# Your offering at work

When you give to your congregation, a percentage of that money is shared with your synod and with the ELCA churchwide organization. The portion of your offering that is shared with the wider church is called Mission Support. As members of the ELCA, we are freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor, open to the Holy Spirit's invitation to be active in the world. Through sharing your time, talents and financial resources, you are actively participating in God's work throughout the U.S. and around the world.





#### Your weekly offering

at your congregation supports the mission and ministry of the whole ELCA – doing God's work throughout the world.





#### Your congregation

shares a portion of your offering – called Mission Support – with your synod and the ELCA churchwide organization.





#### Your synod

supports congregations and rostered leaders as they work in their communities and throughout the world.





## Your churchwide organization

responds to local and worldwide ministry opportunities. Together we do God's work in ways that no individual, congregation or synod can do alone.

"Mission Support is one of the primary ways that we are church together. I know that when my money flows from my congregation to the synod and ELCA churchwide organization, it will be used where it is needed most — bringing vital resources to those in need, equipping leaders with solid biblical and theological education and so much more. Mission Support allows my offering to travel around the world to the places where the need is greatest."

Grace DuddyCenter for StewardshipLuther Seminary

## Your support of God's mission and ministry through the ELCA churchwide organization



## COORDINATION AND SUPPORT OF MINISTRIES

- Facilitating communication and support to ministries across the church
- Managing relationships and activities between synods and churchwide organization
- Supporting ministries at the local, national and global level



- Starting new congregations and worshiping communities
- Renewing the ministries of existing congregations each year
- Nurturing faith communities to grow and proclaim the good news of God's grace



## BRINGING FORTH AND SUPPORTING LEADERS

- Expanding youth and young adult ministries
- Preparing, recruiting and supporting church leaders, educational and teaching networks
- Supporting retired church leaders and enabling ministry in the church and throughout the world



# GLOBAL AND ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS

- Assisting global companion churches in building their capacity for mission and ministry in over 90 countries
- Developing and cultivating inter-Lutheran, full communion relationships and relating to other communities of faith
- Partnering with churches around the world, including being a member of The Lutheran World Federation



## STEWARDSHIP AND MISSION FUNDING

- Thanking, informing, teaching, inspiring and inviting people to be good stewards
- Interpreting the mission and ministry of the ELCA and its budget
- Developing financial resources to fund God's work



#### STEPPING FORWARD AS A CHURCH SERVING OTHERS

- Caring for God's creation and humanity through study and deliberation on current issues
- Developing and supporting leaders who engage economic and social issues
- Serving in response to God's love through social ministry organizations



### **GOVERNANCE**

 Making decisions together through governance procedures including the ELCA Church Council, ELCA Churchwide Assembly and Conference of Bishops