

FINANCES AND STATISTICS
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THE CHALLENGE “Go make disciples ... ! (Mt. 28:19a)

The SELC District has accepted the challenge.

The SELC Board of Directors adopted a challenging budget which includes two new mission starts for 2015:

1. Deland, FL, via Cross Network, Lake Mary, FL
2. North Tampa, FL, via Family of Christ, Tampa, FL

The challenge can be met if congregations meet and, if possible, exceed district budget goals. Prayers and special contributions for the two new missions are encouraged.



YEAR 2014

Congregational Budget Goals	\$510,090
Remittances (96.33%)	<u>491,377</u>
Negative	\$ 18,713
Congregational Remittances	\$491,377
Other Receipts	<u>102,610</u>
Total Receipts	\$593,987
Expenses	<u>547,287</u>
Positive (+8.5%)	\$ 46,700
District Assets (12/31/14) -	\$805,015.95
Communicants: 12,452 (-66)	

YEAR 2015

District Budget	
SELC District Missions	\$206,630
Missouri Synod Missions/Ministries	138,000
St. Louis & Fort Wayne Seminaries	13,800
Lutheran Haven	50,000
SELC District Programs	67,400
SELC Service Ministries	<u>191,600</u>
	\$667,430

Goal Performance (3/1/15)

5 Above Suggested +3% Increase	
10 Increased +3%	
7 Remained the Same	
4 Decreased	4 Decreased \$4635
26 Reported	15 Increased <u>3714</u>
26 Unreported	Negative \$ 921
52 Congregations	

Congregations which have not submitted goals are urged to do so as soon as possible.

SYNODICAL BUDGET

Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

National/International Missions	\$40,183,000
General & Administrative	6,663,000
Officers & Administration	5,239,000
Mission Advancement	5,116,000
Ecclesiastical Services	4,038,000
Pastoral Education	3,455,000
Communications	3,177,000
University Education	3,151,000
Radio KFUE Ministry	<u>1,560,000</u>
	\$72,582,000

SYNODICAL STATISTICS

Church Workers

Ordained Active Clergy	6,760
Ordained Retired Clergy	2,974
Christian Day School Teachers	10,263
Directors of Christian Education	784
Lay Ministers	151

Theological Students

Concordia Seminary. St. Louis, MO	617
Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN	322

Congregations - 6,136

In 2013, 47 congregations closed; 27 opened

Baptized Membership - 2,163,698

Loss of 442,672 (-17%) during the past 20 years

RESOURCES FOR CHURCH GROWTH

www.selc.lcms.org - Personal Stewardship

“Retaining Church Members”

“Evangelistic Stewards”