

Michigan District, LCMS

An accounting of the mission and ministry through the Michigan District, LCMS
by its congregations.

Fiscal year ending January 31, 2015

Thank you for being a faithful partner in the ongoing ministry of the Michigan District, LCMS. Through our partnership during the past year, much has been accomplished for the sake of the Kingdom! On the following pages you will find a glimpse of the Kingdom work taking place because of your generous support. For this we give our Lord thanks and praise! Each day, it seems, the Lord presents numerous opportunities for additional mission and ministry to those who are hurting, and for reaching the lost with the life-changing and eternal message of the Good News of our Savior.

People of Hope ...

Vigorously Making Known the Love of Christ



Being *People of Hope*, Michigan District congregations and ministries will share the Good News of Jesus with people who do not know Him.

The District provides financial support for several campus ministries across Michigan. One of these is Christ the King Chapel (an offshoot of Zion, Mt. Pleasant), which hosts worship services and activities including an International Student Ministry. Led by Deaconess Anne Bakker, the international component offers several activities and services to a large contingency of Muslim students.

Great Commission

The District is always looking for creative mission-minded partners. Detroit area congregations prayed for an end to the drug-dealing that was happening near Family of God mission. God answered their prayers and they continued ministering to their community, particularly the homeless and addicted. When Christ Our Savior, Livonia began sending volunteers to serve, they began exploring ways they could help. Soon afterwards, they called Rev. James Hill as Associate Pastor Deployed to Family of God.



Being *People of Hope*, Michigan District congregations and ministries will seek out and compassionately attend to people in need.

Led by Rev. Tige Culbertson, Restoration Fellowship connects Christ to individuals recovering from chemical and/or behavioral addictions. The recovery-based mission of Messiah, Midland baptized 134 people in its first three years. A unique worship experience is offered on Saturday evenings where people can come as they are and experience a safe and healing place. Each weekend brings new, miraculous stories of faith and courage.

Great Compassion

Acts 2 Enterprise continues to expand its reach into the community. In 2014, it held its first Urban Institute. Under the theme *Life Together*, the institute focused on collaboration, discipleship, economic development, housing, justice, worship, and other areas to build bridges into the community. The A2E Sports Camp/VBS expanded from one to two locations, covering the east and west sides of Detroit. During the two week-long camps, volunteers served a healthy meal, coached sports, and shared the love of Jesus with 248 children.



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When Nativity, St. Charles was struggling to remain open, the Michigan District stepped in with support to call a full-time pastor – not only to help bring Nativity back to health, but to plant a mission in nearby Chesaning. Rev. Mitch Vogeli and the tiny congregation joined forces with a well-established food distribution program. From that opportunity, they have since branched into Recovery Ministry, providing a weekly meal and meeting with the assistance of Messiah, Midland’s Restoration Fellowship.



Healthy Congregations



GoodLife Community Partnership was launched in 2014 by Gethsemane, Rochester Hills who learned how they could develop a missional community to reach out beyond walls of bricks and mortar. A smaller congregation, they sensed a need to partner with area LCMS congregations and the English District’s Epic Church stepped up. In the first six months, they began to impact the greater community by supplying guitar lessons at a middle school, supporting a local business owner, fundraising for a pregnancy center, and sponsoring a summer program and camp for elementary and middle school students.

Being People of Hope, Michigan District church workers have Christ-centered lives, loving and joyful spirits, and stable family and professional systems.

The District continues to provide regular opportunities for continuing educational and spiritual growth. Along with its regularly scheduled conferences, a Professional Church Workers’ Conference was held in 2014. Over 1,200 were in attendance, hearing from plenary speakers and attending a variety of the 116 sectionals planned with the church worker in mind.



Healthy Workers



In 2014, Rev. Dietrick Gladden of St. Paul Community, Pontiac received the District’s Philip Award for his acts of service and community transformation. St. Paul Community strives to serve the needs of the community via worship services, a weekly meal and Bible study, Vacation Bible School, and providing plants and space for a community garden. The congregation partnered with Acts 2 Enterprise in 2015 to provide a third site for its Sports Camp/VBS.

Michigan District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Summary of Financial Activities For the Year Ended January 31, 2015

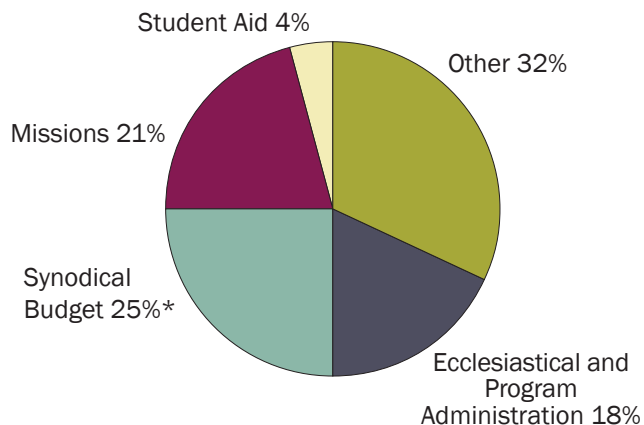
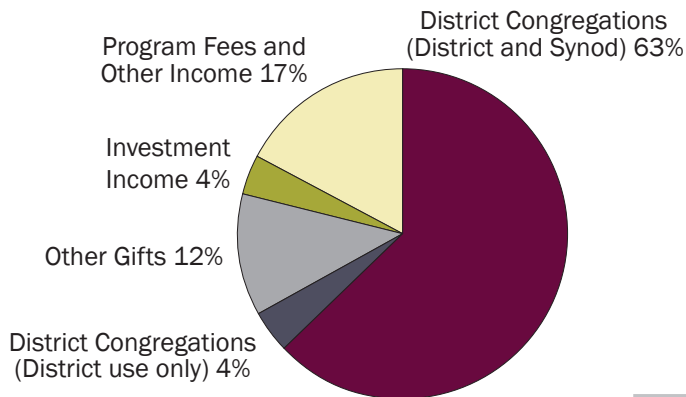
Support, Revenues, and Gains

District Congregations (District and Synod).....	4,319,894
District Congregations (District use only).....	237,963
Other Gifts.....	835,423
Investment Income.....	256,129
Program Fees and Other Income.....	1,159,370
Total Support, Revenues, and Gains.....	6,808,779

Expenses

Synodical Budget*.....	1,706,714
Program Services	
Missions.....	1,431,369
Congregation Ministry Facilitators.....	481,820
Christian Care.....	130,811
Lutheran Schools.....	318,086
Youth Ministry.....	390,580
Loon Lake Lutheran Retreat Center.....	42,243
Other Congregation Program Services....	135,563
Communications.....	273,475
Student Aid.....	240,991
Worker Care.....	408,160
Ecclesiastical and Program Administration	
Administration.....	821,212
Convention.....	(40,699)
Development.....	217,405
District Properties and Depreciation.....	252,397
Total Expenses.....	6,810,127
Change in Net Assets	(1,348)

Revenue



Expenses

Information is taken from the audited financial statements of the Michigan District, LCMS. Copies of the audit report, which include all integral parts of the financial statements, are available from the District Office.

*The Michigan District sent 39.5% of its unrestricted cash receipts from congregations to national Synod during the fiscal year. The numbers on the financial statements reflect adjustments based on pledges from congregations and to the Synod as required by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

Support for National and International Ministries

For the fiscal year ending January 31, 2015, the Michigan District remitted \$1,785,714 to Corporate (national) Synod, which represents 39.5% of the District's unrestricted gifts from congregations. The 35 districts of the Synod contribute approximately \$15 million of undesignated revenue to Corporate Synod annually in support of national and international mission and ministry. The balance of the \$75.5 million 2014/15 budget of Corporate Synod comes primarily from restricted gifts and sales of materials and services.

Allocations of the budgeted use of undesignated revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 are as follows:

International Missions 1.8%	Mission Advancement 1.4%
National Missions 2.7%	Ecclesiastical Services and Commissions 11.1%
Pastoral Education 5.9%	Officers and Administration 24.3%
University Education 18.1%	General and Administrative 16.1%
Communications 18.7%	



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