

2027 / 2028 Mission Funding/Spending Plan

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	Approved Plan 2026/ 2027	Proposed By Finance Committee 2027 / 2028
Income / Revenues		
Mission Support Income		
Congregation Mission Support	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 2,200,000
Congregation SC Synod Support	\$ 40,000	\$ 30,000
Total Mission Support Income	\$ 2,240,000	\$ 2,230,000
Other Income		
Miscellaneous/Other/Contributions Income	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Synod Assembly Fees/Pmts Received	\$ 63,000	\$ 15,000
Constitution Provision S15.14.***	\$ 81,956	\$ 13,779
Investment - General Account	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000
Trust Fees Income 1%	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Total Other Income	\$ 231,956	\$ 115,779
Total Revenues	\$ 2,471,956	\$ 2,345,779
Expenditures		
Mission Benevolence		
ELCA Support Payments 22% 26/27 22% 27/28	\$ 484,000	\$ 484,000
SC Synod Min Support (Crises)	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000
Joint Ministries of Region 9	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Archives	\$ 6,281	\$ 6,470
Bishop's Discretionary Fund	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Regional Gift Planner-ELCA	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Total Mission Benevolence	\$ 586,281	\$ 586,470
Institutions		
SC Lutheran Retreat Centers	\$ 61,200	\$ 65,000
Lutheran Homes	\$ 11,000	\$ 12,000
NovusWay(LL,LR,LS)	\$ 16,000	\$ 20,000
Newberry College	\$ 11,000	\$ 14,000
Southern Seminary	\$ 77,000	\$ 78,000
Lutheran Services Carolinas	\$ 15,000	\$ 16,500
Total Institutions	\$ 191,200	\$ 205,500
Total Institutions/Mission Benevolence	\$ 777,481	\$ 791,970

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Category One		
Rostered Ministry		
Stewardship Committee Expense	\$ 650	\$ 650
Stewardship Training/Bldg Culture Generosity	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Seminarian/Rostrd Ldrs Steward Ed	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Candidacy	\$ 65,000	\$ 40,000
Continuing Ed (Exec Staff)	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Pastoral Support/Counsel	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
First Call Theological Education	\$ 8,000	\$ 3,500
Fall Convocation	\$ 11,500	\$ 12,500
Total Rostered Ministry	\$ 97,150	\$ 68,650
Category Two		
Congregations & Lay Leaders		
SC Christian Action Council	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
New Start & Vitality	\$ 75,500	\$ 100,500
IELCO	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Advocacy (Incl. MORE & Criminal Justice)	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
YAGM	\$ 500	\$ 500
SWDELCT (Tanzania)	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
IPAN (Indigenous People Accompaniment Network)	\$ 500	\$ 500
Race Reconciliation & Justice	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,000
Gender Justice	\$ 500	\$ 500
Total Congregations & Lay Leaders	\$ 101,000	\$ 130,000

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Category Three		
New Leader Development		
Beloved Ministry	\$ 500	\$ 500
Campus Ministry		
CampusMin-Essential Growth Funding	\$ 2,000	\$ -
CampusMin-Spartanburg(Upstate/Converse/Wofford)/St John	\$ -	\$ -
CampusMin-Charleston(MUSC/CC)/St Matthew	\$ 38,500	\$ 38,500
Campus Min/Citadel/Holy Spirit-Chas	\$ 15,200	\$ 15,200
Campus Ministry - Clemson	\$ 37,691	\$ 42,009
Campus Ministry - Gamecock Lutheran (USC Columbia)	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
CampusMin-Rock Hill(Winthrop)/Grace	\$ 39,909	\$ 45,000
CampusMin-Greenwood(Lander)/Immanuel	\$ 6,700	\$ 10,800
Total Campus Ministry	\$ 190,000	\$ 201,509
Youth Ministry		
CYFM Summit	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000
Camp HUGG	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500
Conference Events	\$ 500	\$ -
Weekend Retreats & Day Events	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Other Camps & Love Projects	\$ -	\$ -
Youth Admin Support/Other	\$ 11,000	\$ 10,000
Total Youth Ministry	\$ 33,000	\$ 30,500
Total New Leader Development	\$ 223,500	\$ 232,509

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Category Four		
Connections & Resources for Synod Ministries		
Resource Center Materials	\$ 800	\$ 800
Website Hosting/Domain Fees/Web Services	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Video Conferencing	\$ 600	\$ 600
App Fees	\$ 600	\$ 500
Continuing Education Expense (Comm/Tech)	\$ 850	\$ 850
Fellowship of SC Bishops (incl. Susan Heath pmts)	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Synod Council Expense	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,500
Continuing Education Exp (Staff)	\$ 500	\$ 500
Deans Meeting Expense	\$ 400	\$ 800
Travel & Expense	\$ 39,000	\$ 39,000
SC Video Magazine	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000
PR Expenses	\$ 800	\$ 800
E-News	\$ 800	\$ 800
Computer Maint & Software	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000
Communication Equipment (New and Upgrades)	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250
Computers (New and Upgrades)	\$ 6,500	\$ 5,000
Photo/Video/Audio Equipment (New and Upgrades)	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Synod Assembly Expenses '26 in person - '27 online	\$ 236,900	\$ 63,000
Total Connections & Resources for Synod Ministries	\$ 324,000	\$ 149,400

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Synod Operating Expenses		
Office Operating Expense		
Telephone/Internet	\$ 18,250	\$ 18,500
Office Supplies	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,600
Copier Machine Expense	\$ 8,300	\$ 8,400
Postage	\$ 4,700	\$ 5,200
Security Monitoring Expense	\$ 450	\$ 500
Audit & Legal	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,500
Bank Service Charges	\$ 1,325	\$ 2,600
Tithely Processing Fees	\$ 300	\$ 300
Insurance	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,000
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,600
Janitorial & Yard Service	\$ 16,000	\$ 17,000
Electricity	\$ 6,600	\$ 6,800
Water/Sewage/Solid Waste	\$ 2,900	\$ 3,000
Contingency	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Total Office Operating Expense	\$ 92,825	\$ 98,000
Operating Expenses		
Salaries & Related		
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 807,000	\$ 835,250
Stewardship Director	\$ 34,000	\$ 35,000
Bishop Transition Costs	\$ 10,000	\$ -
LDR Carolinas Coordinators	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Total Salaries & Related	\$ 856,000	\$ 875,250
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,471,956	\$ 2,345,779
Net Total	\$ -	\$ -

***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.