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MINISTRY INCOME										
40500	Benevolence Giving	\$1,100,000	\$1,099,806	\$1,000,000	\$953,185	\$1,100,000	\$1,000,000	(\$100,000)	Benevolence from congregations	
Non-Benevolence Income:										
41100	ELCA-EOCM ELCA - Stewardship Spec	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	\$0	Churchwide sponsor of Director Evangelical Mission	
41400-									Rise Up funding Synod Staff and Director of Coaching - \$27,200 Ministry funding Synod Storyteller - \$3,000 FFM funding DEM - \$22,100 Misc income – Thrivent, ELCA endowment - \$2,500 Anticipated additional funds from congregations in transition - \$64,896	
41900	Outside Grants/Miscellaneous Inc	36,900	423,216	36,900	141,869	102,550	119,696	\$17,146		
41000	Net Interest Income	50	35	50	32	50	50	\$0		
TOTAL MINISTRY INCOME		\$1,146,950	\$1,533,057	\$1,046,950	\$1,105,086	\$1,212,600	\$1,129,746	(\$82,854)		
MINISTRY EXPENSES										
5090	Churchwide Benevolence	\$440,000	\$417,594	\$400,000	\$402,007	\$440,000	\$400,000	(\$40,000)	Shared benevolence to National ELCA; supports worldwide ministries	Percentage of actual benevolence
	<i>% of Benevolence Giving Income</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>40%</i>		Percentage of Benevolence from congregations to send to National ELCA	
Special Ministries Donations										
5010	Campus Ministry	40,000	40,000	-	-			\$0	Providing campus pastors and ministry in Southeast Michigan	moved to FFM Budget
5015	ELCA Special Offering					2,000		(\$2,000)	Assembly Offering Collected and Disbursed	Assembly Offering Pass Through
5020	Capital University	2,400	2,400	-	-			\$0	Support for university in Columbus, OH	moved to FFM Budget
5030	Wittenberg University	1,900	1,900	-	-			\$0	Support for university in Springfield, OH	moved to FFM Budget
5050	Living Water Ministries	32,000	32,000	-	-			\$0	Support of camp and retreat ministries in Michigan	moved to FFM Budget
5070	Region VI, ELCA	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	\$0	Services provided, such as archiving documents, for six synods in Region VI	
5110	Trinity Seminary	25,000	22,917	-	-			\$0	Support of Trinity Lutheran Seminary	moved to FFM Budget
5130	Samaritas	6,000	6,000	-	-			\$0	Support of social service agency	moved to FFM Budget
5150	Acts In Common	17,000	17,000	-	-			\$0	Support of African American Strategy programs	moved to FFM Budget
5210	Mission/Church Development.							\$0		moved to FFM Budget
5240	Church/Social Grants							\$0	See Fund for Mission Budget	
5250	Ecumenical Theo. Seminary	1,000	-	-	-			\$0	Detroit seminary often used to supplement seminarian's education and classes for an Associate in Ministry	moved to FFM Budget
5015	Special Offerings	2,400	4,453	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	\$0	Primarily Christmas Gifts to Staff	
5260	Community Organizing Affiliations	2,000	-	-	-			\$0	Membership fees for MOSES and MI United	moved to FFM Budget
TBD	<i>Seminarian Fund</i>							\$0		

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5280	Fund for Mission - Mission Development/New Ministries		111,815		55,500	73,655			Grant from ELCA to support Mission Development/New Ministry start-ups - Amount is determined by ELCA Grants Received	Had never shown on budget but it is a pass through. Uncertain what ELCA will fund in 2 years
	Subtotal Special Ministries Donations	\$135,700	\$244,485	\$8,400	\$63,900	\$84,055	\$8,400	(\$75,655)		
	Synod Committee Expenses									
6010	Synod Assembly	\$0						\$0	Expenses not covered by registration fees	
6100	EOCM Committee	0						\$0	Committee expenses for outreach and evangelism	Inactive account
6120	Candidacy Mobility	0						\$0	Support for interviews of rostered persons to come to SEMI	Inactive account
6140	Anti-Racism Task Force (BRRICK)	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,187	5,000	5,000	\$0	Support for training and education	
6161	Candidacy Committee	7,500	2,164	7,500	1,112	5,000	5,000	\$0	Expenses associated with working with candidates	Fees cover most expenses and less travel required for committee members
6162	Emerging Leadership Committee	5,000		5,000		0		\$0	Support for Interns and LLM	New Name, formerly Leadership Support
6165	Fall Leadership Event	0						\$0	Expenses not covered by registration fees	Fees cover expenses
6190	Website Administration & Support	5,000	11,745	7,000	7,782	10,000	10,000	\$0	Expenses to communicate Synod's mission and ministry	New Name, formerly Communications
6410	Specialized Ministry Com.	0						\$0	Committee expenses	Inactive account
6640	Finance Committee	50		50		0		\$0	Committee expenses	Primarily working meeting with auditor
6650	Stewardship Committee	1,000		1,000		0		\$0	Committee expenses	
6790	Worship Committee	1,000	2,450	1,000	738	2,500	2,000	(\$500)	Committee expenses	
6820	Youth Committee	2,000	403	2,000	400	1,000	1,000	\$0	Committee expenses	
6850	Justice and Advocacy	5,000	4,213	5,000	3,721	5,727	5,000	(\$727)	Empower Synod to act on justice and advocacy issues	Increase in advocacy
	Subtotal Synod Committee Expenses	\$31,550	\$25,975	\$33,550	\$18,940	\$29,227	\$28,000	(\$1,227)		
6690	Reconciliation Discrepancies									
	Synod Staff Expenses									
7100	Bishop - Salary + Benefits	\$125,406	\$124,432	\$131,143	\$130,277	\$133,574	\$139,110	\$5,536		4% increase
74002-746	Asst. to Bishop Kiefer - Salary +Benefits		\$114,989	\$119,583	\$118,960	\$121,531	\$127,223	\$5,692		4% increase
7600/7560	DEM Salary Salary + Benefits	25,203	21,580	26,042	17,267	26,598	22,087	(\$4,511)	DEM Paid by ELCA - this is Synod's support for DEM position	
7300	Asst. to Bishop McCants - Salary + Benefits	82,754	84,075	102,387	101,232	105,016	110,101	\$5,085		
7670	Director's Stipends	8,400	5,900	10,400	6,000	5,000	8,000	\$3,000	added Director of Coaching , funded from Rise Up, Added Synod Storyteller funded by Ministry Gift	Director of Worship and LLM Director moved to Staff positions. Added Director Candidacy back in.
7680	Bishop Spouse Ambassador Expenses	3,000	0	3,000		3,000	3,000	\$0	Spouse expenses for mandatory attendance and acting Synod ambassador	
7660	Youth Ministry Director	3,600	0	3,600		3,600	3,600	\$0	Youth Director Stipend	
7150	Bishop Expense	10,000	10,799	10,000	12,268	10,000	10,000	\$0	Expenses for congregation support travel and admin and Churchwide meetings	Fewer outside expenses during covid
74502	Asst to Bishop Kiefer - Expense		8,257	6,000	5,848	7,250	7,250	\$0	Based on current spending per month	
7550/7580	Asst. to Bishop DEM - Expense	10,000	6,646	10,000	10,870	10,000	10,000	\$0	Expenses for DEM	Expenses covered by ELCA - see income
7350	Asst. to Bishop McCants - Expense	3,000	4,650	3,000	2,336	4,000	4,000	\$0	Expenses for congregation support; primarily mileage and phone	

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7661	Expenses/Youth +Planned	0				0		\$0	Expenses in relation to youth events and ministry	Inactive account, covered by Youth Committee
7990	Continuing Education	1,500	750	1,500		1,500	1,500	\$0	Support Staff continuing education expenses	
7700	Assistant to the Bishop Admin & Support Staff Salaries	59,398	55,761	79,023	75,525	81,393	84,648	\$3,255	Full time Executive Administrator and part time bookkeeper	
7520	Assistant to the Bishop Admin & Support Staff Benefits	24,333	25,751	33,207	32,812	33,507	36,240	\$2,733	Full time Executive Administrator	
7530	Payroll taxes FICA	9,682	9,124	11,942	12,636	12,299	13,787	\$1,488	Employer responsibility for FICA	
7800	Deans	22,000	21,250	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000	\$0	Stipend for Deans of the 11 Conferences	
78600	Contract Pay		3,500		2,000			\$0		
7995	Staff travel expenses to Companion Synods	10,000		10,000		0	10,000	\$10,000		
Subtotal Synod Staff Expenses		\$501,276	\$497,464	\$582,827	\$550,031	\$580,268	\$612,546	\$32,278		
Synod Office Expenses										
8040	Auditor	\$10,000	\$10,500	\$10,000	\$11,000	\$11,500	\$12,000	\$500	Annual audit of Synod finances	
8010	ELCA Risk Fund To National	1,000	0	1,000		1,000	1,000	\$0	Share for obligation to cover legal suits, etc	
8100	Bishop Discretionary Fund	2,000	0	2,000		2,000	2,000	\$0	Bishop to use as desired to support his role as Bishop	
8220	Office Equipment (copier)	4,300	3,181	3,150	4,455	3,150	3,150	\$0	Monthly lease fee plus usage fee negotiated new contract for less money	
8240	Synod Council	500	0	500	300	500	500	\$0	Meeting, retreat, and task force expenses	
8310	Insurance - general	14,500	7,599	9,000	7,364	9,000	8,000	(\$1,000)	General, auto, liability, workers compensation	
8370	Legal expense	1,000	217	1,000	117	1,000	1,000	\$0	Miscellaneous legal expenses	
8410	Misc. Admin.	2,000	9,171	2,000	4,047	2,000	2,000	\$0	General operating expenses not categorized	
8450	Office equipment maint.	500	0	500		500	500	\$0		
8460	Computer Expense	5,000	2,074	3,000	1,770	3,000	3,000	\$0	Computer/IT Hardware	
8470	Office expenses/supplies	2,500	1,133	2,000	2,182	2,000	2,000	\$0		
8510	Postage/mailing	2,000	1,450	2,000	1,366	2,000	1,250	(\$750)	will no longer have postage meter fee	
8000/8520	Bank Fees/Paychex Fees	3,000	3,643	3,000	4,151	3,000	3,400	\$400		
8550	Rent	10,440	12,640	10,440	28,140	32,400	36,000	\$3,600	Rent for space at the Cathedral Church of St Paul, 4800 Woodward Ave. Detroit 48201	
8540	Building Maintenance	1,000	0	1,000		1,000	1,000	\$0	Minor maintenance as required	
8670	Printing/Duplication	1,000	0	1,000		1,000	1,000	\$0	Printing and duplication not done in house	
8710	Telephone	7,000	3,744	4,000	2,392	4,000	3,000	(\$1,000)	cellular phones	
8760	Escrow/Fees - Automobiles		5,000					\$0	Fees and commission associated with the purchase of synod vehicle for use by the incumbent Bishop	
8800	Office Moving Expenses		44,237		26,719			\$0		
Subtotal Synod Office Expenses		\$67,740	\$104,589	\$55,590	\$94,003	\$79,050	\$80,800	\$1,750		
<b>TOTAL MINISTRY EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$1,176,266</b>	<b>\$1,290,107</b>	<b>\$1,080,367</b>	<b>\$1,128,881</b>	<b>\$1,212,600</b>	<b>\$1,129,746</b>	<b>(\$82,854)</b>		
Surplus/(Deficit) - Operating Fund		(\$29,316)	\$242,950	(\$33,417)	(\$23,795)	\$0	\$0	\$0		