

**Report of the Bishop: The Rev. Herman R. Yoos**  
**Listen, God is Calling**  
**South Carolina Synod Assembly**  
**2020**

The Old Testament story of Samuel as a young boy mistaking God's voice calling him for the voice of Eli, the priest, has always fascinated me. When my children were little, I would frequently say to them after their bedtime prayers, do you want to do a "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening?" If they said yes, we would take 1-2 minutes of being quiet and just listening to God's voice. When I asked if they heard anything, sometimes they would say, "Yes, God told me that I was loved," or "Jesus wants me to forgive that mean boy in my class." As they got older, they began to ask me, "How do I know if that is God's voice and not just my own imagination?" I would answer, "You don't know, but don't you think that God can use our imagination to help us listen better for God's voice."

Listening to God's calling is seldom easy, yet it is vitally necessary that as followers of Jesus, we continually cultivate this kind of listening. When I think about our synod staff, the one thing I value most is not how hard they work, nor how well they accomplish their tasks nor even how they get along so well. No, it is how together we have practiced listening for God's voice. We do this at our regular staff meeting by sharing our highs and lows along with reading a scripture passage. We do this by stopping and praying for one another at any moment of the day when a need arises. Ginny, Rick and I once spent over an hour at a mini retreat praying for every rostered leader by name and every congregation that the Holy Spirit would lead them into greater vitality

I cannot adequately thank our Synod co-workers enough for the support, guidance and encouragement I have received from them over these last 12 years. Author Larry Dvoskin wrote, "As we travel with gratitude and share that feeling, like a ripple it spreads across the world." May we together at this assembly send out a wave of gratitude for Executive Administrator, Jenny Spearen; Administrative Assistant, Tiffany Pieters; Synod Accountant, Charlene Fink; Part time interim Youth Ministry Coordinator, Bill Newmyer; Director of Communication, Neal Fischer; Director of Evangelical Mission, Pastor Rick Carter; Director of Stewardship and Secretary, Ozzie Herong; Administrative Assistant to the Bishop, Assembly Manager, Candidacy Coordinator and Global Missions, Pastor Ginny Aebischer. I encourage you to thank them by email or text message when you get a chance to do so.

"Listen God is Calling" is not just a catchy theme for an assembly that is about to elect a new bishop. No, it is a discipleship practice that all of us are invited to cultivate throughout our lives. And the more we practice listening for God's voice the more often we can recognize and respond.

I have five listening to God stories to highlight from this past year. One listening happened in our online survey about the education debt load of our rostered ministers. There we discovered that 23 responded as having significant debt that when combined together were over \$1.1 million dollars. When we were invited by the North Carolina Synod to participate in a Lily grant fund with other synods in our region, we heard this invitation as an answer to prayer. Over the next three years, this fund will match up to \$125,000 raised with 80% being used for debt relief and 20% being used for congregational stewardship education. It also includes Financial Literacy Instruction and Coaching.

A second story is about how God is calling the people of the South Carolina Synod to a deeper understanding of the importance of Racial Reconciliation and Justice. This past fall, a bus load of 50 persons traveled to Selman and Montgomery, Alabama, to take a Civil Rights Pilgrimage. There we visited the Lynching Museum with the names and counties of over 4,000 African Americans who were lynched during the Jim Crow era. We also walked together across the Pettis Bridge, the history site of Bloody Sunday, where we sang and prayed together for God to end the racism and divisiveness that still divides people from the life God intends. This spring, Pastor Leroy Cannon and I have been hosting a community-wide book study on Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism by Drew Hart. It also has been a powerful experience of listening to one another's stories of hurt and hope for the future.

Then in early June Pastor Cannon and I walked in the first “I can’t breathe, Black Lives matter walk. Then two weeks later, AME Bishop Samuel Green invited all the SC Bishops to march with him calling for an end to the excessive use of force by law enforcement. I believe this is a Karios moment in our country for healing of our racial divisions as we follow Micah’s call “to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God.

A third story is all about the healing love of Jesus Christ for those who are struggling with addictions and brokenness. We have two expressions of this kind of hope and healing. The first is called Recovery Church led by Dean Slade and Sam Peery from Christ Mission which is a Friday evening worship service and deep listening to one another and to God around the 12 steps of AA. The second is called Recovery Center which will be a home for women in the Greenwood area who are recovering from alcohol and opioid addiction. This ministry involves a partnership with Lutheran Services Carolinas and the South Carolina in Synod with great support from congregations like Bethlehem (Pomaria), Mt. Pilgrim (Prosperity) and Immanuel (Greenwood) and others who recently have prepared this Recovery Center to be opened in the near future. When Jesus talked about setting free the oppressed, surely it is these kind of recovery ministries where we see this power of gospel coming to life.

A fourth listening for God’s calling has been the creative and loving ways that congregations and rostered leaders across this synod have responded to the Covid -19 crisis. Through Facebook and YouTube worship services, zoom Bible Studies, phone call prayers with the homebound, you have shown an amazing flexibility and innovative spirit in helping others to hear God’s Word. Although it is hard to measure, there is no doubt that during this pandemic and time of sheltering in place many more people have been finding hope and strength in listening to God’s Word than would have ever attended our congregations. It is exciting to realize the new opportunities we have developed for sharing the living Word of God in Jesus Christ with our hurting world.

The fifth story I have saved for last is all about God using your hands and mine to build a new sanctuary for our Latino brothers and sisters of Cristo Rey. Under the leadership of Pastor Jorge Leone, this congregation has had over 77 baptisms of both adults and children over the past two years and is the South Carolina Synod’s fastest growing mission. In addition to building this new sanctuary, the Abundancia Appeal also is seeding another \$200,000 for new and existing Latino ministries to share the good news of Jesus Christ. The last \$100,000 is to be an endowment to help with major maintenance repairs on the new sanctuary managed by the Mission Investment Fund.

In just a minute, I invite you to see a YouTube video that shows the amazing progress over the past year in building our first Latino sanctuary. At the end of the video, we will sing the hymn, “Come to the Lakeshore” in your worship bulletin while cards of commitments and thanksgiving are brought forward to baskets around the front of the arena indicating the amount collected by each congregation as well as those congregations who will be participating in this appeal after the Assembly. If you know the amount your congregation has collected, you can write it on the card. Others of you may be bringing checks up to the front for this appeal as well. I can think of no better way for me to end my last report as your bishop than by celebrating together God’s gift of abundant life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

I know the leader God raises up as your new bishop will be blessed, encouraged and strengthened for this ministry as I have been these past 12 years.

Thanks be to God.

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**Official Acts**  
**(April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020)**

**Anniversaries:****Calls Accepted – Ministers of Word and Sacrament:**

November 13, 2018 – Rev. Sherry Poole Teves, Bereavement Coordinator, Hospice of Charleston

April 15, 2019 – Rev. Mary Finklea, South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers, Community and Congregation Engagement Coordinator

April 28, 2019 – Rev. Joshua Kestner, University Lutheran & Lutheran Campus Ministry, Clemson

May 5, 2019 – Rev. Greg Brown, St. David, West Columbia

May 12, 2019 – Rev. Erin Morris, St. John, Spartanburg

June 2, 2019 – Rev. Roy Butler, St. Timothy, Camden

August 12, 2019 – Rev. Alvin Shrum, Franke at Seaside, Director of Pastoral Care

August 25, 2019 – Rev. Andrew Isenhower, Good Shepherd, Columbia

September 15, 2019 – Rev. Mark Scott, Pomaria, Pomaria

October 20, 2019 – Rev. Bruce Kreutzer (Ordained Ecumenical Partner), Hope, Vance

December 9, 2019 – Rev. Beth Costlow & Rev. Donald Costlow, Our Saviour, Greenville

January 6, 2020 – Rev. Kara J. Stewart, Executive Director, Tricounty Family Ministries, Charleston

February 24, 2020 – Rev. Mary Anderson, Intentional Interim Minister

February 24, 2020 – Rev. Kathleen Miko, Chaplain, The Heritage at Lowman

March 1, 2020 – Rev. Seth Gibson, St. Matthew's, Lexington

March 1, 2020 – Rev. Ken Gillikin, Epiphany, Rock Hill

**Calls Accepted – Ministers of Word and Service:**

August 12, 2019 – Deacon Mitzie Schafer, Vice President for Advancement, NovusWay Ministries, Inc.

March 15, 2020 – Katie Justice (First Call Candidate), Deacon, St. John's, Beaufort

**Celebrations and Special Services:**

April 7, 2019 – Worship Service for Good Shepherd, Columbia at Lutheridge. Assistant to the Bishop Wolf preached and presided.

April 14, 2019 – “Beloved” Worship Service, Platts Springs United Methodist Church, West Columbia. Bishop Yoos presided.

April 28, 2019 – Worship Service, Mt. Hebron, Batesburg-Leesville. Bishop Yoos presided.

April 28, 2019 – SCLCY Middle School Retreat, Camp Kinard, Batesburg-Leesville. Assistant to the Bishop Wolf preached and presided.

May 5, 2019 – Worship Service, Faith, West Columbia. Bishop Yoos preached.

May 19, 2019 – Worship Service, Mt. Tabor, West Columbia. Bishop Yoos preached.

May 19, 2019 – SCLCY Convention, Newberry College, Newberry. Assistant to the Bishop Wolf preached and presided.

May 26, 2019 – Worship Service, St. Timothy, Camden. Assistant to the Bishop Wolf preached and presided.

May 30, 2019 – Opening Worship Service, SC Synod Assembly. Bishop Yoos preached.

June 2, 2019 – Worship Service, Bethany, Newberry. Assistant to the Bishop Wolf preached and presided.

June 23, 2019 – Worship Service, Zion, Lexington. Assistant to the Bishop Wolf presided.

June 30, 2019 – Worship Service, St. Luke, Florence. Bishop Yoos presided.

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- July 14, 2019 – Worship Service, St. James, Leesville. Assistant to the Bishop Wolf preached.
- July 15, 2019 – Worship Service for Graceworks, Ebenezer, Columbia. Assistant to the Bishop Wolf presided.
- July 18, 2019 – Closing Worship Service for Graceworks, Ebenezer, Columbia. Bishop Yoos presided.
- July 21, 2019- Joint Worship Service, St. Barnabas, Charleston & Parkside Church, Charleston. Bishop Yoos brought greetings.
- July 21, 2019 – Worship Service, St. James, Sumter. Assistant to the Bishop Aebischer preached and presided.
- July 28, 2019 – Worship Service, Nuestro Salvador, Greenville. Bishop Yoos presided.
- August 4, 2019 – Worship Service, Silverstreet, Silverstreet. Assistant to the Bishop Wolf preached and presided.
- August 9, 2019 – Worship Service, SCLCY Cabinet Retreat, Redeemer, Columbia. Assistant to the Bishop Wolf preached and presided.
- August 11, 2019 – Worship Service, Beloved Ministry, Christus Victor, Columbia. Assistant to the Bishop Wolf preached and presided.
- August 25, 2019 – Worship Service, St. Philip, Myrtle Beach. Bishop Yoos preached.
- September 15, 2019 – Worship Service, USC Campus Ministry. Bishop Yoos preached.
- September 15, 2019 – Sending Service, St. Paul's, Columbia. Assistant to the Bishop Aebischer presided.
- October 20, 2019 – Worship Service, St. Luke, Prosperity. Bishop Yoos preached.
- October 27, 2019 – Worship Service, Reformation, Lancaster. Bishop Yoos preached.
- November 10, 2019 – Worship Service, St. James, Graniteville. Bishop Yoos preached.
- November 17, 2019 – Worship Service, St. Johannes, Charleston. Bishop Yoos preached.
- December 1, 2019 – Worship Service, Sagrada Familia and Cristo Rey. Bishop Yoos preached and presided.
- December 8, 2019 – Worship Service, Good Shepherd, Walterboro. Assistant to the Bishop Aebischer preached and presided.
- December 15, 2019 – Worship Service, Reformation, Columbia. Bishop Yoos preached.
- January 5, 2020 – Worship Service, Hope, Vance. Bishop Yoos preached and presided.
- January 12, 2020 – Worship Service, Christ, Hilton Head. Bishop Yoos preached and presided.
- January 19, 2020 – Worship Service, Good Shepherd, Walterboro. Bishop Yoos preached and presided.
- February 2, 2020 – Worship Service, St. Michael, Moncks Corner. Bishop Yoos preached.
- February 9, 2020 – Worship Service, Orangeburg, Orangeburg. Bishop Yoos preached.
- February 9, 2020 – Worship Service, Ebenezer, Columbia. Assistant to the Bishop Aebischer presided.
- March 1, 2020 – Worship Service, Nuestro Salvador, Greenville. Bishop Yoos presided.
- March 15, 2020 – Worship Service, Nuestro Salvador, Greenville. Bishop Yoos preached and presided.

**Closing of a Congregation:**

August 26, 2018 – Resurrection, Columbia

**Consecrations:**

June 30, 2019 – Service of Consecration for Bishop and Assistant to the Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church Tanzania, Tanzania. Assistant to the Bishop Aebischer assisted.

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**Deaths:**

- April 29, 2019 - Rev. Dr. Harold F. Park. A Celebration of Life Service was held on Saturday, May 4, at Ebenezer, Columbia.
- May 23, 2019 – Mrs. Mabel “May” Reisz. Memorial Services were held on Wednesday, June 5 at Lord of Life, Bluffton and on Friday, June 7, at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia.
- May 24, 2019 – Mrs. Marcia Loadholdt Ballentine. A Celebration of Life Service was held on Tuesday, May 28, at Redeemer, Columbia.
- July 9, 2019 – Rev. Ronald G. Smith, Sr. A funeral service was held on Friday, July 12, 2019, at Holy Trinity, Springfield, GA.
- September 5, 2019 – Rev. Dr. Eldridge Armand Shealy. A funeral service was held on Thursday, September 8, at Bethel, White Rock.
- October 28, 2019 – Mrs. Diane Marie Aull, daughter of the Rev. Dr. James and Ginny Aull. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, November 20, in the New Life Chapel at the Heritage at Lowman in White Rock, SC. Bishop Yoos preached.
- January 16, 2020 – Rev. Jerry Lane Trantham. A memorial service was held on Saturday, February 1, at Colony, Newberry.
- February 4, 2020 – Rev. Dr. Dennis Lee Setzer, Jr. A memorial service was held on Saturday, February 8, at St. Paul’s, Hardin, NC.
- February 12, 2020 – Ms. Mary Worth Burton Robertson, wife of the Rev. Austin Robertson. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, February 19, at Good Shepherd, Columbia. Bishop Yoos preached.
- March 9, 2020 – Rev. John L. Satterwhite. A memorial service was held on Saturday, March 14, at Bethel, White Rock.
- March 12, 2020 – Mr. Robert William “Bob” Isenhower, Jr., husband of the Rev. Lisa Wells Isenhower and father of the Rev. Andrew Isenhower. A funeral service was held on Monday, March 16, at Faith, Batesburg-Leesville.

**Groundbreakings:**

- August 11, 2019 – Groundbreaking ceremony, Cristo Rey, West Columbia. Bishop Yoos preached and presided.

**Installations – Ministers of Word and Sacrament:**

- June 9, 2019 – Rev. Jeff Shealy, Holy Spirit, Charleston
- June 9, 2019 – Rev. Steven Gallego, Cross and Crown, Florence
- June 30, 2019 – Bishop Stephen Nguvila, SW Diocese Tanzania, Companion Synod
- June 30, 2019 – Rev. Greg Brown, St. David, West Columbia
- July 24, 2019 – Rev. Roy Butler, St. Timothy, Camden
- July 28, 2019 – Rev. Erin Morris, St. John, Spartanburg
- September 29, 2019 – Rev. Josh Kestner, University, Clemson
- November 3, 2019 – Rev. Mark Scott, Pomaria, Pomaria
- December 1, 2019 – Rev. Andrew Isenhower, Good Shepherd, Columbia
- January 19, 2020 – Rev. Richard Johnston, Mt. Tabor, Little Mountain
- January 26, 2020 – Rev. Beth Costlow and Rev. Donald Costlow, Our Saviour, Greenville

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**Interims:**

Rev. Linda Anderson – St. James, Graniteville  
 Rev. Denise Seymour - St. Luke, Florence  
 Rev. John Wertz, Sr. – Bethel, White Rock  
 Rev. Chris Heavner – St. Michael, Greenville  
 Rev. Glenn Boland – St. Luke, Columbia  
 Rev. Steve Cooper & Rev. Richard Donoughue – St. Johannes, Charleston  
 Rev. Mary Anderson – Christ, Hilton Head  
 Rev. Seth Gibson – Mt. Calvary, Johnston  
 Rev. Zeke Hanford – Holy Trinity, Pelion  
 Rev. Karen Hawkins – Emmanuel, West Columbia  
 Rev. John Stoudemayer – Union, Leesville  
 Rev. Christine Parham – Orangeburg, Orangeburg  
 Rev. Michele Fischer – Colony, Newberry

**Ordinations:**

July 14, 2019 – Service of Ordination for Erin Morris held at St. Andrew, Mahtomedi, MN.  
 Bishop Yoos presided.  
 August 16, 2019 – Service of Ordination for Sarah Derrick held at Zion, Lexington.  
 Bishop Yoos assisted.

**Removed from the Roster: (by Synod Council vote in accord with bylaws 7.31.11. and 8.72.15.d. of the Constitution Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions, ELCA)**

February 17, 2020 – Rev. Derald Edwards

**Resignations – Ministers of Word and Sacrament:**

June 16, 2019 – Rev. Roy Butler, Bethel, White Rock  
 September 29, 2019 – Rev. Andrew Isenhower, St. Luke, Columbia  
 June 30, 2019 – Rev. Thulie Beresford, Franke at Seaside  
 August 11, 2019 – Rev. Alvin Shrum, St. Johannes, Charleston  
 August 31, 2019 – Rev. Eric Wolf, Assistant to the Bishop  
 January 31, 2020 – Rev. Michele Fischer, Good Shepherd, Swansea

**Retirement – Minister of Word and Sacrament:**

December 31, 2017 – Rev. Jann Boyd  
 February 28, 2019 – Rev. Christine Parham  
 July 1, 2019 – Rev. Barry Antley  
 August 25, 2019 – Rev. Robert Miles  
 September 1, 2019 – Rev. Chris Heavner  
 September 1, 2019 – Rev. David Seymour  
 October 1, 2019 - Rev. Emil Klatt  
 December 1, 2019 – Rev. Ray Mohrmann  
 January 1, 2020 – Rev. Jim Vigen  
 February 1, 2020 – Rev. John D. Derrick

**Special Events:**

October 22, 2019 – SC Rostered Leader's Fall Convocation, Lutheridge, Arden, NC. Bishop Yoos preached.

**Transfers Granted – Ministers of Word and Sacrament:**

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September 1, 2019 – Rev. Scottie Burkhalter  
 December 29, 2019 – Rev. Bill Neuman  
 January 28, 2020 – Rev. Gary Harbaugh

**Transfers Received – Ministers of Word and Sacrament:**

August 16, 2018 - Rev. Patricia Covington  
 October 1, 2019 – Rev. Dr. William Trexler  
 October 30, 2019 – Rev. Kara Stewart  
 November 15, 2019 – Rev. Beth Neubauer  
 December 9, 2019 - Rev. Beth Costlow and Rev. Donald Costlow  
 January 1, 2020 – Rev. Kathleen Miko  
 January 28, 2020 – Rev. Donna Florio

**Spirit-Led Time of Renewal Congregational Events:**

September 8, 2019 – St. Luke, Florence. Bishop Yoos led the event and presided.  
 September 22, 2019 – Macedonia, Prosperity. Led by Bishop Yoos and Assistant to the Bishop Aebischer. Bishop Yoos preached prior to the event.  
 September 23, 2019 – St. John's, Beaufort. Led by Bishop Yoos and Assistant to the Bishop Aebischer.  
 November 3, 2019 – Epiphany, Rock Hill. Led by Assistant to the Bishop Aebischer.  
 January 12, 2020 – Bethel, White Rock. Assistant to the Bishop Aebischer led the event and presided.  
 January 12, 2020 – Living Springs, Columbia. Led by Assistant to the Bishop Aebischer.  
 March 8, 2020 – St. Luke, Columbia. Led by Assistant to the Bishop Aebischer.



## Synod Vice President, Deacon Lexanne Graves 2020 Annual Report

### "God Speaks Still"

On your behalf, God continues to speak through your 22 elected Synod Council members and it's four officers throughout the year. We gathered in June 2019 around the theme of "God Speaks Still" where we took deliberate time to seek God's wisdom in scripture, prayer, and in some cool listening exercises led by Edwin Dunlap. We chose to listen to the Spirit through our Assembly theme from last year and "Joined God In The Neighborhood" by holding our Council Leadership Retreat at St David Lutheran Church in West Columbia where we heard of their amazing outreach Latino ministry of Cristo Rey.

It continues to be a joy to serve alongside these Synod disciple leaders who carry out faithfully the business matters of our Synod and seek ways to journey alongside each of our congregations through our missional priorities: equipping disciples for community engagement, deepening discipleship, addressing public education needs, and tackling poverty.

Here is a list highlighting some of the amazing work our SC Synod is doing with and alongside our 152 congregations:

- + Creation of a SC Lifeline Distribution Fund to assist Rostered Ministers with their large educational and seminary debts;
- + Entered into a Region 9 Bishops Agreement on Gender Equity as it pertains to calling rostered deacons and pastors into ministry positions;
- + Hearing the impact our Christian Action Council Executive Minister and Synod Council Liaison has made on our behalf in the state legislature with matters concerning racism, poverty, food scarcity, public education deficits, etc;
- + Seeing the fruits of the Spirit being shared in the 10 congregations partnering together through our Leadership Innovation Task Force—*Dwelling in the Word* is one of its best practices to reconnect disciples to the Bible to reach the scattered and gathered;
- + Enhanced Compensation Guidelines for rostered ministers, especially those in part-time and interim ministry positions, designed to promote healthy conversations about defined compensation;
- + Discerning ways to share God's Amazing story of what the Holy Spirit is doing within our congregations so that all disciples might glean from the work of this entire Body of Christ;
- + Continued SELMA viewing events to create a safe space where caring conversations occur, as well as now viewing "Unchained" which helps us to see the heart in others just as God sees our hearts;
- + Seeking input from all 54,000 Lutheran Christians about characteristics and gifts needed to serve our Synod as Bishop and providing that information in a timely manner so that our voting members can discern who to call into this role.

The Spirit continues to amaze me in the provision of gifts needed among our Synod Staff and Synod Council who serve on your behalf throughout the year. I am grateful to the fellow disciples who serve on our Synod's Networks and Task Forces by being God's hands and feet out in your community. It is the Lord's wisdom I seek daily in order to fulfill this role and I am constantly returning to the Lord for strength and guidance.

*"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."* 1 Samuel 3:10 (NIV)

Thank you for our partnership together!

*Lexanne Graves*





## Secretary 2020 Annual Report

It is an honor to do this work as secretary of the South Carolina (SC) Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). In this role I see how this synod is walking together in Christ with congregations, lay persons, rostered ministers and the Churchwide Organization for the sake of the world.

The duties of this office include the recording of the minutes of the Synod Council meetings and the Synod Assemblies. This office is assisted by a dedicated support staff that carries out many details: Neal Fischer, Charlene D. Fink, Tiffany K. Pieters and Jenny A. Spearen. The Rev. Virginia S. Aebischer, assistant to the bishop, and Tiffany K. Pieters, have ably prepared the *Bulletin of Reports* and the *Directory and Minutes of the South Carolina Synod 2019*. Mrs. Kathy Hendrix and Mrs. Diane Wicker assisted in the recording of the *Minutes of the South Carolina Synod Assembly 2019*. I extend my sincere appreciation and thanks to these persons for all their good work. Other duties of this office include correspondence on Synod Council actions, providing for the archives and communication with the Churchwide organization. I am also serving as Chair, Constitution Committee.

In order to better preserve the history and heritage of the SC Synod, congregations are encouraged to use the James R. Crumley Jr., Archives, a Region 9 Southeast and Caribbean ELCA Ministry dedicated to the preservation of Lutheran History, located in the Lineberger Memorial Library at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia. Congregations are encouraged to collect records and publish historical information. As secretary, assisted by synod staff and volunteers, I am responsible for the continuing assessment, retention and transfer of archival materials. The archives is a good site for older and original parish registers; micro-film copies of current parish registers or older parish registers; copies of congregational histories and anniversary booklets (especially 25 year increments); and photographs of church buildings. Preserving historic records is about preserving stories of God's people. Go to [crumleyarchives.org](http://crumleyarchives.org) for assistance.

Each year, the statistics of the congregations of this synod are collected and compiled by the Office of the Secretary, ELCA. This data provides a detailed picture of statistical trends for each congregation and for this synod. There were 114 congregations out of 150 congregations that filed reports at the end of December 31, 2018. The baptized membership reported was 42,580 at the end of 2018 (*the latest year that statistics were available at the time this report was written*). The average size of a congregation in this synod is 288 baptized members. Regular giving by members in congregations increased by \$352,646 from \$33,174,105 to \$33,526,751. Average giving per confirmed member increased in 2018 by \$7.74 to \$1,120.91. The average Sunday worship attendance per congregation was 96 persons (34% of baptized members). Source: *Summary of Congregational Statistics* are available on the synod Website. Go too [www.scsynod.com/about](http://www.scsynod.com/about) and download the *Directory and Minutes*.

**In accordance with S7.32.A14.f. of the Constitution, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions of the South Carolina Synod, ELCA, I recommend that two copies of the Minutes of the 2019 South Carolina Synod Assembly, which have been certified by the bishop and the secretary as the official protocol of that assembly, be approved and deposited in the archives.**

Rev. W. Osborne Herlong Jr., Secretary  
South Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Year Ended January 31, 2020

Referred to as 2019-20

I consider it a privilege and honor to serve as treasurer of the SC Synod. Many thanks to Charlene Fink, Synod Accountant, and the other staff members for making my job easier and more pleasant.

### Mission Support

Below is a summary of mission support from the congregations for the year 2019-20 as compared to 2018-19:

	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2018-19</u>
Mission Support Budgeted	\$2,300,000	\$2,405,000
Mission Support Received	\$2,469,679	\$2,411,355

I am happy to report that this is the third time in four years that mission support surpassed the prior year. It is also the second year in a row that mission support exceeded the budgeted amount. We are hopeful that this is an upward trend that will continue for many years. Thanks to all of you for your contributions. In addition to mission support, the Synod received \$529,062 in 2019-20 for other funds (ministries) such as World Hunger, World Relief, Domestic and International Disaster Relief, Missionary Support, etc.

Mission support from the 153 congregations (4 of which have closed) is presented in the schedule on the following pages.

### Expenditures

Below is a summary of expenditures for the year 2019-20 as compared to 2018-19:

	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2018-19</u>
Mission Benevolence	\$1,048,729	\$1,016,071
Institutions	\$ 194,800	\$ 285,000
Deepening Discipleship Table	\$ 273,775	\$ 290,694
Community Engagement Table	\$ 108,223	\$ 108,150
Communication/Technology Table	\$ 144,768	\$ 141,669
Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 665,436</u>	<u>\$ 638,605</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$2,435,730</u>	<u>\$2,480,189</u>

The ELCA support for 2019-20 was 43% of unrestricted mission support. For a comparison of expenditures with the budget, see the following financial statements. The change in expenses from 2018-19 to 2019-20 are due to changes in the budget.

### Budget

The budget approved by the Synod Assembly for 2020-21 is \$2,498,600 with support for the ELCA at 43.25%. The budget approved by the Synod Council to be recommended to the 2020 Synod Assembly for 2021-22 is \$2,573,215 with support for the ELCA at 43.5%.

To fund these budgets, the Synod is asking each congregation to give a minimum of 10% of their offering each year. As congregations depend on some members to give more than others, the Synod also depends on some congregations to give more than other congregations. According to Luke 12:48 "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded."

### Investment Income

Due to an upward trend in the stock market, the Synod is showing an investment gain in the amount of \$145,127 for the year ending January 31, 2020. This is compared to Investment loss of \$4,978 for the prior year ending January 31, 2019.

### Other Items

The SC Synod acquired the following real estate from donors through either a gift or the closing of a congregation. The upkeep and sale of these properties are under the property committee. The property committee has enlisted a Real Estate Agency to market and sell these properties.

Callahan Lake Property

Trinity Church Property

Resurrection Church Property

**“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.”**

We are all members of the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA and as members we worship in our individual congregations, support local ministries, and support joint ministries through the SC Synod and the ELCA. I believe that the work we do together is a great benefit to God’s people.

Raymond L. Hendrix, Jr., Treasurer

## South Carolina Synod, ELCA

Mission Support, SC Synod Support & Other Funds  
February 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020

	Organization	Mission Support	SC Synod Support	Other Funds	Total
1	All Saints 07396, Mt. Pleasant	\$42,164.32	\$0.00	\$48,115.00	\$90,279.32
2	Ascension 05596, Columbia	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
3	Atonement 05658, Laurens	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4	Augsburg 05648, Union	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$1,250.00
5	Bachman Chapel 05640, Prosperity	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,005.00	\$10,005.00
6	Beth Eden 05628, Newberry	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
7	Bethany 05627, Newberry	\$7,542.00	\$0.00	\$2,223.00	\$9,765.00
8	Bethany 05721, Lexington	\$3,850.00	\$0.00	\$1,781.00	\$5,631.00
9	Bethel 05620, White Rock	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00
10	Bethlehem 05608, Irmo	\$17,000.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,000.04
11	Bethlehem 05637, Pomaria	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$10,550.00
12	Bethlehem 05703, Leesville	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
13	Cedar Grove 05705, Leesville	\$26,840.00	\$0.00	\$560.00	\$27,400.00
14	Christ 07329, Hilton Head	\$25,804.00	\$0.00	\$6,793.00	\$32,597.00
15	Christ Community 31261, N. Charleston	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00
16	Christ Mission 31117, Columbia	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,100.00
17	Christ the King 05621, Columbia	\$7,150.00	\$0.00	\$679.00	\$7,829.00
18	Christ the King 16415, Greenville	\$1,680.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,680.00
19	Christus Victor 07571, Columbia	\$34,870.23	\$0.00	\$353.00	\$35,223.23
20	Circle of Grace 30625, Gaffney	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$1,600.00
21	Colony 05630, Newberry	\$6,382.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,382.70
22	Corinth 05724, Saluda	\$0.00	\$7,100.00	\$19,860.44	\$26,960.44
23	Cristo Rey 30851, West Columbia	\$1,002.12	\$0.00	\$163.00	\$1,165.12
24	Cross and Crown 07503, Florence	\$12,756.00	\$0.00	\$7,161.91	\$19,917.91
25	Crossroads 30706, Fort Mill	\$9,025.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,025.00
26	Ebenezer 05598, Columbia	\$27,131.75	\$0.00	\$676.85	\$27,808.60
27	Ehrhardt Memorial 05677, Ehrhardt	\$2,800.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$3,400.00
28	Emmanuel 05614, West Columbia	\$31,826.01	\$0.00	\$917.50	\$32,743.51
29	Enon 05704, Leesville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
30	Epiphany 30081, Rock Hill	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
31	Faith 05615, West Columbia	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$16,200.00
32	Faith 05631, Newberry	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
33	Faith 05683, Johns Island	\$6,130.00	\$0.00	\$256.00	\$6,386.00
34	Faith 05696, Batesburg-Leesville	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00
35	Faith Lutheran Chapel 30683, Pickens	\$3,300.00	\$0.00	\$1,519.16	\$4,819.16
36	# Gethsemane 05599, Columbia	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$769.24	\$769.24
37	Good Hope 05727, Ward	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
38	Good Shepherd 05600, Columbia	\$44,549.04	\$0.00	\$8,126.18	\$52,675.22
39	Good Shepherd 05612, Swansea	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$20.10	\$3,520.10
40	Good Shepherd 05692, Walterboro	\$6,732.00	\$0.00	\$3,013.42	\$9,745.42
41	Grace 05611, Rock Hill	\$54,678.05	\$1,481.83	\$1,299.52	\$57,459.40
42	Grace 05643, Prosperity	\$19,975.92	\$0.00	\$3,556.89	\$23,532.81
43	Grace 05698, Gilbert	\$12,083.33	\$0.00	\$2,169.00	\$14,252.33
44	Holy Communion 05659, Spartanburg	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$53.37	\$6,553.37
45	Holy Spirit 30725, Charleston	\$13,755.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$14,755.00
46	Holy Trinity 05651, Anderson	\$20,381.00	\$0.00	\$10,460.00	\$30,841.00
47	Holy Trinity 05722, Pelion	\$1,236.00	\$0.00	\$1,269.42	\$2,505.42
48	Hope 30080, Vance	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00

## South Carolina Synod, ELCA

Mission Support, SC Synod Support & Other Funds  
February 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020

	Organization	Mission Support	SC Synod Support	Other Funds	Total
49	Immanuel 05657, Greenwood	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$35,280.00
50	Incarnation 05601, Columbia	\$10,250.00	\$0.00	\$430.00	\$10,680.00
51	Joy 30418, Moore	\$51,458.29	\$0.00	\$13,014.42	\$64,472.71
52	King of Glory 07449, North Myrtle Beach	\$15,456.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,456.67
53	Living Springs 07829, Columbia	\$53,202.50	\$0.00	\$9,060.44	\$62,262.94
54	Lord of Life 30351, Bluffton	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$983.00	\$30,983.00
55	Lutheran Church by the Lake 30369, McCormick	\$23,571.00	\$3.90	\$13,771.00	\$37,345.90
56	Macedonia 05644, Prosperity	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$16,790.00	\$31,790.00
57	Martin Luther 05668, Charleston	\$10,063.00	\$0.00	\$17,743.65	\$27,806.65
58	Messiah 05663, Mauldin	\$23,194.23	\$0.00	\$390.00	\$23,584.23
59	Messiah 05687, Hanahan	\$12,920.75	\$0.00	\$4,381.38	\$17,302.13
60	Mt. Calvary 05701, Johnston	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,492.00	\$12,492.00
61	Mt. Hebron 05706, Leesville	\$12,000.00	\$2,030.00	\$2,400.00	\$16,430.00
62	Mt. Hermon 05616, West Columbia	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
63	Mt. Hermon 05636, Peak	\$9,025.00	\$0.00	\$660.00	\$9,685.00
64	Mt. Horeb 05589, Chapin	\$59,666.67	\$0.00	\$12,538.86	\$72,205.53
65	Mt. Olivet 05645, Prosperity	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
66	Mt. Olivet 05650, Chapin	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$430.00	\$10,430.00
67	Mt. Pilgrim 05625, Prosperity	\$2,960.00	\$0.00	\$765.00	\$3,725.00
68	Mt. Pleasant 05678, Ehrhardt	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
69	Mt. Pleasant 05729, Saluda	\$3,791.62	\$0.00	\$2,877.72	\$6,669.34
70	Mt. Tabor 05617, West Columbia	\$62,764.73	\$0.00	\$8,400.91	\$71,165.64
71	Mt. Tabor 05626, Little Mountain	\$28,290.16	\$0.00	\$5,615.00	\$33,905.16
72	Nazareth 05710, Lexington	\$726.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$726.00
73	Nuestro Salvador 31098, Greenville	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
74	Orangeburg 05688, Orangeburg	\$5,280.00	\$0.00	\$901.25	\$6,181.25
75	Our Saviour 05618, West Columbia	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$16,000.00
76	Our Saviour 05654, Greenville	\$31,558.00	\$0.00	\$5,896.00	\$37,454.00
77	Our Shepherd 07234, Hartsville	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00
78	Pilgrim 05712, Lexington	\$11,000.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$11,200.00
79	Pine Grove 05684, Lone Star	\$5,200.00	\$0.00	\$260.00	\$5,460.00
80	Pisgah 05713, Lexington	\$27,002.04	\$0.00	\$16,343.50	\$43,345.54
81	Pomaria 05638, Pomaria	\$6,400.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$7,600.00
82	Providence 05711, Lexington	\$10,486.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,486.67
83	Redeemer 05623, Columbia	\$53,716.37	\$0.00	\$7,975.00	\$61,691.37
84	Redeemer 05633, Newberry	\$11,369.37	\$0.00	\$10,498.73	\$21,868.10
85	Redeemer 05669, Charleston	\$50,305.00	\$0.00	\$3,274.00	\$53,579.00
86	Redeemer 05730, Greer	\$7,260.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$7,360.00
87	Reformation 05602, Columbia	\$20,304.00	\$0.00	\$514.00	\$20,818.00
88	Reformation 05610, Lancaster	\$16,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,396.00	\$17,396.00
89	# Resurrection 05603, Columbia	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47,877.12	\$47,877.12
90	Resurrection 05665, Cameron	\$24,087.95	\$0.00	\$1,291.75	\$25,379.70
91	Sagrada Familia 31073, Columbia	\$897.13	\$0.00	\$117.00	\$1,014.13
92	Sandy Run 05613, Swansea	\$6,655.00	\$0.00	\$2,275.00	\$8,930.00
93	Shepherd of the Sea 07420, Garden City	\$34,981.27	\$0.00	\$3,053.00	\$38,034.27
94	Silverstreet 05647, Silverstreet	\$3,280.00	\$0.00	\$1,616.00	\$4,896.00
95	Springs of Grace 30443, Inman	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$562.88	\$2,062.88
96	St. Andrew 05585, Blythewood	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$100.00

## South Carolina Synod, ELCA

Mission Support, SC Synod Support & Other Funds

February 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020

	Organization	Mission Support	SC Synod Support	Other Funds	Total
97	St. Andrew's 05604, Columbia	\$55,334.00	\$0.00	\$7,901.00	\$63,235.00
98	St. Barnabas 05671, Charleston	\$6,300.00	\$0.00	\$5,072.00	\$11,372.00
99	St. David 05619, West Columbia	\$50,124.12	\$95.00	\$11,978.22	\$62,197.34
100	St. James 05590, Sumter	\$706.00	\$5,330.63	\$1,654.00	\$7,690.63
101	St. James 05629, Newberry	\$2,247.00	\$0.00	\$610.00	\$2,857.00
102	St. James 05700, Graniteville	\$17,041.63	\$0.00	\$3,625.48	\$20,667.11
103	St. James 05708, Summit	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
104	St. James 05715, Lexington	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,225.25	\$2,225.25
105	St. Johannes 05672, Charleston	\$5,600.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$5,700.00
106	St. John 05609, Irmo	\$8,800.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$9,100.00
107	St. John 05642, Pomaria	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$467.00	\$5,467.00
108	St. John 05653, Clinton	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
109	St. John 05661, Spartanburg	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,724.00	\$62,724.00
110	St. John 05662, Walhalla	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,260.00	\$26,260.00
111	St. John 05702, Johnston	\$2,329.33	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$2,389.33
112	St. John 05714, Lexington	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
113	St. John's 05664, Beaufort	\$43,400.00	\$0.00	\$2,162.27	\$45,562.27
114	St. John's 05673, Charleston	\$10,125.00	\$0.00	\$21,292.75	\$31,417.75
115	St. John 05723, Pelion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
116	St. Luke 05605, Columbia	\$9,375.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,375.00
117	St. Luke 05622, Florence	\$24,850.00	\$0.00	\$9,697.77	\$34,547.77
118	St. Luke 05646, Prosperity	\$20,026.14	\$4,005.23	\$5,000.20	\$29,031.57
119	St. Luke 05691, Summerville	\$46,015.00	\$0.00	\$3,050.00	\$49,065.00
120	St. Mark 05725, Batesburg-Leesville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,111.75	\$10,111.75
121	St. Mark's 05690, Isle of Palms	\$8,915.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,915.00
122	St. Matthew 05639, Pomaria	\$8,900.00	\$0.00	\$358.00	\$9,258.00
123	St. Matthew 05666, Cameron	\$2,004.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,004.00
124	St. Matthew 05716, Lexington	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
125	St. Matthew's 05674, Charleston	\$92,092.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$92,092.84
126	St. Matthias 07330, Easley	\$5,740.00	\$0.00	\$740.00	\$6,480.00
127	St. Michael 05606, Columbia	\$9,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,296.00	\$10,496.00
128	St. Michael 05655, Greenville	\$20,416.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,416.71
129	St. Michael 05694, Moncks Corner	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00
130	St. Nicholas 05680, Fairfax	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
131	St. Paul 05641, Pomaria	\$16,433.37	\$0.00	\$4,456.30	\$20,889.67
132	St. Paul 05695, Aiken	\$60,007.59	\$0.00	\$4,489.00	\$64,496.59
133	St. Paul 05699, Gilbert	\$1,410.00	\$0.00	\$3,077.10	\$4,487.10
134	St. Paul's 05607, Columbia	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,414.58	\$47,414.58
135	St. Paul's 05685, Mt. Pleasant	\$4,469.40	\$0.00	\$4,269.00	\$8,738.40
136	St. Peter 05697, Batesburg-Leesville	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,200.00
137	St. Peter's 07693, Pawleys Island	\$1,150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,150.00
138	St. Philip 05634, Newberry	\$0.00	\$19,576.66	\$974.00	\$20,550.66
139	St. Philip 05686, Myrtle Beach	\$5,887.00	\$400.00	\$1,211.07	\$7,498.07
140	St. Stephen's 05718, Lexington	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,121.24	\$66,121.24
141	St. Thomas 05593, Chapin	\$18,333.00	\$0.00	\$220.00	\$18,553.00
142	St. Timothy 05587, Camden	\$10,716.00	\$0.00	\$732.84	\$11,448.84
143	St. Timothy 05649, Whitmire	\$2,170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,170.00
144	Summer Memorial 05635, Newberry	\$11,233.37	\$0.00	\$5,221.29	\$16,454.66

## South Carolina Synod, ELCA

Mission Support, SC Synod Support & Other Funds

February 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020

	Organization	Mission Support	SC Synod Support	Other Funds	Total
145	Transfiguration 05588, Cayce	\$27,360.83	\$0.00	\$1,894.00	\$29,254.83
146	Trinity 05656, Greenville	\$105,166.63	\$0.00	\$40,630.39	\$145,797.02
147	Trinity 05679, Elloree	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
148	Trinity 05681, Fairfax	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$5,048.00	\$5,548.00
149	Trinity 05682, Georgetown	\$2,210.00	\$0.00	\$193.00	\$2,403.00
150	Union 05707, Leesville	\$0.00	\$10,800.00	\$50.00	\$10,850.00
151	University 05652, Clemson	\$52,727.50	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$53,127.50
152	Wittenberg 05709, Leesville	\$26,499.96	\$0.00	\$1,324.00	\$27,823.96
153	Zion 05719, Lexington	\$44,721.50	\$0.00	\$1,025.00	\$45,746.50
<b>Grand Total:</b>		<u>\$2,399,905.85</u>	<u>\$69,723.25</u>	<u>\$529,062.11</u>	<u>\$2,998,691.21</u>

**# Closed Congregation**

Note: The Synod and congregational figures may differ due to the closing of the Synod year and the congregational year.





**South Carolina Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

**The South Carolina Synod Treasurer's Letter**

February 28, 2020

To the Synod Council  
South Carolina Synod of the Evangelical  
Lutheran Church in America  
Columbia, South Carolina

The accompanying unaudited financial statements of the South Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (the Synod) have been prepared by the Treasurer's office of the Synod for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2020. These statements are being distributed for your information.

For the January 31, 2020 financials, Property and Equipment is included in the operating fund (undesignated). In prior years it was shown as a separate fund.

The Synod is in the process of having an audit on the financial statements, and the Auditor's letter will be issued at a later date. We do not expect any material differences in these unaudited financial statements and the audited financial statements.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond L. Hendrix, Jr.".

Raymond L. Hendrix, Jr., Treasurer

**SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD OF THE  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

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**SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD OF THE  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
JANUARY 31, 2020**

<b>Assets</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,076,651
Investments	2,376,596
Accounts Receivable	4,375
Prepaid Expenses	3,113
Property Available for Sale	1,319,800
Land, Buildings & Equipment, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	1,838,091
Building Under Construction	<u>382,966</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><u>7,001,592</u></u>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	223,069
Deferred Revenue	12,720
Notes Payable, Secured by Property	<u>519,625</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>755,414</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Donor Restricted	1,915,946
Council Designated	1,315,755
Unrestricted Operating	3,014,477
<b>Total Net assets</b>	<u>6,246,178</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<u><u>7,001,592</u></u>

**Unaudited - See Treasurer's Letter**

**SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**  
**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED - UNDESIGNATED**  
**OPERATING NET ASSETS - BUDGET VS ACTUAL**  
**YEAR ENDED JANUARY 31, 2020**

	Budget	Actual	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>			
Congregational Mission Support	\$ 2,240,000	\$ 2,399,956	\$ 159,956
Congregational SC Synod Support	60,000	69,723	9,723
Fee Revenues (Assembly)	47,500	38,801	(8,699)
Net Investment Income	12,000	145,127	133,127
SC Lutheran Subscription Income	16,000	15,659	(341)
General Contributions	-	26,043	26,043
Rental Income	3,600	11,600	8,000
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>2,379,100</b>	<b>2,706,909</b>	<b>327,809</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Support, ELCA and Institutions:</b>			
ELCA Support	963,200	1,031,981	(68,781)
Region 9 Support	10,000	10,000	-
Archives Support	6,000	5,748	-
Bishop's Discretionary Fund	1,000	1,000	-
Institutions	194,800	194,800	-
<b>Total Support, ELCA and Institutions</b>	<b>1,175,000</b>	<b>1,243,529</b>	<b>(68,529)</b>
<b>Synod Programs:</b>			
Deepening Discipleship Table	271,840	254,760	17,080
Community Engagement Table	113,150	109,660	3,490
Communication/Technology Table	42,400	39,995	2,405
Synod Assembly	105,000	104,773	227
<b>Total Synod Programs</b>	<b>532,390</b>	<b>509,188</b>	<b>23,202</b>
<b>Administration and Operating Expenses</b>	<b>671,710</b>	<b>665,436</b>	<b>6,274</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,379,100</b>	<b>2,418,153</b>	<b>(39,053)</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Before Non-cash Transactions and Operating Transfers</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>288,756</b>	<b>288,756</b>
<b>Non-Cash Other Transactions</b>			
Land and Building Donated, Greenville	-	529,057	529,057
Transfers to Property & Equipment	-	(712,524)	(712,524)
Transfers from Property & Equipment	-	472,500	472,500
Depreciation	-	(37,157)	(37,157)
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>540,632</b>	<b>540,632</b>
<b>Net Assets Beginning Balance</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,473,845</b>	<b>2,473,845</b>
<b>Net Assets Ending Balance</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,014,477</b>	<b>3,014,477</b>

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**SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD OF THE  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA  
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN SYNOD COUNCIL DESIGNATED NET ASSETS  
YEAR ENDED JANUARY 31, 2020**

Accounts	Net Asset Balance 2/1/2019	Transfers/ Offerings/ Receipts	Net Investment Income	Net Assets Released from Restrictions Transfers/ Expenditures	Net Asset Balance 1/31/2020
Callahan Property	481,800				481,800
Campus Ministry - Principal	160,000				160,000
Capital Improvements Reserve	170,414		20,101	44,814	145,702
Synod Endowment Fund	402,656		58,495	20,000	441,151
Computers Upgrade	13,326			6,869	6,457
Disaster Relief Fund	7,528			7,528	-
Candidacy Scholarship Support	4,281			4,281	-
Lutheran Coalition - Appalachia	500			500	-
Other Properties Maintenance	8,368			2,169	6,199
African American Partnership	321			321	-
ELCA Partnership (Schafer)	0	7,886		7,886	-
Cristo Rey from Council	74,447				74,447
GGM Appeal from Council	104,674			104,674	-
<b>Total Council Designated Net Assets</b>	<b>1,428,314</b>	<b>7,886</b>	<b>78,596</b>	<b>199,041</b>	<b>1,315,755</b>

**SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD OF THE  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA  
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN DONOR RESTRICTED NET ASSETS  
YEAR ENDED JANUARY 31, 2020**

Accounts	Net Asset Balance 2/1/2019	Transfers/ Offerings/ Receipts	Net Investment Income	Net Assets Released from Restrictions Transfers/ Expenditures	Net Asset Balance 1/31/2020
Trust Accounts	212,575				212,575
Growing in God's Mission Appeal	513,029	3,495		12,040	504,484
Safe Water for Tanzania	74,457	28,448			102,905
Mission Congregations/SAWCs Accounts	274,027	880,426		568,246	586,207
Special Contributions - Received & Remitted Hunger, Disaster, Institutions, etc.		331,675		331,675	-
SC Disaster Response	19,542	9,893		10	29,425
Youth Ministry Accounts	13,412	13,162		13,952	12,622
Global Missions Accounts	16,514	36,883		46,543	6,854
Trust Income Accounts	231,245	13,285	53,507	18,232	279,805
Campus Ministry	23,654	5,675		6,049	23,280
Gifts of Hope	9,907	3,580		5,553	7,934
Christmas Eve TV Service		31,646		31,646	-
Rami Moody Fund	10,779	500		0	11,279
Other Accounts	81,638	279,772		222,833	138,577
<b>Total Donor Restricted Funds</b>	<b>1,480,778</b>	<b>1,638,440</b>	<b>53,507</b>	<b>1,256,780</b>	<b>1,915,945</b>

Unaudited - See Synod Treasurer's Letter

**SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD - ELCA  
GROWING IN GOD'S MISSION APPEAL AND SAFE WATER FOR TANZANIA  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES  
FOR THE PERIODS FEBRUARY 1, 2011 - JANUARY 31, 2020**

**Goal of the GGM Appeal** 1,750,000.00

**Revenue**

From GGM Appeal	1,806,457.29
Proceeds from St Matthews	36,453.68
Investments Income	<u>81,178.35</u>

**Total Revenue** 1,924,089.32

<u>Revenue and Expenses by Line Items</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Administration Expenses	262,500.00	294,345.76	294,345.76	0.00
Deepening Discipleship				
#1A Evangelism	170,000.00	56,350.98	34,501.28	21,849.70
#1B Stewardship	170,000.00	162,718.74	93,154.45	69,564.29
#1C Renewing Congregations	127,500.00	189,509.92	129,563.59	59,946.33
Planting and Sustaining Mission Cong				
#2A Missions Under Development	160,000.00	357,893.67	246,512.36	111,381.31
#2A( MUD - Donor Designated	95,000.00	95,000.00	51,790.64	43,209.36
#2B Planting and Sustaining	212,500.00	132,415.74	44,031.40	88,384.34
Equipping Congregations				
#3 Equipping Congregations	255,000.00	254,079.06	158,002.48	96,076.58
Discipleship Training				
#4 Discipleship Training	85,000.00	137,056.87	137,056.87	0.00
Increasing Education for Tanzania				
#5 Ed-Ops for Tanzania	212,500.00	244,718.33	230,646.70	14,071.63
<b>Totals GGM Appeal</b>	<u>1,750,000.00</u>	<u>1,924,089.08</u>	<u>1,419,605.53</u>	<u>504,483.55</u>
<b>TANZANIA</b>				
Safe Water		<u>317,113.81</u>	<u>214,209.00</u>	<u>102,904.81</u>
<b>Totals GGM &amp; Tanzania</b>		<u>2,241,202.89</u>	<u>1,633,814.53</u>	<u>607,388.36</u>

Note a: Allocated unrestricted revenue using goals percentage, then add restricted revenue.

Note b: The original goals of the appeal did not allow any funds for administration expenses, therefore, the goals for the various line items were adjusted to include administration expense of 15%.