

Shaping Your Congregation's Plan for Mission Support

As your congregation prepares a spending plan for 2021, please use this worksheet with your council to reflect and discern. **We ask that you register your Mission Support budget amount using the online form.**

1. Go to www.swmnelca.org
2. Click on Annual Meeting Resources under Quick Links on the homepage.
3. Register the proposed amount you believe will be approved in your upcoming annual meeting.
4. Contact the synod office (507) 637-3904 if your proposed amount should change after your annual meeting.

As you discuss your Mission Support commitment for the coming year, please consider how your offerings reflect your calling and build up the body of Christ. As a church together, we can have a greater impact in your community and beyond, sharing God's abundant grace with others. **Please reflect on the following questions:**

- How is your congregation courageously exploring the challenges of a changing world and today's economy?
- In what ways has the Holy Spirit led you to respond creatively to the ministry opportunities and urgent needs facing your congregation, community, and beyond?
- How do your regular offerings and Mission Support connect you to the efforts of the synod, other partners, and the ELCA to Embrace God's Mission + Equip God's People?

Use the columns below to indicate your congregation's current level of Mission Support and your 2021 Mission

	2021 Projected Intent	Projected Intent Percent
Regular offerings received from members	\$	%
Mission Support* budgeted for sharing with the synod and churchwide ministries	\$	%

* Mission Support is the portion of regular offerings that your congregation shares for synod and churchwide ministries for God's mission beyond the local congregation. For specific information about the ELCA churchwide budget, visit ELCA.org/resources/financial.

How Register your Mission Support budget amount:

Follow the instructions above or visit

https://swmnsynod.formstack.com/forms/mission_support_2021

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