The Office of Bishop

We are called to be a real presence in our neighborhoods, finding where God is already at work.

Mission Statement

The Minneapolis Area Synod works together so that all experience gracious invitation into life-giving Christian community and live in just and healthy neighborhoods.

The Bishop is the synod’s pastor and its chief administrator.

Support of Leaders
- Education opportunities
- Spiritual care for leaders
- Healthy boundaries
- Disciplinary matters

Public Voice
- Advocacy for justice
- Implementing social statements
- Racial justice
- EcoFaith Network
- Prophetic work
- Interfaith and ecumenical relationships

Administration & Leadership
- Oversight of synod budget
- Supervision of synod staff
- Conference of Bishops / churchwide leadership

Global Connections
- Tend to relationships in companion synods: Leipzig & Nigeria
- Exchange visits with these synods

Presence in Congregations
- Ordinations & consecrations
- Preaching
- Celebrations
- Support & guidance during conflict

15 Synod Staff
- Support the Bishop and the work of the synod

We worship in 10 languages
We are diverse in size, landscape, and expression.

Our synod spans 8 counties
Worship attendance ranges from a few to thousands every week in 146 congregations

Local & Regional
- Luther Seminary
- Lutheran Social Service
- Augsburg University
- Minnesota Council of Churches
- Lutheran Advocacy MN
- Lutheran Outdoor Ministries
- Lutheran Campus Ministry

Prospective Leaders
- In candidacy, the Synod accompanies those who wish to be ordained or consecrated into service in the church.
- Steps include: Entrance, Endorsement, Internship, Approval, Assignment and Call

Connections
- We have partnerships with church-based organizations.

Ministry Support
- Specialized Ministries
  - Rostered ministers serve in hospitals, prisons, educational institutions, and full communion partnerships.
  - Retired leaders are active all over!

Transitions
- Supporting congregations through changes, like leadership and redevelopment

New Ministries & Networking
- Supporting mission starts
- Strategizing for growth and development so congregations can learn from each other

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Annual Synod Budget
- Co & Shared Ministries
- Net to Reserves
- Administration
- Serving Congregations
- ELCA Churchwide
- 50%
- 28%
- 17%
- 4%
- 1%