

March 27, 2023

“For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for His name in serving the saints, as you still do.” – Hebrews 6:10

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is time once again for us to consider the financial needs of our missions and ministries across our beloved Synod. Working together as the Body of Christ, we are all 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. Much of this support comes in the form of congregation remittances. If your congregation does not require financial assistance but has the capacity to assist your brothers and sisters in need, please prayerfully consider “contributing to the needs of the saints and seek to show generosity.” (Rom. 12:13) Only through faithful stewardship are we able to support our missions and ministries across Synod.

If your congregation does have a financial need, please utilize the form included with this letter to make your request. Congregations are asked to fill out the form and return a copy to your Circuit Counsellor and Regional Pastor. Requests will be reviewed by your Regional Mission and Ministry Council (RMMC) and then forwarded, if appropriate, to be assessed by the President’s Ministry Council (PMC), Director of Missions, Rev. M.L. Smith and Synod Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Dwayne Cleave.

Requests need to be submitted to the Circuit Counsellor or Regional Pastor by May 31, 2023. Circuits are asked to review the requests and submit them, along with their recommendations and comments, to their RMMC by July 31, 2023. This is only for financial assistance. If you have a special project, please contact either the Director of Missions or your RMMC directly with an explanation of funds required and their intended purpose.

May our merciful Lord inspire us to take part in the relief of the saints, so that our abundance at the present time should supply their need. As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack”. (2 Cor. 8:15)

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either of us or your Regional Pastor.

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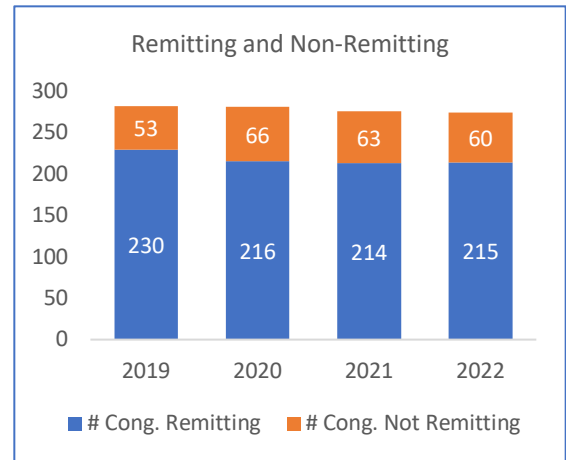
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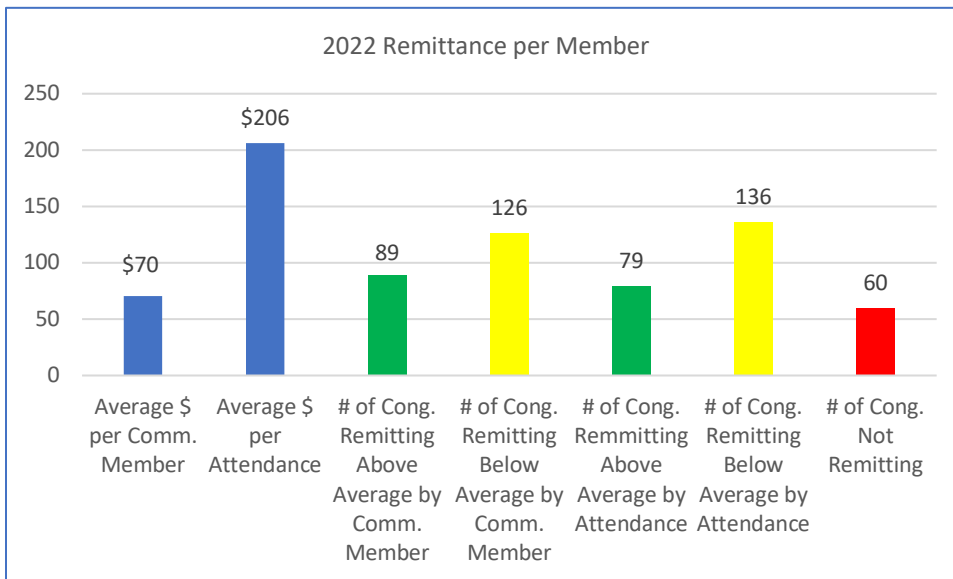
Congregation Remittance Statistics

We all know that statistics can be understood in a variety of different ways. These tables and charts are for information and conversation.

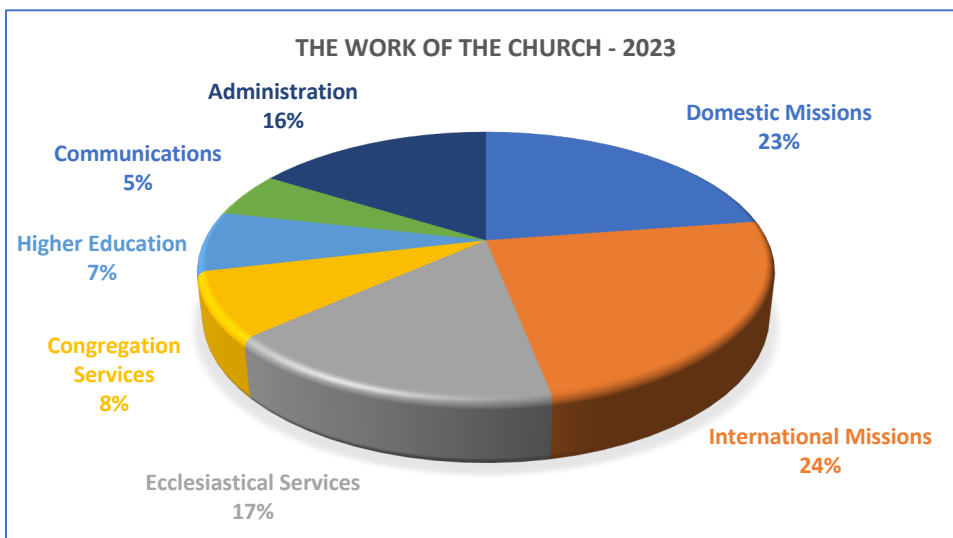
Year	Congregation Remittance \$	Active Cong.	# Cong. Remitting	# Cong. Not Remitting
2019	\$2,231,240	283	230	53
2020	\$2,150,139	282	216	66
2021	\$2,172,798	277	214	63
2022	\$2,147,249	275	215	60



This table and chart illustrate congregation remittances over the past four years. Approximately 28% of our congregations provide the majority (80%) of the overall remittance dollars. Approximately 22% of our congregations do not provide any remittance dollars.



Since congregations are all different sizes, it is helpful to view remittance dollars on a per member basis. In 2022, there were 215 congregations that sent in remittances to LCC. Based on the latest congregation statistics we have received, the average remittance \$ per communicant member was \$70, and the average remittance \$ per attending member was \$206.



LCC's budget for 2023 is \$4,028,316. Since LCC receives just over half of this amount through congregation remittances, it means other sources of revenue are required to enable us to accomplish all the work set before us.

This pie chart illustrates how all dollars received by LCC are allocated.