

Through your congregation's mission and ministry gifts, the District offers resources to congregations to help equip members for their **work in the mission field of Nebraska** in areas such as:

- ◇ **Stewardship**
- ◇ **Christian education**
- ◇ **Evangelism and outreach**
- ◇ **Ministry planning and revitalization**
- ◇ **Staffing** church and school positions

Your gifts also make possible:

- ◇ **Scholarships** to seminary and university students studying church work
- ◇ **Ministries** to ethnic groups and university students in Nebraska
- ◇ **Discounted services** to congregations, such as:
  - ◆ Lutheran Witness subscriptions
  - ◆ Event planning and hosting
  - ◆ Support for Gary Thies

Every dollar your congregation gives to support the Nebraska District, along with designated gifts, fees, and investment returns, is used for ministry in the following ways:

**\$0.37 - Direct-to-congregation and school benefits** (services listed in this brochure)

**\$0.32 - District ministries, new missions, and human care**

**\$0.31 - Support to the LCMS**

In addition to these gifts that flow through the Nebraska District LCMS, there are many generous gifts given directly by congregations and individuals to the LCMS, its universities, seminaries, missions, and other ministry agencies.

For more information on the financial activity of the Nebraska District, contact District Treasurer Paul Pettit at the District Office.

***The Mission of the Nebraska District is to resource congregations, leaders, and related organizations in their mission of discipling the saved and proclaiming Christ to a lost and changing world.***



**Nebraska District LCMS**

***“I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together.”***

**John 4:35-36**



## *President's Office*

- ◇ Church Worker Milestones (professional/personal observance)
- ◇ Congregational Celebrations
- ◇ Synod/District Information
- ◇ Church Worker Difficulties Consultation
- ◇ Congregational Difficulties Consultation
- ◇ Pastoral Call Process
- ◇ Placement of New Church Workers
- ◇ Lay Ministry Placement (Licensed Deacons or DELTO Vicars)
- ◇ “Prairie Fire” Resourcing Events

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## *Education and Youth*

### **RESOURCING EDUCATION**

- ◇ Lutheran Schools
- ◇ Assistance with Commissioned Calls
- ◇ Conferences and In-service
- ◇ Parish Education-- Sunday, Weekday, Vacation Bible School, Adult Education, Confirmation Instruction
- ◇ Consultation

### **RESOURCING YOUTH MINISTRY**

- ◇ District Youth Gathering
- ◇ National Youth Gathering
- ◇ Junior High Retreats
- ◇ Counselor Training
- ◇ Consultation
- ◇ Student Aid

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## *Support Staff*

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***The staff of the Nebraska District is here to serve YOU as you serve the ministry of your congregation.***

Please feel free to contact the District Office with questions or for resources on these or any other ministry areas.

## Lay Leadership

- ◇ An educational program that promotes growth in faith and leadership skills
- ◇ Equips lay men and women to serve in various roles, such as human care, education, and outreach
- ◇ A licensed deacon can assist a pastor in a variety of roles
- ◇ Completion of ten courses enables one to seek entrance to DELTO, a pastoral educational program

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## Finance/LCEF

- ◇ Accounting and Finance
- ◇ Personnel and Payroll Tax
- ◇ Taxation of Ministers
- ◇ Compensation and Benefits
- ◇ LCEF Investment Opportunities
- ◇ LCEF Loan Opportunities
- ◇ Demographics
- ◇ Architects
- ◇ SMP (Strategic Ministry Planning)
- ◇ Capital Funding
- ◇ Laborers for Christ

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## LCMS Foundation

- ◇ Biblical Estate Planning Seminars
- ◇ Endowment Fund Development and Promotion
- ◇ Stewardship Seminars
- ◇ Assist Individuals One-on-One with:
  - ◇ Wills and Trusts
  - ◇ Non-cash Gifts (real estate, securities, etc.)
  - ◇ Income Agreements
  - ◇ Charitable Tax Questions

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The Nebraska District Office exists because you, as District congregations, have chosen to support such an office “in order to build, strengthen, and facilitate the work of the church.” \*

To this end, everything your Nebraska District Office does is with the intention of giving to the congregations and workers the resources they need to go **into the mission fields of Nebraska.**



Every resource available from your District Office is funded by the mission and ministry dollars your congregation commits to the District. This commitment is usually made as part of your congregation’s annual budget.

It is the dollars from your congregation that allow the District Office to provide these resources back to your congregation when they are needed.

The back panel shows how your gifts to the District provide services and resources for your congregation and for the other congregations in the District.

This brochure contains some of the resources your District Office has to offer your congregation and its members.

\* Quote taken from *Thy Kingdom Come: A History of the Nebraska District of the LCMS* by Dr. W. Theophil Janzow.

## Communications

- ◇ The Nebraska Lutheran Reporter
- ◇ The weekly *E-mail Update*
- ◇ The District website: [www.ndlcms.org](http://www.ndlcms.org)
- ◇ Shares stories of what God is doing through your people
- ◇ Resources church offices with communication needs
- ◇ Represents the District at congregational activities and events

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## District Missions

- ◇ Available to preach/speak at your congregation about District Ministries
- ◇ Share information about ministries across the District
- ◇ Coordinate servant events between congregations and District ministries
- ◇ New mission starts
- ◇ Outreach ministry
- ◇ Cross-Cultural workshops
- ◇ Congregational Revitalization

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## Mission Development

**Raise the level of mission awareness by:**

- ◇ Speaking to your congregation or organization
- ◇ Providing contact information for missionaries
- ◇ Coordinating prayer partners for missionaries
- ◇ Sharing information on missionaries in the Nebraska District and overseas
- ◇ Receiving missionary support gifts

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