



Central/Southern Illinois Synod 2023 Narrative Budget

Generosity for mission and ministry

This narrative budget provides a glimpse at the ministry that is done through the Central/Southern Illinois Synod because of the generosity of congregations. Congregations in the Central/Southern Illinois Synod support local ministry in their communities and the mission support dollars they forward to the synod support ministry among the C/SIS congregations and through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



2023 projected income from congregations	\$1,255,000
2023 proposed total outflow	\$1,360,927

The 2023 budget is allocated into five primary areas.
50% of mission support from congregations is forwarded to the churchwide ministry of the ELCA.

50% of mission support is available for synod ministry:

Providing Pastoral Ministry

Nurturing the Mission of the Church

Telling the Story

Supporting Ministries with Partners

Providing Pastoral Ministry

\$147,600 (21%)

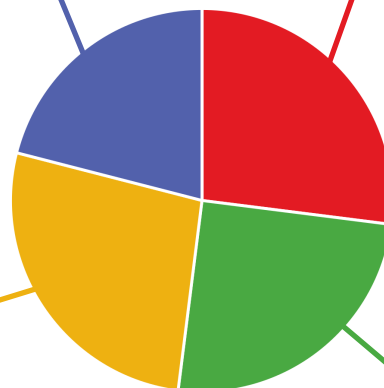
This includes pastoral care for congregations and rostered ministers in times of celebration and times of crisis, as well as providing for pastoral leadership in congregations during times of transition. Bishop Roth and synod staff work with congregations through the call process, from the time of a pastor's departure, until calls are extended to new pastors and deacons. This involves meetings with councils and call committees, reading ministry site profiles and rostered minister profiles, as well as arranging for interim and synod-authorized ministry appointments to congregations.

Telling the Story

\$192,716 (27%)

As a synod we are called to witness to God's love in Christ for the world in the way we present ourselves as congregations and as a synod. In 2023, \$192,716 (27%) is dedicated to equipping the synod office and congregations to effectively communicate who we are and what we are about. Our full-time Director of Communications not only produces a twice-monthly synod newsletter, but also works with congregations on their own websites and video communications. Our entire synod staff is crucial for gathering and disseminating information about ministry as a synod and across the synod.

Synod Ministry Outflow



Nurturing the Mission of the Church

\$190,623 (27%)

With the growing ease of video technology, connecting with one another across the synod has become more convenient and sometimes more frequent. More of the adult faith formation courses are online, allowing greater participation from around the synod. Online workshops for congregation presidents and treasurers equip leaders to serve the body of Christ, and the budget supports synod youth events and Leadership Lab. Nurturing the mission of the whole church happens through the work of candidacy, which is the process of preparing and approving candidates to serve as pastors and deacons in the ELCA, and through First Call Theological Education, a series of required learning retreats for pastors in their first three years of ministry.

Supporting Ministries with Partners

\$181,388 (25%)

As a synod we cannot and do not wish to do everything ourselves. Our synod budget extends the scope of our ministry by financially contributing \$181,388 to the ministry of other organizations like seminaries, campus ministries at universities, Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center, and Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. Bishop Roth cultivates our connections with ecumenical partners and sits on the boards of Lutheran Campus Ministry of Illinois and LSSI.

Designated Giving in 2021:

more than \$165,000!

In addition to the synod budget, the C/SIS shares in ministry through other designated giving. These are gifts that originate from individuals, congregations, and interest from dedicated accounts for ministry through our synod. In 2021, designated giving included these ministries.

\$25,378

For ministry in the Ambovombe-Androy and Faradofay Syonds, our companion synods of the Malagasy Lutheran Church

\$48,922

ELCA World Hunger

\$22,174

Missionary Support

\$27,495

ELCA Disaster Relief

\$5,363

Global Mission Support

\$23,602

Partner ministries

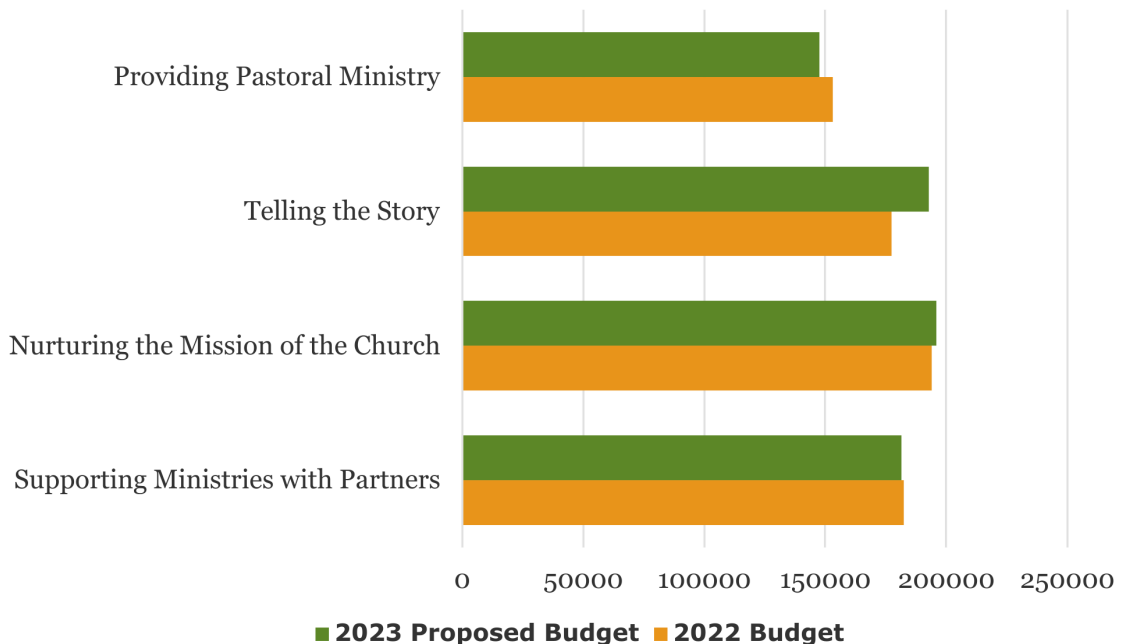
\$5,285

Lutheran World Relief

Ministry through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America: \$627,500

Half of the mission support dollars that Central/Southern Illinois Synod receives from congregations are forwarded to support the ministry of the whole ELCA. These mission support dollars provide for ministry resources, global mission and companion synod support, churchwide staff, and support functions for the ELCA to operate. Mission support dollars also return to synods. ELCA churchwide funds our synod director for evangelical mission.

C/SIS Budget Comparison



For details about the 2023 budget please see the line item budget.



Central/Southern Illinois Synod
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God's work. Our hands.