the Northeast and Northwest conferences not being represented with a committee member. Despite this we have met with an eagerness to meet the needs and challenges of the committee with the help and guidance of an ELCA provided Director for Evangelical Mission, Pastor Elise Rothfusz.

Through the MSSEC committee, with the help of the synod finance and budget committees, an exchange of ideas resulted in the preparing of the first Central/Southern Illinois Synod Narrative Budget for 2020. The narrative budget has been successful in other synods as an introductory tool before the detailed line item budget readings.

Visit our table in the display area of the Synod Assembly. The booklet “Giving Thought to a Narrative Budget” and other related mission and stewardship related materials are available to take back to your congregations.

Ms. Doreen Klages serves as the coordinator of our Mission Interpreters program. Our goal is to recruit at least one Mission Interpreter in each congregation. If you have a heart for missions and would like to relate mission stories to your congregation, you can do so by contacting Doreen at [dkklages@att.net](mailto:dkklages@att.net) ; or checking out the MSSEC display while here at the Synod Assembly or by visiting [www.csis-elca.org](http://www.csis-elca.org) and tell your mission story!

Our goal is to help congregations find ways to support God’s mission through their congregation, the Central/Southern Illinois Synod and the ELCA. Please feel free to contact a committee member so we can help and encourage you and your church in your ministry to further the mission of the ELCA.

- Curtis Hayes, Chair, Southern Conference, Our Redeemer, Marion (618-534-2131)
- Lee Maki, Northern Conference, First English, Peoria (309-339-6665)
- Ms Pat Caley, West Central Conference, St. John, Springfield (217-670-2700)
- Ms. Doreen Klages, Council Rep. West Central, Faith, O’Fallon (618-632-0448)
- Pastor Elise Rothfusz, Staff Rep. Director of Evangelical Mission (309-745-9282)

**Some examples of C/SIS churches supporting God’s missions in their local communities and throughout the globe:**



Quilts for **Lutheran World Relief**

**Marion Medical Mission**  
safe drinking water for  
villages in Africa

Care Packages for  
deployed troops

**Ronald McDonald House**  
of St. Louis donation

Work day at a **Habitat for Humanity** house