

## Pontius' Puddle

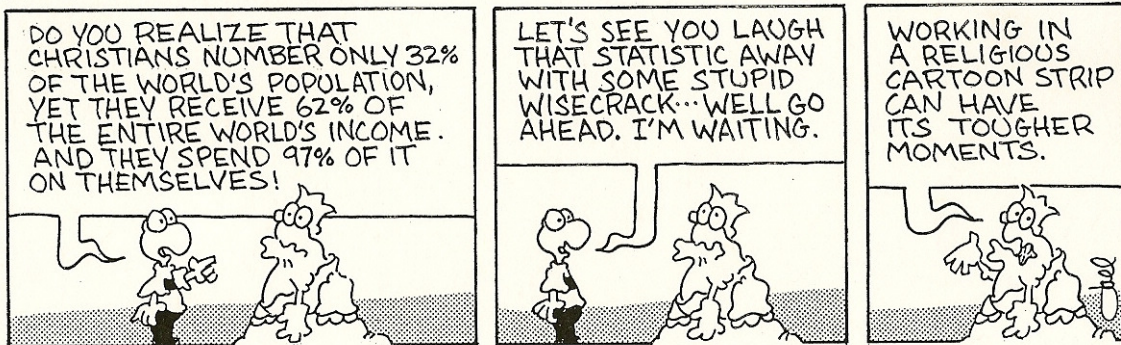


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Dear Partners in Mission Support in the Minneapolis Area Synod:

Every once in a while, I'm struck by a statistic that almost takes my breath away. In this cartoon from the June *Metro Lutheran* were just such numbers.

This remains a thank you letter – thank you for your gifts to mission support, to Making a World of Difference, to missionary sponsorship, to World Hunger and Disaster Response – to all of the ministries in our ELCA that allow us to continue to do together what no one of us can do alone.

I know that for many of you, mission support is a challenge, particularly at this time of year. I want to encourage you to think of it as a very effective way to make your giving extend into a wide variety of ministries. You are helping other congregations in our synod as they seek pastors. You are supporting new congregations. You are helping to prepare candidates for ordained and lay rostered ministry in the ELCA. Your dollars support Luther Seminary, Lutheran Campus Ministries, Lutheran Coalition for Public Policy in Minnesota, ministries in our companion synod in Nigeria as well as missionaries in many other parts of the world. You are first on the ground where disasters happen because of our involvement with Lutheran Disaster Response, and you are often the last to leave. You feed hungry children – and adults – around the world. You are engaged in ministries to end HIV and AIDS. Your gifts help provide mosquito nets to end the scourge of malaria in parts of Africa.

*I am bold enough to say that there is no place else that your gifts come close to supporting as many ministries as do your mission support contributions to the Minneapolis Area Synod. God's Work. Our Hands. God's Economy. Gifts are multiplied and used and miraculously, the world—and we—are changed.*

Faithfully,



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Please remember to check our stewardship website: <http://makingchristknown.wordpress.com>. It contains great information, stewardship ideas, and more information to help you in your quest to be good, or even GREAT, stewards!