



ELCA Foundation

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The ELCA Foundation doesn't just envision a future; it's building one where intentional generosity and stewardship have allowed the mission and ministry of the ELCA to grow beyond our expectations. Our goal is to create a vibrant culture where intentional giving fuels the expansion of the ELCA's ministries

With over \$1.2 billion in donor-designated gifts and invested assets entrusted to our care, we partner with individuals and organizations to thoughtfully steward these resources and maximize their impact. We're on a mission to grow ELCA ministries by empowering individuals, congregations, synods, and other entities with the tools they need to maximize their financial potential.

But what does that mean for you?

Imagine having a trusted partner who not only helps you navigate the complexities of gift planning and administration but also provides expert guidance on how to invest in the future of your ministry. That's where the ELCA Foundation steps in.

Whether you're considering leaving a legacy through an endowment, navigating estate planning, or exploring creative ways to support your congregation, we're here to make the process seamless and straightforward. Best of all, our gift planning services are completely free for you and your ministry.

Ready to take the next step in growing your congregation's culture of giving? Connect with your local ELCA Foundation representative today and discover how together we can make a lasting impact. Visit Foundation.ELCA.org to get started.

2024 AT A GLANCE

Our gift planning network walked alongside **199 donors/families** in developing their gift plans, which resulted in **\$59.9 million** in future planned-gift commitments. **More than \$13 million** of this will go to provide direct support to individual ELCA congregations.

The network generated **\$94.9 million** in total gifts and investment assets. This includes new planned-gift commitments, **\$6.2 million in current gifts**, including funded trusts, gift annuities and individual endowments, and **\$28.7 million in new assets** invested in the Ministry Growth Fund.

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