

**POLICY STATEMENT
TOTALS AS OF 1/31/2021**

DESIGNATED FUNDS:

Permanently Restricted Fund:

#28050, #28052 Endowment/Trust Fund for the Northern Illinois Synod \$707,855.98

Purpose/Use: To enhance the mission of the Northern Illinois Synod apart from the general operation of the Synod; that no portion of the income generated by the Fund shall be used for the annual operating budget of the Synod.

Authorization: At the initial funding of the Endowment Fund, the Bishop and Synod Council shall act as the Endowment Committee. At such time as the Bishop and Council determines that the size and activity of the Fund shall warrant, it shall elect five (5) members to serve as the Committee, all of whom shall be members of the Northern Illinois Synod, but who shall not be sitting members of the Synod Council.

Restricted Funds - By Donors:

#27020 Synod Conference Programs \$15,586.34 (Fiscal Year End 2/1/20 – 1/31/21)

Purpose/Use: Synod Conference bank accounts to be used for programs within the conferences of the synod.

Authorization: Conference Dean or Conference Treasurer

#27025 Retired Rostered Leaders & Spouse Assistance \$5,774.50

Purpose/Use: Special needs for retired rostered leaders and spouses including scholarships to synod functions (PLC, Assembly, etc.).

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27038 Diakonia Program \$8,606.14 (Fiscal Year end 2/1/20 – 1/31/21)

Purpose/Use: To be used for Diakonia, a two year process of spiritual formation and theological education. Students pay a fee which pays for the class instructors and other costs associated with the classes.

Authorization: Bishop or individual that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27040 ELCA Deacon Affinity Group \$488.60

Purpose/Use: To allow the Northern Illinois Synod to serve as the fiscal agent for the newly-formed ELCA Deacon Community. As fiscal agent, the NIS will receive dues from members and, once per year, pay out the accumulated dues to the ecumenical diaconal organization Diakonia of the Americas and the Caribbean. (DOTAC)

Authorization: Bishop or individual that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27041 Equity, Inclusion & Diversity \$14,801.40

Purpose/Use: To fund a team of NIS members trained in diversity, equity and inclusion to assist congregations to be better equipped to receive a non-traditional pastoral candidate, when a congregation wishes to be so equipped.

Authorization: Bishop or individual that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27050 Global Ministries NIS Committee \$644.46

Purpose/Use: To support the activities of the Northern Illinois Synod Global Ministries committee.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27052 Grace, Woodstock Mission Foundation \$954.43

Purpose/Use: To be used for the funding of Synodical Authorized Worshipping Communities (S.A.W.C.).

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27075, #27076 Latino Ministry \$(10,676.27)

Purpose/Use: To be used for expenses incurred for the Latino ministries of our Northern Illinois Synod.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27080 Men in Mission \$967.79

Purpose/Use: To be used for programs developed by Men in Mission.

Authorization: Recommendation from Men in Mission and approved by Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27081 Men in Mission-Reorganization \$3,472.38

Purpose/Use: To be used for reorganization of Men in Mission.

Authorization: Recommendation from Men in Mission and approved by Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27085, #27086, & #27087 Msseemaa Memorial Scholarship Fund \$20,767.60

Purpose/Use: Will pay annual tuition and fees at Moringe Sokoine Lutheran Secondary School in Moduli, Tanzania, for a student who could not otherwise afford to attend. One \$500 scholarship, or total cost of the next year's tuition (whichever is greater) will be awarded annually beginning in October of the year following that year in which the balance of this Fund reaches \$15,000. The presiding Chair of the NIS Global Mission will write a letter requesting that the scholarship be electronically transferred to Moringe Sokoine LSS's Scholarship Fund.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27090 Seminarian Scholarships \$5,107.00

Purpose/Use: Following the Synod's guidelines for seminarian scholarships, this money is to provide funds to seminarians above and beyond what is received from the Synod through Ministry Support Committee budget.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27103 Stewardship Projects and Resources \$2,369.71

Purpose/Use: To be used for expenses incurred for stewardship resources.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27106 Tanzania Nursing School \$0

Purpose/Use: To assist in the building of a new nursing school in the North Central Diocese of the ELCA Tanzania.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27107 Vitality Project \$28,544.39

Purpose/Use: This fund is for the continuing development of a Northern Illinois Synod Vitality initiative. The fund covers the costs of meetings, materials, stipends, honoraria, and other related expenses for the ongoing process of congregational vitality.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27110 Women's Leaders Retreat/Convention \$1,749.17

Purpose/Use: To nurture, encourage and support relationships between female leaders in the Northern Illinois Synod.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27125 Worship \$363.77

Purpose/Use: For special worship projects.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by Bishop.

#27150 Youth in Mission Grant \$2,050.00

Purpose/Use: Youth discernment events.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by Bishop.

Restricted Funds By Synod Council:

#30003 ALC – Friends Program \$3,200.00

Purpose/Use: To provide a scholarship for a student each year (10 years).

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by Bishop.

#30004 Synod Auto Sold \$7,573.25

Purpose/Use: To be used purchase an automobile for Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by Bishop.

#30008 Rostered Leaders Continuing Education/Sabbatical Leave Fund \$19,068.79

Purpose/Use: To be used for sabbatical grants and continuing education for rostered leaders.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by Bishop.

#30009 Bishop's COVID-19 Challenge Fund \$2,543.06

Purpose/Use: To fund technology grants to congregations.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by Bishop.

#30020 Capital Development \$45,120.34

Purpose/Use: Revolving loan fund for new congregation site purchases and first unit buildings.

Authorization: Recommendation from the Outreach Committee, approval from Bishop or the Executive Committee, recommendation to the Synod Council for approval.

#30040 Cora Diestelmeier/Youth Ministry Staff Position \$25,833.15

Purpose/Use: To be used to employ a part time person to provide the Synod with youth ministry leadership, in partnership (i.e.under contract) with a congregation or other Synod organization, or to fund youth ministries within the Synod.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by Bishop.

#30041 Gary Wollersheim Rostered Leaders Educational Debt Retirement Fund \$9,667.79

Purpose/Use: For alleviating the educational debt for rostered leaders serving in the Northern Illinois Synod. A task force will oversee expenditures.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by Bishop.

#30042 Rostered Leaders Assistance - BOP \$4,988.17

Purpose/Use: For alleviating the medical costs for rostered leaders serving in the Northern Illinois Synod.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by Bishop.

#30043 DEM Synod Support Grant \$5,150.00

Purpose/Use: To be applied toward synod expenses (i.e. local travel, administrative support, office, etc) related to the Director of Evangelical Mission position.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#30044 Endowment – Interest/Dividends \$9,510.24

Purpose/Use: The Executive Committee will recommend to the Synod Council suggested recipient(s) of the Endowment Earnings.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by Bishop.

#30050 ELCA COVID-19 Fund \$0.00

Purpose/Use: To be disbursed to qualifying congregations

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by Bishop.

#30051 ELCA COVID-19 Nutrition Grant \$0.00

Purpose/Use: To be disbursed to qualifying congregations.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by Bishop.

#30052 Extra Budgetary Office Expenses \$52,092.50

Purpose/Use: Miscellaneous expenses that are not covered in annual budget.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by Bishop.

#30058 Extraordinary Internship Support \$1,931.07

Purpose/Use: To support LGBTQIA+ internships in the synod. To make internship sites in the synod more available, while also enhancing the ministries of the congregations where these interns serve.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by Bishop.

#30060 First Call Theological Education \$1,621.46

Purpose/Use: To provide First Call Theological Education experiences and mentoring processes for newly ordained pastors during the first three years of their first call.

Authorization: Bishop or joint recommendation between the chairperson of the Ministry Support Committee and Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#30065 Intersections \$12,120.95

Purpose/Use: This fund is to support the ongoing development of the small group ministry in Genoa, IL known as Intersections, or its successor small group ministry in the same or other location.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by Bishop.

#30080 Mark & Kathy Helge \$240,097.35

Purpose/Use: To support the ministry work of the Northern Illinois Synod.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by Bishop.

#30090 Outreach Mission Fund \$201,647.98

Purpose/Use: Monies designated for outreach ministries (new missions and redeveloping congregations.)

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#30094 Rostered Leaders Continuing Education \$3,238.10

Purpose/Use: Monies designated for continuing education workshops for rostered leaders.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#30095 Polly Wollersheim Fund for Literacy Education \$1,000.00

Purpose/Use: To provide support in helping the Arcot Lutheran Church (India) fulfill the goal of their educational programs to improve literacy and educational skills of youth and adults of the Dalite class.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#30098 Synod Office Damage Fund \$5,053.15

Purpose/Use: Monies designated to restore office after smoke damage from Luther Center HVAC catching on fire.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#30107 Technology Fund \$3,565.09

Purpose/Use: To be used to upgrade Synod Technology, especially to acquire the technology to provide for easy and efficient online meetings of synod groups.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#30140 Women's 50th Anniv. Task Force \$212.00

Purpose/Use: To be used for the 50th anniversary expenses.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#30150 Wellness Initiative \$2,290.79

Purpose/Use: Will focus on the physical, social/interpersonal, emotional, intellectual, and vocational well-being.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

UNDESIGNATED FUNDS:

#32010 Bishop's Discretionary \$1,913.59

Purpose/Use: Used for special/emergency needs within the Synod.

Authorization: The Bishop