



# Memorandum

**To:** Congregational Treasurer  
**From:** Paul S. Pettit, Treasurer Nebraska District -- LCMS  
**Date:** February 4, 2013  
**RE:** 2013 Treasurer's Packet – District and Synodical Support

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Thank you for your ongoing prayers and financial support of the Nebraska District – LCMS. Your support is critical for the District to continue its Mission and Ministry.

Individuals and congregations continue to appreciate the ability to designate some or all of their support of District and Synod to specific ministries while also recognizing the important biblical principals of unified giving to the church as a whole. We continue to support both methods of giving through several means:

Traditional support by using a paper check and the Mission and Ministry Support Vouchers. I have enclosed a pre-populated Mission and Ministry Support Voucher for your use. Please return a support voucher with each check to ensure proper accounting for your gifts. Make as many copies of the voucher as you need to submit your District and Synod Support. You may also download a blank voucher from the Nebraska District Website [www.ndlcms.org](http://www.ndlcms.org) using the Financial Support Ministry – Business and Finance Office tab and following the links.

Electronic Giving through the Nebraska District Website ([www.ndlcms.org](http://www.ndlcms.org)) by clicking on the “Donate Now” button. This method allows you to manage the details of your support. You can set up an automatic support payment or input each individual payment, whichever best fits your needs. Transfers can be set up from one or more bank accounts to be processed on the date(s) and in the amounts you specify.

Electronic Giving managed by the Nebraska District through LCEF's Joyful Response program. I have enclosed a Joyful Response application for your use in initiating the electronic giving. Please complete the application and submit it to the District office for processing. Please be sure to include a Mission and Ministry Support voucher if any of your support is of a designated nature.

Please make your support checks payable to:  
Nebraska District – LCMS

Please mail your Mission and Ministry Support vouchers and your support check to:  
Nebraska District – LCMS  
P.O. Box 407  
Seward, NE 68434-0407

I have included a description of the various sections of the Mission and Ministry Support Voucher on the reverse side of this memorandum to assist with clarification of the categories of giving.

Again, thank you for your ongoing support of the Nebraska District – LCMS.

The categories listed on each support voucher are identified as follows:

- 1) **UNIFIED GIVING:** This section allows your congregation to continue with the traditional, biblical approach of unified support of the church body. This provides unrestricted funding for use by the Nebraska District as evaluated and determined by the District Board of Directors. This form of giving is extremely important to continue the work of our Lord within the Nebraska District and Synod. Remittances to be applied to your annual mission support of the Nebraska District and Synod should be reported in this section of the voucher.
  
- 2) **PERSONALIZED GIVING:** The personalized giving approach provides congregations the opportunity to select a particular Ministry of the Nebraska District to support with some or all of their mission dollars. (See the listing of District Personalized Giving Ministry Opportunities included on the back of the Mission and Ministry Support Voucher). Funds recorded in this area will be used to provide funds through the District in support of the Designated Ministry, or redirected in accordance with District policy when the ministry no longer exists as a District ministry.  
  
**Please note:** We continue to receive designated gifts payable to the District for Synodical or other Non-District ministries. This requires the District to process the receipt and a subsequent check to Synod or the other ministry, resulting in additional operational costs for the District and a delay in the funds reaching the designated ministry. Please use category 3 for this type of gift and send the funds directly to the ministry. Thank you for your assistance.
  
- 3) **DIRECT GIVING:** The direct giving approach provides congregations the opportunity to select a particular Synodical or other Non-District Ministry to support with some or all of their mission dollars. This restricted giving should be sent directly from your congregation to the ministry being funded, the actual dollars should not flow through the Nebraska District. This category is provided on the support voucher to provide information to the District and Synod about additional ministry opportunities being supported from Nebraska congregations.

Please call with any questions. Many blessings in 2013!