

??...DID YOU KNOW THAT...??

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Please use these ministry blurbs in your church bulletins and/or newsletters. Thank you for your partnership in the gospel ministry. May God bless your ministry abundantly.

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- Mission Support is the portion of your congregation's regular financial offering that is shared with your synod and the churchwide organization? In 2016, the Central/Southern Illinois Synod received \$1,398,471 in mission support offerings, of which \$783,143 was forwarded on to the ELCA.
- Mission Support offerings from the Central/Southern Illinois Synod to the ELCA (Feb. 1-May 31, 2017) show a 4.9% increase over last year's offerings? In 2017, \$266,969 was remitted compares to \$254,539 remitted over the same timeframe in 2016. Our synod was one of 46 synods that showed an increase. Thank you for your generous support!



- The ELCA Mission Investment Fund uses investors' dollars to finance capital projects for ELCA congregations and ministries, including new buildings, additions, renovations, accessibility projects, "green" initiatives, land purchases and loan refinancing? Mission Investment Fund Church Building Consultants are available to consult on all aspects of the building process. For information, visit www.ELCA.org/MIF or call (877) 886-3522.
- An MIF4KIDZ investment is an excellent way to introduce children to the principles of smart investing while they become involved in the life of the church? An MIF4KIDZ investment can be purchased by adults for children from birth to age 16; the investment matures on the child's 18th birthday. For more details, visit www.ELCA.org/MIF or call (877) 886-3522.



- Lutherans Restoring Creation will have their monthly conference call on August 8, 2017 at 10 a.m.? For more information, contact Phoebe Morad, Executive Director at (617) 599-2722 or visit www.LutheransRestoringCreation.org.
- If each of the ELCA's 9,300 congregations made a gift of \$500 or more to Missionaries and Young Adults in Global Mission in commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we would raise nearly \$5 million for these life-changing ministries? For more information or ideas, contact the Global Church Sponsorship team at (800) 638-3522 or globalchurch@elca.org.



- This year (through May 31, 2017), members of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod have contributed \$123,059 to ELCA World Hunger? This averages out to almost \$30,765 per month. Contributions to ELCA World Hunger are included with the totals contributed to the Campaign for the ELCA. Your offerings make a difference in the lives of those who are hungry! Thank you!



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