



FINANCIAL REPORT 2019 BUDGET 2020



OUR MISSION

The mission of Lutheran Church–Canada (LCC) 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

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

The work of Lutheran Church–Canada 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 62% of LCC’s overall revenue and are critical for funding the vital work we do together. Work such as:



SUSTAINING & REVITALIZING 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 in need.

SUPPORTING OUR MISSION WORK INTERNATIONALLY: Support mission work in Central America, South-East Asia, and Ukraine, including Gospel outreach; theological education; and works of mercy and relief efforts like children’s feeding programs.

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

CARING FOR OUR LEADERS & MEMBERS: Provide ecclesiastical leadership and pastoral care through the work of the Synod President, Regional Pastors, and Circuit Counsellors.

BUILDING COMMUNITY: Collaborate with Synod members and partners to enhance mission effectiveness through communications; to promote stewardship in managing life’s resources for God’s purposes; and to encourage spiritual growth through a variety of resources.

BUDGET & EXPENDITURES

FISCAL YEAR 2019

Expenditures	Budget	Actual	Variance
Domestic Missions *	1,146,900	1,105,257	41,643
International Missions **	653,550	718,408	(64,858)
Ecclesiastical Services	618,600	575,447	43,153
Higher Education	292,000	299,700	(7,700)
Communications	180,450	167,859	12,591
Planned Giving	180,000	180,000	0
Administration ***	600,450	620,704	(20,254)
Total Expenditures	3,671,950	3,667,375	4,575

“ 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

*Actual expenses were \$41,643 less than budget largely related to travel cost savings, as there were fewer in-person RMMC meetings held than anticipated.

**Actual expenses were \$64,858 higher than budget primarily due to special projects for additional children’s feeding programs and Christian education. Extra revenue was received to offset additional expenses.

*** Administration is 17% of LCC’s total budget. Actual expenses were \$20,254 higher than budget primarily due to a bylaw-mandated strategic planning conference held early in 2019 that included LCC Board members, Regional Pastors, LCC Executive and several clergy and lay representatives from each of the RMMC’s. The cost of this conference was approximately \$14,000 that had not been included in our planning. Actual Salary and benefit cost compared to budget make up the balance of the remaining variance.

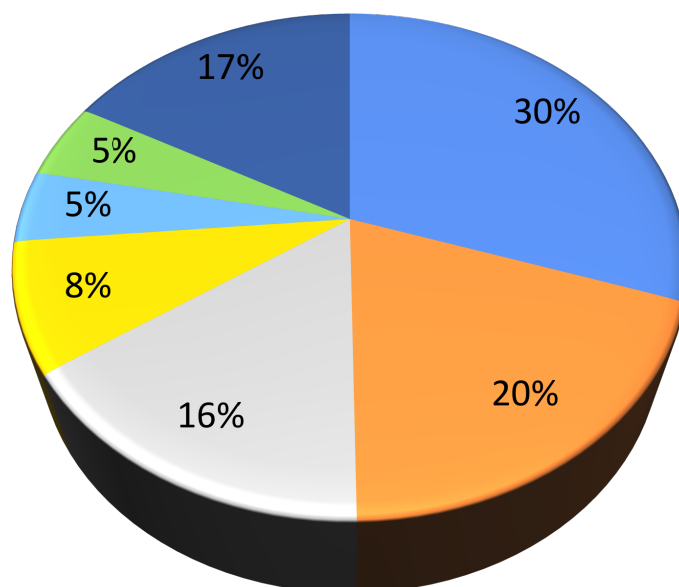
OUR GIVING

We give thanks to God for the tremendous response from our congregations in the fourth quarter which resulted in LCC ending fiscal 2019 with a surplus. Over \$750,000 in missions came in which translates to about 35% of the total mission remittances for the year. In addition, significant financial support came from East District Corp. and Central District Corp. for domestic missions; and Concordia Lutheran Mission Society (CLMS), Lutheran Women’s Missionary League–Canada (LWMLC), and the Schwann Foundation for international missions.

Revenues	Budget	Actual	Variance
Congregation Remit.	2,500,000	2,231,240	(268,760)
Designated Specific	1,090,700	1,386,174	295,474
Endowment Income	40,000	51,075	11,075
Investment Income	34,800	116,289	81,489
Rental Income	7,500	7,650	150
Total Revenues	3,673,000	3,792,428	119,428

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- Domestic Missions
- International Missions
- Ecclesiastical Services
- Higher Education Supp.
- Communications
- Planned Giving
- Administration



LOOKING AT THE CURRENT YEAR

OUR BUDGET & OUR MISSION

Creating an operating budget for 2020-21 during a time of incredible uncertainty was, without a doubt, quite a challenge. As it is difficult to predict what the financial impact will be on the economy, on financial markets, and on our congregations, we have reduced our budget to a level we think is reasonable.

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 these 160 congregations who have submitted a pledge, together with the 126 that have not yet submitted a pledge, will be able to send mission remittances to the level needed to accomplish the important work our church body does together.

*Specific Purpose includes gifts from individuals, CLMS, LWMLC, CLWR, and Schwann Foundation for International Missions, East and Central District Corporations, congregations, and individuals for Domestic Missions. LCC is also expecting to qualify for some government wage subsidy support in respect of its revenue being negatively impacted by the pandemic.

**Domestic Missions makes up 27% of expense budget. Approximately \$380,000 sustains and revitalizes word and sacramentary ministry across 18 congregations. \$335,835 supports outreach through Missionaries at Large and small outreach grants. The balance of our domestic mission budget is primarily devoted to works of mercy.

***International Missions makes up 19% of expense budget. LCC conducts mission work in Central America, South East Asia, and Ukraine.

****Ecclesiastical Services makes up 17% of expense budget and supports the work of the Synod President, Regional Pastors, and Circuit Counsellors who provide leadership and pastoral care.

*****Higher Education makes up 9% of expense budget, which helps support operations at both Seminaries.

*****Administration makes up 17% of expense budget and includes salary and benefit costs for support staff, property operations, supplies and minor equipment, insurance, audit, legal and other professional services. Board of Director and other governance costs are also categorized as Administration.

Revenues	Budget 2020
Congregation Remit.	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 **	891,626
International Missions ***	635,335
Ecclesiastical Services ****	557,775
Higher Education *****	292,000
Communications	189,651
Congregational Services	167,000
Administration *****	571,378
Total Expenditures	3,304,765

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.

“ 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

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