

How is the Benevolence dollar used?

By the Synod...

Your Benevolence Dollar Goes a Long Way...

Each dollar forwarded to Synod of Alberta and the Territories is divided in this way:

Seminary Support 12%

Seminary in Saskatoon
Training pastors & lay leaders

Synod Programs 29%

- Campus ministry in Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge
- Staff training for Bible Camps (Camps are generally self-supporting with help from various congregations)
- Starting and supporting new mission congregations
- Resources: Council, Sunday School, stewardship & worship leaders' workshops, borrowing library of videos, books etc.
- Biennial gathering for youth
- Advocacy on social issues through a Christian perspective
- Communication through Canada Lutheran, web page etc.
- Promotion of ELCIC missionaries



National Church support 28%

Synod Administration 31%

Call process, Bishop presence, Synod council expenses, deans' travel & expenses, rent, staff, postage, printing, equipment, discretionary fund etc.

By the National Church

Each dollar forwarded to the National Church is divided in this way:

Mission 50.87%

- Missionaries:
 - Brian Rude - El Salvador
 - Lori Endress - Thailand
- Lutheran Cooperative Programs
 - Lutheran World Federation
 - Ecumenical Cooperation Program
 - World Council of Church
 - Canadian Church Council



Working with Synods 6.34%

Administration 17.56%

Rent, insurance, staff, equipment, supplies, phone, fax, computer, audit, legal etc.

Ecumenical relations 16:17%

National church council, committees, ecumenical affairs (eq. work with Anglicans), travel for Bishop's office, theological education & leadership, faith & society (social justice)

National support of mission & ministries 9.06%

Lutheran Schools, Stewardship, Canada Lutheran, Communique