

#### OUR MISSION

The mission of Lutheran Church-Canada is to organize, equip, and motivate its members to confess, proclaim, and give witness to the saving work of Jesus Christ, to the glory of God. We do this together in grateful response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacraments, so that believers may grow in their faith and unbelievers be brought into the body of Christ.



### WALKING TOGETHER AS A SYNOD

Committed to a common confession and mission, congregations of Lutheran Church-Canada join with one another as a Synod to share an ecclesiastical bond and to support and work with one another. In this way, we seek to serve our Lord Jesus Christ, the members of His body, and the world which stands in need of the Word and the impact of His redeeming love.

### PUTTING OUR MISSION INTO ACTION

Our work together as a Synod can only be accomplished with the generous financial support of our members. Through your tithes and offerings, a portion of all gifts laid upon the altar of local congregations is remitted to LCC. In total, these gifts make up almost 68% of LCC's overall revenue and are critical for funding the vital work we do together. Work such as:

#### Sustaining and Revitalizing our Congregations

The strength of synod begins with the strength of our local congregations. Together we support and maintain Word and Sacrament ministry across our country, and especially in regions of greatest need. (Schedule A).

#### Supporting our Mission Work in Canada

Identify, develop and support mission efforts throughout the country; assist congregations to explore new opportunities for outreach; and provide works of mercy and relief to those less fortunate. (Schedule B)

#### Supporting our Mission Work Internationally

Support mission work in Central America, South-East Asia, and Ukraine, including Gospel outreach; theological training; and social ministry efforts like children's feeding programs and Christian education.

### Supporting Theological Education

Provide funding to assist the work of our seminaries in training our pastors and church workers.

#### **Caring for our Leaders and Members**

Provide ecclesiastical leadership and pastoral care through the work of the Synod President, Regional Pastors, and Circuit Counsellors.

#### **Building Community**

Collaborate with Synod's members and partners to enhance mission effectiveness through communication, promote stewardship in managing life's resources for God's purposes, and provide spiritual growth through the publication of *The Canadian Lutheran* and other media.



## **BUDGET AND ACTUAL REVENUES/EXPENSES**

Six Month Fiscal Period (February –July 2020)

| Revenues                          | 6 Month<br>Budget | 6 Month<br>Actual | Variance  | 2019<br>6 Month Actual |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Congregation Remittances *        | 1,030,000         | 863,844           | (166,156) | 957,870                |
| Designated Specific **            | 580,460           | 566,780           | (13,680)  | 564,510                |
| Endowment Income                  | 20,000            | 0.00              | (20,000)  | 0                      |
| Investment Income                 | 17,600            | (56,160)          | (73,760)  | 58,570                 |
| Rental Income                     | 4,650             | 3,900             | (750)     | 3,750                  |
| Total Revenues                    | 1,652,710         | 1,378,364         | (274,346) | 1,584,700              |
| Expenditures                      | 6 Month<br>Budget | 6 Month<br>Actual | Variance  | 2019<br>6 Month Actual |
| Domestic Missions                 | 433,315           | 385,785           | 47,530    | 566,450                |
| International Missions            | 317,668           | 333,364           | (15,692)  | 343,250                |
| Ecclesiastical Services           | 291,385           | 277,546           | 13,839    | 305,615                |
| Higher Education                  | 146,000           | 136,050           | 9,950     | 143,550                |
| Communications                    | 94,825            | 87,502            | 7,323     | 84,835                 |
| Congregational Services           | 83,500            | 77,000            | 6,500     | 90,000                 |
| Administration                    | 285,689           | 261,563           | 24,126    | 342,420                |
| Total Expenditures                | 1,652,382         | 1,558,810         | 93,576    | 1,876,120              |
| Surplus ( <mark>Deficit</mark> )* | 328               | (180,446)         |           | (291.420)              |

\*Surplus/ (Deficit) – The current operating deficit of (\$180,446) is not as large as the (\$291, 420) deficit LCC was experiencing over the same six month period in 2019. It is important to mention however, that very positive mission remittances from congregations late last year enabled LCC to finish 2019 in a surplus position. We pray that the Lord may Bless LCC and its' member Congregations with similar results in 2020.

## **REVIEWING THE 2020 ANNUAL BUDGET**

"So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready as a willing gift, not as an exaction." 2 Corinthians 9:5

Creating an operating budget for 2020 during a time of a global pandemic was, without a doubt, quite a challenge. As it was difficult to predict what the financial impact would be on the economy, on financial markets, and most importantly, on our congregations

There are currently 286 LCC member congregations who have the potential to support the work we do together as a synod. Prior to the outbreak of the coronavirus, LCC had received mission pledges from 160 congregations totalling \$1,745,000. Our prayer is that the 160 congregations who submitted a pledge, together with the 126 that did not submit a pledge, will be able to send mission remittances to the level needed to accomplish the important work of our church body.

| Revenues                 | Budget 2020 |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Congregation Remittances | 2,060,000   |
| Specific Purpose         | 1,160,920   |
| Endowment Income         | 40,000      |
| Investment Income        | 35,200      |
| Rental Income            | 9,300       |
| Total Revenues           | 3,305,420   |
| Expenditures             | Budget 2020 |
| Domestic Missions        | 866,626     |
| International Missions   | 635,335     |
| Ecclesiastical Services  | 582,775     |
| Higher Education         | 292,000     |
| Communications           | 190,103     |
| Congregational Services  | 167,000     |
| Administration           | 571,378     |
| Total Expenditures       | 3,305,217   |

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# LCC 2020 ANNUAL BUDGET - \$3,305,217



"Make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always to the end of the age" Matthew 28:19-20

# OUR HOPE IS IN THE LORD

Although finances change, the mission of the LCC remains clear and unwavering. This is so because Christ's ascension commission and promise remains unchanged regardless of the tumultuous and uncertain times in which we live. As such, LCC continues, with your help and support, to carry out our common objectives of conserving and promoting the unity of the true faith; strengthening congregations in giving bold witness by word and deed and to extend that Gospel witness into all the world; training of pastors and deacons; and aiding congregations by providing resources for promoting, expressing and conserving our confessional unity. Thank you for your prayers and offerings in support of this work that we have committed to do in our walking together as a Synod.



### SCHEDULE A- YEAR 2020 SUSTAINING WORD AND SACRAMENT MINISTRY

Congregation Holy Trinity Concordia Our Saviour Our Saviour Our Saviour Our Saviour Redeemer Good Shepherd Redeemer St. John Ont Tri- parish Redeemer Christ Trinity Church of the Deaf Zion Location Bradford Fonthill Kingston London Niagara Falls Kitimat Moncton Prince Albert Snyder Southampton Sudbury Timmins Vancouver Wolseley

## SCHEDULE B-YEAR 2020 SUPPORTING MISSION OUTREACH

| Congregation    | Location         | Outreach Focus                                |
|-----------------|------------------|---|
| St. Andrews     | Halifax          | Maritimes                                     |
| Pilgrim         | Hamilton         | Oromo Congregation/Community                  |
| Concordia       | Penticton        | Parochial School                              |
| LCC Missionary  | Quebec           | French Language Ministry                      |
| Trinity         | Richmond         | Chinese Congregation/Community                |
| Faith           | Surrey           | Chinese/Korean Congregation /Community        |
| Korean LC       | Toronto          | Korean Congregation/Community                 |
| BC Mission Boat | Vancouver Island | Aboriginal Communities – VBS Programs         |
| West Region     | West Region      | Minor Outreach Grants- Congregations/Circuits |
| LCC Missionary  | Winnipeg         | Oromo Congregation/ Community                 |
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#### WORKS OF MERCY

LCC Missionary Lutheran Community Care Centre Regina Thunder Bay Street Ministry Street Ministry