

## 2026 / 2027 Mission Funding/Spending Plan

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<b>Income / Revenues</b>		
<b>Mission Support Income</b>		
Congregation Mission Support	\$ 2,250,000	\$ 2,200,000
Congregation SC Synod Support	\$ 60,000	\$ 40,000
<b>Total Mission Support Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,310,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,240,000</b>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Miscellaneous/Other/Contributions Income	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Synod Assembly Fees/Pmts Received	\$ 54,000	\$ 63,000
Constitution Provision S15.14.***	\$ 22,500	\$ 81,956
Investment - General Account	\$ 50,000	\$ 65,000
Trust Fees Income 1%	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 148,500</b>	<b>\$ 231,956</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 2,458,500</b>	<b>\$ 2,471,956</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
<b>Mission Benevolence</b>		
ELCA Support Payments <span style="color: red;">22% 25/26 22% 26/27</span>	\$ 495,000	\$ 484,000
SC Synod Min Support (Crises)	\$ 94,886	\$ 70,000
Joint Ministries Region 9 Regular	\$ 11,000	\$ 12,000
Archives	\$ 6,098	\$ 6,281
Bishop's Discretionary Fund	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Regional Gift Planner-ELCA	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
<b>Total Mission Benevolence</b>	<b>\$ 620,984</b>	<b>\$ 586,281</b>
<b>Institutions</b>		
SC Lutheran Retreat Centers	\$ 59,000	\$ 61,200
Lutheran Homes	\$ 10,000	\$ 11,000
NovusWay(LL,LR,LS)	\$ 14,000	\$ 16,000
Newberry College	\$ 10,000	\$ 11,000
Southern Seminary	\$ 77,000	\$ 77,000
Lutheran Services Carolinas	\$ 13,000	\$ 15,000
<b>Total Institutions</b>	<b>\$ 183,000</b>	<b>\$ 191,200</b>
<b>Total Institutions/Mission Benevolence</b>	<b>\$ 803,984</b>	<b>\$ 777,481</b>

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<b>Category One</b>		
<b>Rostered Ministry</b>		
Stewardship Committee Expense	\$ 650	\$ 650
Stewardship Training/Bldg Culture Generosity	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Seminarian/Rostrd Ldrs Steward Ed	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Candidacy	\$ 75,000	\$ 65,000
Continuing Ed (Exec Staff)	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Pastoral Support/Counsel	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
First Call Theological Education	\$ 8,225	\$ 8,000
Fall Convocation	\$ 9,500	\$ 11,500
<b>Total Rostered Ministry</b>	<b>\$ 105,375</b>	<b>\$ 97,150</b>
<b>Category Two</b>		
<b>Congregations &amp; Lay Leaders</b>		
SC Christian Action Council	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
New Start & Vitality <i>-*Add'l from Hattie Sharpe New Church</i>	\$ 70,500	\$ 75,500
IELCO	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000
Ecumenical	\$ 500	\$ -
Advocacy (Incl. MORE & Criminal Justice)	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
YAGM	\$ 500	\$ 500
SWDELCT (Tanzania)	\$ 9,000	\$ 7,000
IPAN (Indigenous People Accompaniment Network)	\$ 1,000	\$ 500
Race Reconciliation & Justice	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,000
Gender Justice	\$ 1,500	\$ 500
<b>Total Congregations &amp; Lay Leaders</b>	<b>\$ 100,500</b>	<b>\$ 101,000</b>

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<b>Category Three</b>		
<b>New Leader Development</b>		
Beloved Ministry	\$ 500	\$ 500
Young Adult Fellowship/Retreats	\$ 1,500	\$ -
<b>Campus Ministry</b>		
CampusMin-Essential Growth Funding (Citadel)	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000
CampusMin-Spartanburg(Upstate/Converse/Wofford)/St John	\$ 2,000	\$ -
CampusMin-Charleston(MUSC/CC)/St Matthew	\$ 35,000	\$ 38,500
Campus Min/Citadel/Holy Spirit-Chas	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,200
Campus Ministry - Clemson	\$ 37,691	\$ 37,691
Campus Ministry - Gamecock Lutheran (USC Columbia)	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
CampusMin-Rock Hill(Winthrop)/Grace	\$ 39,000	\$ 39,909
CampusMin-Greenwood(Lander)/Immanuel	\$ 6,100	\$ 6,700
<b>Total Campus Ministry</b>	<b>\$ 187,791</b>	<b>\$ 190,000</b>
<b>Youth Ministry</b>		
CYFM Summit (Name Change)	\$ -	\$ 3,000
Camp HUGG	\$ 8,000	\$ 6,500
Conference Events	\$ -	\$ 500
Weekend Retreats & Day Events	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,000
Other Camps & Love Projects	\$ 3,000	\$ -
Youth Admin Support/Other	\$ 12,000	\$ 11,000
<b>Total Youth Ministry</b>	<b>\$ 33,000</b>	<b>\$ 33,000</b>
<b>Total New Leader Development</b>	<b>\$ 222,791</b>	<b>\$ 223,500</b>

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<b>Category Four</b>		
<b>Connections &amp; Resources for Synod Ministries</b>		
Resource Center Materials	\$ 800	\$ 800
Website Hosting/Domain Fees/Web Services	\$ 2,850	\$ 2,500
Video Conferencing	\$ 600	\$ 600
App Fees	\$ 600	\$ 600
Continuing Education Expense (Comm/Tech)	\$ 850	\$ 850
Fellowship of SC Bishops (incl. Susan Heath pmts)	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Synod Council Expense	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500
Continuing Education Exp (Staff)	\$ 500	\$ 500
Deans Meeting Expense	\$ -	\$ 400
Travel & Expense	\$ 39,000	\$ 39,000
SC Video Magazine	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
PR Expenses	\$ 800	\$ 800
E-News	\$ 800	\$ 800
Computer Maint & Software	\$ 17,500	\$ 18,000
Communication Equipment (New and Upgrades)	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250
Computers (New and Upgrades)	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,500
Photo/Video/Audio Equipment (New and Upgrades)	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Synod Assembly Expenses	\$ 230,000	\$ 236,900
<b>Total Connections &amp; Resources for Synod Ministries</b>	<b>\$ 315,550</b>	<b>\$ 324,000</b>

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<b>Synod Operating Expenses</b>		
<b>Office Operating Expense</b>		
Telephone/Internet	\$ 17,000	\$ 18,250
Office Supplies	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Copier Machine Expense	\$ 10,500	\$ 8,300
Postage	\$ 4,700	\$ 4,700
Security Monitoring Expense	\$ 450	\$ 450
Audit & Legal	\$ 11,000	\$ 12,000
Bank Service Charges	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,325
Tithely Processing Fees	\$ 350	\$ 300
Insurance	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500
Janitorial & Yard Service	\$ 15,000	\$ 16,000
Electricity	\$ 6,400	\$ 6,600
Water/Sewage/Solid Waste	\$ 2,900	\$ 2,900
Contingency	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
<b>Total Office Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$ 91,300</b>	<b>\$ 92,825</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
<b>Salaries &amp; Related</b>		
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 781,000	\$ 807,000
Stewardship Director	\$ 33,000	\$ 34,000
Bishop Transition Costs	\$ -	\$ 10,000
LDR Carolinas Coordinators	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
<b>Total Salaries &amp; Related</b>	<b>\$ 819,000</b>	<b>\$ 856,000</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 2,458,500</b>	<b>\$ 2,471,956</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

\*\*\*South Carolina Synod Constitution

S15.14. Except when such procedure would jeopardize current operations, a reserve amounting to no more than 16 percent of the sum of the amounts scheduled in the next year's budget for regular distribution to synod causes shall be carried forward annually for disbursement in the following year in the interest of making possible a more even flow of income to such causes. The exact number of dollars to be held in reserve shall be determined by the Synod Council.