

## SELC DISTRICT FINANCES

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### 2009 Congregational Goal Performance

6 congregations above suggested 5.6% increase	
Tampa, FL	+233.3%
Youngstown, OH	+100%
Jackson Twp., OH	+27.8%
Clark, NJ	+10%
Wilkes Barre, PA	+6.6%
Massillon	+7.4%
11 congregations	+5.6%
6 congregations	+5 to 2 %
16 congregations	same
6 unreported	same
7 decreased	(\$24,711)
52 congregations	

### 2009 Suggested/Accepted Goals

Suggested	\$601,562
Accepted	<u>564,441</u>
	\$ 37,121 (-6.57%)

### 2009 Projected Contributions - \$536,218

\$564,441 (goals) x 95% = \$536,218

### 2009 SELC District Budget

Synodical Missions	\$200,000
SELC Missions	192,500
Lutheran Haven	61,000
Seminary Students	25,000
Two Seminaries	22,000
SELC Programs	46,000
SELC Services	<u>221,600</u>
2009 Budget	\$768,100
2008 Budget	<u>749,600</u>
	\$ 18,500 (+2.46%)

### 2009 Projected Budget Deficit

2009 Budget	\$768,100
Projected income	
Congregations	\$536,218
Investments	20,000
Assessments & Projects	<u>36,000</u>
	\$592,218 <u>592,218</u>
2009 Projected Deficit	\$175,882
	(Deficit to be met from \$817,060 reserve)

### Congregational Budget Receipts Comparison

2008 congregational contributions	\$546,965
2009 projected contributions	<u>536,218</u>
	(1.96% less) \$ 10,747

### Communicant Membership

January, 2009 - 13,207 (down 297 - 2.19%)

### Average per Communicant Contribution

2006 - \$41.89    2007- \$40.08    2008 - \$40.50



## FUND THE MISSION!

What is the Mission? The “Great Commission” of Christ Jesus: “Go and make disciples of all nations!” (Matt. 28:19) The Mission is carried out when Christian stewards, “Ablaze”, use time, talent and treasure in the Stewardship of Discipleship.

**TIME** - Disciplined stewards take time to read the Bible and pray for the power to disciple others.

**TALENT** - Discipling stewards use their abilities to win others for Christ by witnessing where they are.

**TREASURE** - Disciplined stewards fund the Mission to go and make disciples where they cannot go.

## CORPORATE FUNDING OF THE MISSION

Cooperatively, Christians fund the Mission through the corporate structure of district and synod. In the SELC District, church members contribute to their congregations, which, in turn, contribute to the district budget via annual goals (listed above). The SELC District, in turn, contributes to the LC-MS synodical treasury and finances district missions and ministries reflected in the district budget outlined above. To what extent is your congregation participating in the corporate funding of the Mission? What can be done to increase your congregation’s fulfillment of Christ’s “Great Commission”? What can you do?

## ENGAGE IN THE BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES OF GIVING!

**PROPORTIONATE** (percentage) - **REGULAR** (weekly) - **FIRST-FRUIT** (giving to God first)