

Who We Are

Minneapolis Area Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

159 congregations, missions, and ministries including:

- seven ethnic-specific congregations
- seven new starts
- two synodically authorized ministries

Across these faith communities we:

- Worship in nine different languages
- Have 192,000 baptized members – making us the largest synod in the ELCA
- Jointly average 58,478 in weekly worship attendance
 - 19 small (50-120 in attendance)
 - 100 medium (125-300 in attendance)
 - 40 large (500+ in attendance)
- Together average 38,776 in Sunday school attendance
- Collectively give \$123,000,000 in annual giving
- The synod covers (extends to) seven counties of Minnesota
- 700 rostered leaders (including 300 retired pastors) serve this synod

Our Mission Focus

One thousand members of the Minneapolis Area Synod responded to the question, “What is the mission focus and purpose of the Minneapolis Area Synod?”

We said we are called to:

- Be rooted in the biblical story
- Be focused on radical grace
- Be called to committed discipleship
- Live in inclusive community
- Experience authentic worship
- Practice courageous outreach
- Build a just world

That together, congregations and ministries will:

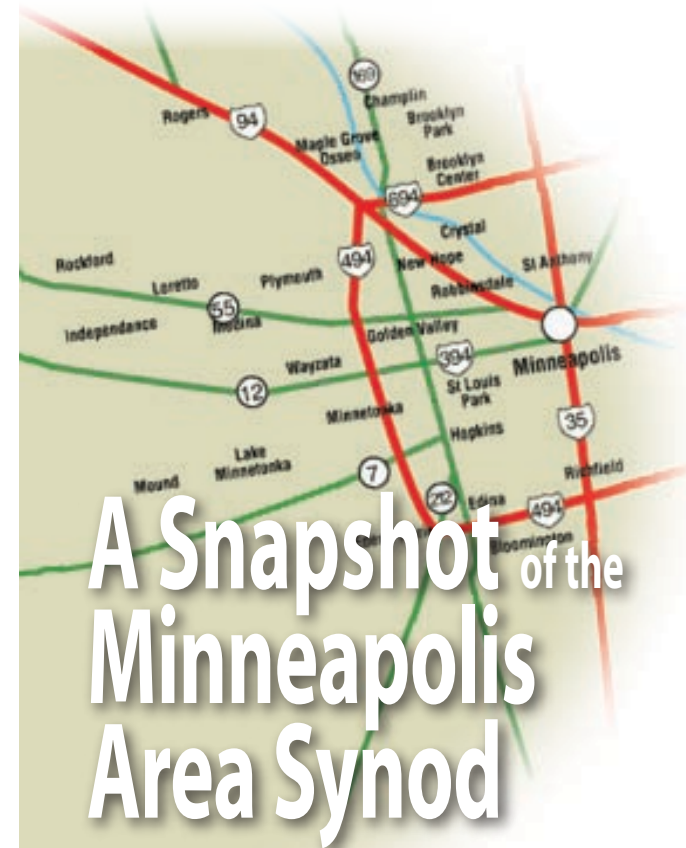
- Work for justice
- Raise up new leaders
- Become a multicultural church
- Witness to our faith by reaching out to others

These figures are based on data collected in 2010 parochial reports and current synodical statistics.

For a more detailed report, go to www.mpls-synod.org.



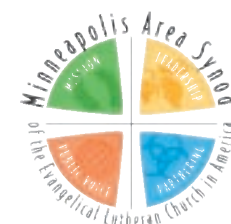
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Missional Goals

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19



“We are a church that shares a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.”

Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson

What We Do

Ministries Facilitated Through the Office of the Bishop

- Mission interpretation
- Partnership development
- Leadership development
- Global Companion relationships
- Children, youth and family support
- New ministry start development and support
- Ethnic specific ministries support
- Conflict resolution and Bridgebuilder coaching
- Various, focused initiatives, such as
 - Book of Faith
 - ELCA Malaria Campaign
 - ELCA World Hunger
 - Seminary of the Streets
 - Wellness Task Force
 - Ministry with Veterans
 - Older Adult Ministries
 - Unite Ministries
 - Peace with Justice Committee
 - Interim Pastors Network

Ministries Via Partnerships Through the Office of the Bishop

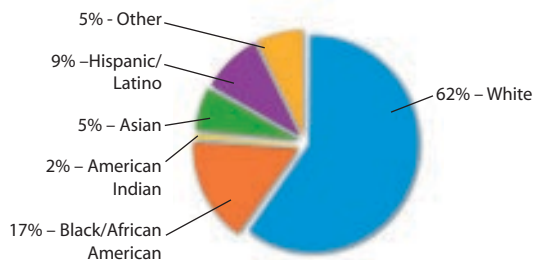
The Minneapolis Area Synod celebrates and nurtures partnerships with several ministries, institutions, agencies, and organizations in our synod, including:

- Faith in the City
- Augsburg College
- Augustana Care Corporation
- Churchwide council and ELCA ministries
- Isaiah
- Luther Seminary
- Lutheran Coalition for Public Policy in Minnesota
- Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota
- Minneapolis Council of Churches
- Minnesota Council of Churches
- Lutheran Campus Ministry of the Twin Cities

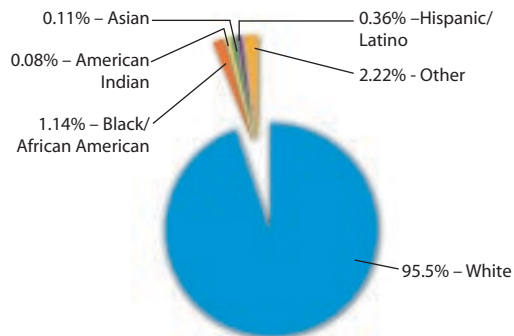
Ministries to/with Congregations Through the Office of the Bishop

- Providing spiritual support to rostered leaders
- Identifying and evaluate candidates for ministry
- Assisting congregations in the call process
- Assisting congregations with conflict resolution
- Coaching congregations individually and through Bridgebuilders
- Coordinating the establishment of new congregations
- Encouraging financial support and participation of congregations in the ministry of the ELCA
- Encouraging the prophetic voice of congregations
- Ministering to immigrants and their children
- Providing program support for congregations
- Provide networking and training opportunity for lay and rostered leaders

City of Minneapolis Demographics



Minneapolis Area Synod Demographics



\$3.4 Million Annual Spending Budget

