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God's work. Our hands.

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A Report from the Synod

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A message from Bishop Wells

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Welcome to your annual meeting, the place where you make your big decisions about ministry! It has been some kind of year, hasn't it! And the next year is anything but clear. How shall we set ministry goals in such a tempest? How shall we try to chase down the ways our members make decisions about their time and talents and treasure? How shall we anticipate who will lose a job or need to move? How can we account for the deep sadness and real joy caused by the Churchwide decisions on Human Sexuality? "Lord, to whom shall we go?"

Against this moving gauntlet of the world's realities, God offers us a place to stand. We stand because Jesus has renewed our upright posture with God. We stand only because Jesus intervenes for us by the power of the Holy Spirit. Having been brought back to life when we were dead in sin, Jesus now urges us to follow "the Way, the Truth, and the Life" that is his gift.

This call is to entrust everything to Jesus and join the adventure of faith. What is it worth to know where our treasure is located? It is simply worth everything and we represent this by a tithe (10%) of our income for the work of the Church. The Church is, every Sunday, the regathering of the Body of Christ for worship and service. In this service we find our destiny as the people Jesus has designated as his Body. So let the adventure begin and may God's richest blessings be yours in the New Year!

Bishop Martin Wells

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Guiding Principles

JESUS: First, Last, Always
GRATITUDE; gratitude
No Fear! TRANSFORMATION
Miracles of HOPE!
YES! Everybody Come!
Come, Lord JESUS

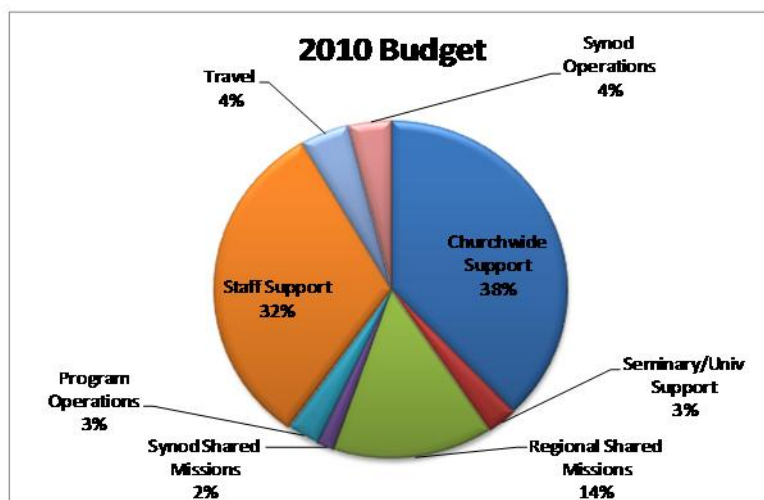
Staff Support
\$ 333,442 **32%**

Call Process
 Candidacy Committees
 Synod Assembly Planning
 Congregation visits
 Worship leadership
 Pastoral care
 Pulpit Supply
 Teaching Ministry
 Mission Planning
 New Church starts
 Roster management
 Churchwide assignments
 Leadership Development
 Ecumenical partnerships

Synod Operations
\$41,248 **4%**

Postage~Printing~Supplies
 Insurance ~ Occupancy
 Telephone
 Resource Materials
 Equipment Maintenance

ELCA
\$397,800 **38%**



Seminary / Univ. Support
\$29,520 **3%**
 PLTS & Luther Seminaries
 Pacific Lutheran University

Staff / Volunteer Travel
\$47,000 **4%**
 Committee meetings
 Synod Council meetings

Region 1 Mission
\$153,364 **14%**
 Campus Ministry
 Region 1 Support
 Consultation to Clergy

Program Operations
\$30,750 **3%**
 Congregational Life
 Outreach / Multicultural
 Youth
 Global Mission
 Candidacy / Mobility
 Ecumenical Ministries

Synod Shared Missions
\$17,876 **2%**
 LCS-NW ~ LENS
 Lutherhaven ~ Luther Heights
 Lutheran Staff Association
 Rural Ministry Resources
 Lutheran Public Policy Office

YOUR LEADERS SERVING ON SYNOD COUNCIL

The *Synod Council* is made up of 29 persons who have been elected by representatives of our congregations at the Synod Assembly. The Council consists of 12 cluster representatives, 12 at-large members, 1 youth, and 4 officers. The Council meets 3 times a year and the members take very seriously their responsibility to serve you and the Synod to the best of their ability. They would love to hear from you.

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