

Report of the Bishop**2021**

The 2021 Assembly theme, **“To Boldly Go...To Proclaim,”** offers us a significant opportunity to dive into the many new ways to think about and process our calling to be Christ’s church in the world today. The act of “going” in 2020, and even in 2021, is bold, in and of itself, but to “Boldly Go... to Proclaim”, has been an act of trust, deep faith and incredible innovation during a time when we are faced with a world-wide Pandemic. We realize that this was the year when just about everything as we knew it stopped going, (unless it was truly an emergency), and that our acts of “going,” gathering and proclaiming, all required innovative use of technology platforms like Zoom and video livestream to gather for worship, meetings and even just to visit with friends and family. So, the acts of going, in and of themselves, have been truly bold! It is simply incredible what our Pastors, Deacons and Congregations have learned and implemented in ministry over the past year so that God’s beloved children everywhere would have access to the Word and opportunities to worship! I continue to marvel at all the creativity; to give thanks for the tenacity and faithfulness of our leaders; and to wonder at the best ways to carry forward all the good that we have learned and done in making important shifts in ministry over the past year.

In the first half of 2020 the ministry of the South Carolina Synod Staff centered around offering care and support for our Rostered Leaders and Congregations in the midst of ever changing dynamics related to the management of ministry during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Executive Staff was inspired to offer daily devotions and weekly online worship through June with the tremendous help of our Director for Communications, Neal Fischer, who produced and posted all our devotions and worship services. We were particularly excited by the number of people we were able to reach with these offerings using technology, and over the course of the past year we have learned that this excitement was also the feeling lots of our leaders had as they experienced similar attention to what they were offering online. In addition to care, devotions and worship, our energies were spent creating the annual Assembly which would include the election of Bishop along with the other business and work of the South Carolina Synod, and to do this in the safest way possible for everyone. It was an amazing learning and historic experience to host our first online Assembly on July 25, 2020. We appreciated all the positive feedback we received and we continue to evaluate options for online and in-person assemblies for our future events.

From September 1, 2020 through the end of February 2021 we used this technology, the Zoom Platform in particular, to host Congregational Partnership Visits with Pastors, Deacons and Council Presidents. Again, with the help of Neal Fischer, Director of Communications, as new bishop, along with Pastor Rick Carter, Assistant to the Bishop, and later Pastor Emily Edenfield, Assistant to the Bishop, we were able to host 127 of these rich conversations in just a few months. We continue to marvel at that opportunity and all that we were able to learn about the ministry in each community. We are using what we have heard and learned to give direction to this first 18 months of a new administration.

These first six months have also included assessment and updates to the First Call Process, Interim Ministry, Boundary Training, Call Process, Global and Domestic Missions. We have been blessed in our Synod by strong partnerships in Campus Ministry at 11 different site across the state, with the Latino/Latina Community in the Upstate and in the Midlands, including building the worship space for Cristo Rey Lutheran Church which we hope to be completed and dedicated soon. We also enjoy strong partnerships with our six institutions of the church that have expression here in South Carolina, and with SC Lutheran Men in Mission, SC Women of the ELCA and SC Lutheran Church Youth.

We are all blessed by the faithful dedication of our Staff members with talents for hospitality, organization and leadership that they each bring to their work. The ministry of this Office is only possible because of the team work that happens every day. As you might imagine, these first months have also included a number of changes in our Synod Staff and the need to spend some time in team building.

Bishop Herman Yoos retired August 31, 2020 after faithfully serving the South Carolina Synod. We are all grateful for his passion for the gospel, for prayer and for the many gifts he has shared with this church. I am grateful for the partnership he and I shared for the past 12 years and for all that I learned from him in this office. We pray he and Cindy have a wonderful time with their grandchildren and that each day of retirement is a blessing for them both.

Tiffany Pieters joined our staff in January 2018 and worked as Administrative Assistant part time for Region 9 and part time for the South Carolina Synod. In early January 2021 Tiffany resigned her position to begin work at the Baptist church in Newberry County. We miss her smile and her warm hospitality, but wish her all the best in her new position.

Bill Newmeyer has served Part time as Youth Ministry Coordinator for the past two years, and an active Youth Ministry Advisor for the past 22 years. We are grateful to Bill for stepping up into this leadership role after Pastor Eric Wolf resigned his position in 2019, and for all the creative ways Bill has continued to make Synod LCY happen using online tools as well as following safety protocols for recent meetings in person. Bill will continue serving through June 2021 as Coordinator.

I could not be more blessed by the partnerships shared with Jenny Spearen, Executive Administrator; Charlene Fink, Synod Accountant; Neal Fischer, Director of Communications; Wendy Davidson, Assembly Manager/ Administrative Assistant; Deacon Sarah Bowers, Creative Assistant; Pastor Ozzie Herlong, Synod Secretary and Director of Stewardship; Pastor Emily Edenfield, Assistant to the Bishop for Outreach and Pastor Rick Carter, Assistant to the Bishop for Leadership. We look forward to completing our staff in partnership with the ELCA when we call of the next Director of Evangelical Mission.

The South Carolina Synod Staff works together each day with the intention of collaborating with you and with one another in ministry and mission to make Christ known in the communities where we live and serve. We feel a deep sense of our calling to raise up, resource and support our Pastors, Deacons and Congregations. Because we walk together as the South Carolina Synod - ELCA, the work we do in Jesus' name is a stronger and a more vibrant witness to God's love for all God's beloved children. We believe that it is bold, and the highest calling to share the Good News that Jesus Loves You, each and every one of you! And we are delighted to walk together with each of you and "To Boldly Go... to Proclaim" this Word to all the world!

Together in Christ,

Bishop Ginny Aebischer
May 2021

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Annual Assembly

June 2020 – Conduct of Elections Committee Meeting
July 9, 2020 Reference & Counsel Committee Meeting
July 24, 2020 Orientation to Assembly
July 25, 2020 – Online using LUMI Platform
November 10, 2020 – Nominating Committee (Zoom)

Calls Accepted

April 1, 2020 – Deacon Katie Justice, St. John's, Beaufort
June 1, 2020 – Rev. Joshua Knutson, St. Michael, Moncks Corner & Christ Community, North Charleston
July 1, 2020 - Rev. Emily Willhide, Incarnation, Columbia
July 26, 2020 – Rev. Mark Smith, Mt. Calvary, Johnston
August 30, 2020 – Rev. Michele Fischer, Colony, Newberry
September 1, 2020 – Rev. Virginia S. Aebischer, Bishop, SC Synod
September 23, 2020 – Rev. Terry Hundley, Macedonia, Prosperity
October 11, 2020 – Rev. Mike Watson, St. John, Pomaria
November 16, 2020 – Rev. Jesse Canniff-Kuhn, University of South Carolina & Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia
November 29, 2020 – Rev. Rusty Kehl, St. Luke, Florence
December 1, 2020 – Rev. June Wilkins, Christ, Hilton Head
January 24, 2021 – Carl Taylor, Living Springs, Columbia
February 8, 2021 – Rev. Rebecca Lord Phillips, Christ the King, Greenville
March 7, 2021 – Rev. Peter Morey, St. James, Summit
March 21, 2021 – Rev. Emily Mooneyhan, Mt. Pleasant Lutheran and Saluda Presbyterian, Saluda
April 11, 2021 – Rev. Andrea Bates & Rev. Kyle Bates, St. Michael, Greenville
May 2, 2021 – Rev. Megan Lineberger, Bethel, White Rock
May 16, 2021 – Christopher Shealy, Mt. Hebron, Leesville

Candidacy

February 28 - March 1, 2020 Internship Site Visit, Boone, NC; Assistant to the Bishop Aebischer
April 14-15, 2020 Internship Site Visit, Virginia (Zoom); Assistant to the Bishop Aebischer
April 16-17 Internship Site Visit, Greenboro, NC (Zoom); Assistant to the Bishop Aebischer
July 28 – 29, 2020 Candidacy Committee Meeting (Zoom); Bishop-Elect Aebischer, Jenny Spearen
October 7, 2020 Candidacy Committee Meeting (Zoom); Assistant to the Bishop Carter & Jenny Spearen
December 8, 2020 Candidacy Committee Meeting (Zoom) Assistant to the Bishop Carter & Jenny Spearen
January 25, 2021 Candidacy Committee Meeting (Zoom) Assistant to the Bishop Carter & Jenny Spearen
April 27-28, 2021 Candidacy Committee Meeting (Zoom) Assistant to the Bishop Carter & Jenny Spearen

Communications

May, July, September, November 2020 Publication of *The South Carolina Lutheran Magazine*, Neal Fischer, Director of Communications
January, April 2021 Publication of *the South Carolina Lutheran Magazine*, Neal Fischer, Director of Communications
Facilitated Zoom Meetings, Neal Fischer, Director of Communications
May 2020 – 13
June 2020 –9
July 2020 – 6
August 2020 –32
September 2020 –60
October 2020 –28
November 2020 –46
December 2020 –22
January 2021 –15
February 2021 –34

March 2021 –31

April 2021 –18

Produced Online Worship Services, Neal Fischer, Director of Communications

May 2020 – 10

June 2020 –5

July 2020 – 9

September 2020 –4

October 2020 –4

December 2020 - 7

January 2021 –5

February 2021 –4

March 2021 –4

April 2021 –5

Produced Prayer Devotion Gatherings, Neal Fischer, Director of Communications

May 2020 – 20

April 2021 Holy Week – 3; Easter – 3

Easter Season Scripture and Song Devotions – 12

June 27, 2020 – Technical Production for SC LCY Convention, Neal Fischer, Director of Communications

July 20 – 25, 2020 – Rehearsals and Technical Productions for Assembly, Neal Fischer, Director of Communications

Hosted Online ELCA Synod Communicators Meetings, Neal Fischer, Director of Communications

July, October 2020

October 4, 2020 – Productions for Installation of SC Bishop and Assistant to the Bishop

Community Outreach

March 13, 2021 Justice Training Event (Zoom), Bishop Aebischer

April 26, 2021 Nehemiah Action Meeting, Columbia (Zoom)

Conference of Bishops

Thursdays – COB Conversations/Enrichments & Continuing Education (Zoom)

September 28-30, 2020 Bishop Formation Event (Zoom)

October 1-2, 2020 Fall Conference Meeting (Zoom)

December 2-4, 2020 Bishop Formation Event Part 2 (Zoom)

January 16, 2021 Meeting (Zoom)

March 2, 2021 Roster Committee Meeting (Zoom)

March 3-5, 2021 Spring Conference Meeting (Zoom)

Conference of Deans/Conference Meetings

Bishop Aebischer, Assistant to the Bishop Carter, Assistant to the Bishop Edenfield

March 19, 2020 – Meeting of Deans (Zoom)

April 28, 2020 – Midlands Conference Meeting (Zoom)

April 29, 2020 – Coastal Conference Meeting (Zoom)

April 30, 2020 – Foothill Conference Meeting (Zoom)

May 5, 2020 – Saxe Gotha Conference Meeting (Zoom)

May 6, 2020 Amelia and Epiphany Conference Meeting (Zoom)

May 7, 2020 – Heartland Conference Meeting (Zoom)

May 11, 2020 – Western and Upstate Conference Meeting (Zoom)

January 16, 2021 – Heartland Conference Meeting (Zoom)

January 26, 2021 – Coastal Conference Election meeting (Zoom)

February 16, 2021 – Heartland Conference Meeting (Zoom)

May 20, 2021 – Meeting of Deans (Zoom)

Congregational Partnership Visits (with Pastors/Deacons/Council Presidents)

127 congregational leadership teams visited between September 1, 2020 – March 15, 2021 (Zoom); **Bishop Aebischer, Assistant to the Bishop Carter, Assistant to the Bishop Emily Edenfield.**

Council Meetings & Congregational Events

June 17, 2020 – Christ, Hilton Head, Congregational Event (Zoom); Bishop Yoos & Assistant to the Bishop Aebischer
August 9, 2020 – St. Michael, Greenville, Council Meeting; Bishop – Elect Aebischer
February 7, 2021 St. Paul, Mt. Pleasant Council Meeting (Zoom); Bishop Aebischer
February 8, 2021 King of Glory, North Myrtle Beach Council Meeting (Zoom); Bishop Aebischer
March 8, 2020 St. Luke, Columbia Congregational Event Assistant to the Bishop Aebischer
March 21, 2021 – St. James, Graniteville, Congregational Event (Zoom); Bishop Aebischer & Assistant to the Bishop Carter
March 24 & 28, 2021 – Union, Leesville, Meetings about the ELCA, Bishop Aebischer & Assistant to the Bishop Emily Edenfield
April 11, 2021 – Immanuel, Greenwood, Council Meeting; Bishop Aebischer
April 25, 2021 – St. Paul, Gilbert, Council Meeting; Bishop Aebischer
May 16, 2021 – Good Shepherd, Walterboro, Council Meeting; Bishop Aebischer
May 16, 2021 – Redeemer, Columbia, Council Meeting; Bishop Aebischer

Deaths

April 2020 – Mr. John Mark Swicegood, son of the Rev. D. Luther Swicegood.
April 6, 2020 – Mrs. Mary Schaeffer, wife of the Rev. William B. Schaeffer.
May 8, 2020 – Rev. Harold Gilbert Skinner.
May 11, 2020 – Rev. George W. Fisher.
September 22, 2020 – Mrs. Faye Roof, wife of Rev. Hilton Roof.
September 22, 2020 – Mrs. Ruth Bockelman, wife of Rev. Paul Bockelman
October 10, 2020 – Mrs. Gloria Shealy, wife of Rev. George Shealy
February 10, 2021 – Mrs. Augusta Ellsworth, wife of Rev. Raymond Ellsworth
March 28, 2021 – Mrs. Cary Cruse, wife of Rev. Guy Cruse
April 29, 2021 – Rev. Tim Bryson

Ecumenical

August 19, 2020 – Fellowship of SC Bishops (Zoom)
November 25, 2020 – Fellowship of SC Bishops (Zoom)
February 24, 2021 – Fellowship of SC Bishops (Zoom)
March 8, 2021 – Fellowship of SC Bishops (Zoom)

Finance

July 29, 2020 – Finance Committee Meeting; Charlene Fink, Pastor Ozzie Herlong, Assistant to the Bishop Aebischer
September 2, 2020 – Mission Endowment Grant Committee Meeting (Zoom); Charlene Fink, Bishop Aebischer
September 8, 2020 – Budget Meeting (Zoom); Charlene Fink, Synod Accountant; Pastor Ozzie Herlong, Director for Stewardship; Bishop Aebischer
January 11, 2021 – Finance Consultation (Zoom), Charlene Fink, Bishop Aebischer, Raymond Hendrix, Assistant to the Bishop Carter
January 12, 2021 – Finance Committee Budget Preparations Meeting, (Zoom)
Charlene Fink, Synod Accountant; Raymond Hendrix, Treasurer; Gordon McCay, Committee Chair; Bishop Aebischer, Pastor Ozzie Herlong & Committee
January 14, 2021 – Cristo Rey Building Project Meeting (Zoom); Charlene Fink, Bishop Aebischer, Assistant to the Bishop Carter
February 2, 2021 – Finance Consultation (Zoom); Charlene Fink, Bishop Aebischer, Raymond Hendrix, Assistant to the Bishop Carter
February 24, 2021 – Cristo Rey Building Project Meeting (Zoom); Charlene Fink, Bishop Aebischer, Assistant to the Bishop Carter
March 23, 2021 —Participated in Mental Health Collaborative (Zoom), Assistant to the Bishop Emily Edenfield

March 30, 2021 —Met with Rev. Regina Moore, SCCAC (Zoom), Assistant to the Bishop Emily Edenfield

Global Network

May 15, 2020 - Tanzania Partnership (Zoom)

August 25, 2020 – IELCO Partners Meeting (Zoom)

November 20- 21, 2020 – Asian Companion Partner Consultation (Zoom)

January 27, 2021 – Visit with Pastor Asano (JELC) with Ebenezer, Columbia (Zoom)

February 5, 2021 – IELCO Partners Meeting (Zoom)

March 9, 2021 – Tanzania Companion Meeting (Zoom)

April 16, 2021 – IELCO Partners Meeting (Zoom)

Inclusiveness Network

March – June 2020 “Just Mercy,” Bryan Stevenson, Inclusiveness Network Sponsored Book Study (Zoom)

Bishop Yoos & Pastor Leroy Cannon

January 27, 2021 – Upstate Latino/Latina Meeting (Zoom)

February – May 2021 – “Caste” by Isabel Wilkerson Book Study; Assistant to the Bishop Emily Edenfield and Pastor Jackie Utley, Inclusiveness Network Chair

February 18—Filmed interviews with Jackie Utley and Leroy Cannon (Skype), Assistant to the Bishop Emily Edenfield

March 11, 2021 —Participated in Inclusiveness Network Meeting (Zoom), Assistant to the Bishop Emily Edenfield

March 13, 2021 —Participated in Southeastern Synod Diversity Training (Zoom), Bishop Aebischer, Assistant to the Bishop Edenfield

April 22, 2021 —Participated in Inclusiveness Network (Zoom), Assistant to the Bishop Emily Edenfield

April 28, 2021 —Visited El Mesias/Latinx Task Force (In person), Assistant to the Bishop Emily Edenfield

Installations

January 3, 2021 – Pastor Emily Willhide, Incarnation, Columbia. Bishop Aebischer presided over Installation

February 27, 2021 – Pastor Carl Taylor, Living Springs, Columbia, Pastor Andrew Isenhower, Midlands Conference Dean

April 25, 2021 – Pastor June Wilkins, Christ, Hilton Head. Pastor Eric Little, Amelia Conference Dean

May 16, 2021 – Pastor Mike Watson, St. John, Pomaria. Pastor Michael Price, Heartland Conference Dean

May 23, 2021 – Pastor Michele Fischer, Colony, Newberry. Pastor Michael Price, Heartland Conference Dean

May 26, 2021 - Pastor Peter Morey, St. James, Summit. Pastor Lisa Isenhower, Western Conference Dean

Institutional & Auxiliary Partnerships

November 13-14, 2020 Novus Way Board Meeting, Bishop Aebischer participated on behalf of Region 9 Bishops (Zoom)

November 19, 2020 Lutheran Homes Board Visit (Skype)

October 15, 2020 SCLRC Board Visit (Zoom)

January 7, 2021 SCLRC Board Visit (Zoom)

January 10, 2021 SC Lutheran Men in Mission Board (Zoom)

February 16, 2021 Lutheran Services Carolinas Team Meeting Devotions (Zoom)

February 20, 2021 SC Lutheran Men in Mission Convention (Zoom)

March 11, 2021 SC Lutheran Men in Mission Board (Zoom)

May 4, 2021 Lutheran Services Carolinas meeting with Governor McMaster

May 6, 2021 Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary Graduation

May 20, 2021 Lutheran Homes Board Meeting (Skype)

Interim Pastors & Stated Supply Pastors

Interim Pastors meet at least once a month by Zoom for Support and Continuing Education

Linda Anderson – St. James, Graniteville

Mary Anderson – Wittenberg, Leesville

Craig Boelke – Good Shepherd, Walterboro

Glenn Boland – St. Luke, Columbia

Bruce Booher – Our Savior, Greenville

Gary Brandenburg – Immanuel, Greenwood
Rich Donoughue – St. Johannes, Charleston
Steve Counts – Nazareth, Lexington
Marion Clark – Macedonia, Prosperity
Karen Hawkins – Emmanuel, West Columbia
Chris Heavner – St. Michael, Greenville
Jane Mitcham – Christus Victor, Columbia
Christine Parham – Orangeburg, Orangeburg
Christi Pursey – St. Paul, Mt. Pleasant
Earl Schafer – St. Paul, Gilbert
Denise Seymour – St. Luke, Florence
Bill Trexler – St. Luke, Florence
Art Turfa – Faith, West Columbia
Jim Vigen – St. Nicholas & Trinity, Fairfax
John Wertz – Bethel, White Rock
Wayne Young – King of Glory, North Myrtle Beach

Stated Supply Pastors

Jan Boyd – Enon, Leesville
Reggie Cruse – St. Peter, Batesburg
Mary Finklea – Our Shepherd, Hartsville
Christopher Girardeau – St. John, Clinton
Art Hallman – Bethlehem, Pomaria
Ozzie Herlong – Bethany, Lexington
Gary Lyerly – Good Shepherd, Swansea
Greg Martin – Trinity, Georgetown
Bob McCollum – Bethany, Newberry
Maria Miller – Augsburg, Union
Carroll Robinson – Holy Trinity, Pelion
Floyd Sides – Bachman Chapel, Prosperity
Rus Stilwell – St. Andrews, Blythewood
Paul Williams – St. Timothy, Whitmire

Leadership Events

July 6, 2020 – Mission Consultation, Director of Evangelical Mission, Rick Carter
July 7, 2020- Leadership for Faithful Innovation, Director of Evangelical Mission, Rick Carter
July 10, 2020 – Consultation for Reformation Lancaster, Director of Evangelical Mission, Rick Carter
July 12, 2020 – Nuestro Salvador Mission Board, Director of Evangelical Mission, Rick Carter
July 14, 2020 – Grant Reviews and Leadership for Faithful Innovations Coaching, Director of Evangelical Mission, Rick Carter
July 16, 2020 – Leadership for Faithful Innovation, Director of Evangelical Mission, Rick Carter
July 27, 2020 – Consultation with Parroquia El Mesias, Director of Evangelical Mission, Rick Carter
August 3, 2020 – LTSS/ Region 9 Council & Leadership for Faithful Innovations, Director of Evangelical Mission, Rick Carter
August 2, 2020 – Nuestro Salvador Mission Board, Director of Evangelical Mission, Rick Carter
August 8-10, 2020 - Growing Young, train the trainer, Director of Evangelical Mission, Rick Carter
August 12 Life of Faith Project, August 8-10, 2020- Growing Young, train the trainer, Director of Evangelical Mission, Rick Carter
August 12, 2020 – Consultation with Dr. Wilkenson, August 8-10, 2020, Bishop Yoos, Bishop Elect Aebischer, Director of Evangelical Mission, Rick Carter
August 25, 2020 – Consultation with Cristo Rey, Director of Evangelical Mission, Rick Carter
August 27, 2020 – Consultation with Alejandro Mejia, Bishop Yoos, Bishop Elect Aebisher, Director of Evangelical Mission, Rick Carter
August 28, 2020 – Consultation with Parroquia El Mesias, Director of Evangelical Mission, Rick Carter
August 30, 2020- Nuestro Salvador Mission Board, Director of Evangelical Mission, Rick Carter
September 2, 2020 – Conversations with Bishop Aebischer, Director of Evangelical Mission, Rick Carter

September 3, 2020 – Building Site: Cristo Rey Walk Through, Director of Evangelical Mission, Rick Carter, Bishop Aebischer
September 9, 2020 – Leadership for Faithful Innovation Meeting, Director of Evangelical Mission, Rick Carter
Weekly Meetings with ELCA Directors of Evangelical Mission, Director of Evangelical Mission, Rick Carter
September 15, 2020- Synod Council meeting, Director of Evangelical Mission, Rick Carter
September 15-30, 2020 – Interviews with Rostered Leaders, Retreat Meetings with Bishop Aebischer, Candidacy, Retreat with SC Rostered Leaders, Leadership for Faithful Innovation, Meetings with Mission Congregations, Meetings with Interim Task Force, Consultations and LTSS/ Stewardship Council meetings, Assistant to the Bishop Carter
October 19-21, 2020 Convocation at Lutheridge; Bishop Aebischer
December 6, 2020 - Inquirer's Day (Zoom), Assistant to the Bishop Carter, Pastor Jason Antley Coordinator
February 3—Meeting with First Call Candidates (Zoom), Bishop Aebischer, Assistants to the Bishop Carter & Edenfield
February 23—Participated in Mental Health Collaborative (Zoom), Assistant to the Bishop Emily Edenfield
February 23—Attended Sex offender workshop (Zoom), Assistant to the Bishop Edenfield
February 24—Filmed interview with Carl Taylor (Skype), Assistant to the Bishop Edenfield
March 9, 2021 —Participated in Child Abuse and Mandated Reporter Training (Zoom) Assistant to the Bishop Edenfield
April 13, 2021 —Participated in Campus Ministry Task Force (Zoom), Assistant to the Bishop Emily Edenfield
April 15, 2021 —Attended workshop on Portico benefits with Cathy Schibler (Zoom), Assistant to the Bishop Emily Edenfield
April 19, 2021 Boundary Training (Zoom), Bishop Aebischer, Assistant to the Bishop Edenfield
April 21, 2021 Retiree Gathering (Zoom), Bishop Aebischer, Assistants to the Bishop Carter & Edenfield
April 27, 2021 —Participated in Mental Health Collaborative (Zoom), Emily Edenfield, Assistant to the Bishop Emily Edenfield

Ordinations

June 14, 2020 – Service of Ordination for Ashlen Kate Justice held at St. John's, Beaufort. Bishop Yoos presided. Deacon Justice accepted a call to St. John, Beaufort.
June 20, 2020 – Service of Ordination for Joshua Knutson held at Pisgah, Lexington. Bishop Yoos presided. Pastor Knutson accepted a call as Mission Developer to Christ Community, North Charleston and also serves as Pastor of St. Michael, Moncks Corner.
February 27, 2021 – Service of Ordination for Carl Taylor held at St. Paul, Columbia. Bishop Aebischer presided. Pastor Taylor accepted a call as Associate Pastor of Living Springs, Columbia.

Resignations

May 31, 2020 – Deacon Ashlyn Cox, Grace, Gilbert
August 31, 2020 – Tim Kneuss, Fairfax Parish, Fairfax
November 22, 2020 – Mike Watson, Nazareth, Lexington
December 31, 2020 – Sarah Bowers, Thornwell Children's Home
February 22, 2021 – John Stirewalt, St. John, Lexington

Region 9

August 10, 2020 – Region 9 Bishops Meeting (Zoom)
October 1, 2020 – Region 9 Bishops Assignment Meeting (Zoom)
November 5, 2020 – Region 9 Council Meeting (Zoom)
November 11, 2020 – Region 9 Consultation (Zoom)
December 10, 2020 – Region 9 Bishops Extended Meeting (Zoom)
February 2, 2021 – Region 9 Consultation (Zoom)
May 12, 2021 – Region 9 Bishops Meeting (Zoom)
May 17, 2021 – Region 9 Council Meeting (Zoom)

Retirement

July 1, 2020 – Fred Suhr
August 14, 2020 – Reggie Cruse
September 1, 2020 – Herman Yoos

November 1, 2020 – Pam Cook
January 1, 2021 – Ernie Worman
February 14, 2021 – Vickie Powell

Synod Council

March 30, 2020 Meeting (Zoom)
April 18, 2020 Meeting (Zoom)
May 18, 2020 Meeting (Zoom)
June 25, 2020 Meeting (Zoom)
August 15, 2020 Retreat (Zoom)
September 1, 2020 Executive Meeting (Zoom)
September 14, 2021 Meeting (Zoom)
November 4, 2020 Executive Meeting (Zoom)
November 16, 2020 Meeting (Zoom)
January 7, 2021 Called Meeting of Council (Zoom)
February 8, 2021 Executive Meeting (Zoom)
February 22, 2021 Meeting (Zoom)
March 3, 2021 Executive Meeting (Zoom)
March 22, 2021 Executive Meeting (Zoom)
March 26, 2021 Executive Meeting (Zoom)
April 12, 2021 Meeting (Zoom)

Stewardship

June, August, September, October, November 2020 – Beginning a Culture of Generosity Meetings, Pastor Ozzie Herlong, Director for Stewardship
June & September 2020, January 2021 – Stewardship Network Meetings, Pastor Ozzie Herlong, Director for Stewardship
June, October, November, December 2020, January, Stewardship Symposium Planning Team Meetings, Pastor Ozzie Herlong, Director for Stewardship
June, August, September, November, December 2020, January, March, 2021 - LTSS/Region 9 Council for Stewardship Education, Pastor Ozzie Herlong, Director for Stewardship
June, July 2020 - First Call Theological Education Stewardship Gathering Planning Team - Pastor Ozzie Herlong, Director for Stewardship
June, July, August, September, 2020, April 2021- Mission Support Video Production, Pastor Ozzie Herlong, Director for Stewardship
July, August, October, December 2020, February, March, April 2021 - SC Lifeline Fund Distribution Team, Pastor Ozzie Herlong, Director for Stewardship, Bishop & Team
August, September, October, December 2020, January, March, April 2021 - Stewardship for all Seasons with various Congregations, Pastor Ozzie Herlong, Director for Stewardship
October 28, 2020 – Lilly Foundation Endowment Grant Meeting, Pastor Ozzie Herlong, Director for Stewardship
November 5, 2020 – Shepherd Callers Meeting, Pastor Ozzie Herlong, Director for Stewardship, Bishop Aebischer, devotions (Zoom)
December 9, 2020 – ELCA Foundation Meeting, November 5, 2020 – Shepherd Callers Meeting, Pastor Ozzie Herlong, Director for Stewardship, Bishop Aebischer, devotions (Zoom)
December 1, 2020 – LTSS Senior Symposium Planning Team, November 5, 2020 – Shepherd Callers Meeting, Pastor Ozzie Herlong, Director for Stewardship, Bishop Aebischer, devotions (Zoom)
January 29, 2021 – Stewardship Symposium, Mike Ward, Presenter, Pastor Ozzie Herlong, Director for Stewardship
April 7, 2021 – Joint Ministries of Region 9 - Pastor Ozzie Herlong, Director for Stewardship
May 4, 2021 – Tithely Electronic Giving Project Meeting, Pastor Ozzie Herlong, Director for Stewardship

Transfers

June 1, 2020 – Raymond Mohrmann to North Carolina Synod
September 13, 2020– Tim Kneuss to North Carolina Synod
February 5, 2021 – Ernie Worman to Indiana/Kentucky Synod

March 2, 2021 - Ron Hartman, transfer to Rocky Mountain Synod

March 16, 2021 – John Stirewalt to Southeastern Synod

April 29, 2021 – Mark Cerniglia to Southeastern Synod

Transfers Received

May 26, 2020 – Mary Peters, transfer from the Southeastern Synod

July 1, 2020 – Martine Lopez-Vega, transfer from Caribbean Synod

January 1, 2021 - Jesse Caniff- Kuhn from North Carolina Synod

December 15, 2020 – Linda Larson, transfer from the Southeastern Synod

January 1, 2021 - Kathleen Miko, transfer from Virginia Synod

February 8, 2021 - June Wilkins, transfer from Southern Ohio Synod

March 2, 2021 - Matthew Lash, transfer from Northwestern Ohio (retired)

June 1, 2021 – Andrea Bates, transfer from North Carolina Synod

June 1, 2021 – Kyle Bates, transfer from North Carolina Synod

Worship Celebrations and Special Events

March – June 2020, Monday through Friday Daily Devotions online, Led by Bishop Yoos, Assistant to the Bishop Aebischer, Director of Evangelical Mission Rick Carter. Produced by Neal Fischer

March – June 2020 Sunday Worship Services online, Led by Bishop Yoos, Assistant to the Bishop Aebischer, Director of Evangelical Mission Rick Carter. Produced by Neal Fischer

May 17, 2020 – Worship Service, Mt. Tabor, West Columbia. Bishop Yoos preached.

June 19, 2020 – Juneteenth Service held at Reformation, Columbia, Pastor Tim Bupp and Inclusiveness Network Leaders

June 21, 2020 – Worship Service, St. John, Irmo. Bishop Yoos preached.

June 28, 2020 – Worship Service, Bethlehem, Pomaria. Bishop Yoos preached.

July 12, 2020 – Worship Service, St. Michael, Greenville. Bishop Yoos preached.

July 25, 2020 – SC Synod Assembly, via ZOOM. Bishop Yoos presided.

August 2, 2020 – Worship Service, Colony, Newberry. Bishop Yoos preached.

August 22, 2020 – Wedding, Joshua Aebischer & Adelaide Hoffman, Whisnant Chapel, Lutheridge. Bishop-Elect Aebischer presided.

August 23, 2020 – Mt. Hebron, Leesville. Bishop Yoos preached.

October 4, 2020 SC Synod Installation of Bishop Aebischer and Assistant to the Bishop Carter. Presiding Bishop Eaton Preached.

October 25, 2020 Heartland Conference Reformation Worship Service at Mt. Tabor, Little Mountain, Bishop Aebischer Preached.

November 8, 2020 St. David, West Columbia, 175th Anniversary, Bishop Aebischer Preached and Assisted with Holy Communion.

November 15, 2020 Christ Hilton Head, Bishop Aebischer Preached (Zoom)

February 14, 2021 Incarnation Columbia 100th Anniversary, Bishop Aebischer Preached

May 16, 2021 Good Shepherd Walterboro Worship. Bishop Aebischer

Youth

February 1, 2021 –Met with Bill Newmyer, Emily Edenfield, Assistant to the Bishop

February 9, 2021 —LCY Executive Committee (Zoom), Assistant to the Bishop Emily Edenfield

February 22, 2021 —Participated in LCY Executive (Zoom), Assistant to the Bishop Emily Edenfield

February 25, 2021 —LCY Executive meeting (Zoom), Assistant to the Bishop Emily Edenfield

February 27, 2021 —LCY Cabinet Meeting (Zoom), Assistant to the Bishop Emily Edenfield,

March 16, 2021 —Filmed Interview with Deacon Darlene Weight (Skype), Assistant to the Bishop Emily Edenfield

March 16, 2021 —LCY Executive Committee (Zoom), Assistant to the Bishop Emily Edenfield

March 18, 2021 —LCY Executive Committee (Zoom), Assistant to the Bishop Emily Edenfield

March 20, 2021 —11th and 12th grade SCLCY retreat (Zoom), , Assistant to the Bishop Emily Edenfield

April 22, 2021 —Participated in SCLCY Executive Committee (Zoom), Assistant to the Bishop Emily Edenfield

April 24, 2021 —Participated in LCY Cabinet Meeting (In person), Assistant to the Bishop Emily Edenfield

**Vice President
Deacon Lexanne Graves
2021**

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*“For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of **faith** that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same **function**, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.” (Romans 12:3-5 NRSV)*

Even in the midst of a global pandemic, God continues to speak through your 22 elected Synod Council members and its four officers throughout the year. We gathered in August 2020 online for about six hours under the theme above, “Faith.Foundation.Forward”. Since it was an incredibly unique year and electing a new bishop during our online Synod Assembly, we knew we needed to invest time into the foundation of who we are as children of God serving on this Synod Council and move forward in faith, led by the Holy Spirit. We focused on the bible passage above and visualized each person as a jenga piece with varied spiritual gifts. Instead of taking out jenga pieces, we added in spiritual gifts of newly elected members that were needed; sort of like a “reverse jenga” experience.

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 148 congregations. We are truly blessed to be a blessing!

- + Gave financial freedom to Rostered Ministers through our SC Lifeline Distribution Fund who have been saddled with large educational and seminary debts;
- + Granted COVID-19 financial relief grants to congregations in need during this global pandemic;
- + Unanimously welcomed in two new Assistants to the Bishop with gifts that will positively impact the future of our Synod;
- + Engaged in fruitful conversations on racial reconciliation each time we gather as a synod council;
- + Welcomed in a new Executive Minister of the Christian Action Council who alongside our Synod Council Liaison meets on our behalf in the state legislature on matters concerning racism, poverty, food scarcity, public education deficits, etc;
- + Maintained the Rosters of both Ministers of Word and Service (Deacons) and Ministers of Word and Sacrament (Pastors) who are active, retired, interim and on leave from call;
- + Realized the fruits of the Spirit through additions to our Synod Organizational Chart with the Worship and Prayer Task Force, Military Ministry Task Force, Latino Task Force, Leadership Innovation Task Force, Indigenous Peoples Accompaniment Network, and Synod Assembly Communication Network;
- + Enhanced Compensation Guidelines for rostered ministers, especially those in part-time and interim ministry positions, designed to promote healthy conversations about defined compensation; and
- + Discerned ways to share God’s Amazing story of what the Holy Spirit is doing within our congregations through more online publications so that all disciples might glean from the work of this entire Body of Christ.

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.

Thank you for our partnership together!

Lexanne Graves



**Report of the Secretary
2021**

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 through the Covid-19 crisis. Being thankful for one another and for our relationship as church together is important right now.

Bishop Virginia Aebischer; Rev. Richard Carter and Rev. Emily Edenfield, Assistants to the Bishop; Deacon Lexanne Graves, Vice-President; and Raymond Hendrix, Treasurer give us able and faithful leadership as the South Carolina Synod moves forward in God's mission. This office is assisted by a dedicated support staff that carries out many details: Neal Fischer, Charlene Fink, Wendy Davidson, Deacon Sarah Bowers, and Jenny Spearen. Mrs. Tiffany K. Pieters, former Administrative Assistant, has ably prepared the *Bulletin of Reports* and the *Directory and Minutes of the South Carolina Synod 2020*. I extend my sincere appreciation and thanks to these persons for all their good work. The duties of this office include the recording of the minutes of the Synod Council meetings and the Synod Assemblies. 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 in 25-year increments); and photographs of church buildings. Preserving historic records is about preserving stories of God's people. Go to <https://www.crumleyarchives.com/> 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, 2019. The baptized membership reported was 41,155 at the end of 2019 (*the latest year that statistics were available at the time this report was written*). The average size of a congregation in this synod is 278 baptized members. Regular giving by members in congregations increased by \$945,189 from \$33,526,751 to \$34,471,940. Average giving per confirmed member increased in 2019 by \$123.35 from \$1,120.91 to \$1,244.26. The average Sunday worship attendance per congregation was 95 persons (34% of baptized members). Source: *Summary of Congregational Statistics* are available on the synod website. Go to <https://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 2020 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, 2021

Referred to as 2020-21

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 our congregations for the year 2020-21 as compared to 2019-20:

	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2019-20</u>
Mission Support Budgeted	\$2,400,000	\$2,300,000
Mission Support Received	\$2,315,512	\$2,469,679

As you can see, the Synod received \$154,000 less than the prior year. We believe that this decrease was a result from the COVID-19 virus that has affected the entire country/world. We are praying for a better year in 2021. Thanks to all of you for your contributions. They are greatly appreciated. In addition to mission support, the Synod received \$414,284 in 2020-21 for other funds (ministries) such as World Hunger, World Relief, Domestic and International Disaster Relief, Missionary Support, etc.

Mission support from the 150 congregations is presented in the schedule on the following pages.

Expenditures

Below is a summary of expenditures for the year 2020-21 as compared to 2019-20:

	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2019-20</u>
Mission Benevolence	\$ 998,341	\$1,048,729
Institutions	\$ 186,800	\$ 194,800
Deepening Discipleship Table	\$ 240,199	\$ 273,775
Community Engagement Table	\$ 109,909	\$ 109,660
Communication/Technology Table	\$ 69,407	\$ 144,768
Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 677,881</u>	<u>\$ 719,864</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$2,282,537</u>	<u>\$2,491,596</u>

The ELCA support for 2020-21 was 43.25% of unrestricted mission support. For a comparison of expenditures with the budget, see the following financial statements. The change in expenses from 2019-20 to 2020-21 are due to changes in the budget and the effects of COVID-19.

Budget

The budget approved by the Synod Assembly for 2021-22 is \$2,601,745 with support for the ELCA at 43.25%. The budget approved by the Synod Council to be recommended to the 2021 Synod Assembly for 2022-23 is \$2,616,500 with support for the ELCA at 43.25%.

To fund these budgets, the Synod is asking each congregation to give a minimum of 10% of their offering annually. 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

Investment income for the operating fund for the year ending January 31, 2021, was \$105,947 as compared to the \$145,127 for the year ending January 31, 2020.

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

The Resurrection Church Property was sold November 30, 2020. The Callahan Lake Property has been divided into four lots. One lot sold December 18, 2020, and a second lot has since sold February 5, 2021.

"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 ELGA 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, 2020 through January 31, 2021

	Organization	Mission Support	SC Synod Support	Other Funds	Total
1	All Saints 07396, Mt. Pleasant	\$54,999.63	\$0.00	\$3,277.00	\$58,276.63
2	Ascension 05596, Columbia	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3	Atonement 05658, Laurens	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4	Augsburg 05648, Union	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$1,450.00
5	Bachman Chapel 05640, Prosperity	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$577.00	\$9,577.00
6	Beth Eden 05628, Newberry	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
7	Bethany 05627, Newberry	\$8,004.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$8,229.00
8	Bethany 05721, Lexington	\$3,850.00	\$0.00	\$1,365.00	\$5,215.00
9	Bethel 05620, White Rock	\$13,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,000.00
10	Bethlehem 05608, Imo	\$17,870.04	\$0.00	\$315.00	\$18,185.04
11	Bethlehem 05637, Pomaria	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$514.00	\$10,514.00
12	Bethlehem 05703, Leesville	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
13	Cedar Grove 05705, Leesville	\$6,250.00	\$18,750.00	\$1,509.51	\$26,509.51
14	Christ 07329, Hilton Head	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,270.15	\$6,270.15
15	Christ Community 31261, N Charleston	\$3,300.00	\$0.00	\$13,336.00	\$16,636.00
16	Christ Mission 31117, Columbia	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
17	Christ the King 05621, Columbia	\$2,600.00	\$0.00	\$1,520.00	\$4,120.00
18	Christ the King 16415, Greenville	\$1,210.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$1,360.00
19	Christus Victor 07571, Columbia	\$27,093.30	\$0.00	\$16,100.00	\$43,193.30
20	Colony 05630, Newberry	\$7,123.43	\$0.00	\$205.00	\$7,328.43
21	Corinth 05724, Saluda	\$0.00	\$7,100.00	\$16,535.00	\$23,635.00
22	Cristo Rey 30851, West Columbia	\$333.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$333.23
23	Cross and Crown 07503, Florence	\$13,356.00	\$0.00	\$5,710.00	\$19,066.00
24	Crossroads 30706, Fort Mill	\$11,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,300.00
25	Ebenezer 05598, Columbia	\$30,250.00	\$0.00	\$825.00	\$31,075.00
26	Ehrhardt Memorial 05677, Ehrhardt	\$2,800.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$3,350.00
27	Emmanuel 05614, West Columbia	\$28,862.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,862.75
28	Enon 05704, Leesville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
29	Epiphany 30081, Rock Hill	\$4,345.00	\$0.00	\$2,083.21	\$6,428.21
30	Faith 05615, West Columbia	\$14,850.00	\$0.00	\$1,425.00	\$16,275.00
31	Faith 05631, Newberry	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
32	Faith 05683, Johns Island	\$5,654.28	\$0.00	\$494.00	\$6,148.28
33	Faith 05696, Batesburg-Leesville	\$2,420.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,420.00
34	Faith Lutheran Chapel 30683, Pickens	\$3,025.00	\$0.00	\$1,429.33	\$4,454.33
35	Good Hope 05727, Ward	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
36	Good Shepherd 05600, Columbia	\$40,443.91	\$0.00	\$2,657.00	\$43,100.91
37	Good Shepherd 05612, Swansea	\$3,194.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,194.00
38	Good Shepherd 05692, Walterboro	\$10,560.00	\$0.00	\$1,998.00	\$12,558.00
39	Grace 05611, Rock Hill	\$47,943.07	\$0.00	\$12,229.72	\$60,172.79
40	Grace 05643, Prosperity	\$12,227.94	\$0.00	\$1,731.65	\$13,959.59
41	Grace 05698, Gilbert	\$12,999.96	\$0.00	\$2,790.00	\$15,789.96
42	Holy Communion 05659, Spartanburg	\$1,920.00	\$0.00	\$5,124.00	\$7,044.00
43	Holy Spirit 30725, Charleston	\$9,100.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$10,100.00
44	Holy Trinity 05651, Anderson	\$18,443.15	\$0.00	\$3,137.94	\$21,581.09
45	Holy Trinity 05722, Pelion	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$1,585.25	\$2,185.25
46	Hope 30080, Vance	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$3,300.00
47	Immanuel 05657, Greenwood	\$39,465.04	\$0.00	\$2,718.25	\$42,183.29
48	Incarnation 05601, Columbia	\$10,250.04	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$10,420.04
49	Joy 30418, Moore	\$46,449.96	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	\$48,849.96
50	King of Glory 07449, North Myrtle Beach	\$13,488.63	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$13,538.63
51	Living Springs 07829, Columbia	\$47,644.01	\$0.00	\$17,544.27	\$65,188.28

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52	Lord of Life 30351, Bluffton	\$22,500.00	\$2,010.30	\$794.66	\$25,304.96
53	Lutheran Church by the Lake 30369, McCormick	\$21,214.86	\$250.00	\$5,315.00	\$26,779.86
54	Macedonia 05644, Prosperity	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$16,365.00	\$31,365.00
55	Martin Luther 05668, Charleston	\$11,500.00	\$0.00	\$247.93	\$11,747.93
56	Messiah 05663, Mauldin	\$24,000.00	\$0.00	\$9,410.00	\$33,410.00
57	Messiah 05687, Hanahan	\$11,041.73	\$0.00	\$4,219.17	\$15,260.90
58	Mt. Calvary 05701, Johnston	\$9,750.00	\$0.00	\$812.50	\$10,562.50
59	Mt. Hebron 05706, Leesville	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,322.00	\$15,322.00
60	Mt. Hermon 05616, West Columbia	\$13,200.00	\$0.00	\$2,465.00	\$15,665.00
61	Mt. Hermon 05636, Peak	\$9,360.00	\$0.00	\$960.00	\$10,320.00
62	Mt. Horeb 05589, Chapin	\$55,999.99	\$0.00	\$6,900.00	\$62,899.99
63	Mt. Olivet 05645, Prosperity	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
64	Mt. Olivet 05650, Chapin	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$765.00	\$10,765.00
65	Mt. Pilgrim 05625, Prosperity	\$2,760.00	\$0.00	\$538.00	\$3,298.00
66	Mt. Pleasant 05678, Ehrhardt	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
67	Mt. Pleasant 05729, Saluda	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
68	Mt. Tabor 05617, West Columbia	\$56,444.12	\$0.00	\$4,555.39	\$60,999.51
69	Mt. Tabor 05626, Little Mountain	\$23,937.84	\$0.00	\$4,296.00	\$28,233.84
70	Nazareth 05710, Lexington	\$796.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$796.00
71	Nuestro Salvador 31098, Greenville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
72	Orangeburg 05688, Orangeburg	\$5,280.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$5,780.00
73	Our Saviour 05618, West Columbia	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$17,000.00
74	Our Saviour 05654, Greenville	\$27,451.00	\$0.00	\$7,115.00	\$34,566.00
75	Our Shepherd 07234, Hartsville	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00
76	Parroquia el Mesias 31362, Mauldin	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
77	Pilgrim 05712, Lexington	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$12,225.00
78	Pine Grove 05684, Lone Star	\$5,200.00	\$0.00	\$515.00	\$5,715.00
79	Pisgah 05713, Lexington	\$29,700.00	\$0.00	\$16,212.92	\$45,912.92
80	Pomaria 05638, Pomaria	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$8,200.00
81	Providence 05711, Lexington	\$16,216.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,216.71
82	Redeemer 05623, Columbia	\$47,723.00	\$0.00	\$3,302.50	\$51,025.50
83	Redeemer 05633, Newberry	\$8,369.37	\$0.00	\$2,645.00	\$11,014.37
84	Redeemer 05669, Charleston	\$52,583.45	\$0.00	\$996.00	\$53,579.45
85	Redeemer 05730, Greer	\$7,260.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,260.00
86	Reformation 05602, Columbia	\$13,536.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,536.00
87	Reformation 05610, Lancaster	\$13,300.00	\$0.00	\$1,141.36	\$14,441.36
88	Resurrection 05665, Cameron	\$22,730.63	\$0.00	\$4,586.50	\$27,317.13
89	Sagrada Familia 31073, Columbia	\$691.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$691.60
90	Sandy Run 05613, Swansea	\$7,865.00	\$0.00	\$2,475.00	\$10,340.00
91	Shepherd of the Sea 07420, Garden City	\$33,527.13	\$0.00	\$1,058.16	\$34,585.29
92	Silverstreet 05647, Silverstreet	\$2,390.00	\$0.00	\$145.00	\$2,535.00
93	Springs of Grace 30443, Inman	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,295.00	\$2,295.00
94	St. Andrew 05585, Blythewood	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
95	St. Andrew's 05604, Columbia	\$52,258.00	\$0.00	\$9,891.00	\$62,149.00
96	St. Barnabas 05671, Charleston	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
97	St. David 05619, West Columbia	\$49,048.91	\$0.00	\$7,110.05	\$56,158.96
98	St. James 05590, Sumter	\$152.00	\$7,176.25	\$4,270.00	\$11,598.25
99	St. James 05629, Newberry	\$1,620.00	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$2,270.00
100	St. James 05700, Graniteville	\$18,958.29	\$0.00	\$3,841.71	\$22,800.00
101	St. James 05708, Summit	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$525.00	\$10,525.00
102	St. James 05715, Lexington	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,422.00	\$21,422.00

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103	St. Johannes 05672, Charleston	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
104	St. John 05609, Imo	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$505.88	\$9,505.88
105	St. John 05642, Pomaria	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$62.00	\$5,062.00
106	St. John 05653, Clinton	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
107	St. John 05661, Spartanburg	\$59,400.00	\$0.00	\$16,724.00	\$76,124.00
108	St. John 05662, Walhalla	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,780.00	\$27,780.00
109	St. John 05702, Johnston	\$2,498.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,498.67
110	St. John 05714, Lexington	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
111	St. John's 05664, Beaufort	\$44,870.00	\$0.00	\$861.53	\$45,731.53
112	St. John's 05673, Charleston	\$8,625.00	\$0.00	\$11,624.75	\$20,249.75
113	St. Luke 05605, Columbia	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$6,000.00
114	St. Luke 05622, Florence	\$24,850.00	\$0.00	\$6,209.08	\$31,059.08
115	St. Luke 05646, Prosperity	\$23,538.96	\$4,707.96	\$4,436.00	\$32,682.92
116	St. Luke 05691, Summerville	\$31,875.00	\$0.00	\$1,708.00	\$33,583.00
117	St. Mark 05725, Batesburg-Leesville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,421.00	\$8,421.00
118	St. Mark's 05690, Isle of Palms	\$9,490.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$9,790.00
119	St. Matthew 05639, Pomaria	\$8,900.00	\$0.00	\$273.00	\$9,173.00
120	St. Matthew 05666, Cameron	\$2,004.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,004.00
121	St. Matthew 05716, Lexington	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$451.50	\$5,451.50
122	St. Matthew's 05674, Charleston	\$63,152.00	\$0.00	\$2,680.00	\$65,832.00
123	St. Matthias 07330, Easley	\$6,600.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$6,700.00
124	St. Michael 05606, Columbia	\$9,600.00	\$0.00	\$140.00	\$9,740.00
125	St. Michael 05655, Greenville	\$25,416.63	\$0.00	\$325.00	\$25,741.63
126	St. Michael 05694, Moncks Corner	\$2,620.00	\$0.00	\$13,336.00	\$15,956.00
127	St. Nicholas 05680, Fairfax	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
128	St. Paul 05641, Pomaria	\$15,400.00	\$0.00	\$3,920.60	\$19,320.60
129	St. Paul 05695, Aiken	\$55,823.14	\$0.00	\$4,830.00	\$60,653.14
130	St. Paul 05699, Gilbert	\$2,165.00	\$0.00	\$2,905.00	\$5,070.00
131	St. Paul's 05607, Columbia	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$9,520.00	\$49,520.00
132	St. Paul's 05685, Mt Pleasant	\$4,955.00	\$200.00	\$4,141.00	\$9,296.00
133	St. Peter 05697, Batesburg-Leesville	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$3,300.00
134	St. Peter's 07693, Pawleys Island	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
135	St. Philip 05634, Newberry	\$0.00	\$11,490.96	\$700.00	\$12,190.96
136	St. Philip 05686, Myrtle Beach	\$5,687.00	\$0.00	\$1,166.55	\$6,853.55
137	St. Stephen's 05718, Lexington	\$67,250.04	\$0.00	\$5,318.72	\$72,568.76
138	St. Thomas 05593, Chapin	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$20,250.00
139	St. Timothy 05587, Camden	\$9,823.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,823.00
140	St. Timothy 05649, Whitmire	\$2,145.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,145.00
141	Summer Memorial 05635, Newberry	\$12,650.00	\$0.00	\$5,440.00	\$18,090.00
142	Transfiguration 05588, Cayce	\$28,147.38	\$0.00	\$1,908.00	\$30,055.38
143	Trinity 05656, Greenville	\$95,250.00	\$0.00	\$26,569.64	\$121,819.64
144	Trinity 05679, Elloree	\$986.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$986.00
145	Trinity 05681, Fairfax	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$4,882.00	\$5,382.00
146	Trinity 05682, Georgetown	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00
147	Union 05707, Leesville	\$0.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	\$5,400.00
148	University 05652, Clemson	\$46,530.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00	\$47,630.00
149	Wittenberg 05709, Leesville	\$27,257.86	\$0.00	\$770.43	\$28,028.29
150	Zion 05719, Lexington	\$37,574.50	\$0.00	\$335.00	\$37,909.50
	Grand Total:	\$2,241,926.18	\$73,785.47	\$414,283.81	\$2,729,995.46

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

March 15, 2021

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, 2021. These statements are being distributed for your information.

For the January 31, 2021 financials, Property and Equipment is included in the operating fund (undesignated) just like last year.

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.

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, 2021**

Assets	Totals
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,451,375
Investments	2,551,647
Property Available For Sale	611,798
Land, Building & Equipment, Net of Depreciation	1,822,913
Building Under Construction	<u>681,142</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 7,118,874</u>
 Liabilities and Net Assets 	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 209,068
Deferred Revenue	10
Notes Payable, Secured by Property	273,387
Loan Payable, Unsecured US PPP	<u>118,000</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 600,465</u>
 Net Assets	
Donor Restricted	\$ 2,106,303
Council Designated	1,655,590
Unrestricted - Operating	<u>2,756,516</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 6,518,409</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 7,118,874</u>

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**SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD OF THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
January 31, 2021**

	Budget	Actual
SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
Congregational Mission Support	\$ 2,340,000	\$ 2,241,726
Congregational SC Synod Support	60,000	73,785
Assembly Fees	60,000	0
SC Lutheran Subscription	15,000	12,858
Rental Revenue	3,600	15,600
General Contribution	0	9,200
Investment Revenue	20,000	105,947
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TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	2,498,600	2,459,117
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EXPENSES		
ELCA and Institutions		
ELGA Support	1,012,050	969,547
Joint Ministries Region 9 Support	12,046	12,046
Archives Support	6,000	5,748
Bishop's Discretionary Fund	1,000	1,000
Regional Gift Planner - ELGA	0	10,000
Institutions	186,800	186,800
Total ELCA and Institutions	<hr/> 1,217,896	<hr/> USS, 141
Synod Programs		
Deepening Discipleship Table	275,990	236,404
Community Engagement Table	126,120	109,909
Communication/Technology Table	161,800	69,407
Total Synod Programs	<hr/> 563,910	<hr/> 415,720
Administration and Operating Expenses	<hr/> 716,794	<hr/> 604,730
TOTAL EXPENSES	<hr/> 2,498,600	<hr/> 2,205,591
Increase in Net Assets Before Transfers and Other Changes	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 253,526
Transfers and Other Changes in Net Assets		
Gain on Sale of Property		137,968
Transfers to Council Designated Fund		(492,530)
Transfers from Council Designated Fund		14,098
Discount On Note Payable Revenue		(12,265)
Interest Expense		12,265
Abundancia Campaign Expense		(7,200)
Depreciation		(53,686)
Increase (Decrease) in Transfers and Other Changes		<hr/> (401,351)
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets		<hr/> (147,825)
Net Assets Beginning Balance		<hr/> 2,904,340
Net Assets Ending Balance		<hr/> 2,756,515

**SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD OF THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN SYNOD COUNCIL DESIGNATED NET ASSETS
YEAR ENDED JANUARY 31, 2021**

Accounts	Net Asset Balance at 1/31/20	Transfers/ Offerings/ Receipts	Net Investment Income	Net Assets Released from Restrictions Transfers/ Expenditures	Net Asset Balance at 1/31/21
Callahan Property	481,800				481,800
Campus Ministry - Principal	160,000				160,000
Capital Improvements Reserve	145,702		14,309	9,979	150,032
Synod Endowment Fund	436,776		46,508	25,549	457,735
Computers Upgrade	6,457				6,457
Other Properties Maintenance	6,199	7,483		5,206	8,476
Cristo Rey - Building Donation	74,447	183,644			258,091
Resurrection Seminarian Debt		30,000			30,000
Synod Staff Salaries		25,000			25,000
COVID-19 Congregation Grants		66,000		14,000	52,000
Discipleship/Stewardship		26,000			26,000
Trinity Saluda Maintenance	1,233	4,913		6,146	0
Total Council Designated Net Assets	1,312,614	343,040	60,817	60,880	1,655,590

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**SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD OF THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN DONOR RESTRICTED NET ASSETS
YEAR ENDED JANUARY 31, 2021**

Accounts	Net Asset Balance at 1/31/20	Transfers/ Offerings/ Receipts	Net Investment Income	Net Assets Restrictions Transfers/ Expenditures	Net Asset Balance at 1/31/21
Trust Accounts	212,575				212,575
Growing in God's Mission Appeal	504,484	3,364		97,924	409,924
Safe Water for Tanzania	102,905	10,189			113,094
Mission Congregations Accounts	586,207	421,229		288,874	718,561
Special Contributions - Received & Remitted Hunger, Disaster, Institutions, etc.	0	287,202		287,202	0
SC Disaster Response	29,425	11,120		31,345	9,199
Youth Ministry Accounts	25,875	10,025		11,100	24,799
Stewardship	8,406	31,669		25,863	14,212
Mission Director	13,461	10,065		6,426	17,101
Global Missions Accounts	6,854	16,804		17,139	6,519
Trust Income Accounts	279,805	10,026	49,345	15,717	323,459
Campus Ministry	23,280	9,610		4,763	28,127
Rami Moody Fund	11,279				11,279
Resurrection SC Youth Fund	49,356	30,000	5,030	1,071	83,316
Candidacy Scholarship Support	52,281	2,131		381	54,031
Lifeline Fund (Ministers in Debt)		98,000		98,000	0
Discounted Notes Payable	135,740			89,544	46,196
Resurrection Property Expense	(11,483)	46,401		29,017	5,901
Other Accounts	40,101	29,087	0	41,179	28,009
Total Donor Restricted Net Assets	2,070,550	1,026,922	54,376	1,045,544	2,106,303

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**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, 2021**

Goal of the GGM Appeal 1,750,000.00

Revenue

From GGM Appeal	1,808,521.29
Proceeds from St Matthews	36,453.68
Investments Income	<u>81,178.35</u>

Total Revenue 1,926,153.32

Revenue and Expenses by Line Items	Goals	Revenue	Expenses	Balance
Administration Expenses	262,500.00	294,346.00	294,346.00	0.00
Deepening Discipleship				
#1 A Evangelism	170,000.00	56,601.17	40,315.51	16,285.66
#18 Stewardship	170,000.00	162,968.93	115,500.40	47,468.53
#1 C Renewing Congregations	127,500.00	189,697.56	144,048.88	45,648.68
Planting and Sustaining Mission Cong				
#2A Missions Under Development	160,000.00	358,268.95	251,633.70	106,635.25
#2A(MUD - Donor Designated	95,000.00	95,000.00	51,790.64	43,209.36
#28 Planting and Sustaining	212,500.00	132,728.46	48,299.18	84,429.28
Equipping Congregations				
#3 Equipping Congregations	255,000.00	254,454.34	198,323.82	56,130.52
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	245,031.05	234,914.48	10,116.57
Totals GGM Appeal	1,750,000.00	1,926,153.32	1,516,229.49	409,923.83
TANZANIA				
Safe Water		327,303.30	214,209.00	113,094.30
Totals GGM & Tanzania		2,253,456.62	1,730,438.49	523,018.13

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%.

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