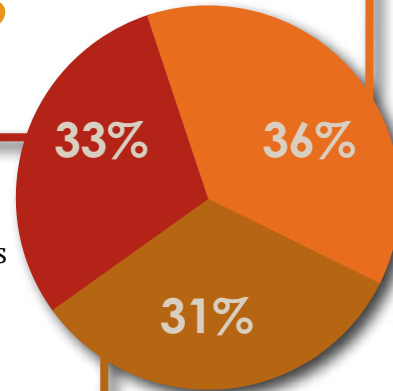




Where does my congregation's mission support go?

Communicate Jesus

- Contributes funds to Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, California Lutheran University, and supports 4 Lutheran Campus Ministries (UofA, ASU, NAU, ASU Polytech)
- Expands ministry and resources to serve the poor and provide basic needs to 70,000+ through partnership with Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest (LSS-SW) and Lutheran Social Services of Nevada (LSSN)
- Nurtures companion synod relationship (Senegal) and develops new synodical relationships (Mexico)
- Funds 16 project grants for congregations and organizations
- Supports Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran World Relief
- Supports ELCA Membership in the Lutheran World Federation: 145 ecumenical partners for world service, relief, & development
- Supports the work of the Arizona Faith Network (AFN)
- Promotes a culture of lifelong learning through First Call Theological Education for 9 newly called pastors and deacons serving in the Grand Canyon Synod and sponsors each FCTE guest speaker



Create Possibilities

- Supports & oversees 6 strategic ministries and 8 synod authorized worshipping communities
- Organizes candidacy, supporting 27 candidates in the process for ordination
- Supports pastors and deacons in mobility and leadership
- Supports 15 congregations in transition
- Funds ACTS grants for 8 congregations under development and renewal, or strategic ministry
- Works in collaboration with Rocky Mountain Synod on Lilly 3E program (*Stewardship for all Seasons, Beginning a Culture of Generosity, Ministerial Excellence Fund, Vital Right- Shaped Congregations*)
- Applies funds from church property sale to encourage diverse and new emerging ministries through Mission & Ministry, including Vida Nueva, Emmanuel Sudanese, West Valley Young Adults, Trinity (PHX), La Fe/ Faith, San Juan Bautista, and Armenian Las Vegas
- Collaborates with the Southwest Conference of the United Church of Christ and the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona to support the ministry of Cruzando Fronteras
- Supports the ministry of House of Prayer
- Promotes & supports the ministry of Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center

Connect People

- Shares mission support dollars with ELCA (churchwide) and Region 2 (southwest) funding ministry across the country, world, and in the Grand Canyon Synod, including the work of our DEM, Pastor Miguel
- Coordinates with Region 2 synodical partners to offer collaborative retreats and ministry opportunities
- Provides a ministry of presence for congregations & clergy during crisis & transition, as well as financial assistance to congregations with pastors on leave due to bereavement or self-care
- Leads Convocation of rostered leaders (active and retired pastors/deacons) for theological discussion and fellowship, and supports the retired pastors' retreat
- Supports and helps lead youth faith formation camp
- Organizes Synod Assembly meeting and voting based on congregational identity
- Participates in Churchwide Assembly, ELCA Youth Gathering, and Rostered Ministers Gathering every 3 years
- Supports the work of the Northeast Valley Consortium
- Connects every GCS congregation through visits by Bishop Hutterer and Office of the Bishop staff