

**Report of the Bishop 2022-2023**  
**2023 South Carolina Synod Assembly**  
***“I See Jesus”***

Our theme for this 2023 Annual SC Synod Assembly, *“I See Jesus,”* gives us the opportunity to lift up places across the Synod where we have seen and experienced Jesus in our work and ministry over the past year, *and* to intentionally focus our attention on how we will reflect and represent Jesus as his faithful disciples to the world around us in our walk and life throughout the year to come. This Assembly will highlight stories of mission which we hope will serve as an inspiration to take back to our local communities as a resource. We don't expect that everyone will duplicate these ministries in their own hometowns, but we do hope that these stories will inspire us to consider the various ways we, too, can help others see Jesus.

In the four plenary session themes I recognize the beauty and relationship of the ministries we get to do together throughout the year as Christ's church. It is impossible to share all of them, but here is just a small sampling of where I have seen Jesus in the South Carolina Synod. *I See Jesus in...unexpected places* like Boundary Training Events, Congregational Vitality Workshops and Longest Night Worship Services that challenge us to be authentic and healthy in our relationships with one another. *I See Jesus in...those who are different than me* like all that we learn from our Global Companion partners in Japan, Tanzania and Colombia; like young adults in Campus Ministry and youth in Lutheran Church Youth events who in the midst of formation as faithful adults in a changing world display an eager and inspired love for God and for the people of God, and a deep desire to live in a fully inclusive way that recognizes the gifts in all our siblings. *I See Jesus in...our Spaces* like Lutheran Services Carolinas Refugee Services Office in Myrtle Beach and Trinity Recovery House in Columbia where God's people from a variety of backgrounds learn that there is a place for them in Christ's church; and like Anniversaries and Homecomings where congregations celebrate their history and also look forward to their future; like Call Process and Installations which focus on and celebrate leadership and new relationships within congregations. *I See Jesus in...community* whenever I visit our congregations for worship or special events; in Outreach Ministries that connect people to their communities; in Region 9 Leadership Training like Stewardship Retreats for all First Call Deacons and Pastors; in North Carolina and South Carolina sharing a position for Lutheran Disaster Coordinators to help prepare our Synods in the cases of natural disasters; in the Partnerships that are forming between congregations for mission and transformation as we seek to be the church in this Post-Covid season of life.

I have seen Jesus in the time we have spent together in study of “The Great ReEvaluation,” as well as our Inclusiveness Book Study and Advent and Lenten Bible Studies. People from different settings of the Synod meeting by Zoom, working and talking together about being the church today and faithfully moving together into the future. We are a people who appreciate life-long learning. We have received a heritage from Luther himself to continue our growth as disciples and open God's Word together throughout life. We never stop learning and growing in our understanding of God's Word and in faith. These courses that were offered give us the opportunity to explore the ways we are caught up in the life-giving and hopeful vision of the way of Jesus. We may make jokes about change, and we may proclaim that we don't like change, but we have all experienced some of the biggest changes in everyday life over the past couple of years and we have grown from it. This time in study together has guided us into appreciating a certain sense of comfort in recognizing that change is inevitable and it is what we do with it that is important, and these studies have given us tools for embracing our current situation and navigating the future as we stay steeped in God's Word

and wrestle through it with one another as siblings in Christ Jesus. In many ways the studies have reminded us of the work of the early church where mission included gathering in small groups to study, worship and encourage one another in faithful living. I pray our life together as a Synod and as church will inspire us to have a fervor for opening God's Word together.

We have been blessed over the past year to have the support and encouragement of the Synod Council and the guidance from Mike Ward, GSB Consultant to enter into a time of reflection and Synod visioning. Mike walked with us beginning in the fall of 2022 to listen to Rostered Ministers as well as lay leaders from across the SC Synod and to develop a new Mission Statement and Vision for the Synod from those conversations. As we listened and prayed over this process we began to see more and more clearly that our call in this season is to work toward resourcing and equipping the congregations and the people of the SC Synod to be able to be faithful disciples who have an impact in the name of Jesus on the communities where we live and serve. The Office of the Bishop and the Synod Council continue this work and are excited to walk with you as we live into our Mission and Vision for this season of our history together. We are grateful to those who participated in the surveys, conversations and work on Mission and Vision and we hope that our work together will bless the life of this Synod, our Congregations and Communities. We know that there is a lot of work to do in many areas and we are committed to doing this work together with you.

**SC Synod Mission Statement:** Equipping church leaders to develop impactful faith communities and disciples of Jesus.

**Vision Statement:** Every person in South Carolina experiences God's love and grace.

**Core Values:**

1. Living Faith in Jesus as our Cornerstone (1 Peter 2:4-6)
2. Fostering opportunities for partnership among leaders and communities of faith (Romans 15:5-7)
3. Walking together in sacred trust as siblings in Christ (Luke 24:28-32).

**Ministry Result Areas (MRA)**

1. Synod Council and Staff become more effective and impactful in their roles.
2. Rostered Ministers are growing in faith, equipped for their ministry contexts, and connected with colleagues.
3. Congregational/lay Leaders are trained for leading the church of today.
4. The Synod is actively collaborating with congregations to raise up new rostered leaders and lay leaders for the church.

We will serve to the best of our abilities to resource and connect the SC Synod Council, Rostered Ministers and Laypeople of all ages in the name and ministry of Jesus.

Finally, I am always grateful for the partnership we share in the Office of the Bishop as your Synod Staff and with the Synod Council leadership. Each member of the Staff and Council are faithful servants of God who seek to assist in fostering the gospel of Jesus in this corner of the earth and helping the people of God in any ways we can. I am also thankful for each of you and for the ways you live and move and represent Jesus in the communities where you serve. May we *See Jesus* in one another and may others *See Jesus* in us.

Together in Ministry,

*+Bishop Ginny Aebischer*

## **Office of the Bishop Official Acts April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023**

### **Annual Assembly**

April 5, 2022 – Assembly Planning and Walk-through  
April 19, 2022 – Conduct of Elections (COE) Pre-Assembly Meeting with Lumi  
May 23, 2022 – COE Pre-Assembly Meeting  
May 31, 2022 – Assembly Preparation Run-through  
May 31, 2022 – Reference & Counsel Committee Meeting  
June 1, 2022 – COE Pre-Assembly Meeting with Lumi  
June 12-14, 2022 – Annual Assembly  
June 29, 2022 – Staff Assembly Debrief and Development  
July 7, 2022 – Assembly Potential Location Site Walk through and planning  
November 2022 – Nominating Committee Meeting

### **Calls Accepted**

April 19, 2022 – The Rev. Ricki Mason, Orangeburg, Orangeburg  
May 1, 2022 – The Rev. John C. Derrick, St. Matthew, Lexington  
May 16, 2022 – The Rev. Keith Getz, Wittenberg, Leesville  
June 1, 2022 – The Rev. E.P. Martin, Messiah, Mauldin  
July 18, 2022 – The Rev. Fred Bartelt, St. James, Lexington  
July 25, 2022 – The Rev. Joe Woodward, US Army Chaplain  
August 1, 2022 – The Rev. Ralph Hill, St. Stephen's, Lexington  
August 1, 2022 – The Rev. Mark Scott, Interim Ministry, SC Synod  
August 15, 2022 – The Rev. Joanna Gragg, Ebenezer, Columbia  
August 16, 2022 – The Rev. Doug Gaul, Interim Ministry, SC Synod  
August 28, 2022 – The Rev. Miho Yasukawa, Fairfax Parish  
September 11, 2022 – The Rev. Jamie Reising, Redeemer, Charleston  
December 7, 2022 – The Rev. Heather Apel, St. John, Spartanburg  
December 7, 2022 – The Rev. Wade Apel, St. John, Spartanburg  
December 11, 2022 – The Rev. John Woods, Rice Estate, Lutheran Homes of SC  
March 17, 2023 – The Rev. Mike Shackelford, Interim Ministry, SC Synod  
March 19, 2023 – The Rev. Scott Landrum, St. James, Sumter  
March 26, 2023 – The Rev. Sue Johnson, Lutheran Church by the Lake, McCormick

### **Candidacy**

April 26-27, 2022 – Candidacy Committee Meeting, Entrance Decisions  
October 4-5, 2022 – Candidacy Committee Meeting, Endorsement Decisions  
December 6-7, 2022 – Candidacy Committee Meeting

### **Closing of Congregation**

October 16, 2022 – Christ Mission, Columbia

### **Communications**

Facilitated Zoom Meetings, Neal Fischer, Director of Communications  
April 2022 - 14 Zoom Meeting Sessions  
May 2022 - 15 Zoom Meeting Sessions  
June 2022 - 4 Zoom Meeting Sessions  
July 2022 - 18 Zoom Meeting Sessions  
August 2022 - 13 Zoom Meeting Sessions  
September 2022 - 11 Zoom Meeting Sessions

October 2022 - 11 Zoom Meeting Sessions  
November 2022 - 13 Zoom Meeting Sessions  
December 2022 - 17 Zoom Meeting Sessions  
January 2023 - Zoom Meeting Sessions  
February 2023 - 12 Zoom Meeting Sessions  
March 2023 - 14 Zoom Meeting Sessions

Produced Online Worship Services, Neal Fischer, Director of Communications

April 2022 - 9 Online Worship Services  
May 2022 - 5 Online Worship Services  
June 2022 - 14 Online Worship Services  
July 2022 - 5 Online Worship Services  
September 2022 - 4 Online Worship Services  
October 2022 - 6 Online Worship Services  
November 2022 - 4 Online Worship Services  
December 2022 - 6 Online Worship Services  
January 2023 - 6 Online Worship Services  
February 2023 - 5 Online Worship Services  
March 2023 - 4 Online Worship Services

Lutheran Living in South Carolina Video Magazine, Neal Fischer, Director of Communications  
and Deacon Sarah Bowers, Creative Director

September 2022 - Recorded, Produced, and Published  
November 2022 - Recorded, Produced, and Published  
January 2023 - Recorded, Produced, and Published  
March 2023 - Recorded, Produced, and Published

eNews, Neal Fischer, Director of Communications

April 2022 - 4 weekly editions, 2 Assembly editions, and 4 special editions  
May 2022 - 4 weekly editions, 2 Assembly editions, and 6 special editions  
June 2022 - 5 weekly editions, 1 Assembly edition, and 6 special editions  
July 2022 - 4 weekly editions and 2 special editions  
August 2022 - 5 weekly editions and 3 special editions  
September 2022 - 4 weekly editions and 3 special editions  
October 2022 - 4 weekly editions and 2 special editions  
November 2022 - 5 weekly editions and 3 special editions  
December 2022 - 3 weekly editions and 2 special editions  
January 2023 - 4 weekly editions, 1 Assembly edition, and 2 special editions  
February 2023 - 4 weekly editions, 2 Assembly editions, and 3 special editions  
March 2023 - 5 weekly editions, 2 Assembly editions, and 1 special edition

Lutheran FAQ videos, Neal Fischer, Director of Communications and The Rev. Emily Hartmann,  
Assistant to the Bishop

April 2022 - 4 Recorded, Produced, and Published  
June 2022 - 1 Recorded, Produced, and Published  
September 2022 - 4 Recorded, Produced, and Published  
October 2022 - 3 Recorded, Produced, and Published  
January 2023 - 1 Recorded, Produced, and Published  
February 2023 - 1 Recorded, Produced, and Published

Produced Videos (other), Neal Fischer, Director of Communications  
April 2022 - Recorded, Produced, and Published Bishop's Easter Message  
May 2022 - Recorded, Produced, and Published Promotional Video for LCY Convocation  
December 2022 - Recorded, Produced, and Published Bishop's Christmas Message  
June 2022 - Streamed and produced Synod Assembly Live including 18 hours of video  
June 2022 - Produced and Published 35 Synod Assembly videos for eNews and posting  
September 2022 - Helped Facilitate Regional Training Event for Synod Staffs  
October 2022 - Helped Facilitate Regional Training Event for Synod Staffs  
January 2023 - Recorded and Produced video invitation to Synod Assembly with Deacon Lexanne Graves, Synod Vice President  
January 2023 - Recorded and Streamed the Region 9 / LTSS Stewardship Symposium

### **Community Outreach**

April 30, 2022 – Family Promise of the Midlands Gala, Columbia  
January 6, 2023—SCEA Meeting  
March 13, 2023—Recovery Center Dedication, Columbia

### **Conference of Bishops**

April 3, 2022 ELCA Assembly Orientation for SC Synod Voting Members  
April 7, 2022 COB Meeting (Zoom)  
April 19, 2022 COB Meeting (Zoom)  
April 21, 2022 COB Meeting (Zoom)  
May 18, 2022 COB Meeting (Zoom)  
May 20, 2022 ELCA Good Samaritan Committee Meeting (ZOOM)  
June 3, 2022 COB Meeting (Zoom)  
June 21, 2022 COB Meeting (Zoom)  
July 7, 2022 ELCA Assembly Bible Study (Zoom)  
July 10, 2022 ELCA Assembly Bible Study (Zoom)  
July 17, 2022 ELCA Assembly Bible Study (Zoom)  
July 31, 2022 ELCA Assembly Bible Study (Zoom)  
August 1, 2022 ELCA Assembly Prep meeting (Zoom)  
August 2, 2022 ELCA Assembly Hearing (Zoom)  
August 3, 2022 ELCA Assembly Hearing (Zoom)  
August 4, 2022 ELCA Assembly Hearing (Zoom)  
August 4, 2022 COB Meeting  
August 6-11, 2022 ELCA Assembly  
August 13, 2022 ELCA Assembly final Session review  
August 28, 2022 SC Synod Voting Members to ELCA Assembly debrief  
September 26, 2022 ELCA Roster Committee Meeting (Zoom)  
September 28-October 1, 2022 Fall COB Meeting (including Fund for Leaders Dinner)  
October 27, 2022 COB Meeting (Zoom)  
November 15, 2022 COB Meeting (Zoom)  
February 16, 2023 COB Meeting (Zoom)  
February 16, 2023 ELCA Roster Committee Meeting (Zoom)  
February 28 – March 4, 2023 Spring COB Meeting  
March 28-31 – Bishops Seminary Visit to Wartburg Seminary

### **Conference of Deans/Conference Meetings**

November 30, 2022 – Conference of Deans Meeting  
February 14, 2023 – Heartland Conference Rostered Ministers

February 26, 2023 – Midlands Conference Meeting March 14, 2023 – Western Conference  
Rostered Ministers

**Congregations that have voted to leave the ELCA & Synod Council Action**

St. Paul, Pomaria – First Vote – October 16, 2022, Second Vote – January 29, 2023, Synod  
Council voted no to Disaffiliation February 27, 2023

**Conversations/ Pastoral Visits with Pastors/Deacons/Council Leaders – General and Call  
Process Individual Meetings**

359 (estimate)

**Council Meetings, Call Committee Meetings & Congregational Events**

April 3, 2022 – Congregational Event, Faith, West Columbia  
April 10, 2022 – Call Committee Meeting, Ebenezer, Columbia  
April 24, 2022 – Worship and Joint Council Meeting, Ehrhardt Parish, Ehrhardt  
April 24, 2022 – Council Meeting, The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Charleston  
May 1, 2022 – Congregational Event, St. John, Spartanburg  
May 1, 2022 – Worship and Congregational Meeting with potential new leader, Cristo Rey, West  
Columbia  
May 4, 2022 – Call Committee Meeting, St. James, Lexington  
May 9, 2022 – Call Committee Meeting, St. Paul, Gilbert  
May 9, 2022 – Council Meeting, St. Paul, Aiken  
May 16, 2022 – Council Meeting, Lutheran Church by the Lake, McCormick  
May 17, 2022 – Council Meeting, St. Paul, Pomaria  
May 22, 2022 – Congregational Event, St. Mark and Corinth, Leesville  
May 22, 2022 – Congregational Event, Summer Memorial, Newberry  
May 23, 2022 – Council Meeting, St. James, Sumter  
June 6, 2022 – Council Leadership Meeting, St. James, Summit  
June 10, 2022 – Call Committee Meeting, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Charleston  
June 19, 2022 – Call Committee Meeting, Summer Memorial, Newberry  
June 21, 2022 – Council Meeting, Sandy Run, Swansea  
June 22, 2022 – Council Meeting, Reformation, Columbia & Christ Mission, Columbia  
June 27, 2022 – Call Committee, St. John, Spartanburg  
July 5, 2022 – Council Meeting, Christ Mission, Columbia  
July 20, 2022 – Call Committee, St. John  
July 24, 2022 – Congregational Event, Lutheran Church by the Lake, McCormick  
August 2, 2022 – Council Leadership Team, Lord of Life, Bluffton  
August 14, 2022 – Council/Call Committee Meeting, Bethany, Newberry  
August 23, 2022 – Council Meeting, Grace, Prosperity  
August 24, 2022 – Council Leaders Meeting, Pomaria, Pomaria  
August 24, 2022 – Council Leaders Meeting, Pilgrim, Lexington  
August 24, 2022 – Call Committee Meeting, Lutheran Church by the Lake, McCormick  
September 19, 2022 – Council and Call Committee Leadership Meeting, Joy, Moore  
September 19, 2022 – Council Meeting, St. John, Lexington  
September 20, 2022 – Council Meeting, Cedar Grove, Leesville  
September 26, 2022 – Call Committee Meeting, St. Paul, Gilbert  
October 9, 2022 – Council Meeting, St. Matthew, Pomaria  
October 9, 2022 – Congregational Event, Union, Leesville  
October 16, 2022 – Congregational Meeting (First vote on Disaffiliation), St. Paul, Pomaria  
October 18, 2022 – Congregational Event, St. James, Sumter  
October 23, 2022 – Council Meeting, Reformation, Columbia

October 30, 2022 – Joint Council Meeting, Crossroads, Indian Land and Amazing Grace, Waxhaw  
 November 2, 2022 – Council Leader Meeting, St. Matthew, Pomaria  
 November 20, 2022 – Council Meeting, St. John, Irmo  
 November 21, 2022 – Council Leaders Meeting, Pilgrim, Lexington  
 November 27, 2022 – Council Meeting, Good Shepherd, Walterboro and Ehrhardt Parish  
 November 30, 2022 – Council Meeting, Union, Leesville and St. John, Lexington  
 December 4, 2022 – Council Meeting, St. John, Irmo and Pomaria, Pomaria  
 December 5, 2022 – Council/Vestry Meeting, St. John, Charleston  
 December 7, 2022 – Council Meeting, Ascension, Columbia  
 December 4, 2022 – Call Committee/Council Meeting, St. John, Irmo and Pomaria, Pomaria  
 December 12, 2022 – Council Leaders Meeting, Faith, West Columbia  
 December 18, 2022 – Council Meeting, Faith, Pickens  
 December 19, 2022 – Call Committee Meeting, St. James, Sumter  
 January 8, 2023 – Council Meeting, Mt. Horeb, Chapin  
 January 8, 2023 – Joint Council Meeting, Mt. Olivet, Chapin and Mt. Hermon, Peak  
 January 9, 2023 – Congregational Consultation (Disaffiliation), St. Paul, Pomaria  
 January 10, 2023 – Council Leaders Meeting, Grace, Gilbert  
 January 10, 2023 – Executive Council Meeting, St. Matthias, Easley  
 January 11, 2023 – Council Partner Conversations, Faith, West Columbia and Sandy Run, Swansea  
 January 12, 2023 – Councils meeting, St. John, Irmo and Pomaria, Pomaria  
 January 15, 2023 – Council Meeting, St. Matthias, Easley  
 January 22, 2022 – Council Meeting, Reformation, Columbia  
 January 29, 2023 – Congregational Meeting (2nd vote on Disaffiliation), St. Paul, Pomaria  
 January 30, 2023 – Council and Call Committee Meetings, Joy, Moore  
 February 15, 2023 – Call Committee Meeting, Union, Leesville  
 February 15, 2023 – Call Committee Meeting, Corinth and St. Mark, Leesville  
 March 14, 2023 – Council Leaders Meeting, St. John, Irmo and Pomaria, Pomaria  
 March 20, 2023 – Council and Call Committee Meeting, St. Paul, Gilbert  
 March 26, 2023 – Congregational Event, Mt. Horeb, Chapin  
 March 26, 2023 – Leadership Team Meeting, Grace, Prosperity

## **Deaths**

April 15, 2022 – The Rev. Charles B. Dawkins  
 April 17, 2022 – The Rev. J. Pierce Evans, Jr.  
 April 29, 2022 – The Rev. James Connelly  
 March 9, 2022 – The Rev. Dr. James H. Milligan  
 May 23, 2022 – The Rev. Dr. Robert N. Bacher  
 May 27, 2022 – The Rev. Charles W. Easley  
 June 22, 2022 – Mrs. Dorothea M. Lyerly, Wife of the Rev. Gary R. Lyerly  
 August 8, 2022 – The Rev. Eddie C. Miller, Jr.  
 August 12, 2022 – Mrs. June Moore Fulmer, Widow of the Rev. G. Allen Fulmer  
 October 8, 2022 – The Rev. Steven D. Jackson  
 November 18, 2022 – The Rev. Robert G. Coon  
 November 24, 2022 – The Rev. Larry Long  
 January 2, 2023 – The Rev. James H. Nichols  
 January 9, 2023 – The Rev. J. Harry Crout  
 February 11, 2023 – The Rev. Everette Lineberger

**Finance**

October 27, 2022 – Finance Committee Meeting  
January 30, 2023 – Finance Committee Meeting  
March 20, 2023 – Finance Committee Meeting

**Global Network**

July 18, 2022 – Welcome Pastor Hitoshi and Satoko from JELC  
July 29, 2022 – Global Mission Coordinators Meeting  
March 21, 2022 – Welcome Pastor Toky and Pastor Ogilvie, from Madagascar

**Inclusiveness Network**

April 4, 2022 – MORE Justice Nehemiah Action Gathering, Columbia  
June 28, 2022—Inclusiveness Network Meeting  
July 28, 2022—Inclusiveness Network Meeting  
September 8, 2022—Inclusiveness Network Meeting  
October 13, 2022—Inclusiveness Network Meeting  
February 9, 2023—Inclusiveness Network Meeting

**Indigenous Peoples Accompaniment Network**

March 5, 2023—Meeting at Providence, Lexington

**Installations**

May 4, 2022 – The Rev. David Coffman, Newberry College. Installed by Bishop Virginia Aebischer at Wiles Chapel.  
May 15, 2022 – The Rev. Aaron DeBenedetto, St. Paul's, Mt. Pleasant. Installed by the Rev. Nathan Rice.  
May 22, 2022 – The Rev. Rick Mason, Orangeburg. Installed by the Rev. Eric Little.  
June 12, 2022 – The Rev. John C. Derrick, St. Matthew's, Lexington. Installed by the Rev. Wade Roof.  
June 26, 2022 – The Rev. Keith Getz, Wittenberg, Leesville. Installed by the Rev. Lisa Isenhower.  
August 7, 2022 – The Rev. Ralph Hill, St. Stephen's, Lexington. Installed by the Rev. Wade Roof.  
August 14, 2022 – The Rev. E.P. Martin, Messiah, Mauldin. Installed by the Rev. Maria Miller.  
September 18, 2022 – The Rev. Fred Bartelt, St. James, Lexington. Installed by the Rev. Wade Roof.  
September 25, 2022 – The Rev. Miho Yasukawa, Fairfax Parish. Installed by the Rev. Eric Little.  
September 25, 2022 – The Rev. Joanna Gragg, Ebenezer, Columbia. Installed by the Rev. Andrew Isenhower.  
October 16, 2022 – The Rev. Aaron DeBenedetto, St. Johannes, Charleston. Installed by the Rev. Nathan Rice.  
January 22, 2023 – The Rev. Heather and The Rev. Wade Apel, St. John, Spartanburg. Installed by the Rev. Gregg Hoffman.

**Institutional & Auxiliary Partnerships**

April 7, 2022 – SCLRC Board Meeting  
May 5, 2022 – LTSS Baccalaureate Service  
May 5, 2022 – NovusWay Board Meeting  
May 18, 2022 – NovusWay Board Meeting  
May 25, 2022 – NovusWay Board Meeting



June 24, 2022 – SC Women of the ELCA Convention  
 June 26, 2022 – SC Lutheran Men in Mission Executive Committee Meeting  
 September 20, 2022 – SC Lutheran Men in Mission Saxe Gotha Committee of 100 Dinner  
 September 29, 2022—Newberry College Food Pantry Dedication  
 October 4, 2022 – Lutheran Services Carolinas Shepherd Society Lunch  
 October 16, 2022 – SC Lutheran Men in Mission Executive Committee Meeting  
 October 20, 2022 – SC Lutheran Retreat Centers Board Meeting  
 November 16, 2022 – Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary Worship and Lunch Sending for Rev. Dr. Mary Shore  
 November 21, 2022—Participated in Class Panel for Dr. McArver  
 January 14, 2023 – SC Lutheran Retreat Centers Board Meeting  
 January 18, 2023 – NovusWay Board Meeting  
 February 17-18, 2023 – SC Lutheran Men in Mission Past President's Dinner and Convention at Messiah, Mauldin  
 March 9-11, 2023 – NovusWay Board Meeting at Luther Ranch Tallapoosa, Georgia  
 March 12, 2023 – Lutheran Services Carolinas Dedication of Refugee Resettlement Office, Myrtle Beach  
 March 13, 2023 – Lutheran Services Carolinas Dedication of Recovery Manor, Columbia.

### **Interim Pastors**

The Rev. Dr. Mary Anderson, Wittenberg, Leesville; Pilgrim, Lexington  
 The Rev. Mike Shackelford, St. Matthew, Pomaria  
 The Rev. Beth Neubauer, Crossroads, Indian Land & Amazing Grace, Waxaw  
 The Rev. Mark Scott, St. John's, Charleston  
 The Rev. Christi Pursey, St. James, Lexington; Ehrhardt Parish, Ehrhardt  
 The Rev. Kevin Ogilvie, St. Mark/Corinth, Leesville  
 The Rev. Matthew Lash, St. Paul, Gilbert  
 The Rev. Jane Mitcham, Grace, Prosperity  
 The Rev. Linda Anderson, Mt. Olivet, Chapin & Mt. Hermon, Peak  
 The Rev. Steve Counts, Nazareth, Lexington  
 The Rev. Craig Boehlke, Good Shepherd, Walterboro  
 The Rev. Art Turfa, Faith, West Columbia  
 The Rev. Bill Ebener, Union, Leesville  
 The Rev. Mark Buchan, St. John, Irmo  
 The Rev. Pat Riddle, Mt. Horeb, Chapin  
 The Rev. Leroy Cannon, Resurrection, Columbia  
 The Rev. Wayne Young, Lutheran Church by the Lake, McCormick  
 The Rev. Karen Hawkins, Summer Memorial, Newberry  
 The Rev. Christine Parham, St. James, Sumter  
 The Rev. Gary Brandenburg, St. Paul, Pomaria  
 The Rev. Bruce Booher, St. John, Spartanburg  
 The Rev. Mark Bredholt, Cedar Grove, Leesville  
 The Rev. Fred Suhr, St. David, West Columbia  
 The Rev. Jim Glander, St. James, Summit

### **Leadership Events**

April 6, 2022 – Staff Development  
 April 20, 2022 – Clemson LCM Program, University Clemson  
 April 25, 2022 – Interim Gathering (Zoom)  
 April 28-29, 2022 – Host Latino Leader, Cristo Rey, West Columbia  
 May 11, 2022 – Staff Development Day

May 24, 2022 – Interim Gathering (Zoom)  
 June 21, 2022 – Interim Leaders  
 July 6, 2022 – Interim Leaders  
 July 14, 2022 – Interim Leaders Team  
 July 19-20, 2022 – Staff Mid-year Reviews  
 July 27, 2022 – Executive Staff Visioning  
 August 17, 2022 – Staff ELCA Assembly Review  
 August 23, 2022 – Beloved Leader Meeting  
 August 23, 2022 – Interim Leaders  
 September 19-20, 2022 – Legal Consult  
 September 21, 2022 – Staff Development Day  
 October 6, 2022 – Interim Leaders  
 October 20, 2022 – Interim Gathering  
 November 14, 2022 – Partnership Retreat, Camp Kinard, Leesville  
 November 9, 2022 – Campus Ministry, St. Matthew's, Charleston  
 November 15, 2022 - Inclusiveness Book Study, "The Color of Compromise"  
 November 29, 2022 – Inclusiveness Book Study, "The Color of Compromise"  
 December 1, 2022 – Advent Bible Study, The Rev. Dr. Bobby Morris (Zoom)  
 December 1, 2022 – Interim Gathering  
 December 1 & 7, 2022 – Staff Annual Reviews  
 December 5, 2022 – Interim Leaders  
 December 8, 2022 – Staff Retreat Day  
 December 8, 2022 – Advent Bible Study, The Rev. Dr. Bobby Morris (Zoom)  
 December 13, 2022- Inclusiveness Book Study, "The Color of Compromise"  
 December 15, 2022 - Advent Bible Study, The Rev. Dr. Bobby Morris (Zoom)  
 December 22, 2022 - Advent Bible Study, The Rev. Dr. Bobby Morris (Zoom)  
 January 10, 2023 – Inclusiveness Book Study, "The Color of Compromise"  
 January 23, 2023 – Interim Gathering  
 January 24, 2023 – Inclusiveness Book Study, "The Color of Compromise"  
 January 24, 2023 – Consultation and Strategic Planning Work  
 February 7, 2023 - Inclusiveness Book Study, "The Color of Compromise"  
 February 13, 2023 – The Great ReEvaluation Course Kick Off Event, The Rev. Dr. Mark Tidsworth, Mt. Hermon, West Columbia  
 February 19, 2023 - The Great ReEvaluation Course Kick Off Event, The Rev. Dr. Mark Tidsworth, St. Luke, Summerville  
 February 20, 2023 – Congregational Leadership Meetings  
 February 26, 2023 - The Great ReEvaluation Course Kick Off Event, The Rev. Dr. Mark Tidsworth, Holy Communion, Spartanburg  
 February 27, 2023 – Lent Bible Study, The Rev. Dr. Bobby Morris (Zoom)  
 March 3, 2023 – Lent Bible Study, The Rev. Dr. Bobby Morris (Zoom)  
 March 6, 2023 - The Great ReEvaluation Course (Zoom), The Rev. Dr. Mark Tidsworth  
 March 13, 2023 – Lent Bible Study, The Rev. Dr. Bobby Morris (Zoom)  
 March 24-25, 2023 – Strategic Planning Meetings  
 March 27, 2023 - The Great ReEvaluation Course (Zoom), The Rev. Dr. Mark Tidsworth  
 March 27, 2023 – Lent Bible Study, The Rev. Dr. Bobby Morris (Zoom)

### **Ordinations/Consecrations**

April 9, 2022 – Laura Sharpe-Waites, Consecration as Deaconess at Lowman Home Chapel  
 June 18, 2022 – E.P. Martin, held at Joy, Moore

## **Region 9**

April 14, 2022 – Region 9 Council  
May 3, 2022 – Region 9 Council  
May 12, 2022 – Region 9 Council  
June 9, 2022 – Region 9 Consultation  
July 11-13, 2022 – Region 9 Bishop's Retreat  
July 15, 2022 – NC & SC Synods LDR Planning  
July 21, 2022 – Region 9 Lutheran Disaster Relief Proposal Finalized  
July 29, 2022 – Region 9 Bishops  
August 17, 2022 – Region 9 Lutheran Disaster Relief  
September 27, 2022 – Region 9 Lutheran Disaster Relief  
October 6, 2022 – Region 9 Consultation  
October 15, 2022 – Region 9 Boundary Training for Rostered Ministers  
October 24, 2022 – Region 9 Bishops  
October 27, 2022 – Region 9 Boundary Training for Rostered Ministers  
November 11, 2022 – Region 9 Bishops  
November 15, 2022—Region 9 Assistants to the Bishops meeting  
November 17, 2022 – Region 9 Council  
December 8, 2022 – Region 9 Bishops  
December 13, 2022 – NC & SC Synods Interviews for LDR Directors Position  
January 12, 2023 – Region 9 Bishops  
January 26, 2023 – Region 9 Consultation  
March 9-11, 2023 – Region 9 Assistants to Bishops/Bishops Boundary Planning & Evaluation

## **Removed from the Roster (by Synod Council vote)**

April 4, 2022 – The Rev. Lester Cutter  
December 31, 2022 – The Rev. Judson Merrell  
February 8, 2023 – The Rev. Emil Klatt

## **Resignations**

April 17, 2022 – The Rev. Ricki Mason, Ehrhardt Parish  
April 30, 2022- The Rev. John C. Derrick, St. John, Irmo  
May 1, 2022 – Deacon Mandi Whitley, Trinity, Greenville  
May 8, 2022 – The Rev. Keith Getz, St. James, Sumter  
July 15, 2022 – The Rev. Ralph Hill, Mt. Horeb Chapin  
July 24, 2022 – The Rev. Joe Woodward, Cedar Grove, Leesville  
July 25, 2022 – The Rev. Tim Bupp, Reformation, Columbia  
July 31, 2022 – The Rev. Mark Scott, Pomaria, Pomaria  
August 14, 2022 – The Rev. Joanna Gragg, Mt. Horeb, Chapin  
August 15, 2022 – Deacon Shelley Allen, Joy, Moore  
October 1, 2022 – The Rev. Thulie Beresford, MUSC  
December 10, 2022 – The Rev. John Woods, Pilgrim, Lexington

## **Retirement**

May 27, 2022 – The Rev. Patrick Appleget  
July 1, 2022 – The Rev. Leroy Cannon  
July 12, 2022 – Deacon Harry Prim  
September 1, 2022 – The Rev. David Butler  
December 1, 2022 – The Rev. Kathy Harris

### **Stated Supply Pastors**

The Rev. Reggie Cruse, St. Peter, Batesburg-Leesville  
The Rev. Rus Stilwell, St. Andrew, Blythewood  
The Rev. Colin Kerr, Ecumenical Partner, St. Barnabas, Charleston  
The Rev. Paul Williams, St. John, Clinton  
The Rev. Paul Williams, St. Timothy, Whitmire  
The Rev. Greg Martin, Trinity, Georgetown  
The Rev. Jann Boyd, Enon, Leesville  
Deaconess Laura Sharpe-Waites, Bethany, Newberry  
The Rev. Ozzie Herlong, Bethany, Lexington  
The Rev. Carroll Robinson, Holy Trinity, Pelion  
The Rev. Art Hallman, Bethlehem, Pomaria  
The Rev. Floyd Sides, Bachman Chapel, Prosperity  
The Rev. Maria Miller, Augsburg, Union  
The Rev. John Stoudemayer, Silverstreet  
The Rev. Pam Turfa, Sandy Run, Swansea

### **Synod Council**

April 4, 2022 – Synod Council Meeting  
April 21, 2022 – Lifeline Distribution Team Meeting  
May 9, 2022 – Lifeline Distribution Team Research  
May 11, 2022 – Lifeline Distribution Team Meeting  
May 16, 2022 – Executive Council Meeting  
May 25, 2022 – Lifeline Distribution Team Meeting  
July 21, 2022 – Synod Treasurer and Accountant Meeting  
July 26, 2022 – Lifeline Distribution Team Meeting  
August 2, 2022 – Executive Council Meeting  
August 27, 2022 – Synod Council Meeting  
September 20, 2022 – Consultation with Mike Ward, GSB (Strategic Visioning Process)  
October 3, 2022 – Lifeline Distribution Team Meeting  
October 4, 2022 – Executive Council Meeting  
October 18, 2022 – Synod Treasurer & Accountant Meeting  
October 19, 2022 - Consultation with Mike Ward, GSB (Strategic Visioning Process)  
October 31, 2022 – Executive Council Meeting  
November 8, 2022 - Consultation with Mike Ward, GSB (Strategic Visioning Process)  
November 14, 2022 – Synod Council Meeting  
November 16, 2022 - Consultation with Mike Ward, GSB (Strategic Visioning Process)  
November 21, 2022 - Consultation with Mike Ward, GSB (Strategic Visioning Process)  
December 12, 2022 – Lifeline Distribution Team Meeting  
December 14, 2022 - Consultation with Mike Ward, GSB (Strategic Visioning Process)  
December 18, 2022 – Synod Council Meeting  
January 10, 2023 – Executive Council Meeting  
January 18, 2023 – Consult with Synod Lawyer  
January 31, 2023 – Leadership Team Meeting (Compensation Guidelines updates)  
January 31, 2022 – Consult with Synod Lawyer  
February 13, 2023 – Executive Council Meeting  
February 21, 2023 - Consultation with Mike Ward, GSB (Strategic Visioning Process)  
February 27, 2023 – Consult with Synod Lawyer/Executive Council  
February 27, 2023 – Synod Council Meeting  
March 7, 2023 – Consult with Synod Lawyer/Executive Council  
March 16, 2023 – Consult with Synod Lawyer/Executive Council/Retain Attorney

## **Stewardship**

January 27, 2023—Stewardship Symposium

## **Transfers**

July 25, 2022 – The Rev. Tim Bupp, Transfer to Metropolitan New York Synod

## **Transfers Received**

May 26, 2022 – The Rev. Carol Brighton, Transfer from New Jersey Synod

May 27, 2022 – The Rev. Judy McGuire, Transfer from Indiana-Kentucky Synod

July 18, 2022 – The Rev. Fred Bartelt, South Dakota Synod

August 1, 2022 – The Rev. Miho Yasukawa, Transfer from Northern Illinois Synod

August 17, 2022 – The Rev. Kim Stover, Transfer from Southeastern Synod

September 11, 2022 – The Rev. Jamie Reising, Transfer from Southeastern Iowa Synod

November 1, 2022 – The Rev. Steve Gellatly, Transfer from Southern Ohio Synod

December 7, 2022 – The Rev. Heather Apel, Transfer from Indiana-Kentucky Synod

December 7, 2022 – The Rev. Wade Apel, Transfer from Indiana-Kentucky Synod

## **Worship Celebrations and Special Events**

April 4, 2022 – Cristo Rey Worship, West Columbia, SC

May 15, 2022 – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Redeemer, Greer

May 23, 2022 – Service of the Word record for Synod Worship

May 29, 2022 – Worship and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Presentation, The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Charleston

May 29, 2022 – 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration, Pastor Alvin Haigler

June 1, 2022 – History Book Celebration Luncheon

June 17, 2022 – Emmanuel 9 Remembrance Worship, Mother Emmanuel AME, Charleston

June 26, 2022 – 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Ascension, Columbia

July 31, 2022 – Sending Service for Pastor Peter Morey, St. James, Summit

August 28, 2022 – Retirement Service and Celebration for Pastor David Butler, St. John, Charleston

September 18, 2022 – Homecoming, Mt. Olivet, Chapin

October 7, 2022 – Oktoberfest blessing, Incarnation, Columbia

October 23, 2022 – Holy Communion Worship and receiving new members, Reformation, Columbia

October 24-26, 2022 – SC Synod Convocation, Lutheridge, Arden, NC

November 6, 2022 – Celebration of New Building, St. Luke, Summerville

November 27, 2022 – Dedication, Community, North Charleston

November 30, 2022 – Hutto Funeral, Mt. Tabor, West Columbia

December 21, 2022 – Longest Night Service, St. Matthew's, Pomaria

December 24, 2022 – Christmas Eve Worship, Faith, Pickens

January 22, 2022 – Martin Luther King Remembrance Worship, Ascension, Columbia

## **Youth**

May 6-8, 2022—Spring Into Action, May 6-8, 2022

May 29, 2022—GraceWorks Planning Meetings

June 6, 20, 22, 29, 2022—GraceWorks Columbia Planning Meetings

June 26-July 1, 2022—Camp HUGG

July 11-14, 2022—GraceWorks Columbia

September 24, 2022—Newberry College Youth Day

October 21-23, 2022—Hand in Hand Service Event

January 11, 2023—Staff meetings for January Retreat

January 13-15, 2023—9th and 10th Grade Retreat  
March 12, 2023—GraceWorks Columbia Planning Meeting  
March 17-19, 2023—SCLCY Middle School Retreat

**Campus Ministry**

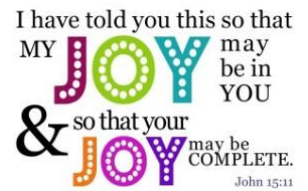
September 18, 2022—Provided Meal for Gamecock Lutherans  
October 19, 2022—Campus Ministry Task Force Meeting  
November 9, 2022—Met with College of Charleston Lutheran Campus Ministry  
February 13, 2023—Led Small Catechism Study with Gamecock Lutherans  
March 28, 2023—Worshiped with Winthrop Ecumenical Lutheran Campus Ministry

## Report of the Vice President

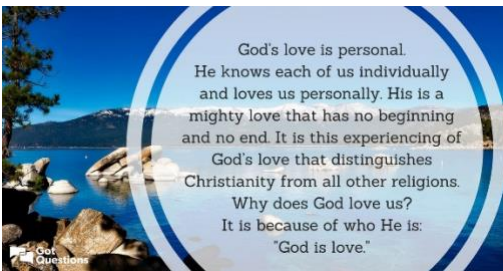
Deacon Lexanne Graves  
South Carolina Synod Assembly 2023



Your South Carolina Synod Council gathered in August 2022 over Zoom under the theme, ***“ABC’s of Gratitude”***. Our scripture texts that guided our conversations were from John 15:11, ***“I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”*** and Nehemiah 8:10 ***“Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”*** For the purposes of our intentional sharing time,



the letters in the word **J.O.Y.**, were to stand for **J**esus, **O**thers, and **Y**OU. With that framework in mind we then shared about our gratefulness for who and whose we are as children of God and how grateful we were for others on the “screen” who represent different contexts, different styles of leadership, different backgrounds, different skillsets, different years of serving on Council, different gifts, etc, etc. My hope was that we might SEE one another as Jesus sees us so that we might serve better together with synod business and spiritual matters. This intentional sharing time helped set the mindset for the coming months.



We are blessed with Synod Council leaders who were elected to serve for this year. The Holy Spirit really knew what she was doing when the members who have served this year were fully present for such a times as these. This year in particular, we are grateful for lay members who were bold enough to speak up for 1 John 4:8- “God is LOVE.”, grateful for executive committee members who have profound knowledge of finances, legal matters, and constitutional matters, grateful for members who engage in bible study and reconciliation conversations, and grateful for the ability to adapt to a new mission and vision plan so that every SC person can know

the love and grace of Jesus. You may wonder what types of persons are needed to lead the SC Synod into this next year and beyond, seek out persons who open to being educated, open to stepping outside of their comfort zones, open to SEEING Jesus in every person they meet and having a willingness to serve them in word and deed. THIS is how we lean into the vision of the church God intended.

God continues to speak through your 22 elected Synod Council members and its four officers throughout the year. It is 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 130+ 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;
- + Engaged in fruitful conversations on racial reconciliation each time we gather as a synod council;
- + Seen the fruits of the labors in our Restoration Chapel ministries in Greenwood and the Midlands;
- + Maintained the Rosters of both Ministers of Word and Service (Deacons) and Ministers of Word and Sacrament (Pastors) who are active, retired, as interim and on leave from call;
- + Improved Compensation Guidelines for rostered ministers, designed to promote healthy conversations about defined compensation;
- + Inspired each congregation to partner with a local agencies to address food scarcity and homelessness; and
- + Encouraged congregations to tell God’s Amazing story of what the Spirit is doing in our congregations!

The Spirit continues to amaze me in the provision of gifts needed among our Synod Staff & Synod Council who serve on your behalf. I am grateful to the fellow disciples who serve on our Synod’s Networks & Task Forces by being God’s hands and feet out in your community. It is the Lord’s wisdom I seek daily to fulfill this role and I am constantly returning to the Lord for strength as Nehemiah teaches. Thank you for our partnership together!

## Report of the Secretary 2022-2023

It is an honor to serve 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. Being thankful for one another and for our relationship as church together is important right now.

Bishop Virginia Aebischer; The Rev. Richard Carter and The Rev. Emily Hartmann, Assistants to the Bishop; The Rev. James Henricks, Director for Evangelical Mission; 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. Wendy Davidson, Administrative Assistant, and Kelley Mintz have ably prepared the *Directory and Minutes of the South Carolina Synod 2022* and the *Bulletin of Reports* for voting members of this assembly, respectively. 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 archive 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 105 congregations out of 145 congregations that filed reports at the end of December 31, 2021. The baptized membership decreased by 1,335 persons from 40,105 to 38,770 at the end of 2021 (*the latest year that statistics were available at the time this report was written*). The average size of a congregation in this synod is 269 baptized members. Regular giving by members in congregations increased by \$377,512 from \$32,833,135 to \$33,210,647. Average giving per confirmed member increased in 2021 by \$56.28 from \$1,200.21 to \$1,256.49. The average weekly worship attendance per congregation (on-site) was 65 persons and the average weekly worship attendance per congregation (on-line) was 92 persons. Source: *Summary of Congregational Statistics* are available on the synod website. Go to <https://scsynod.com/about/> and download the 2022 *Directory and Minutes*.

**In accordance with S7.32.A20.f. of the Constitution, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions of the South Carolina Synod, ELCA, I recommend that two copies of the *Minutes of the 2022 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, 2023

Referred to as 2022-23

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 such a joy.

## Mission Support

Below is a summary of mission support from our congregations for the year 2022-23 as compared to 2021-22:

|                          | <u>2022-23</u> | <u>2021-22</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Mission Support Budgeted | \$2,470,000    | \$2,472,645    |
| Mission Support Received | \$2,318,729    | \$2,438,086    |

Unfortunately 2022-23 received less mission support than the prior year. We are hopeful giving will increase in 2023-24. Thanks to all of you for your contributions. They are greatly appreciated. In addition to mission support, the Synod received \$466,124 in 2022-23 for other funds (ministries) such as World Hunger, World Relief, Domestic and International Disaster Relief, Missionary Support, etc. Mission support from the 149 congregations is presented in the schedule on the following pages.

## Expenditures

Below is a summary of expenditures for the year 2022-23 as compared to 2021-22:

|                                | <u>2022-23</u>     | <u>2021-22</u>     |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Mission Benevolence            | \$ 940,434         | \$1,044,708        |
| Institutions                   | \$ 183,000         | \$ 183,550         |
| Deepening Discipleship Table   | \$ 166,484         | \$ 163,083         |
| Community Engagement Table     | \$ 182,637         | \$ 178,049         |
| Communication/Technology Table | \$ 239,312         | \$ 67,815          |
| Operating Expenses             | \$ 877,597         | \$ 819,334         |
| Total Expenditures             | <u>\$2,589,464</u> | <u>\$2,456,539</u> |

The ELCA support for 2022-23 was 43.25% of unrestricted mission support for February – September and then 35% for October - January. For a comparison of expenditures with the budget, see the following financial statements.

## Budget

The budget approved by the Synod Assembly for 2023-24 is \$2,563,554 with support for the ELCA at 35%. The budget approved by the Synod Council to be recommended to the 2023 Synod Assembly for 2024-25 is \$2,445,000 with support for the ELCA at 30%.

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. Malachi 3:10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this" says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will be not be room enough to store it."

## Investment Income

Due to the decline in the stock market, the Synod is showing an investment loss in the amount of \$74,663 for the year ending January 31, 2023. This is compared to Investment income of \$80,673 for the prior year.

## Other Items

The SC Synod acquired the Our Shepherd (Hartsville) property following the closing of that congregation. The upkeep of this property is under the property committee.

The Christ Mission (Columbia) property sold on April 18, 2022. The Christ the King (Columbia) property sold on April 27, 2022.

## "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.

## South Carolina Synod, ELCA

Mission Support, SC Synod Support & Other Funds

February 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023

|    | Organization                            | Mission Support | SC Synod Support | Other Funds | Total       |
|----|---|-----------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1  | All Saints 07396, Mt. Pleasant          | \$45,249.97     | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$45,249.97 |
| 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                   | \$1,200.00      | \$0.00           | \$150.00    | \$1,350.00  |
| 5  | Bachman Chapel 05640, Prosperity        | \$7,200.00      | \$0.00           | \$365.00    | \$7,565.00  |
| 6  | Beth Eden 05628, Newberry               | \$250.00        | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$250.00    |
| 7  | Bethany 05627, Newberry                 | \$7,887.00      | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$7,887.00  |
| 8  | Bethany 05721, Lexington                | \$2,962.00      | \$0.00           | \$535.00    | \$3,497.00  |
| 9  | Bethel 05620, White Rock                | \$12,375.00     | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$12,375.00 |
| 10 | Bethlehem 05608, Irmo                   | \$20,327.58     | \$0.00           | \$1,155.00  | \$21,482.58 |
| 11 | Bethlehem 05637, Pomaria                | \$10,000.00     | \$0.00           | \$900.00    | \$10,900.00 |
| 12 | Bethlehem 05703, Leesville              | \$10,000.00     | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$10,000.00 |
| 13 | Cedar Grove 05705, Leesville            | \$25,000.00     | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$25,000.00 |
| 14 | Christ 07329, Hilton Head               | \$3,000.00      | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$3,000.00  |
| 15 | Christ Community 31261, N. Charleston   | \$4,800.00      | \$0.00           | \$20,004.00 | \$24,804.00 |
| 16 | # Christ Mission 31117, Columbia        | \$400.00        | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$400.00    |
| 17 | Christ the King 16415, Greenville       | \$1,440.00      | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$1,440.00  |
| 18 | Christus Victor 07571, Columbia         | \$27,514.58     | \$0.00           | \$505.00    | \$28,019.58 |
| 19 | Colony 05630, Newberry                  | \$9,323.45      | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$9,323.45  |
| 20 | Corinth 05724, Saluda                   | \$0.00          | \$7,100.00       | \$21,615.00 | \$28,715.00 |
| 21 | Cristo Rey 30851, West Columbia         | \$1,612.48      | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$1,612.48  |
| 22 | Cross and Crown 07503, Florence         | \$11,411.00     | \$0.00           | \$1,200.00  | \$12,611.00 |
| 23 | Crossroads 30706, Fort Mill             | \$13,260.00     | \$0.00           | \$527.00    | \$13,787.00 |
| 24 | Ebenezer 05598, Columbia                | \$36,550.00     | \$0.00           | \$3,552.00  | \$40,102.00 |
| 25 | Ehrhardt Memorial 05677, Ehrhardt       | \$3,000.00      | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$3,000.00  |
| 26 | Emmanuel 05614, West Columbia           | \$23,374.85     | \$0.00           | \$200.00    | \$23,574.85 |
| 27 | Enon 05704, Leesville                   | \$0.00          | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      |
| 28 | Epiphany 30081, Rock Hill               | \$8,300.00      | \$0.00           | \$1,150.00  | \$9,450.00  |
| 29 | Faith 05615, West Columbia              | \$14,499.96     | \$0.00           | \$1,200.00  | \$15,699.96 |
| 30 | Faith 05631, Newberry                   | \$0.00          | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      |
| 31 | Faith 05683, Johns Island               | \$6,042.00      | \$0.00           | \$150.00    | \$6,192.00  |
| 32 | Faith 05696, Batesburg-Leesville        | \$2,928.00      | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$2,928.00  |
| 33 | Faith Lutheran Chapel 30683, Pickens    | \$3,125.00      | \$0.00           | \$1,370.56  | \$4,495.56  |
| 34 | Good Hope 05727, Ward                   | \$0.00          | \$0.00           | \$310.00    | \$310.00    |
| 35 | Good Shepherd 05600, Columbia           | \$45,399.96     | \$0.00           | \$1,201.00  | \$46,600.96 |
| 36 | Good Shepherd 05612, Swansea            | \$0.00          | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      |
| 37 | Good Shepherd 05692, Walterboro         | \$10,230.00     | \$0.00           | \$3,753.00  | \$13,983.00 |
| 38 | Grace 05611, Rock Hill                  | \$70,358.37     | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$70,358.37 |
| 39 | Grace 05643, Prosperity                 | \$12,402.93     | \$0.00           | \$10,043.21 | \$22,446.14 |
| 40 | Grace 05698, Gilbert                    | \$13,000.67     | \$0.00           | \$2,100.00  | \$15,100.67 |
| 41 | Holy Communion 05659, Spartanburg       | \$1,960.00      | \$0.00           | \$2,177.00  | \$4,137.00  |
| 42 | Holy Spirit 30725, Charleston           | \$20,972.29     | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$20,972.29 |
| 43 | Holy Trinity 05651, Anderson            | \$18,000.00     | \$0.00           | \$3,295.00  | \$21,295.00 |
| 44 | Holy Trinity 05722, Pelion              | \$1,250.00      | \$0.00           | \$6,133.00  | \$7,383.00  |
| 45 | Hope 30080, Vance                       | \$3,800.00      | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$3,800.00  |
| 46 | Immanuel 05657, Greenwood               | \$38,860.00     | \$0.00           | \$6,751.20  | \$45,611.20 |
| 47 | Incarnation 05601, Columbia             | \$10,250.04     | \$0.00           | \$1,680.00  | \$11,930.04 |
| 48 | Joy 30418, Moore                        | \$50,268.83     | \$0.00           | \$3,086.00  | \$53,354.83 |
| 49 | King of Glory 07449, North Myrtle Beach | \$11,571.60     | \$0.00           | \$396.33    | \$11,967.93 |
| 50 | Living Springs 07829, Columbia          | \$50,533.33     | \$0.00           | \$10,301.27 | \$60,834.60 |
| 51 | Lord of Life 30351, Bluffton            | \$29,580.00     | \$0.00           | \$283.98    | \$29,863.98 |

## South Carolina Synod, ELCA

Mission Support, SC Synod Support & Other Funds

February 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023

|     | Organization                                 | Mission Support | SC Synod Support | Other Funds | Total       |
|-----|--|-----------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 52  | Lutheran Church by the Lake 30369, McCormick | \$17,250.35     | \$0.00           | \$5,933.42  | \$23,183.77 |
| 53  | Macedonia 05644, Prosperity                  | \$0.00          | \$15,000.00      | \$16,182.00 | \$31,182.00 |
| 54  | Martin Luther 05668, Charleston              | \$12,279.15     | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$12,279.15 |
| 55  | Messiah 05663, Mauldin                       | \$22,000.00     | \$0.00           | \$2,305.00  | \$24,305.00 |
| 56  | Messiah 05687, Hanahan                       | \$11,982.85     | \$0.00           | \$4,313.00  | \$16,295.85 |
| 57  | Mt. Calvary 05701, Johnston                  | \$8,625.00      | \$0.00           | \$1,804.16  | \$10,429.16 |
| 58  | Mt. Hebron 05706, Leesville                  | \$13,000.00     | \$0.00           | \$4,332.79  | \$17,332.79 |
| 59  | Mt. Hermon 05616, West Columbia              | \$13,600.00     | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$13,600.00 |
| 60  | Mt. Hermon 05636, Peak                       | \$10,035.00     | \$0.00           | \$1,200.00  | \$11,235.00 |
| 61  | Mt. Horeb 05589, Chapin                      | \$52,941.63     | \$0.00           | \$13,253.75 | \$66,195.38 |
| 62  | Mt. Olivet 05650, Chapin                     | \$10,000.00     | \$0.00           | \$210.00    | \$10,210.00 |
| 63  | Mt. Pilgrim 05625, Prosperity                | \$535.00        | \$0.00           | \$1,081.00  | \$1,616.00  |
| 64  | Mt. Pleasant 05678, Ehrhardt                 | \$6,000.00      | \$0.00           | \$752.00    | \$6,752.00  |
| 65  | Mt. Pleasant 05729, Saluda                   | \$0.00          | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      |
| 66  | Mt. Tabor 05617, West Columbia               | \$53,030.83     | \$0.00           | \$2,398.00  | \$55,428.83 |
| 67  | Mt. Tabor 05626, Little Mountain             | \$25,752.17     | \$0.00           | \$4,175.00  | \$29,927.17 |
| 68  | Nazareth 05710, Lexington                    | \$840.00        | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$840.00    |
| 69  | Nuestro Salvador 31098, Greenville           | \$2,800.00      | \$0.00           | \$1,600.00  | \$4,400.00  |
| 70  | Orangeburg 05688, Orangeburg                 | \$4,800.00      | \$0.00           | \$200.00    | \$5,000.00  |
| 71  | Our Saviour 05618, West Columbia             | \$5,000.00      | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$5,000.00  |
| 72  | Our Saviour 05654, Greenville                | \$24,104.00     | \$0.00           | \$5,509.00  | \$29,613.00 |
| 73  | # Our Shepherd 07234, Hartsville             | \$0.00          | \$0.00           | \$10,157.04 | \$10,157.04 |
| 74  | Parroquia el Mesias, 31362, Mauldin          | \$0.00          | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      |
| 75  | Pilgrim 05712, Lexington                     | \$0.00          | \$0.00           | \$85.00     | \$85.00     |
| 76  | Pine Grove 05684, Lone Star                  | \$5,200.00      | \$0.00           | \$470.00    | \$5,670.00  |
| 77  | Pisgah 05713, Lexington                      | \$32,082.93     | \$0.00           | \$22,146.01 | \$54,228.94 |
| 78  | Pomaria 05638, Pomaria                       | \$5,374.97      | \$0.00           | \$975.00    | \$6,349.97  |
| 79  | Providence 05711, Lexington                  | \$16,147.13     | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$16,147.13 |
| 80  | Redeemer 05623, Columbia                     | \$57,900.33     | \$0.00           | \$1,760.00  | \$59,660.33 |
| 81  | Redeemer 05633, Newberry                     | \$8,827.37      | \$0.00           | \$7,375.00  | \$16,202.37 |
| 82  | Redeemer 05669, Charleston                   | \$24,600.00     | \$0.00           | \$6,607.38  | \$31,207.38 |
| 83  | Redeemer 05730, Greer                        | \$7,260.00      | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$7,260.00  |
| 84  | Reformation 05602, Columbia                  | \$20,400.00     | \$0.00           | \$1,343.68  | \$21,743.68 |
| 85  | Reformation 05610, Lancaster                 | \$8,866.34      | \$0.00           | \$789.45    | \$9,655.79  |
| 86  | Restoration Chapel 31394, Greenwood          | \$2,000.00      | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$2,000.00  |
| 87  | Resurrection 05665, Cameron                  | \$24,520.85     | \$0.00           | \$1,468.15  | \$25,989.00 |
| 88  | Sagrada Familia 31073, Columbia              | \$680.52        | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$680.52    |
| 89  | Sandy Run 05613, Swansea                     | \$7,560.00      | \$0.00           | \$6,499.00  | \$14,059.00 |
| 90  | Shepherd of the Sea 07420, Garden City       | \$33,888.88     | \$0.00           | \$100.00    | \$33,988.88 |
| 91  | Silverstreet 05647, Silverstreet             | \$2,583.00      | \$0.00           | \$30,131.00 | \$32,714.00 |
| 92  | Springs of Grace 30443, Inman                | \$1,500.00      | \$0.00           | \$1,000.00  | \$2,500.00  |
| 93  | St. Andrew 05585, Blythewood                 | \$400.00        | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$400.00    |
| 94  | St. Andrew's 05604, Columbia                 | \$47,549.00     | \$0.00           | \$6,523.00  | \$54,072.00 |
| 95  | St. Barnabas 05671, Charleston               | \$0.00          | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$0.00      |
| 96  | St. David 05619, West Columbia               | \$47,141.17     | \$0.00           | \$8,874.31  | \$56,015.48 |
| 97  | St. James 05590, Sumter                      | \$1,947.00      | \$9,608.25       | \$11,111.00 | \$22,666.25 |
| 98  | St. James 05629, Newberry                    | \$1,925.00      | \$0.00           | \$1,080.00  | \$3,005.00  |
| 99  | St. James 05700, Graniteville                | \$17,499.96     | \$0.00           | \$6,413.70  | \$23,913.66 |
| 100 | St. James 05708, Summit                      | \$0.00          | \$0.00           | \$10,000.00 | \$10,000.00 |
| 101 | St. James 05715, Lexington                   | \$15,000.00     | \$0.00           | \$1,600.00  | \$16,600.00 |
| 102 | St. Johannes 05672, Charleston               | \$6,000.00      | \$0.00           | \$0.00      | \$6,000.00  |

## South Carolina Synod, ELCA

Mission Support, SC Synod Support & Other Funds

February 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023

|   | Organization                         | Mission Support | SC Synod Support | Other Funds  | Total          |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 103   | St. John 05609, Irmo                 | \$9,500.00      | \$0.00           | \$0.00       | \$9,500.00     |
| 104   | St. John 05642, Pomaria              | \$500.00        | \$0.00           | \$530.00     | \$1,030.00     |
| 105   | St. John 05653, Clinton              | \$0.00          | \$0.00           | \$0.00       | \$0.00         |
| 106   | St. John 05661, Spartanburg          | \$64,800.00     | \$0.00           | \$1,776.90   | \$66,576.90    |
| 107   | St. John 05662, Walhalla             | \$30,000.00     | \$0.00           | \$2,138.00   | \$32,138.00    |
| 108   | St. John 05702, Johnston             | \$3,546.80      | \$0.00           | \$0.00       | \$3,546.80     |
| 109   | St. John 05714, Lexington            | \$1,500.00      | \$0.00           | \$0.00       | \$1,500.00     |
| 110   | St. John's 05664, Beaufort           | \$42,500.00     | \$0.00           | \$510.00     | \$43,010.00    |
| 111   | St. John's 05673, Charleston         | \$9,000.00      | \$0.00           | \$3,778.00   | \$12,778.00    |
| 112   | St. Luke 05605, Columbia             | \$3,750.00      | \$0.00           | \$0.00       | \$3,750.00     |
| 113   | St. Luke 05622, Florence             | \$29,600.00     | \$0.00           | \$10,058.90  | \$39,658.90    |
| 114   | St. Luke 05646, Prosperity           | \$20,240.00     | \$4,048.00       | \$16,987.57  | \$41,275.57    |
| 115   | St. Luke 05691, Summerville          | \$41,250.00     | \$0.00           | \$0.00       | \$41,250.00    |
| 116   | St. Mark 05725, Batesburg-Leesville  | \$0.00          | \$0.00           | \$9,741.00   | \$9,741.00     |
| 117   | St. Mark's 05690, Isle of Palms      | \$9,415.00      | \$0.00           | \$0.00       | \$9,415.00     |
| 118   | St. Matthew 05639, Pomaria           | \$11,125.00     | \$0.00           | \$403.00     | \$11,528.00    |
| 119   | St. Matthew 05666, Cameron           | \$2,640.00      | \$0.00           | \$525.00     | \$3,165.00     |
| 120   | St. Matthew 05716, Lexington         | \$0.00          | \$0.00           | \$2,500.00   | \$2,500.00     |
| 121   | St. Matthew's 05674, Charleston      | \$56,666.64     | \$0.00           | \$0.00       | \$56,666.64    |
| 122   | St. Matthias 07330, Easley           | \$1,775.00      | \$0.00           | \$0.00       | \$1,775.00     |
| 123   | St. Michael 05606, Columbia          | \$7,200.00      | \$0.00           | \$3,505.00   | \$10,705.00    |
| 124   | St. Michael 05655, Greenville        | \$36,600.00     | \$0.00           | \$1,413.00   | \$38,013.00    |
| 125   | St. Michael 05694, Moncks Corner     | \$2,420.00      | \$0.00           | \$18,337.00  | \$20,757.00    |
| 126   | St. Nicholas 05680, Fairfax          | \$0.00          | \$1,500.00       | \$0.00       | \$1,500.00     |
| 127   | St. Paul 05641, Pomaria              | \$17,199.96     | \$0.00           | \$3,240.00   | \$20,439.96    |
| 128   | St. Paul 05695, Aiken                | \$54,700.23     | \$0.00           | \$250.00     | \$54,950.23    |
| 129   | St. Paul 05699, Gilbert              | \$16,370.00     | \$0.00           | \$1,820.00   | \$18,190.00    |
| 130   | St. Paul's 05607, Columbia           | \$40,000.00     | \$0.00           | \$9,000.00   | \$49,000.00    |
| 131   | St. Paul's 05685, Mt. Pleasant       | \$5,187.00      | \$0.00           | \$2,560.00   | \$7,747.00     |
| 132   | St. Peter 05697, Batesburg-Leesville | \$2,000.00      | \$0.00           | \$1,500.00   | \$3,500.00     |
| 133   | St. Peter's 07693, Pawleys Island    | \$0.00          | \$0.00           | \$0.00       | \$0.00         |
| 134   | St. Philip 05634, Newberry           | \$0.00          | \$17,902.00      | \$3,525.00   | \$21,427.00    |
| 135   | St. Philip 05686, Myrtle Beach       | \$7,800.00      | \$0.00           | \$3,414.74   | \$11,214.74    |
| 136   | St. Stephen's 05718, Lexington       | \$63,000.00     | \$0.00           | \$5,677.56   | \$68,677.56    |
| 137   | St. Thomas 05593, Chapin             | \$5,000.00      | \$0.00           | \$0.00       | \$5,000.00     |
| 138   | St. Timothy 05587, Camden            | \$6,251.00      | \$0.00           | \$1,141.15   | \$7,392.15     |
| 139   | St. Timothy 05649, Whitmire          | \$2,430.00      | \$0.00           | \$0.00       | \$2,430.00     |
| 140   | Summer Memorial 05635, Newberry      | \$16,500.00     | \$0.00           | \$5,045.51   | \$21,545.51    |
| 141   | Transfiguration 05588, Cayce         | \$30,044.00     | \$0.00           | \$1,640.00   | \$31,684.00    |
| 142   | Trinity 05656, Greenville            | \$84,000.00     | \$0.00           | \$36,960.73  | \$120,960.73   |
| 143   | Trinity 05679, Elloree               | \$1,087.00      | \$0.00           | \$0.00       | \$1,087.00     |
| 144   | Trinity 05681, Fairfax               | \$0.00          | \$1,000.00       | \$7,308.00   | \$8,308.00     |
| 145   | Trinity 05682, Georgetown            | \$0.00          | \$0.00           | \$0.00       | \$0.00         |
| 146   | Union 05707, Leesville               | \$7,220.00      | \$4,350.00       | \$750.00     | \$12,320.00    |
| 147   | University 05652, Clemson            | \$46,327.50     | \$0.00           | \$0.00       | \$46,327.50    |
| 148   | Wittenberg 05709, Leesville          | \$27,199.56     | \$0.00           | \$0.00       | \$27,199.56    |
| 149   | Zion 05719, Lexington                | \$40,974.96     | \$0.00           | \$2,240.10   | \$43,215.06    |
| Grand Total:  |                                      | \$2,250,220.97  | \$60,508.25      | \$466,123.55 | \$2,776,852.77 |
| Note: The Synod and congregational figures may differ due to the closing of the Synod year and the congregational year. |                                      |                 |                  |              |                |
| # Deactivated Contributors at FYE   |                                      |                 |                  |              |                |



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

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

March 10, 2023

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, 2023. These statements are being distributed for your information.

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, 2023**

**Assets**

|  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| Cash and Cash Equivalents                          | 1,943,223.59               |
| Investments  | 2,445,276.83               |
| Prepaid Expenses                                   | 2,675.00                   |
| Property Available For Sale                        | 786,250.00                 |
| Land, Building & Equipment, Net of<br>Depreciation | 1,465,876.16               |
| Building Under Construction                        | 1,120,902.98               |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                                | <u><u>7,764,204.56</u></u> |

**Liabilities and Net Assets**

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| Accounts Payable                        | 161,863.90                 |
| Deferred Income                         | 10,760.00                  |
| Notes Payable, Secured by Property      | 147,000.00                 |
| Discount on Notes Payable               | (33,057.00)                |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                | <u>286,566.90</u>          |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                       |                            |
| Donor Restricted                        | 2,174,315.63               |
| Undesignated                            |                            |
| Council Designated                      | 2,029,378.02               |
| Unrestricted - Operating                | 3,273,944.01               |
| <b>Total Net Assets</b>                 | <u>7,477,637.66</u>        |
| <b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b> | <u><u>7,764,204.56</u></u> |

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**SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD OF THE  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA  
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN OPERATING NET ASSETS - BUDGET VS ACTUAL  
January 31, 2023**

|  | Budget           | Actual                  |
|--|------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>                                       |                  |                         |
| Congregational Mission Support                                   | 2,400,000        | 2,258,221               |
| Congregational SC Synod Support                                  | 70,000           | 60,508                  |
| Assembly Fees  | 62,000           | 44,860                  |
| Youth Ministry Income  | 0                | 6,800                   |
| SC Lutheran Subscription Income                                  | 13,500           | 0                       |
| Rental Revenue   | 0                | 12,000                  |
| Investment Income  | 40,000           | (85,350)                |
| Trust Fees   | 10,000           | 10,687                  |
| Miscellaneous Income   | 21,000           | 4,387                   |
| <b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>                                 | <u>2,616,500</u> | <u>2,312,113</u>        |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>  |                  |                         |
| <b>Support Programs</b>  |                  |                         |
| ELCA Support   | 1,038,000        | 911,774                 |
| Joint Ministries of Region 9 Support                             | 11,000           | 11,000                  |
| Archives Support   | 6,000            | 5,920                   |
| Bishop's Discretionary Fund                                      | 3,000            | 1,739                   |
| Regional Gift Planner - ELCA                                     | 10,000           | 10,000                  |
| Institutions   | 183,000          | 183,000                 |
| <b>Total Support Programs</b>                                    | <u>1,251,000</u> | <u>1,123,434</u>        |
| <b>Synod Programs</b>  |                  |                         |
| Deepening Discipleship Table                                     | 178,950          | 166,484                 |
| Community Engagement Table                                       | 197,691          | 182,637                 |
| Communication/Technology Table                                   | 168,050          | 239,312                 |
| <b>Total Synod Programs</b>                                      | <u>544,691</u>   | <u>588,433</u>          |
| <b>Administration and Operating Expenses</b>                     | <u>820,809</u>   | <u>812,553</u>          |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>  | <u>2,616,500</u> | <u>2,524,419</u>        |
| <b>Increase in Net Assets Before Transfers and Other Changes</b> | <u>0</u>         | <u>(212,306)</u>        |
| <b>Transfers and Other Changes in Net Assets</b>                 |                  |                         |
| Gain on Sale of Property   |                  | 109,246                 |
| Transfers to Council Designated                                  |                  | (1,076,755)             |
| Non Cash Donation  |                  | 786,250                 |
| Discount On Notes Payable  |                  | 3,795                   |
| Increase (Decrease) in Transfers and Other Changes               |                  | <u>(177,464)</u>        |
| <b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>                         |                  | <u>(389,770)</u>        |
| <b>Net Assets Beginning Balance</b>                              |                  | <u>3,663,714</u>        |
| <b>Net Assets Ending Balance</b>                                 |                  | <u><u>3,273,944</u></u> |

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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, 2023**

| <b>Accounts</b>                            | <b>Net Asset<br/>Balance<br/>2/1/2022</b> | <b>Income</b>   | <b>Transfers</b>  | <b>Net<br/>Investment<br/>Income</b> | <b>Net Assets<br/>Released from<br/>Restrictions<br/>Transfers/<br/>Expenditures</b> | <b>Net Asset<br/>Balance<br/>at 1/31/23</b> |
|--|---|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| Campus Ministry - Principal                | 160,000.00                                |                 |                   |                                      |  | 160,000.00                                  |
| Capital Improvements Reserve               | 170,614.42                                |                 |                   | (32,328.08)                          |  | 138,286.34                                  |
| Synod Endowment Fund                       | 466,442.51                                |                 |                   | (49,590.72)                          | 19,520.00  | 397,331.79                                  |
| Computers Upgrade                          | 6,456.64                                  |                 |                   |                                      |  | 6,456.64                                    |
| Cristo Rey - Building Donation             | 367,091.10                                |                 |                   |                                      |  | 367,091.10                                  |
| Synod Vitality Endowment                   |   |                 | 699,138.35        |                                      |  | 699,138.35                                  |
| Holy Closure Legacy                        |   |                 | 110,229.70        |                                      | 110,229.70   | 0.00  |
| SC Synod Ministries Support                |   | 4,032.79        | 54,306.54         |                                      |  | 58,339.33                                   |
| Synod Staff Salaries                       | 25,000.00                                 |                 |                   |                                      |  | 25,000.00                                   |
| COVID-19 Congregation Grants               | 49,000.00                                 |                 |                   |                                      |  | 49,000.00                                   |
| Discipleship/Stewardship                   | 26,000.00                                 |                 |                   |                                      |  | 26,000.00                                   |
| Other Properties' Maintenance              | 3,656.07                                  |                 | 115,324.73        |                                      | 16,246.33  | 102,734.47                                  |
| <b>Total Council Designated Net Assets</b> | <b>1,274,260.74</b>                       | <b>4,032.79</b> | <b>978,999.32</b> | <b>(81,918.80)</b>                   | <b>145,996.03</b>  | <b>2,029,378.02</b>                         |

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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, 2023**

| <b>Accounts</b>   | <b>Net Asset<br/>Balance<br/>2/1/2022</b> | <b>Transfers/<br/>Offerings/<br/>Receipts</b> | <b>Net<br/>Investment<br/>Income</b> | <b>Net Assets<br/>Restrictions<br/>Transfers/<br/>Expenditures</b> | <b>Net Asset<br/>Balance<br/>at 1/31/23</b> |
|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| Trust Accounts  | 212,574.72                                | 3,085.39                                      |                                      | 5,032.14   | 210,627.97                                  |
| Growing in God's Mission Appeal   | 373,144.07                                |   |                                      | 111,903.38   | 261,240.69                                  |
| Safe Water for Tanzania   | 123,608.78                                | 9,812.65                                      |                                      |  | 133,421.43                                  |
| Mission Congregations Accounts  | 802,992.12                                | 305,767.19                                    |                                      | 276,043.45   | 832,715.86                                  |
| Special Contributions - Received & Remitted<br>Hunger, Disaster, Institutions, etc. |   | 469,403.21                                    |                                      | 469,403.21   | 0.00  |
| Youth Ministry Accounts   | 29,961.38                                 | 5,697.12                                      |                                      | 2,187.92   | 33,470.58                                   |
| Stewardship   | 13,608.94                                 | 30,770.00                                     |                                      | 37,596.50  | 6,782.44                                    |
| Mission Director  | 25,585.77                                 | 11,100.00                                     |                                      | 6,311.35   | 30,374.42                                   |
| Global Missions Accounts  | 13,338.89                                 | 51,769.96                                     |                                      | 25,888.90  | 39,219.95                                   |
| Trust Income Accounts   | 371,618.70                                | 32,395.35                                     | (48,105.20)                          | 5,074.93   | 350,833.92                                  |
| Campus Ministry   | 30,637.22                                 | 5,744.89                                      |                                      | 15,650.00  | 20,732.11                                   |
| Candidacy Scholarship Support   | 55,281.38                                 | 1,177.97                                      |                                      | 427.97   | 56,031.38                                   |
| Resurrection SC Youth Fund  | 88,331.99                                 |   |                                      | 8,222.15   | 80,109.84                                   |
| Resurrection Seminarian Debt Reduction  | 30,000.00                                 |   |                                      |  | 30,000.00                                   |
| Discounted Notes Payable  | 36,852.00                                 |   |                                      | 3,795.00   | 33,057.00                                   |
| Others Accounts (18 accounts)   | 65,949.16                                 | 45,575.00                                     |                                      | 55,826.42  | 55,697.74                                   |
| <b>Total Donor Restricted Net Assets</b>  | <b>2,273,485.12</b>                       | <b>972,298.73</b>                             | <b>(48,105.20)</b>                   | <b>1,023,363.32</b>  | <b>2,174,315.33</b>                         |

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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, 2023**

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

**Revenue**

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| From GGM Appeal           | 1,811,569.10     |
| Proceeds from St Matthews | 36,453.68        |
| Investments Income        | <u>81,178.35</u> |

**Total Revenue** 1,929,201.13

| 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               |                     |                     |                     |                   |
| #1A Evangelism                       | 170,000.00          | 56,970.60           | 40,315.51           | 16,655.09         |
| #1B Stewardship                      | 170,000.00          | 163,338.36          | 139,020.04          | 24,318.32         |
| #1C Renewing Congregations           | 127,500.00          | 189,974.63          | 150,140.71          | 39,833.92         |
| Planting and Sustaining Mission Cong |                     |                     |                     |                   |
| #2A Missions Under Development       | 160,000.00          | 358,823.09          | 276,333.70          | 82,489.39         |
| #2A( MUD - Donor Designated          | 95,000.00           | 95,000.00           | 95,000.00           | 0.00              |
| #2B Planting and Sustaining          | 212,500.00          | 133,190.24          | 48,299.18           | 84,891.06         |
| Equipping Congregations              |                     |                     |                     |                   |
| #3 Equipping Congregations           | 255,000.00          | 255,008.49          | 242,073.82          | 12,934.67         |
| 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          | 245,492.84          | 245,374.60          | 118.24            |
| <b>Totals GGM Appeal</b>             | <u>1,750,000.00</u> | <u>1,929,201.12</u> | <u>1,667,960.43</u> | <u>261,240.69</u> |

**TANZANIA**

|                                  |                     |                     |                   |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Safe Water                       | <u>347,630.43</u>   | <u>214,209.00</u>   | <u>133,421.43</u> |
| <b>Totals GGM &amp; Tanzania</b> | <u>2,276,831.55</u> | <u>1,882,169.43</u> | <u>394,662.12</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%.

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