



Minneapolis Area Synod of the ELCA

Presented by the Bishop's Election Committee for 2018

Our synod spans 8 counties

Worship attendance ranges from a few to thousands every week in 146 congregations

15 Synod Staff support the Bishop and the work of the synod

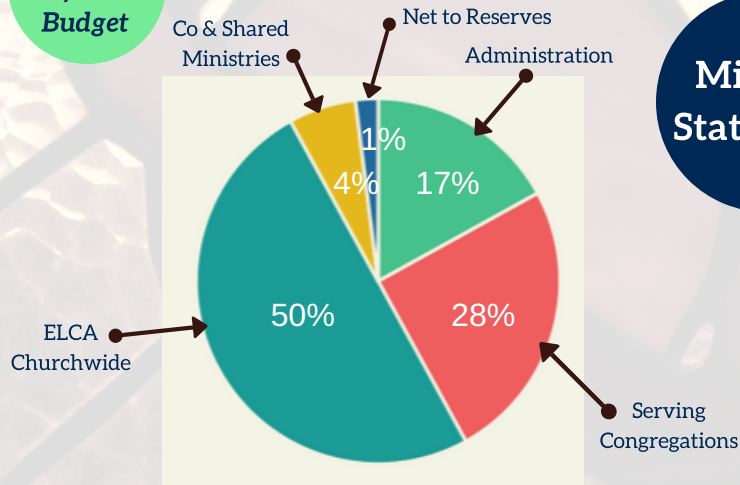
About Our Synod

We are diverse in size, landscape, and expression.

We worship in 10 languages

We are divided geographically into 12 conferences

Annual Synod Budget



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

Roles & Responsibilities

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

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

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

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

Ministry Support

Congregations
Training
Governance
Organization

The Synod supports congregations, leaders, and organizations to do the work they are called to do.

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

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

The Office of Bishop

Mission Statement

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

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

Connections

We have partnerships with church-based organizations.

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