

Montana Synod Assembly Reports



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Welcome from the Montana Synod

Dear Friends and Siblings in Christ,

Welcome to the 2021 Montana Synod Assembly which, for the first time in history, will be held completely online. As we meet together in this virtual yet very real way on June 4 & 5, things will feel different and be different. Voting, accessing the floor, making motions will be different. Communicating will be different. Worshipping will be different.

But that's how things happen as we emerge from a pandemic: life changes! Hence our theme for this year is "Equipping Ministry for Change." This is based on the mission and vision based on Ephesians 4:12 that will guide the synod over the next several years: "Equipping the Followers of Christ in the MT/NWY Synod for Ministry."

Our last Assembly gathering in 2019 challenged us to meet the future boldly as a new bishop was elected as well as a new vice president, new Synod Council members, and various committee members. I was one of the results of that Assembly and I am honored and blessed to serve the synod and the gospel as your bishop despite the messiness of my first 1.7 years in office. When people ask me if I am enjoying being bishop my response is that "I feel called by the Spirit to serve in this vocation and that is what brings me joy."

I think we have met the future boldly here in the MT/NWY Synod even as the future has hit us with unwelcome challenges. Certainly, holding this assembly digitally has pushed us into the future and, with God's help, we are meeting the changes and challenges. Rest assured that our staff and synod council have the technology and the process well in hand as we walk together through this change in assembly format as well as equipping you for ministry.

This will be a quick and lean Assembly compared to other years during which we will focus only on the business that needs to be done. We will ratify the 2021 budget and approve the 2022 budget; we will elect voting delegates to the Churchwide Assembly Gathering in Columbus, OH in August of 2022. We will elect Synod Council members and other committee members to serve the synod over the next year. And we will hear reports from our secretary, treasurer, and bishop on the state of the synod and how we are poised to equip the followers of Christ in our synod to do the ministry of the gospel. We will celebrate with opening worship that begins immediately at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 4 and we will have other worship opportunities (brief and briefer) throughout the assembly. The Rev. Ruben Duran, Senior Advisor, New Ministry Development of the ELCA will present the Churchwide Report.

Please remember that you need to be registered to access the digital "floor." Also, voting members, please attend one of the many assembly preparation Zoom sessions being offered by the synod office in late May. We ask that all voting members check email regularly and read closely all directions in order assist you in your participation as a voting member.

You can find links to videos and documents from our partner ministries on the Synod Assembly Webpage as well as other documents and guidance pertinent to the gathering. (<https://www.montanasynd.org/2021-assembly.html>)

This booklet contains reports from the Montana Synod staff, committees and officers. We encourage you to read it and to bring it along. If you have any questions, you can go to our website, www.montanasynd.org, or you can contact our office at 406 453-1461.

I look forward to gathering with you at the 2021 MT/NWY Assembly! God's blessings be with you!

Rev. Laurie Jungling, Bishop

Welcome from the ELCA



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope” (Jeremiah 29:11).

We've learned over the past year how resilient we are as church and as people of God. It's been a time of pain, loss, injustice and uncertainty. It has also been a time of learning, listening and trying new things — stepping out of our comfort zones and into a more digital world. This church persevered in so many ways.

The churchwide organization has been working alongside all expressions and ministries of the ELCA and our partners to provide resources, share stories, engage members and keep our programs alive as we've shifted our focus to responding to the pandemic.

For the generosity of this church through its COVID-19 Response Fund, for the remarkable ways in which we connected to one another, and for the innovative approaches so many of you took to engaging your communities in the gospel, I want to say thank you. Thank you for your ingenuity, and for knowing that God has a plan for us and it's one filled with hope.

As we look to the future, I invite you to dream with me for a moment.

Imagine more people knowing Jesus. Imagine creating communities of love and justice online and in real life. Imagine our online communities and pews filled with new, young and diverse members. Imagine spending more of your time collaborating with others to have a bigger impact in our neighborhoods and in the world.

That is the future I want to build with you. We've all experienced God's ability to see us through challenging times and through new seasons of life. This is an invitation to be part of something that God is doing with and through us. There's never been a better moment to share the way of Jesus and introduce more people to community, justice and love.

In peace,

Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop

ELCA Churchwide Representative



THE REV. DR. RUBEN DURAN
Senior Advisor for New Ministry Development / ELCA

The Rev. Dr. Ruben Duran

The Rev. Dr. Ruben Duran serves as Senior Advisor for New Ministry Development in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He promotes Synodical mission strategies, local initiatives and innovative models nurturing life changing relationships in new and existing communities of faith in the USA and the Caribbean. He also resources 352 new mission congregations reaching people in multiple contexts throughout the country.

Ruben is a native of Lima, Peru, South America. He served parishes in the Seattle, Washington and Los Angeles, California areas prior to becoming Associate to the Bishop and Mission Director for the Metropolitan Chicago Synod. He has also served as Associate Director for Latino Outreach, and Director for New Congregations in the ELCA churchwide offices prior to his current position. He is also serving as Interim Pr. at New Hope-Nueva Esperanza Lutheran Church in Aurora, IL.

Ruben is a graduate of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California; Trinity Lutheran College in Seattle, Washington; and, the Escuela Nacional de Turismo in Lima, Peru. Ruben and his wife, the Rev. Jean Marie Duran, are parents of 3 adult daughters and grandparents of Arabella (8 years old), Teddy (2 years old), and Evelyn (20 months old).

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Message of Support from ELCSA – Cape Orange Diocese



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TO: THE MONTANA SYNOD ASSEMBLY MEETING

RE: MESSAGE OF SUPPORT FROM ELCSA – CAPE ORANGE DIOCESE

Dear Bishop Laurie Jungling

Dear Mr. Richard Deschamps – Deputy President of the Montana Synod Assembly

Dear Sisters and Brothers, members of the high Synod Assembly.

Your Synod Assembly is meeting at a critical time in the history of humankind when the corona virus pandemic is ravaging the whole world. At some point we witnessed how the USA was leading with the amount of infections and fatalities – but recently you are now leading in the vaccination program that will lead to herd immunity for your nation. We give thanks to God for this medical technological advancement.

Your Synod Assembly is meeting under the theme *“Equipping the Saints for the work of ministry” [Ephesians 4:12]*. This command of St. Paul to the Church in Ephesus was in acknowledgement of the fruit of Spirit – a direct result of Pentecost, a festival of the Church that we as Church have recently observed. It will remain the priority of the Church to continually equip the Saints for the work of ministry.

We as the Church in Africa had to realise very quickly during our hard lock down that unless we step up our use of technology for our advantage – we will lose touch with the Rankin file membership of the Church. In other words – out of the tragedy caused by Covid 19 we have learned new techniques of how to be relevant as Church in these hard socio – economic times. We have to continue to do what Paul was encouraging the Church in Ephesus to do – to Equip the Saints for the work of ministry.

We appreciate very much the Companionship that we have and we place on record our profound gratitude for what God has given us – each other. May we continue to pray to God that He keeps us safe and strengthen the bond of fellowship that exist between us. May we never lose hope that even this pandemic will come to pass.

With warm fraternal greetings and fond memories of your last elective Synod Assembly we wish you God's blessings as you gather, albeit virtually, to deliberate on the future of God's Church and to glorify God even under these trying times.

On behalf of the leadership and membership of the ELCSA – Cape Orange Diocese we wish your Synod Assembly fruitful deliberations.

I am your brother.



Motsamai Manong - Bishop

On behalf of the Cape Orange Diocese



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BISHOP MOTSAMAI ZACHARIAH MANONG

Montana Synod Bishop's Report

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Two years ago, this weekend, I was elected by this Assembly to serve as the bishop of the Montana Synod, ELCA. And what a strange two years it has been! I offer to you this portion of my Bishop's report in writing to address how I and the synod staff have served the MT Synod during these past years. In my spoken report to the Assembly offered on Saturday morning, I will focus on the present and future of the synod and wider church and how we as synod and churchwide hope to equip you and your ministries to be Christ's Church in this world.

During the first seven months of my service as synod bishop, I learned how to be a bishop in the more traditional way, centered on much travel. After my installation in Sept 2019, I travelled to various meetings, services, and conferences in my role, including but not limited to the Conference of Bishops (Chicago) twice, two PLU board of trustee meetings (Tacoma), the American Indian Alaska Native Conference (Tulsa), and several of my fellow Region 1 colleague bishops' installations. I also travelled throughout the synod on several occasions for anniversaries, ordinations, installations and responding to congregational needs. I met with the synod council twice in Great Falls, the Candidacy committee once in Great Falls, met with ecumenical partners and engaged in many other duties of the office.

Then in March 2020, the pandemic hit, and I began to learn what it really means to be a bishop for a new time and a reforming Church. Everything had changed! And the staff and I had to figure out what it meant to serve this synod while confined to our homes, without travelling, and while trying to educate ourselves and others on new ways to minister and lead as well as learn and guide leaders in using the communications technology of our new lives: Zoom. Thank God for our Director of Technology and communications, Colter McCarty, who helped us adjust and adapt as seamlessly as possible.

Quickly, we shut down the office and then began to offer guidance, advice, support (including worship), and prayers for the synod. Much of that guidance and advice emerged as soon as we were able to learn and adapt ourselves, not always as fast as we or others would have liked, but as well-considered, clear, and helpful as we could be in the moment. Some of the issues we faced as a synod staff were similar to those you faced: how to do worship; the opening, closing and sanitation of our office space; providing Holy Communion and pastoral care to people not able to be present in person; protecting ourselves and our loved ones from the virus (masks, cleaning, social distancing); and responding faithfully to the events happening in our nation (e.g. racial injustice, protests, political upheaval, riots, the Jan 6 insurrection, the economic consequences, etc.). And we did this while trying to continue to fulfill the duties of the offices into which we have been called (facilitating pastor and congregation transitions, making grant applications, attending zoom meeting after zoom meeting, working together as a staff, communicating in varied and new ways, working to assure that the Synod/Church did not close but instead continued to function in healthy ways, and so many other duties).

And we succeeded to the best of our ability. As each new change and challenge came our way, we repeatedly followed a cycle of "learn, be open, adapt/pivot, decide, lament, worship, pray and love the neighbor." I don't know about you, but I felt (and still feel) like I was on a wild rollercoaster ride, being twisted, turned, flipped upside under, and whipped around and around at breakneck speeds as new and strange things seemed to happen every day. During this wild ride, exhaustion and grief became a real force in our lives, as many of you no doubt felt as well.

But in the midst of that exhaustion and uncertainty, we also saw opportunity, possibility and hope in God's future. The crisis we were experiencing became an occasion to ask hard questions about what it really meant to be Church and follow Christ. The crisis opened doors to be able to see what was not working anymore and name where we as church had gone astray from our mission to proclaim Christ. For the staff and the synod council, this time of learning, adapting, and deciding together was a time of growth, discernment, and discovery to explore and begin experimenting with what God is calling the church to be, do and seek now that the old normal has been irrevocably changed into something new, even if we don't know what it is yet.

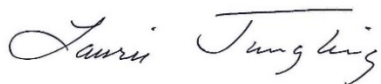
What does it mean to be Church in 2021? Being church cannot mean what it meant fifty years ago, twenty years ago, even five years ago. "The Church is always Reforming" is a motto that emerged from the time of Reformation 500 year ago and we need to put this motto into practice. It is time, my fellow siblings in Christ, for all of us to ask some important questions of ourselves as we consider God is calling to us today as the Body of Christ:

- Who are we – as a congregation/ministry, as a synod, as the ELCA, as Church?
- What is the Church's mission/purpose in this time and place?
- What is the Holy Spirit's vision for the church, and how can we know it and follow it?
- How is God bringing the kingdom near to us right now and how can we form eyes to see and engage it?
- How can we as individual followers of Christ and as communities proclaim the gospel of Jesus effectively in what we say and what we do in the world?
- In what ways can we reach out to, welcome, invite and engage the many and diverse neighbors beyond our church doors instead of only looking inward?

These are only some of the questions we must consider as we seek to become the Church together that Christ is calling us to be. But we cannot get stuck in the questions and considerations.

Finally, we must discern, adapt, and act. And in order to do that, we must be equipped, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to be, seek and do the body of Christ in the world as God calls us and wills us. This is not something one person or one small group can accomplish alone. All of us are called to be the body of Christ together. And so let us learn from the past but let us move into the future, each and all equipped for the ministry of Christ's gospel in the Church and world.

Please stay tuned for the second part of my report to be shared during Plenary IV on Saturday, June 5. May God bless and keep you all!



Rev. Laurie Jungling, Bishop

Montana Synod Secretary's Report

Below is a summary of the actions taken by the Council of the Montana Synod since the assembly held in June of 2019. Due to the pandemic, there was no assembly held in 2020, so this report encompasses a two-year period. The Council of the Montana Synod met nine times in the past two years. The Synod Council is commissioned to conduct the business of the Synod between Synod Assemblies, as well as set the direction for the Synod. The Council conducted the following business:

- Approved the new mission start in Missoula, *Conspire* (later renamed *Confluence*), as a Synodically Authorized Worshipping Community.
- Appointed Pastor Lindean Barnett Christianson as churchwide voting member, replacing a member who could not attend.
- Elected Robin Matthews, Tonja Erickson, Allen Hansen, and Pastor Anna Merritt to the Montana Synod Council Executive Committee.
- Approved the changes to the 2019 and 2020 budgets.
- Approved the recommended minimum salary guidelines for 2020 and 2021.
- Allowed Messiah Lutheran Church (Billings) to move to Saint John's United for their worship space and a mailing address; and to operate with a council of the whole for one year (effective November 1, 2019), extended for another year in September of 2020.
- Ratified the appointment of Rev. Sean Janssen to serve out the term of Rev. Linda Webster on the Synod Council.
- Asked the stewardship task force to investigate a fiscal partnership with the ELCA foundation and the GSB proposal and make a recommendation to the council.
- Recommended the 2021 budget to the Synod Assembly.
- In March of 2020, chose to make interest only payments on the Synod House mortgage in accordance with an offer from Mission Investment Fund.
- Canceled the 2020 Montana Synod Assembly.
- Recognized the Covid-19 pandemic as a disaster and authorized the use of disaster response funds for congregations who had unmet needs.
- Approved the opening of a new account with the ELCA Federal Credit Union.
- Ratified the appointments of Kevin Johnson, John Sheppard, Rev. Peter Erickson and Kristi Lobdell to serve one-year terms on the Synod Council until the 2021 assembly.
- Approved \$1000 to be added to the ELCA Credit Union checking account to be used as a discretionary fund.
- Accepted the recommendation of the stewardship task force to enter partnership with the ELCA Foundation.
- Entered into agreement with Dennis Trotter to act as consultant for mission support.
- Adopted the 2021 budget.
- Called Pastor Christina (Trina) Johnsten to serve as an intentional interim minister for the synod.
- Resumed paying principal and interest on the mortgage beginning in October 2020.
- Approved an experimental plan for the Synod Council to meet every other month until June of 2021.
- Voted to hold a virtual Synod Assembly over the weekend of June 4-6, 2021.
- Authorized the Stewardship Task Force to pursue a crowdfunding platform for ministry fundraising.
- Approved revisions to the 2021 budget.

- Recommended the 2022 budget to the Synod Assembly.
- Approved the use of funds from the Rudyard Lutheran Church telephone cooperative capital credits to support the Racial Justice Task Force.
- By unanimous vote, approved the council resolution for holding the assembly by virtual means.
- Requested the use of space at Bethel Lutheran (Great Falls) for the 2021 Synod Assembly.
- Designated the Synod Assembly Offering to First Call Theological Education, Care for Creation Task Force and Racial Justice Task Force (divided into thirds).
- Approved On Leave from Call Status: Pastor Roberta Smythe, Pastor Mary Morgenstern, Pastor Linda Webster, Pastor Jean Hay, Pastor Stacey Siebrasse Heggem, Pastor Natalie Faltin, and Pastor Kristi Bummer
- Approved Retirement Roster Status: Pastor Mark Taylor, Pastor Roberta Pierce, Pastor Steven Paugh Leuzinger, Pastor Kim Wilker, Bishop Jessica Crist, Pastor Char Schmiedeskamp, Pastor Steve Loy, Pastor Larry Stappler, and Pastor Steve VanGilder. The annual review of 1/3 of this roster was completed in 2020 by Bishop Jungling.
- Reviewed Synod Council Calls as of May 2019.
- Synod Council Calls to Special Service: Pastor Stacey Siebrasse (Director of Bridges and Leaders), Pastor Al Jensen (Chaplain, Immanuel Lutheran Communities, Kalispell),
- Removed Susan Penn (deacon) and Bob Nilsen (pastor) from the roster.
- Approved funding to continue our work with Dennis Trotter (Synod financial consultant) in 2021.
- Added funds to the 2021 and 2022 budgets to cover the cost of a stipend for the synod Candidacy coordinator.
- Approved the slate of candidates from the nominating committee (2021). Nominations from the floor will not be accepted.
- Appointed: John Mundinger and Pastor Steve Loy to the Candidacy Committee; Dr. Ashley Quanbeck, Vicky Nytes, Linda Nelson, Pastor Elizabeth Liggett, Pastor Seth Nelson, and Mindy Christensen (Grants Committee) to the Hetzel Foundation; Allen Hansen to the Freedom in Christ board as Synod Council liaison; Rev. Arne Bergland to the PLU Corporation board; Pastor Sean Janssen to the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary board; and Marilyn Hall as the volunteer Montana Synod coaching coordinator;
- Ecumenical Appointments: Pastor Anna Viehland (Methodist) to Shepherd of the Valley, Townsend; Pastor JP Carlson (Presbyterian) to Christ the King, Bozeman; Pastor Jamie Schmelling (Presbyterian) to Hope American, Fallon.
- Received reports from Bishop Laurie Jungling, Associate to the Bishop Jason Asselstine, Director for Evangelical Mission, Peggy Paugh Leuzinger, Director for Technology and Communication Colter McCarty, Office Manager Candi Standall, Synod Treasurer Sue Ost, Director of NRIT Jenny Kunka, Secretary Amanda Liggett, Pastor Stacey Siebrasse (Racial Justice Task Force), Pastor Eric Huseeth (Creation Care Task Force), Pastor Kendra Wilde (Montana Association of Christians), Trudi Paulson (Saint John's United Family Services), Pastor Dave Brauer-Rieke (Region 1 Lutheran Disaster Response), Beth Adams (ELCA Foundation), Dennis Trotter (Mission Support Consultant), Pastor Jessie Obrecht (World Hunger Coordinator), and Loni Taylor (ELCA Church Council and Our Saviour's Rocky Boy).

Some topics of discussion throughout the year were: our synod mission partners, Mission Support, disaster response, vision and mission, support for the synod task forces, and of course the pandemic. The council was asked to meet more regularly than in the past, via electronic meeting, so that we could stay informed and help guide the synod through a time of uncertainty. Significant time was spent discussing how to support congregations and pastors through the pandemic, as well as strategies for the synod to deal gracefully with any issues that arose.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda Liggett', written over the printed name.

Pastor Amanda Liggett
Secretary, Montana Synod

2022 Proposed Budget

MONTANA SYNOD BUDGET	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Approved	2022 Proposed
REVENUES				
Mission Support	\$942,567.35	\$906,269.82	\$952,400.00	\$967,400.00
Gifts	\$942.52	\$8,940.86	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Earnings	\$2,524.44	\$435.63	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$100.00			
EOCM-DEM Position Expenses	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Trnsfr from Restricted for Prison Ministry	\$9,186.79			
Trnsfr from Restricted for Mortgage Int.	\$18,063.41	\$17,183.85	\$16,866.09	\$16,300.00
Candidacy Fee	\$1,000.00	\$987.75	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Revenues	\$984,384.51	\$943,817.91	\$981,266.09	\$995,700.00
EXPENSES				
Churchwide Support	\$349,099.03	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00
Total Churchwide Support	\$349,099.03	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00
Agency and Social Ministry				
Ministry Partners				
Campus Ministry MSU Campuses	\$27,560.41	\$27,884.92	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Emmaus Campus Ministry (U of M)	\$27,560.41	\$27,884.92	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Campus Min.Capital Transf	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Northern Rockies Institute	\$18,373.59	\$18,589.95	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
St. John's Ministries-LSS	\$24,115.34	\$24,399.31	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Montana Assoc of Christians	\$5,603.94	\$4,647.50	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Wyoming Interfaith Network	\$689.01	\$697.11	\$750.00	\$750.00
Intermountain Children's Home Services	\$1,929.24	\$1,951.94	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Total for Ministry Partners	\$106,331.94	\$106,555.65	\$109,250.00	\$109,250.00
Congregations				
Freedom in Christ Prison Ministry	\$9,186.79	\$9,294.96	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Spirit of Life (Ft Peck)	\$5,499.96	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
Rocky Boy	\$1,378.01	\$2,416.68	\$7,600.00	\$7,600.00
Total for Congregations	\$16,064.76	\$17,211.64	\$23,100.00	\$23,100.00
Colleges				
PLU	\$918.69	\$929.49	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Concordia	\$918.69	\$929.49	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Total for Colleges	\$1,837.38	\$1,858.98	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Seminaries				
PLTS	\$19,292.27	\$19,519.43	\$18,500.00	\$18,500.00
Luther Seminary	\$19,292.27	\$19,519.43	\$18,500.00	\$18,500.00
Total for Seminaries	\$38,584.54	\$39,038.86	\$37,000.00	\$37,000.00
Total Agency & Social Ministry	\$162,818.62	\$164,665.13	\$171,350.00	\$171,350.00
Shared Missions				
Region 1 FSO	\$45,982.00	\$22,258.50	\$44,070.00	\$45,852.00

MONTANA SYNOD BUDGET	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Approved	2022 Proposed
ELCA Shared Risk Fund/Good Samaritan Fund			\$702.00	\$702.00
Total Shared Missions	\$45,982.00	\$22,258.50	\$44,772.00	\$46,554.00
Program Delivery				
Program-Youth	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Program-1st Call	(\$675.00)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Program-Parish Assistance	\$192.50	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Program-Evangelism		\$500.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Program-Care of Clergy/Family	\$1,997.50	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Program-Candidacy	\$4,176.20	\$4,857.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Program-Other	\$233.09	\$500.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Total Program Delivery	\$5,924.29	\$15,857.00	\$16,300.00	\$16,300.00
Total Compensation & Benefits	\$293,001.96	\$298,615.56	\$309,791.77	\$320,540.96
Travel				
Staff Travel	\$25,280.82	\$7,891.46	\$12,500.00	\$15,000.00
Travel - DEM Expenses	\$12,963.38	\$8,697.65	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Synod Council Travel	\$11,011.80	\$1,920.73	\$5,000.00	\$7,500.00
Region 1 Travel	\$3,713.35	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Total Travel	\$52,969.35	\$18,509.84	\$33,000.00	\$38,000.00
Administrative				
Postage	\$4,251.06	\$51.40	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Supplies	\$1,643.24	\$1,048.72	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Printing	\$577.94	\$505.51	\$800.00	\$800.00
PLU Archives	\$808.23	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Telephone & Internet	\$3,827.92	\$2,960.77	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Cell Phone Allowance	\$2,910.00	\$2,400.00	\$3,240.00	\$3,240.00
Insurance	\$3,379.00	\$3,361.00	\$3,379.00	\$3,379.00
Taxes	\$447.68	\$442.66	\$500.00	\$500.00
Books & Educational Materials	\$1,835.38	\$87.11	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$831.86	\$739.75	\$500.00	\$500.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$4,351.16	\$4,002.38	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Equipment Transfer	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Subscriptions/Hosting		\$3,039.54	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
Hardware/Technology		\$2,755.68	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Occupancy & Utilities	\$6,998.46	\$5,251.51	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
Custodial	\$5,965.54	\$5,071.54	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Building Maintenance Transfer		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Interest Expense (Building)	\$18,063.41	\$17,183.85	\$16,866.09	\$16,300.00
Total Administrative	\$56,390.88	\$50,901.42	\$56,085.09	\$55,519.00
Total Expenses	\$966,186.13	\$920,807.45	\$981,298.86	\$998,263.96
Net Total:	\$18,198.38	\$23,010.46	(\$32.77)	(\$2,563.96)

2019-2020 Mission Support

Code	Congregation	City	2019	2020
	Miscellaneous MT Synod		\$725.00	
13341	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Absarokee	\$5,139.42	\$2,155.52
13342	Hope Lutheran Church	Anaconda	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
30136	Jocko Valley Lutheran Church	Arlee	\$1,097.80	\$879.00
13344	First English Lutheran Church	Bainville	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
13345	American Lutheran Church	Baker	\$6,600.00	\$7,150.00
30785	All Saints in Big Sky	Big Sky	\$20,255.91	\$20,711.98
13349	Big Timber Lutheran Church	Big Timber	\$7,858.00	\$7,681.57
13350	American Lutheran Church	Billings	\$42,318.00	\$49,518.41
13351	Atonement Lutheran Church	Billings	\$33,517.91	\$36,738.49
04836	Bethlehem Lutheran Church	Billings	\$1,560.00	\$1,800.00
04837	First English Lutheran Church	Billings	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
16293	King of Glory Lutheran Church	Billings	\$40,194.96	\$35,000.04
13352	Lutheran Church of the Good Shephrd	Billings	\$46,966.03	\$43,007.52
04838	Messiah Lutheran Church	Billings	\$1,458.00	\$10,000.00
13353	Peace Lutheran Church	Billings	\$17,467.00	\$18,586.00
13354	Our Savior's Lutheran Church	Bonner	\$9,797.48	\$8,946.79
04839	Our Saviour's Lutheran Church	Box Elder	\$720.00	\$0.00
04851	Christ the King Lutheran Church	Bozeman	\$18,745.70	\$23,036.77
13357	Hope Lutheran Church	Bozeman	\$18,606.00	\$19,030.00
13358	Our Savior's Lutheran Church	Broadus	\$1,150.00	\$1,380.00
13361	Zion Lutheran Church	Brockton	\$580.00	\$580.00
04840	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church	Butte	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00
13362	Gold Hill Lutheran Church	Butte	\$9,527.00	\$14,259.00
13367	American Lutheran Church	Chinook	\$400.00	\$400.00
13368	Trinity Lutheran Church	Choteau	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
13369	First Lutheran Church	Circle	\$3,600.00	\$2,400.00
30539	All Saints Lutheran Church	Clancy	\$3,112.34	\$1,163.43
13372	Trinity Lutheran Church	Cody WY	\$19,040.30	\$22,130.71
13373	Our Savior's Lutheran Church	Columbia Falls	\$6,578.20	\$6,583.59
04841	St James Lutheran Church	Columbus	\$2,167.00	\$5,004.00
13434	Ebenezer Lutheran Church (McCabe)	Culbertson	\$1,000.00	\$325.00
13376	Trinity Lutheran Church	Culbertson	\$7,620.00	\$7,200.00
13377	St Paul's Lutheran Church	Cut Bank	\$460.00	\$2,251.00
13380	Dodson Lutheran Church	Dodson	\$600.00	\$400.00
13381	Bethany Lutheran Church	Dutton	\$3,255.00	\$500.00

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30475	St Elizabeth's Lutheran Church	Ekalaka	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
13382	Grace Lutheran Church	Fairfield	\$1,500.00	\$1,375.00
13383	St Paul Lutheran Church	Fairfield	\$0.00	\$0.00
13384	Zion Lutheran Church	Fairview	\$15,668.00	\$12,457.00
13385	Hope American Lutheran Church	Fallon	\$650.00	\$650.00
90009	Fort Peck Lutheran Church	Fort Peck	\$0.00	\$0.00
16091	Valley of Christ Lutheran Church	Frenchtown	\$3,600.00	\$4,200.00
13390	Froid Lutheran Church	Froid	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
13378	Devon Lutheran Church (Devon)	Galata	\$200.00	\$200.00
13391	Galata Lutheran Church	Galata	\$400.00	\$400.00
13392	First Lutheran Church	Glasgow	\$28,017.32	\$18,380.42
13393	Zion Lutheran Church	Glendive	\$11,314.00	\$8,640.84
04843	Bethel Lutheran Church	Great Falls	\$17,761.82	\$17,466.05
04844	First English Lutheran Church	Great Falls	\$5,220.00	\$6,200.04
30946	New Hope Lutheran Church	Great Falls	\$6,900.00	\$7,248.00
13396	Our Savior's Lutheran Church	Great Falls	\$12,099.92	\$12,000.00
13397	Redeemer Lutheran Church	Great Falls	\$12,070.00	\$12,000.00
04845	St John Lutheran Church	Great Falls	\$941.38	\$1,185.58
90155	Peace Lutheran Fellowship (Basin)	Greybull WY	\$500.00	\$500.00
13398	Faith Lutheran Church	Hamilton	\$11,900.00	\$12,000.00
13399	First American Lutheran Church	Hardin	\$700.00	\$700.00
13400	American Lutheran Church	Harlem	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
13401	American Lutheran Church	Harlowton	\$4,841.63	\$2,750.00
13402	First Lutheran Church	Havre	\$7,513.88	\$8,257.23
13403	Messiah Lutheran Church	Havre	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
07738	New Life Lutheran Church	Helena	\$4,000.00	\$4,450.00
13405	Our Redeemer Lutheran Church	Helena	\$31,444.11	\$31,155.99
04846	St John's Lutheran Church	Helena	\$10,844.95	\$6,300.00
13406	# Hingham Lutheran Church	Hingham	\$0.00	\$0.00
13407	Hinsdale Lutheran Church	Hinsdale	\$2,092.40	\$1,764.95
13408	American Lutheran Church (Hogeland)	Hogeland	\$2,392.00	\$2,396.19
13410	Trinity Lutheran Church	Hot Springs	\$1,030.68	\$556.19
13411	Joliet Lutheran Church	Joliet	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
13412	Bethel Lutheran Church	Joplin	\$1,700.00	\$1,200.00
13414	St John's Lutheran Church	Jordan	\$56.45	\$0.00
13415	Bethlehem Lutheran Church	Kalispell	\$38,490.88	\$38,791.26
16105	Northridge Lutheran Church	Kalispell	\$25,500.00	\$25,500.00
13419	Kremlin Lutheran Church	Kremlin	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

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13423	Our Savior's Lutheran Church	Laurel	\$1,100.00	\$200.00
13427	Zion Lutheran Church	Lewistown	\$21,999.96	\$21,999.96
13428	Christ Lutheran Church	Libby	\$9,005.00	\$9,615.00
13430	American Lutheran Church	Livingston	\$9,013.35	\$7,448.28
04847	Redeemer Lutheran Church	Livingston	\$500.00	\$500.00
13431	Loring Lutheran Church	Loring	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
13433	Malta Lutheran Church	Malta	\$6,433.55	\$6,012.25
13438	Atonement Lutheran Church	Missoula	\$10,762.52	\$11,624.31
04848	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Missoula	\$18,304.00	\$18,812.00
04849	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church	Missoula	\$1,900.00	\$575.00
13439	St Paul's Lutheran Church	Missoula	\$37,497.15	\$33,187.01
13440	Bethel Lutheran Church of Grain	Nashua	\$0.00	\$0.00
13441	Our Redeemer Lutheran Church	Nashua	\$100.00	\$0.00
13447	First Lutheran Church	Plains	\$5,954.86	\$5,925.99
13448	Plentywood Lutheran Church	Plentywood	\$18,451.35	\$8,317.71
13449	Peace Lutheran Church	Plevna	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
13450	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Polson	\$4,900.44	\$1,500.00
13453	Hope Lutheran Church	Powell WY	\$7,500.00	\$8,297.00
13454	Messiah Lutheran Church	Red Lodge	\$13,958.22	\$10,395.60
04850	Nathanael Lutheran Church	Reserve	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00
04842	Volmer Lutheran Church (Dagmar)	Reserve	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
13458	American Lutheran Church	Richey	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
13461	Faith Lutheran Church	Ronan	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
13462	Zion Lutheran Church	Roundup	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
13463	Goldstone Lutheran Church (Gildford)	Rudyard	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
13466	Saco Lutheran Church	Saco	\$2,538.13	\$2,144.85
13469	First Lutheran Church	Savage	\$3,165.00	\$3,575.00
13346	Grace Lutheran Church (Barber)	Shawmut	\$800.00	\$800.00
13471	St Luke's American Lutheran Church	Shelby	\$1,200.00	\$1,450.00
13472	Emmanuel Lutheran Church	Shepherd	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
05513	Trinity Lutheran Church	Sheridan WY	\$30,708.00	\$28,633.00
13474	Pella Lutheran Church	Sidney	\$34,400.65	\$32,000.00
13475	Eidsvold Lutheran Church	Somers	\$14,002.00	\$10,875.00
13477	Lutheran Church of Sunburst	Sunburst	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
13478	Our Savior's Lutheran Church	Thompson Falls	\$1,000.00	\$1,100.00
13479	Shepherd of Valley Lutheran Church	Townsend	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00
13480	American Lutheran Church (Turner)	Turner	\$2,507.78	\$2,165.71
13483	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Westby	\$4,500.00	\$5,000.00

Code	Congregation	City	2019	2020
13484	St John's Lutheran Church	Westby	\$550.00	\$0.00
13486	American Lutheran Church	White Sulphur	\$650.00	\$600.00
13426	Trinity Lutheran Church (Lennup)	White Sulphur	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
13487	Whitewater Lutheran Church	Whitewater	\$1,105.00	\$1,100.00
13489	Shields River Lutheran Church	Wilsall	\$2,499.96	\$1,200.00
13491	First Lutheran Church	Wolf Point	\$10,997.01	\$10,051.96
31320	Spirit of Life Community Bike Shop	Wolf Point	\$0.00	\$700.00
31082	Spirit of Life Ministry	Wolf Point	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
13492	Grace Lutheran Church	Worland WY	\$10,746.95	\$10,360.63
Totals			\$942,567.35	\$906,259.82

2020 Designated Gifts from Congregations

Montana Synod of the ELCA Designated Gifts/Receipts from Congregations 01/31/21

Gift Number	Gift Name	MTD Gifts	YTD Gifts
646	1st Call Theological	\$182.74	\$390.24
664	Bolivia Water Project	\$0.00	\$1,815.00
MSG0075	Buerkle, Bradn	\$291.63	\$5,500.00
WHG0106	CHICKS (Global Barnyard)	\$0.00	\$160.00
MCG0071	COVID-19 Relief	\$0.00	\$269.98
616	Campus Min-Bozeman (MSU)	\$340.00	\$1,976.50
667	Cape Orange Diocese	\$0.00	\$275.00
605	Christikon Bible Camp	\$400.00	\$2,435.00
623	Companion Synod	\$0.00	\$1,290.00
DDG0060	Disaster Response Fund	\$0.00	\$614.00
DDG0010	Domestic Disaster Respons	\$112.00	\$2,482.75
GCS4000	ELCA Global Ministries	\$0.00	\$100.00
629	Emmaus Campus Min (UofM)	\$437.31	\$3,447.12
660	Family Promise	\$0.00	\$2,006.60
608	Flathead Bible Camp	\$538.29	\$6,780.68
636	Freedom In Christ (Prison	\$924.15	\$14,512.46
GCS1000	Global Mission	\$0.00	\$3,950.00
WHG0051	God's Global Barnyard	\$3,990.00	\$5,565.00
MSG0700	Help an ELCA Missionary	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
DDG0087	Hurricane Relief	\$25.00	\$1,525.00
665	Intermountain Childrens	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
617	Kogudus	\$0.00	\$530.00
746	LIRS	\$0.00	\$1,796.37
645	LPA Program	\$56.45	\$733.85
601	LSS-MONTANA	\$135.00	\$5,965.00
4	LWR-A5	\$1,140.68	\$37,324.33
1152	LWR-Shipping	\$0.00	\$311.67
MSG0260	Langdji, Anne & Willie	\$0.00	\$600.00
703	Luther Seminary	\$0.00	\$1,215.00
614	MT Synod Disaster Relief	\$140.00	\$12,144.57
633	MT Synod Office Building	\$0.00	\$5,060.00
699	MT Synod Only Benevolence	\$10.00	\$10.00
644	MT-Fund for L in Mission	\$65.00	\$1,427.41
603	Misc Gift - Montana	\$1,135.00	\$1,135.00
GCS2000	Missionary Support	\$250.00	\$1,600.00
619	Mt Synod Gift	\$0.00	\$3,242.00
628	NRIT	\$510.00	\$5,685.00
609	Ramseth Sem Endowmnt	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
622	Rocky Boy	\$0.00	\$4,094.00
663	Spirit of Life/Fort Peck	\$0.00	\$650.00
DDG0077	U.S. Wildfires	\$0.00	\$2,265.27
621	Upper Missouri Minis	\$0.00	\$300.00
WHG0108	Water Well	\$0.00	\$2,525.00
WHG0038	World Hunger	\$6,937.68	\$78,221.82
GCS2045	YAGM: Gustavo Driau	\$1,466.67	\$6,255.04
		<u>\$19,087.60</u>	<u>\$232,436.66</u>

2019 Designated Gifts from Congregations

Montana Synod of the ELCA Designated Gifts from Congregations 01/31/2020

<u>Gift Number</u>	<u>Gift Name</u>	<u>MTD Gifts</u>	<u>YTD Gifts</u>
646	1st Call Theological	\$0.00	\$457.50
626	Assembly Offering:MONTANA	\$0.00	\$2,602.00
GCS4038	Bible	\$24.00	\$24.00
MSG0075	Buerkle, Bradn	\$1,400.00	\$8,707.00
WHG0106	CHICKS (Global Barnyard)	\$20.00	\$453.00
616	Campus Min-Bozeman (MSU)	\$1,086.77	\$3,859.09
667	Cape Orange Diocese	\$12.50	\$1,905.50
605	Christikon Bible Camp	\$384.00	\$1,109.00
623	Companion Synod	\$12.50	\$712.75
701	Continuing Education	\$0.00	\$100.00
641	Dacotah Oyate Church	\$180.00	\$720.00
DDG0060	Disaster Response Fund	\$0.00	\$1,410.00
DDG0010	Domestic Disaster Respons	\$707.90	\$6,904.54
GCS3000	ELCA Young Adults	\$0.00	\$1,550.00
629	Emmaus Campus Min (UofM)	\$1,169.99	\$6,494.80
653	FISH-GF	\$0.00	\$240.00
660	Family Promise	\$244.66	\$2,173.75
WHG0131	Feed 50 soup kitchen	\$100.00	\$100.00
IDG0081	Feed a Refugee Family-1wk	\$50.00	\$50.00
608	Flathead Bible Camp	\$1,568.19	\$8,202.21
DDG0069	Flooding - US	\$0.00	\$158.00
636	Freedom In Christ (Prison	\$1,136.61	\$13,313.04
E270134	Fund for Leaders in Miss	\$0.00	\$20.00
WHG0102	GOAT (Global Barnyard)	\$350.00	\$350.00
GCS4003	Global Ministries-Bo	\$0.00	\$145.00
GCS1000	Global Mission	\$0.00	\$6,525.00
WHG0051	God's Global Barnyard	\$6,592.30	\$7,297.30
WHG0100	Honey Bees	\$20.00	\$20.00
DDG0087	Hurricane Relief	\$0.00	\$2,107.10
665	Intermountain Childrens	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
617	Kogudus	\$80.00	\$480.00
645	LPA Program	\$0.00	\$564.30
601	LSS-MONTANA	\$391.67	\$6,170.32
4	LWR-A5	\$2,611.73	\$29,402.19
MSG0260	Langdji, Anne & Willie	\$0.00	\$650.00
703	Luther Seminary	\$0.00	\$500.00
614	MT Synod Disaster Relief	\$180.00	\$1,794.25
633	MT Synod Office Building	\$523.50	\$18,129.50
644	MT-Fund for L in Mission	\$0.00	\$1,299.10
603	Misc Gift - Montana	\$0.00	\$12.00
EOG0256	Mission Builders	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
GCS2500	Missionaries & Yng Adults	\$200.00	\$200.00
GCS2000	Missionary Support	\$2,050.00	\$2,050.00
650	Mont Assoc of Christians	\$0.00	\$250.00
628	NRIT	\$475.00	\$3,949.51
WHG0099	PIG (Global Barnyard)	\$60.00	\$60.00

Montana Synod of the ELCA
Designated Gifts from Congregations
01/31/2020

<u>Gift Number</u>	<u>Gift Name</u>	<u>MTD Gifts</u>	<u>YTD Gifts</u>
704	PLTS	\$0.00	\$360.00
638	Poverello Center	\$0.00	\$1,450.19
609	Ramseth Sem Endowmnt	\$0.00	\$2,250.00
622	Rocky Boy	\$3,250.00	\$5,193.00
WHG0121	School Fees/uniform girl	\$200.00	\$200.00
663	Spirit of Life/Fort Peck	\$180.00	\$1,163.00
634	Student Scholarship-Boliv	\$0.00	\$771.00
DDG0020	Tornados - United States	\$0.00	\$205.00
DDG0077	U.S. Wildfires	\$0.00	\$907.00
IDG0099	Water Filter	\$30.00	\$30.00
WHG0038	World Hunger	\$12,167.63	\$76,322.27
GCS2045	YAGM: Gustavo Driau	\$1,336.67	\$5,644.21
		<u>\$38,795.62</u>	<u>\$240,217.42</u>

2020 Restricted Funds

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Note: The Report Option to include Open Transactions is selected.

Accounts	Beginning Balance	Restricted Revenue	Restricted Expenses	Ending Balance
<u>Temporary Restricted</u>				
02-341-04116 - Funds Held-Care of Creation	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
02-341-04186 - Funds Held-LSS Montana	\$0.00	\$5,965.00	\$5,965.00	\$0.00
02-341-04196 - Funds Held-Bolivia Travel	\$1,211.29	\$1,290.00	\$0.00	\$2,501.29
02-341-04226 - Funds Held-Disaster Response	\$10,236.64	\$15,530.37	\$7,180.00	\$18,587.01
02-341-04246 - Funds Held-Energy Conservation	\$5,829.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,829.19
02-341-04256 - Funds Held-Undesignated Gifts	\$28.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28.64
02-341-04346 - Funds Held-Seminar Moving Costs	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
02-341-04376 - Funds Held-W Mission Network	\$0.00	\$223.03	\$223.03	\$0.00
02-341-04386 - Funds Held-MT Synod Prison Cong	\$0.00	\$15,553.25	\$15,553.25	\$0.00
02-341-04396 - Funds Held-Fort Peck	\$2,947.92	\$27,190.79	\$23,686.57	\$6,452.14
02-341-04416 - Funds Held-Rocky Boy	\$0.00	\$5,134.79	\$5,134.79	\$0.00
02-341-04436 - Funds Held-World Hunger Grant	\$2,527.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,527.53
02-341-04446 - Funds held-Growing in God's Field	\$2,122.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,122.55
02-341-04476 - Funds Held-Leaders in Mission	\$269.60	\$1,590.54	\$0.00	\$1,860.14
02-341-04516 - Funds Held-Mission Partners	\$633.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$633.27
02-341-04526 - Funds Held-Racial Justice	\$23.62	\$3,120.96	\$0.00	\$3,144.58
02-341-04556 - Funds Held-Evangelism Grant	\$1,898.33	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$2,398.33
02-341-04566 - Funds Held-Rural Ministry	\$647.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$647.95
02-341-04586 - Funds Held-LDR/ELCA Grant	\$0.00	\$33,500.00	\$32,425.00	\$1,075.00
02-341-04596 - Funds Held-Lay Pastoral Associates	\$3,768.57	\$733.85	\$749.96	\$3,752.46
02-341-04606 - Funds Held-Equipment Reserve	\$813.11	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,313.11
02-341-04676 - Funds Held-Campus Ministry Capital	\$5,104.02	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$5,604.02
02-341-04936 - Funds Held-Coaching	\$0.00	\$1,135.00	\$0.00	\$1,135.00
02-341-04976 - Funds Held-Stewardship Growth	\$1,129.88	\$5,274.71	\$6,000.00	\$404.59
02-341-04986 - Funds Held-Mission Venture Capital	\$44,367.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,367.84
02-341-05006 - Funds Held-MLF receipts	\$1,610.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,610.25
02-341-05616 - Funds Held-Cape Orange	\$1,412.49	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$1,737.49
02-341-05696 - Funds Held-1st Call Theological	\$8.29	\$3,132.29	\$2,639.88	\$500.70
02-341-05706 - Funds Held-Care of Clergy & Family	\$295.83	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,795.83
02-341-07406 - Funds Held-Building Maintenance	\$2,007.89	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$2,507.89
02-341-07506 - Funds Held-Aid to Smaller Congr	\$139.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$139.68
02-341-08636 - Funds Held-Youth Gathering	\$6.87	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$256.87
02-341-08676 - Funds Held-Full Communion	\$1,906.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,906.50
02-341-10046 - Funds Held-Capital Campaign Income	\$18,302.47	\$7,977.23	\$20,406.22	\$5,873.48
02-341-64066 - Funds Held-Montana Synod Youth	\$5,301.05	\$2,916.40	\$0.00	\$8,217.45
02-346-01006 - Funds Held-Assembly Offering	\$0.00	\$525.00	\$400.00	\$125.00
Continuing Education Accounts				
02-345-00056 - Funds Held-CE-Assestine, Jason	\$150.68	\$1,400.00	\$838.03	\$712.65
02-345-00136 - Funds Held-CE-McCarty, Colter	\$566.04	\$225.00	\$75.00	\$716.04
02-345-00146 - Funds Held-CE-Leuzinger, Peggy P	\$88.71	\$700.00	\$623.64	\$165.07
02-345-00156 - Funds Held-CE-Jungling, Laurie	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
02-345-00166 - Funds Held-CE-Standall, Candice	\$37.50	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$262.50
Total Continuing Education Accounts	\$842.93	\$3,150.00	\$2,136.67	\$1,856.26
Council Designated				
02-341-04136 - Funds Held-Christian Ed Network	\$3,138.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,138.00
02-341-04776 - Funds Held-Pastoral Conference	\$0.00	\$2,350.00	\$2,350.00	\$0.00
02-341-05606 - Funds Held-Vitality Process	\$18,743.29	\$200.00	\$9,400.00	\$9,543.29
02-346-00006 - Funds Held-Synod Assembly	\$8,618.37	\$450.00	\$646.93	\$8,421.44
06-341-10006 - Funds Held-Crist Scholarship Fund	\$3,154.72	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$3,054.72
Total Council Designated	\$33,654.38	\$3,000.00	\$12,496.93	\$24,157.45
Temporarily Donor Restricted				
02-341-05626 - Funds Held-Bolivia Water Project	\$814.95	\$12,195.80	\$10,269.95	\$2,740.80
02-341-05636 - Funds Held-Bolivia Scholarship	\$663.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$663.00
02-341-05656 - Funds Held-J Crist Retreat Center	\$1,373.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,373.93
02-341-05666 - Funds Held-Macedonia Grant	\$2,214.71	\$0.00	\$2,214.71	\$0.00
02-341-05676 - Funds Held-Rudyard Scholarships	\$51,756.36	\$8,624.90	\$10,106.74	\$50,274.52
Total Temporarily Donor Restricted	\$56,822.95	\$20,820.70	\$22,591.40	\$55,052.25
Total Temporary Restricted	\$207,871.53	\$165,838.91	\$157,588.70	\$216,121.74
<u>Permanent Restricted</u>				

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05-341-06116 - Funds Held-Planned Giving Endowment	\$44,618.65	\$12,860.10	\$7,459.69	\$50,019.06
05-341-06126 - Funds Held-Emmaus Endowment	\$83,455.33	\$24,053.71	\$13,952.69	\$93,556.35
05-341-08686 - Funds Held-Ramseth Seminary	\$181,817.42	\$53,741.38	\$32,875.04	\$202,683.76
Total Permanent Restricted	\$309,891.40	\$90,655.19	\$54,287.42	\$346,259.17

2019 Restricted Funds

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<u>Temporary Restricted</u>				
02-341-04186 - Funds Held-ISS Montana	\$0.00	\$6,170.32	\$6,170.32	\$0.00
02-341-04196 - Funds Held-Bolivia Travel	\$248.79	\$1,737.75	\$775.25	\$1,211.29
02-341-04226 - Funds Held-Disaster Response	\$8,397.39	\$1,839.25	\$0.00	\$10,236.64
02-341-04246 - Funds Held-Energy Conservation	\$5,829.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,829.19
02-341-04256 - Funds Held-Undesignated Gifts	\$28.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28.64
02-341-04346 - Funds Held-Seminarian Moving Costs	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
02-341-04356 - Funds Held-Confluence	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00
02-341-04376 - Funds Held-W Mission Network	\$0.00	\$7,760.90	\$7,760.90	\$0.00
02-341-04386 - Funds Held-MT Synod Prison Cong	\$0.00	\$13,323.04	\$13,323.04	\$0.00
02-341-04396 - Funds Held-Fort Peck	\$979.63	\$29,162.96	\$27,194.67	\$2,947.92
02-341-04416 - Funds Held-Rocky Boy	\$0.00	\$5,193.00	\$5,193.00	\$0.00
02-341-04436 - Funds Held-World Hunger Grant	\$2,527.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,527.53
02-341-04446 - Funds held-Growing in God's Field	\$2,122.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,122.55
02-341-04476 - Funds Held-Leaders in Mission	\$3,290.06	\$1,398.60	\$4,419.06	\$269.60
02-341-04516 - Funds Held-Mission Partners	\$633.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$633.27
02-341-04526 - Funds Held-American Indian Strategy	\$23.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23.62
02-341-04556 - Funds Held-Evangelism Grant	\$1,898.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,898.33
02-341-04566 - Funds Held-Rural Ministry	\$647.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$647.95
02-341-04576 - Funds Held-Bishop Transition Fund	\$8,478.83	\$1,646.64	\$10,125.47	\$0.00
02-341-04596 - Funds Held-Lay Pastoral Associates	\$5,572.64	\$7,631.80	\$9,435.87	\$3,768.57
02-341-04606 - Funds Held-Equipment Reserve	\$1,223.12	\$500.00	\$910.01	\$813.11
02-341-04676 - Funds Held-Campus Ministry Capital	\$4,604.02	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$5,104.02
02-341-04976 - Funds Held-Stewardship Growth grant	\$1,129.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,129.88
02-341-04986 - Funds Held-Mission Venture Capital	\$63,695.23	\$0.00	\$19,327.39	\$44,367.84
02-341-05006 - Funds Held-MLF receipts	\$10,797.04	\$0.00	\$9,186.79	\$1,610.25
02-341-05616 - Funds Held-Cape Orange	\$1,490.00	\$5,580.50	\$5,658.01	\$1,412.49
02-341-05696 - Funds Held-1st Call Theological	\$926.15	\$827.00	\$1,744.86	\$8.29
02-341-05706 - Funds Held-Care of Clergy & Family	\$795.83	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$295.83
02-341-07406 - Funds Held-Building Maintenance	\$2,794.54	\$0.00	\$786.65	\$2,007.89
02-341-07506 - Funds Held-Aid to Smaller Congr	\$277.18	\$0.00	\$137.50	\$139.68
02-341-08406 - Funds Held-Communications Committee	\$271.00	\$0.00	\$271.00	\$0.00
02-341-08636 - Funds Held-Youth Gathering	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$143.13	\$6.87
02-341-08676 - Funds Held-Full Communion	\$1,906.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,906.50
02-341-10016 - Funds Held-New Syn Office Bldg Fund	\$0.00	\$65.71	\$65.71	\$0.00
02-341-10046 - Funds Held-Capital Campaign Income	\$24,145.48	\$39,433.26	\$45,276.27	\$18,302.47
02-341-64066 - Funds Held-Montana Synod Youth	\$4,509.35	\$991.06	\$199.36	\$5,301.05
02-346-01006 - Funds Held-Assembly Offering	\$0.00	\$12,295.68	\$12,295.68	\$0.00
<u>Continuing Education Accounts</u>				
02-345-00046 - Funds Held-CE-Crist, Jessica	\$2,099.96	\$408.31	\$2,508.27	\$0.00
02-345-00056 - Funds Held-CE-Asselstine, Jason	(\$341.01)	\$1,991.69	\$1,500.00	\$150.68
02-345-00066 - Funds Held-CE-Hedahl, Susan	\$861.34	\$150.00	\$1,011.34	\$0.00
02-345-00136 - Funds Held-CE-McCarty, Colter	\$500.00	\$255.00	\$188.96	\$566.04
02-345-00146 - Funds Held-CE-Leuzinger, Peggy P	(\$186.29)	\$700.00	\$425.00	\$88.71
02-345-00156 - Funds Held-CE-Jungling, Laurie	\$0.00	\$116.66	\$116.66	\$0.00
02-345-00166 - Funds Held-CE-Standall, Candice	\$0.00	\$37.50	\$0.00	\$37.50
Total Continuing Education Accounts	\$2,934.00	\$3,659.16	\$5,750.23	\$842.93
<u>Council Designated</u>				
02-341-04136 - Funds Held-Christian Ed Network	\$3,138.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,138.00
02-341-05606 - Funds Held-Vitality Process	\$0.00	\$24,000.00	\$5,256.71	\$18,743.29
02-346-00006 - Funds Held-Synod Assembly	\$3,409.59	\$5,208.78	\$0.00	\$8,618.37
06-341-10006 - Funds Held-Crist Scholarship Fund	\$2,729.57	\$730.15	\$305.00	\$3,154.72
Total Council Designated	\$9,277.16	\$29,938.93	\$5,561.71	\$33,654.38
<u>Temporarily Donor Restricted</u>				
02-341-05626 - Funds Held-Bolivia Water Project	\$814.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$814.95
02-341-05636 - Funds Held-Bolivia Scholarship	\$2,642.50	\$1,344.00	\$3,323.50	\$663.00
02-341-05656 - Funds Held-J Crist Retreat Center	\$1,373.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,373.93
02-341-05666 - Funds Held-Macedonia Grant	\$2,214.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,214.71
02-341-05676 - Funds Held-Rudyard Scholarships	\$49,016.30	\$7,074.62	\$4,334.56	\$51,756.36
Total Temporarily Donor Restricted	\$56,062.39	\$8,418.62	\$7,658.06	\$56,822.95

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Total Temporary Restricted	\$229,667.29	\$185,574.18	\$207,369.94	\$207,871.53
<u>Permanent Restricted</u>				
05-341-06116 - Funds Held-Planned Giving Endowment	\$39,877.61	\$5,483.65	\$742.61	\$44,618.65
05-341-06126 - Funds Held-Emmaus Endowment	\$74,587.63	\$10,256.69	\$1,388.99	\$83,455.33
05-341-08686 - Funds Held-Ramseth Seminary	\$164,806.06	\$24,611.87	\$7,600.51	\$181,817.42
Total Permanent Restricted	\$279,271.30	\$40,352.21	\$9,732.11	\$309,891.40

2020 World Hunger Giving

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in Region 1 World Hunger Gifts From 02/01/2020 To 01/31/2021

Organization	City	PIN	MTD Total	YTD Total
Montana Synod of the ELCA				
American Lutheran Church	Baker	13345	\$57.05	\$787.82
American Lutheran Church	Billings	13350	\$0.00	\$3,463.59
Bethlehem Lutheran Church	Billings	04836	\$0.00	\$190.00
King of Glory Lutheran Church	Billings	16293	\$1,951.57	\$4,944.06
Our Savior's Lutheran Church	Bonner	13354	\$5.00	\$305.51
Christ the King Lutheran Church	Bozeman	04851	\$1,319.00	\$5,926.56
Hope Lutheran Church	Bozeman	13357	\$0.00	\$1,375.00
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church	Butte	04840	\$0.00	\$531.09
First Lutheran Church	Circle	13369	\$245.22	\$3,530.67
St Paul's Lutheran Church	Cut Bank	13377	\$31.00	\$951.51
St Elizabeth's Lutheran Church	Ekalaka	30475	\$0.00	\$157.58
Grace Lutheran Church	Fairfield	13382	\$0.00	\$137.00
Zion Lutheran Church	Fairview	13384	\$0.00	\$152.00
Valley of Christ Lutheran Church	Frenchtown	16091	\$0.00	\$200.00
Zion Lutheran Church	Glendive	13393	\$75.00	\$190.00
Bethel Lutheran Church	Great Falls	04843	\$375.00	\$15,933.37
New Hope Lutheran Church	Great Falls	30946	\$0.00	\$180.50
Our Savior's Lutheran Church	Great Falls	13396	\$0.00	\$677.38
Redeemer Lutheran Church	Great Falls	13397	\$0.00	\$960.00
St John Lutheran Church	Great Falls	04845	\$100.00	\$1,452.25
American Lutheran Church	Harlem	13400	\$0.00	\$100.00
First Lutheran Church	Havre	13402	\$0.00	\$737.50
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church	Helena	13405	\$100.00	\$1,540.00
St John's Lutheran Church	Helena	04846	\$0.00	\$12,006.00
Northridge Lutheran Church	Kalispell	16105	\$216.63	\$2,131.48
Our Savior's Lutheran Church	Laurel	13423	\$0.00	\$200.00
Zion Lutheran Church	Lewistown	13427	\$1,000.00	\$3,255.00
Christ Lutheran Church	Libby	13428	\$0.00	\$1,981.00
American Lutheran Church	Livingston	13430	\$0.00	\$20.00
Atonement Lutheran Church	Missoula	13438	\$90.00	\$1,104.42
Immanuel Lutheran Church	Missoula	04848	\$220.00	\$1,065.00
St Paul's Lutheran Church	Missoula	13439	\$115.00	\$1,105.00
First Lutheran Church	Plains	13447	\$0.00	\$120.00
Peace Lutheran Church	Plevna	13449	\$31.51	\$279.13
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Polson	13450	\$0.00	\$612.18
Hope Lutheran Church	Powell	13453	\$145.00	\$1,852.00
Messiah Lutheran Church	Red Lodge	13454	\$10.00	\$330.00
Volmer Lutheran Church (Dagmar)	Reserve	04842	\$200.00	\$200.00
Goldstone Lutheran Church (Gildford)	Rudyard	13463	\$0.00	\$400.00
St Luke's American Lutheran Church	Shelby	13471	\$0.00	\$150.00
Emmanuel Lutheran Church	Shepherd	13472	\$0.00	\$250.00
Trinity Lutheran Church	Sheridan	05513	\$0.00	\$3,317.76
Pella Lutheran Church	Sidney	13474	\$0.00	\$940.00
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church	Townsend	13479	\$550.70	\$2,379.46
American Lutheran Church	White Sulphur Springs	13486	\$100.00	\$100.00
Total: 45			\$6,937.68	\$78,221.82

2019 World Hunger Giving

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Region 1 of the ELCA
World Hunger Gifts
From 02/01/2019 To 01/31/2020

Organization	City	PIN	MTD Total	YTD Total
Montana Synod of the ELCA				
American Lutheran Church	Baker	13345	\$87.05	\$984.45
Big Timber Lutheran Church	Big Timber	13349	\$0.00	\$215.00
Bethlehem Lutheran Church	Billings	04836	\$0.00	\$200.00
King of Glory Lutheran Church	Billings	16293	\$0.00	\$3,140.96
Peace Lutheran Church	Billings	13353	\$0.00	\$50.00
Our Savior's Lutheran Church	Bonner	13354	\$66.30	\$536.01
Christ the King Lutheran Church	Bozeman	04851	\$1,123.06	\$7,587.54
Hope Lutheran Church	Bozeman	13357	\$125.00	\$1,375.00
Broadview Lutheran Church	Broadview	13359	\$200.00	\$300.00
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church	Butte	04840	\$0.00	\$513.11
Trinity Lutheran Church	Choteau	13368	\$0.00	\$608.00
First Lutheran Church	Circle	13369	\$1,224.50	\$4,366.32
Ebenezer Lutheran Church (McCabe)	Culbertson	13434	\$814.45	\$814.45
St Paul's Lutheran Church	Cut Bank	13377	\$0.00	\$337.00
Bethany Lutheran Church	Dutton	13381	\$0.00	\$465.00
St Elizabeth's Lutheran Church	Ekalaka	30475	\$100.26	\$163.55
Zion Lutheran Church	Fairview	13384	\$0.00	\$618.79
Zion Lutheran Church	Glendive	13393	\$305.00	\$1,590.00
Bethel Lutheran Church	Great Falls	04843	\$1,917.50	\$14,932.70
New Hope Lutheran Church	Great Falls	30946	\$0.00	\$116.00
Our Savior's Lutheran Church	Great Falls	13396	\$25.00	\$565.63
Redeemer Lutheran Church	Great Falls	13397	\$140.00	\$960.00
St John Lutheran Church	Great Falls	04845	\$125.77	\$1,477.19
American Lutheran Church	Harlem	13400	\$0.00	\$100.00
First Lutheran Church	Havre	13402	\$0.00	\$1,281.62
New Life Lutheran Church	Helena	07738	\$0.00	\$352.50
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church	Helena	13405	\$200.00	\$985.00
St John's Lutheran Church	Helena	04846	\$0.00	\$1,511.00
Bethel Lutheran Church	Joplin	13412	\$0.00	\$95.00
Northridge Lutheran Church	Kalispell	16105	\$171.31	\$2,056.20
Our Savior's Lutheran Church	Laurel	13423	\$0.00	\$340.00
Zion Lutheran Church	Lewistown	13427	\$1,655.00	\$2,555.00
Christ Lutheran Church	Libby	13428	\$0.00	\$490.00
Atonement Lutheran Church	Missoula	13438	\$119.90	\$1,702.79
Immanuel Lutheran Church	Missoula	04848	\$75.00	\$5,224.94
St Paul's Lutheran Church	Missoula	13439	\$65.00	\$1,140.00
First Lutheran Church	Plains	13447	\$0.00	\$314.56
Peace Lutheran Church	Plevna	13449	\$5.05	\$308.40
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Polson	13450	\$233.15	\$483.15
Hope Lutheran Church	Powell	13453	\$0.00	\$2,235.00
Messiah Lutheran Church	Red Lodge	13454	\$10.00	\$312.00
Volmer Lutheran Church (Dagmar)	Reserve	04842	\$0.00	\$200.00
Goldstone Lutheran Church (Gildford)	Rudyard	13463	\$0.00	\$400.00
St Luke's American Lutheran Church	Shelby	13471	\$0.00	\$125.00
Trinity Lutheran Church	Sheridan	05513	\$854.33	\$6,022.92
Pella Lutheran Church	Sidney	13474	\$2,475.00	\$2,475.00
Lutheran Church of Sunburst	Sunburst	13477	\$50.00	\$212.00
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church	Townsend	13479	\$0.00	\$2,000.97
First Lutheran Church	Wolf Point	13491	\$0.00	\$624.00
Grace Lutheran Church	Worland	13492	\$0.00	\$858.52
Total: 50			\$12,167.63	\$76,322.27

Candidacy Committee Report

The Montana Synod Candidacy process is the ELCA ministry that seeks to identify, nurture, train, and approve leaders for the public ministries of the church. Candidacy invites an active participation of congregations, Candidacy committees, seminaries, and the ELCA's Congregational and Synodical Mission unit, to work together with individuals who are discerning whether their vocation in life includes service in the church's "rostered ministries."

The ELCA's public ministries are now ordered in two **rosters**. Most people are familiar with the ministry of those who are ordained as **Ministers of Word and Sacrament** to serve as pastors. Their preparation is ordinarily residential and/or distributed-learning Master of Divinity students at a seminary, or through TEEM (Theological Education for Emerging Ministries), an ELCA initiative using seminaries and synods to prepare leaders for service in special locations/situations of Word and Sacrament worshipping communities.

In addition, there are also **Ministers of Word and Service**, a category that includes the lay rosters previously known as Associates in Ministry, Diaconal Ministers, and Deaconesses. Their preparation may include seminary training or another Master's degree program work, video course work, and special work in their areas of specialization.

As it works with those who are discerning and preparing for rostered ELCA ministry, the Montana Synod Candidacy Committee, on behalf of the whole church, makes three important decisions along the way: *Entrance* recognizes promise for ministerial leadership and formally brings a candidate into the whole process. *Endorsement* acknowledges that the candidate is ready for internship or field work within the particular arena of ministry for which she or he is preparing. *Approval* indicates to the whole church that the candidate is now ready to be called into its public leadership.

In March of 2021, the Candidacy Coordinator and Chair, Rev. Bob Quam, passed away which has led to a time of transition for the committee. However, the committee is finding its footing again as the Synod Council has selected **Rev. Tammy Bull** (Great Falls) to serve as the MT Synod Candidacy Coordinator (adjunct synod staff consultant) and the Committee has selected **Rev. Steve Loy** (Billings) to serve as chair of the committee. Pastor Bull's position as candidacy Coordinator will function to serve the candidates in their candidacy process and she will be an advisory member of the committee. Pastor Loy is a member of the committee appointed by the MT Synod Council and will guide the committee in its regular business.

Other members of the Candidacy Committee include: **John Munding** (LPA, Helena), **Sherry Svenningsen** (Kalispell), **Dan Schilcher** (Butte), **Joan Schmidt** (Great Falls), **Rev. Miriam Schmidt** (Big Sky), **Bishop Laurie Jungling** (*ex officio*), **Deacon Laura Gifford** (*advisory*, Region 1 Candidacy and Leadership Manager, deployed from OR), **Rev. Dr. Kathryn Schifferdecker** (*faculty advisor from Luther Seminary*). Committee members not serving in *ex officio* or advisory capacities are appointed by the Montana Synod Council to four-year terms which may be renewed once.

Candidates whose candidacy received Approval since the last Synod Assembly in 2019 (4 total):

Wendy McAlpine (TEEM, Sunburst) – approved for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament

Cheryl Muncy (TEEM, Joplin) – approved for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament

Tim Tharp (TEEM, Savage/Skaar) approved for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament

Annela Rova (Arlee) -- approved for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament

Currently active Montana Synod Candidates (8 total):

- *for Ministry of Word and Sacrament (7):*, **Logan McLean** (Billings, Yale University Divinity School), **Riley Anderson-Reed** (Harlowtown, Wartburg Theological Seminary), **Baird Linke** (Helena, Wartburg Theological Seminary), **Carlos Ramhalo** (Billings, Luther Seminary), **Melanie Forrey** (Distributed Learning M.Div, Luther Seminary) **Keith Weatherford** (Distributed Learning M.Div., United Lutheran Seminary), and **Christie LaVe** (Distributed Learning M.Div., Luther Seminary).
- *for Ministry of Word and Service (1):* **Joshua Gomez** (Havre, Wartburg Theological Seminary)

Do you think you might be called towards the church's public ministries? Do you know someone who may be interested and promising for such service? Contact the Synod Office, the Synod Staff Representative for Candidacy, or anyone on the Candidacy Committee. And keep this ministry, and our candidates, in your prayers.

Submitted by Bishop Laurie Jungling in honor of Pastor Bob Quam

Roster Transitions Since 2019 Assembly

Pastors new to the Synod:

Pastor Ken Carrothers	Good Shepherd, Billings
Pastor William Rima	Harlem, Hogeland, Turner
Pastor Judith Gosnell-Lamb	Hope, Anaconda
Pastor Thomas Gehring	Our Saviour's, Rocky Boy
Pastor Abigail Cress-Orellano	Christ, Libby
Pastor Allen Jensen	Immanuel Lutheran Homes, Kalispell
Pastor Trina Johnsten	Interim
Pastor Tammy Craker	Plentywood
Pastor Benjamin Cherland	Messiah, Red Lodge
Pastor Kimberly Peterson	Trinity, Choteau
Pastor Sarah Schilcher	Gloria Dei, Butte
Pastor Tim O'Shields	Zion, Fairview
Pastor Megan Hoewisch	First, Havre
Pastor Halcyon Bjornstad	New Life, Helena
Pastor Stephanie White	Saint Luke's, Shelby
Pastor Brenda Frelsi	Zion Lutheran, Glendive

Newly Ordained

Pastor Timothy Tharp	Savage and Skaar (TEEM) May 15, 2021
Pastor Wendy McAlpine	Sunburst (TEEM) June, 15 2021
Pastor Cheryl Muncy	Joplin (TEEM) June 16, 2021

Transitions within the Synod

Pastor Scott Kiehn	Baker/Ekalaka/Plentywood to First Lutheran, Glasgow
Pastor Marlow Carrels	Westby to Gold Hill, Butte
Pastor Jessica Obrecht	Fairfield Parish to Bethel, Great Falls

Retirements

Pastor Arne Bergland
Pastor Steven Loy
Pastor Stephen Van Gilder
Pastor Larry Stappler
Pastor Maryann Morgenstern
Pastor Jessica Crist
Pastor Steven Paugh Leuzinger
Pastor Char Schmiedeskamp
Pastor Kim Wilker
Pastor Carin Bjorn von Letzendorf
Pastor Ellen Ayres
Pastor Steve Schmidt

Deceased

Pastor Ken Gjerde
Pastor Irvin "Cliff" Gronneberg
Pastor James Holmlund
Pastor Ernest Larsen
Pastor Jerry Olson
Pastor Robert Quam
Pastor Lawrence Vinson
Pastor James Von Schiltz
Pastor Barbara Westhoff
Pastor Valorie Putt

Left the Synod

Pastor Jakob Schumacher
Pastor Linda Webster
Pastor Robert Wright
Pastor Lynne Ogren

Director for Evangelical Mission Report

Winston Churchill is quoted saying, "Never let a good crisis go to waste." Since the pandemic began, we have all experienced a crisis. But crises have potential to become opportunity. The church will not go back to what it was pre-pandemic. And what we will be post-pandemic is not clear. But out of the ashes of the pandemic, I am hopeful that a renewed people will rise. Out of all that leaders and participants in congregations have experienced in the last year, I am hopeful that we have shifted and moved in directions that two years ago seemed impossible. This is a time to continue to act with courage and compassion for the sake of the gospel and our witness as followers of Jesus. I continue to see my position as the DEM as helping to strengthen leaders and congregations to be equipped for ministry so that we may be equipped to see opportunities instead of crises.

Please watch the Faithful Innovation process video that the Synod is engaged in. This endeavor crafted and supported by Luther Seminary engages congregations in intentional listening – to God, to one another in a congregation and to the community. Listening to God, to one another and to our community is not something that congregations have tended to do well. The leaders of the Faithful Innovation process encourage a guiding team from a congregation to first listen. The second stage is for the guiding team from the congregation to engage in experiments, based on what they have heard and learned. The experiments are just that. An experiment may be repeated, or not. But the guiding team is encouraged to reflect on what they learn through their listening and their experiments. The last step in the process is to share and celebrate the learnings. The leaders from Luther encourage the replication of this process in a congregation, so that the congregation is more focused on who God is and working to intentionally participate with what God is up to in the community. Currently three congregations in the Synod are participating in the pilot project. They are Our Savior's, Great Falls, Zion, Lewistown and Faith, Hamilton. Each guiding team meets with a coach who helps them keep their momentum going between the three trainings. The leaders of the Faithful Innovation team working with me are: Synod VP Dick Deschamps, Pastors Anna Merritt, Andy Wendell, Kim Peterson and Ken Carrothers. A new cohort of congregations engaging in the Faithful Innovation process will begin meeting in the fall. If you/your congregation might want to begin to engage in this process (via Zoom most likely for the three training sessions) please contact me. We plan that we will continue to engage in this process with more congregations on an ongoing basis.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, Dennis Trotter has been consulting with us in the Montana Synod around the theme of stewardship and mission support. With the help of the Stewardship Task Force, we have a working document to guide regular communication about the mission support received from congregations and to help you in congregations share the stories of where your mission support goes and how it makes a difference in the synod and in the whole church. Dennis and I have also been working with five congregations on another pilot project to engage stewardship leaders in learning about how fundraising and generosity are ministry. I anticipate that a new cohort of congregations will be invited to participate beginning in the fall. If you/your congregation might be interested in participating, again, please contact me for more information.

I continue to work to encourage and support leaders through the use of coaching. There are people in the Synod who have been trained as a coach. Please watch the video about coaching and the benefits to a leader who has a coach.

I also continue to serve as a liaison with the churchwide organization and ministries in the Synod who receive churchwide and Synod funding. It is because of the generosity of so many that the gospel is proclaimed and lives of God's people around the Synod and around the world are sustained. Thank you for sharing in the Gospel with me and the whole church! And thank you for the honor to serve in the Montana Synod on your behalf.

Pastor Peggy Paugh Leuzinger
Director for Evangelical Mission, Montana Synod, ELCA

World Hunger Report

Much like many ministries around the country, ELCA World Hunger looked and felt very different this year. We had several applicants during our annual cycle of ELCA World Hunger Domestic Grants and had excellent help from Pastor Kim Peterson and Pastor Megan Hoewisch to evaluate those applications. ELCA World Hunger also continued to emphasize the new "Daily Bread" grants that are small grants specifically for congregations and ELCA ministries doing hunger relief work in communities. Pastor Peggy Paugh Leuzinger, DEM, was incredibly helpful in coordinating communication from the folks at Churchwide concerning different grants and opportunities offered by ELCA World Hunger throughout this past year as well. We are currently looking for folks in the Montana Synod who would like to be involved in ELCA World Hunger efforts in the Synod and looking for a fearless leader to carry on the work of coordinating the yearly grant efforts and ministry coordination as well. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Jessie at pastorjessieobrecht@gmail.com or the Synod Office.

Pastor Jessie Obrecht, Montana Synod Hunger Coordinator

Kogudus Renewal Ministry Report 2020

The Board of Directors of K.R.M. and I thank the Montana Synod and all who have supported this retreat ministry in 2020 and previous years. As a partner in ministry K.R.M. continues to promote and equip lay leadership in the Church and community. This partnership began in 1976 under the leadership of Rev. Olaf Magis who began Kogudus retreats in 1969 while he was a pastor of First Lutheran Church in Glasgow, Montana. The Estonian word, Kogudus, means “Christian fellowship”. Olaf chose that word to convey the **message of Christ, fellowship in Christ, and service for Christ** to describe this ministry. Kogudus retreats have been held throughout the U.S. and in other countries. In recent years, however, there are three states that continue to offer retreats on a regular basis: Montana, North Dakota, and Illinois.

The original retreat called “Faith and Life” is a study of the Apostles’ Creed and the New Testament Greek words for various kinds of servants. It encourages those who attend to discern their God-given gifts and consider how the Holy Spirit calls them to put those gifts to use for the common good of Christ’s Church and the world. Another retreat, “Lament and Laughter”, was introduced in 2011. It connects our losses to the cross and our joys to the resurrection. Dying and rising in Christ (daily baptism) is experienced at this retreat and encouraged as a daily spiritual practice.

“Contrast Community” was introduced in 2014. It is a retreat inspired by Dr. James L. Bailey’s book by that name and is a study of the Sermon on the Mount. “Pilgrims in Recovery” is a retreat developed in 2003 and was first offered at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp for those recovering from addiction and/or co-addiction. It connects the 12 Steps of A.A. and other recovery programs with their Biblical basis to offer spiritual support and guidance to Christians and others who seek serenity. The name was recently changed to “**SOJOURNERS in Recovery**” out of empathy for our native sisters and brothers and in keeping with the Biblical name for those continuing their spiritual journeys.

Only 2 retreats were held in 2020 due to the restrictions of the pandemic. Illinois hosted 2 “Faith and Life” retreats. One was held on July 25th for young adults and the other for women on October 17. Both were one day events (called “Kogudus 0.5”). A total of 13 attended the young adult event and 9 women at the latter. On August 23 the Illinois Kogudus leaders met in Normal, IL at Our Saviour Lutheran Church to review these events and plan for the future. John Cross was chosen to be the IL representative on the K.R.M. board.

The Kogudus leaders in North Dakota met in January to discuss future possibilities given the limitations of the pandemic. Paul Hendrickson was chosen to represent N.D. on the K.R.M. board. The K.R.M. board of directors met via Zoom in the spring and fall to share ideas on how best to navigate Covid-19’s restrictions. Given the challenges that are still before us, we trust in the wisdom, power, and guidance of the Holy Spirit to continue this spiritual renewing ministry!

More information may be found at www.kogudus.org or by calling Rev. Greg Karlsgodt (406-544-1699). The K.R.M. motto prayer is appropriate for all of us as followers of Jesus Christ:

“COME, HOLY SPIRIT! REVIVE YOUR CHURCH! BEGIN WITH ME!”

Rev. Greg Karlsgodt, Executive Director

Lay Pastoral Associate Program Report

The Montana Synod Lay Pastoral Associate program is a gift to the people and congregations of this Church. Through this training program men and women take part in educating themselves for service to the congregations of this Synod and for personal growth in the areas of Biblical literacy, church history and Lutheran theology. They receive training in deepening their Spiritual lives, worship leadership, Preaching and pastoral care.

The Montana Synod has more than 200 recognized Lay Pastoral Associates using their gifts in congregations all over Montana and northern Wyoming. They serve as Synodically Authorized Ministers, Bible Study and confirmation teachers, council representatives, youth leaders, as well as members of many Synod committees and task forces.

Over the past two years this program has noted a few changes as most things affected by the Pandemic. Retreats have been postponed and we have waited to start a new class until it is safe to do so. However, during this time we have updated the study material and included more options for accessing the resources. Now, everything needed for the course will be provided on a USB flash drive doing away with the need for a DVD player and the hassle of locating the necessary resources to complete the class. Also, we have included newly recorded material on Lutheran Theology from Bishop Laurie.

Since my last report, several individuals have finished the requirements to be recognized as an LPA. They have received their certificate and name tag and have been recognized in their congregation for their hard work.

Bing Crosby	Helena, MT	Mary Crosby	Helena, MT
Dale Guidi	Livingston, MT	Donna Ziegler	Columbus, MT
Gary Koch	Billings, MT	Jerry Bauck	Billings, MT
Johnna Voto	Billings, MT	Kevin Mathews	Helena, MT
Michael Murry	Plains, MT	Lori Bigwood-Pecarina	Helena, MT
Meryl McKenna	Lewistown, MT	Sandy Wagner	Libby, MT
Stephen Seilhymer	Plains, MT	Lisa Williams-Mathews	Helena, MT

Congratulations for finishing your work.

To all the LPAs in the Montana Synod, thank you for the time and leadership you have given to the congregations of this synod. We appreciate the work you do and your dedication to the work of the Gospel.

Submitted by Pastor Jason Asselstine, Associate to the Bishop

Montana Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) Report

The Montana Synodical Women's Organization is every woman who belongs to an ELCA church in Montana and Northern Wyoming. We are part of the Women of the ELCA.

OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

"As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world."

As a community of women created in the image of God,

The community of women is the very heart and soul of Women of the ELCA as sisters in Christ come together in our congregational units, the twelve clusters and the Montana Synodical Women's Organization to live out the Purpose Statement of Women of the ELCA. Within the units, women establish close bonds of friendship and sisterhood as we conduct business, learn, study, plan, work, laugh and serve.

Cluster events and retreats provide a widening of the close bonds of love and friendship and the opportunities to serve as we gather with other women of faith from communities in Montana and northern Wyoming. These bonds are further widened when we come together with other women of Region 1 from the states of Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and Alaska. Every three years, comes the grand opportunity of the churchwide Gathering and Convention where Women of the ELCA from every state gather, learn, and worship. The Montana Synodical Women's Organization's purpose is to assist the units within its territory to fulfill the purpose of Women of the ELCA. We are led by a board of nine women who carry out the business and plan the biennial convention and gathering and the fall gathering on the year of no convention.

called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit,

There are so many ways the women of our organization serve as Spirit-empowered disciples of Christ and his church. Some are pastors, AIM's, LPA's, lectors, parament designers and makers, altar preparers, communion servers, lectors, lay leaders, and many more.

we commit ourselves to grow in faith,

Our women have been coming together for years to study the Bible and learn about our Christian faith and how we can live it and share it. Many of us use the monthly Bible studies that appear in *Gather*, the award-winning magazine of Women of the ELCA.

affirm our gifts,

On the fourth Sunday in February, many units recognize special women in their church on Bold Women's Day. A service can be downloaded from WELCA's website and women take on the major roles of conducting the service.

support one another in our callings,

engage in ministry and action,

Lutheran women are known for their quilt making. One of the ministries that women in many of our units have done for many years is sewing quilts for Lutheran World Relief, local shelters for the homeless and victims of domestic abuse, and other causes. Thousands of quilts have been made and given to people all over the world and in our communities who are in need. Another popular service activity of our women is to buy school supplies, sew the bags and stuff them with the supplies, and send the assembled bags to Lutheran World Relief to help educate children. Assembling health kits are another action ministry that we do.

and promote healing and wholeness in the church,

Many women pray daily for the church, and sick, grieving and suffering people by being part of prayer chains. Our knitters are busy making prayer shawls that are given to people who are hurting and need a physical reminder of God's love.

the society,

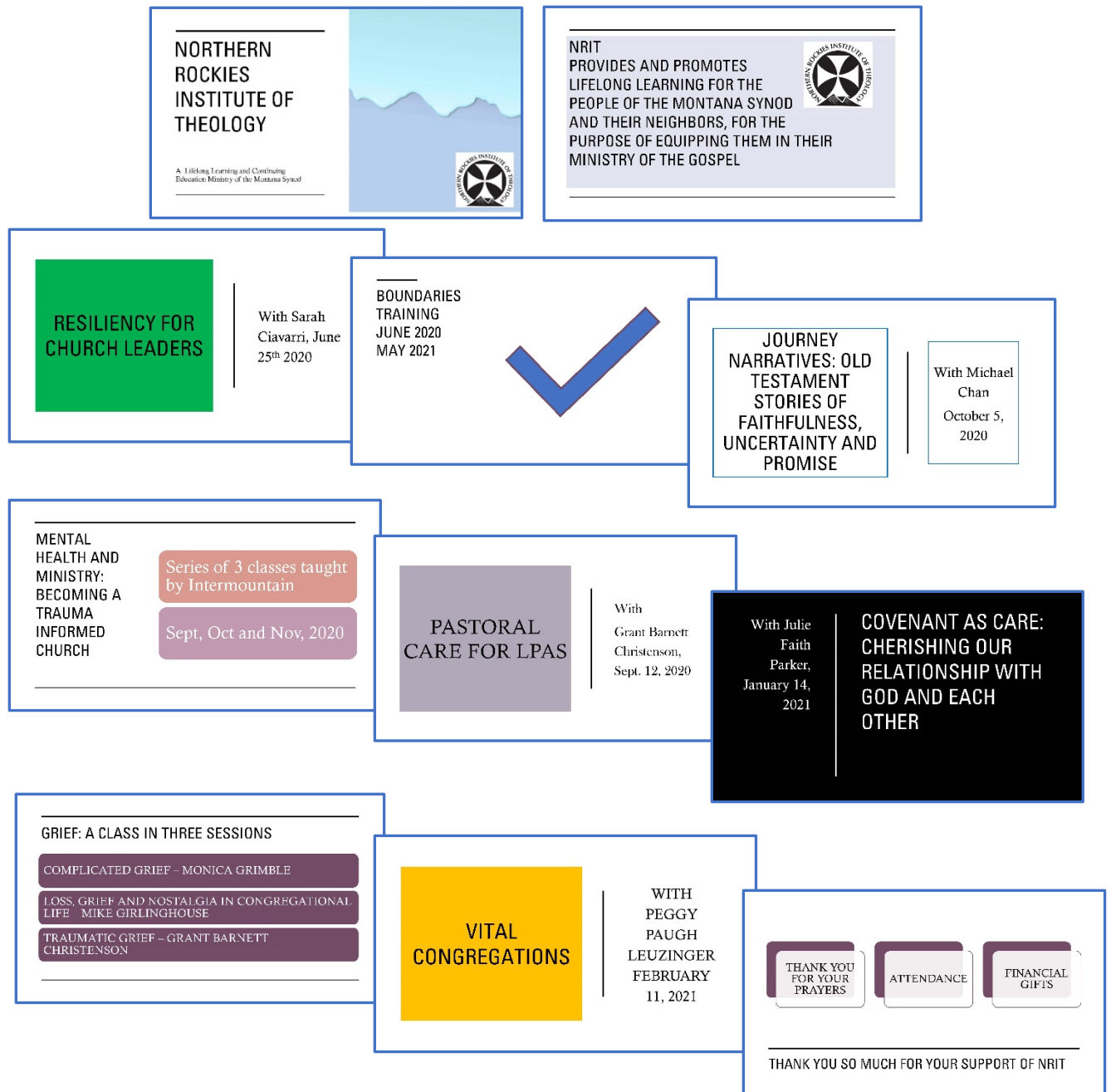
MTSWO has actively participated in racial justice advocacy work of Women of the ELCA. Two members were trained by WELCA as racial justice advocates and have made educational presentations at Cluster and SWO events. Another social blight that the women have long worked to raise awareness of and eliminate is human trafficking.

and the world.

Six of our members joined with other Montana Synod Women in August 2015, to visit and establish connections with the people, particularly the women and children, of our companion synod, the IELB, in Bolivia. They visited churches in Santa Cruz, Cochabamba, and La Paz and shared their experiences at unit and SWO events. Two members spent a week in Tijuana, Mexico in 2010 at a facility for undocumented migrants who were returned to Mexico from the U.S., meeting with them and learning about their lives. Our women have also been on mission trips to Rocky Boy Reservation to the indigenous people and on Rise Up and Build to restore homes after Hurricane Katrina.

In addition to all of these ways the women share their time and talents, we also give our offerings of money when we meet. The units give a percent (usually 50%) of their offerings to MTSWO that in turn gives half of the offerings it receives to churchwide WELCA to fund ministries. Recent recipients of MTSWO offerings are Mental Health and Women of the ELCA Scholarships. The Montana Synodical Women's Organization encourages all women to join us in the joy of living out our Purpose Statement and working together with Spirit-empowered sisters in Christ.

Northern Rockies Institute of Theology (NRIT) Report



Youth Ministry Report

Like most things over the past year, youth gatherings have taken a back seat to the health and safety of our youth. The ELCA youth gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota scheduled for July of 2021 was postponed until July 24-28, 2022. More details about this gathering will be coming out in the next few months. I continue to serve as the Gathering Synod coordinator and will share information about the ELCA youth gathering as it is made available. Keith Weatherford is the Synod Day director and will be asking congregations to lift up youth from their congregations for leadership positions for the Synod Day at the gathering.

In the past the Synod has provided transportation to and from the Gathering on a coach bus. I will be looking into this option for those who wish to travel together to Minneapolis. The cost depends on the number of people interested in attending.

Submitted by Pastor Jason Asselstine, Associate to the Bishop