

LUTHERAN CHURCH–CANADA BUDGET 2023

Serve, strengthen, and equip congregations for bold, faithful, Christ-centred witness.



OUR MISSION

Lutheran Church–Canada serves, strengthens, and equips congregations such that their members may 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 Sacrament, so that believers may grow in their faith and unbelievers be brought into the body of Christ.

TOGETHER, ONE (LORD, BODY, FAITH, CHURCH)

Walking together as a Synod, we are committed to a common confession and mission. The congregations of Lutheran Church–Canada join with one another to share an ecclesiastical bond, to support our brothers and sisters in Christ, and to work with one another to accomplish that which is set before us. 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. Therefore, let us be diligent in performing the work of the church, both as members of a local congregation and as individual members of the body of Christ.

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

The work of Lutheran Church–Canada is far-reaching and includes:

Strengthening our Congregations

The strength of Synod begins with the strength of our local congregations. Together we support and nurture Word and Sacrament ministry across our country, and especially in regions of greatest need.

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.

Supporting our Mission Work Internationally

Support mission work in Central America, South-East Asia, and Ukraine, including Gospel outreach; theological training; and works of mercy.

Supporting Theological Education

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

Caring for 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.

There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. | Ephesians 4:6

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Each year, we give thanks to God for the faithful financial response from our congregations. As gifts are laid upon the altars across our Synod through your tithes and offerings, we are blessed when a portion of these gifts are shared with LCC. It starts with a mission and ministry goal and is fulfilled through a commitment to provide regular remittances to support the work we do together.

We strive to establish a working budget that best provides for the many mission and ministry requests received annually, as well as the ongoing work we perform year in and year out.

OUR BUDGET

As we move past the challenging times of the past three years, we look to expand the mission and ministry of our church body. Most of the difficult and unusual circumstances brought to our congregations, our members, and our synodical family, have subsided, even though we still face challenges. We look forward to 2023 with excitement and hope. Our Lord Jesus Christ remains the same yesterday, today, and forever. What confidence that gives to His beloved children, no matter the difficulties we are facing.

Our operating budget for 2023 shows an increase over the previous year. This is due in part to the expected calling of an Associate Director of Missions, the support given to Ukraine, and general increases in costs due to inflation. There are currently 275 LCC member congregations who have the potential to support the work we do together as Synod. As of this printing, 167 congregations have provided LCC with a mission and ministry goal totalling \$1,656,372. Working together as the Body of Christ, we are called upon to support our church family as we are able, utilizing resources our gracious Lord has blessed us with, so that our blessings may be used to bless others. Our prayer is that all congregations consider “contributing to the needs of the saints and seek to show generosity” (Romans 12:13).

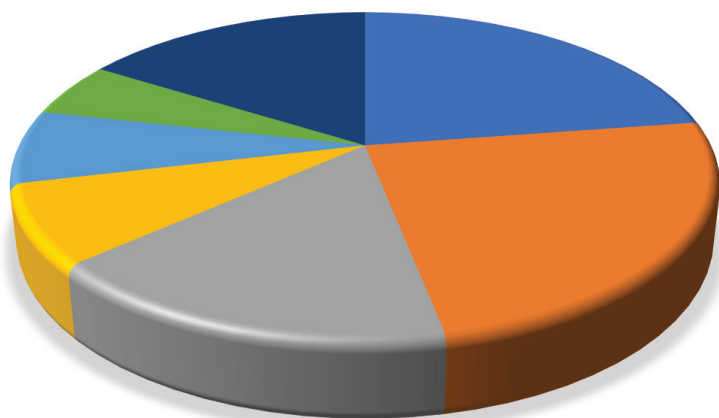
Although finances change, the mission of LCC remains clear and unwavering. The chart below illustrates the percentage of revenue allocated to each area of work. We continue, with your help, to carry out our common objectives of conserving and promoting the unity of the true faith; strengthening congregations in giving bold witness; extending 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 we have committed to do together as one.

LCC Board of Directors

Revenues	Budget 2023
Congregation Remit.	2,200,000
Specific Purpose	1,681,016
Mission Endowment Fund	75,000
Investment Income	72,300
Total Revenues	\$4,028,316

Expenditures	Budget 2023
Domestic Missions	911,476
International Missions	978,840
Ecclesiastical Services	663,955
Higher Education	292,000
Communications	216,825
Congregational Services	316,899
Administration	648,321
Total Expenditures	\$4,028,316

The noblest and greatest work and the most important service we can perform for God on earth is bringing other people, and especially those who are entrusted to us, to the knowledge of God by the Holy Gospel. | Martin Luther



- DOMESTIC MISSIONS - 23%
- INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS - 24%
- ECCLESIASTICAL SERVICES - 16%
- CONGREGATION SERVICES - 8%
- HIGHER EDUCATION - 7%
- COMMUNICATION SERVICES - 5%
- ADMINISTRATION - 16%