



*“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.”*

*~Ephesians 3:20-21*

As the Church we are called to share the transforming love of Christ with a world desperate for hope. Led by the Holy Spirit and in heartfelt gratitude to God for the life, death and resurrection of Jesus our Lord, we offer our time, talents and treasures for God’s work.

Your gifts to our Synod Endowment Ministry help provide the resources needed to accomplish that work, both now and for generations to come.

For more information on how you can be a part of this ministry or to make a gift, contact:

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<https://nglsynod.org/synod-endowment-ministry/>

### Interested in making a Planned Gift?

Contact Josh Kearney [Josh.kerney@elca.org](mailto:Josh.kerney@elca.org)  
or Jason Watt, [Jason.watt@elca.org](mailto:Jason.watt@elca.org) at  
the ELCA Foundation.

Services are provided free of charge to all members and congregations of the NGLS and ELCA Synods in Wisconsin.

#### Gift planning services for individuals:

Create a gift plan that benefits the ministries that mean the most to you, while maximizing your financial and estate-planning goals.

Options include:

- Gifts made through wills, trusts or estates.
- Charitable gift annuities
- Donor-advised funds
- Named endowment funds.
- Gifts of cash, securities and real estate
- Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA and more

#### Gift planning services for congregations:

Expertise and guidance for congregations exploring their options for endowment investing and planning for the future such as:

- Endowment fund planning and guidance
- Gift planning education, through seminars on wills, estate plans and charitable gift planning
- Investment options for endowments, including the ELCA Mission Growth Fund.



# Northern Great Lakes Synod Endowment Ministry



Please detach this form and send it with your gift to the  
office of the Northern Great Lakes Synod.

Thank you for your generous support!

# Our Synod's Endowment Ministry

The Endowment Ministry of the Northern Great Lakes Synod exists to help individuals and congregations make lasting gifts to support the work of Christ in our Synod, the Church, and the world.

Our Synod Endowment Ministry consists of funds that are either restricted or unrestricted. The restricted funds have been designated to a particular ministry such as:

- Tanzanian Projects
- Seminarian Scholarships
- Clergy Debt Relief

Our unrestricted fund is the **Equipping the Saints Fund** which distributes 5% - 8% of the market value of its invested assets each year, approximately \$30,000 - \$40,000 annually.

During the past decade, over \$350,000 has been distributed from our **Equipping the Saints Fund** to a wide variety of organizations and ministries including:

- ❖ Youth Ministry
- ❖ Lifelong Faith Formation
- ❖ Leadership support & training
- ❖ Support for Campus Ministry at Bay College in Escanaba, MI.
- ❖ Synod Ministry efforts & programs

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what you have first given us..."*

## How Can I Participate?

The best gift is one appropriate to your interests and circumstances. Gifts of all sizes are important and valued! Examples of gifts include the following:

- + **Outright Gifts or a Monthly Donation** of any amount in cash, real estate, or securities may be made at any time in memory of loved ones, in honor of others, in celebration of special events, and in thanksgiving for God's goodness.
- + **Life Insurance Policies**, existing or new, full or partial, may be donated.
- + **Bequests** through wills or trusts enable you to retain the asset during your life and provide significant support to the work of Christ after your death.
- + **Charitable Gift Annuities** are an irrevocable gift of cash or securities where you receive a predictable fixed income for life. At termination, the Synod would receive the residual value of the annuity.
- + **Qualified Charitable Distributions** are a giving opportunity for those over 70½ years of age to make tax free contributions from your IRA directly to the Synod Endowment Ministry.

~A word of thanks  
from recipients....

*"Dear Northern Great  
Lakes Scholarship  
Fund and Gracious  
Donors,*



*My family and I are so thankful to each  
of the groups for the financial help to  
attend seminary... Your support has  
made attending Wartburg possible. Our  
family is truly blessed by and through  
your support. We look forward to  
graduation and the future as we  
propose to serve Christ's church in the  
Northern Great Lakes Synod."*

~Rev. Melissa Salminen

*"To the angels at the Endowment Fund,*

*Not only do I feel like singing atop  
mountain peaks, but it's visiting  
mountain peaks – God's places –  
become possible with your gift! Places  
that bring over-worked rural Pastors  
back to life, and breathe inspiration  
back into their ministries! You made  
that possible! My sincere thanks!"*

~Rev. Brenda Greenwald



I wish to support the Endowment Ministry of the Northern Great Lakes Synod

\$\_\_\_\_\_ The Equipping the Saints Fund: An annual distribution supports Youth Ministry, Lifelong Faith Formation, Lay Ministry and Leadership education, website design, Wild Church, Justice Advocacy, Synod Council retreat, and more.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like more information about Planned Giving

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_