



Northern Great Lakes Synod 2026 Equipping the Saints Endowment Ministry Distribution

**Unrestricted Assets to determine distribution:
Average Market Value 2022-2026 is \$569,460**

\$3,000 Bay College Campus Ministry

All our Tri-County Conference congregations support this ecumenical ministry. A part-time campus pastor serves and receives very modest funding. This disbursement helps make a Christian presence on campus possible.

\$2,000 Synod Council Retreat

As the Synod Council seeks to lead our Synod into the future, an annual time of reflection, discernment, visioning, and prayer is appropriate. This disbursement makes this important work possible.

\$10,000 Leadership Support

This disbursement makes the following opportunities more affordable for congregations and leaders alike: Fall Theological Conference, Clergy Women's Retreat, Boundaries Education, and dedicated support for our Synod Authorized Ministers and Supervisors.

\$6700 Audit Expenses

The NGLS is required to have an annual audit. These funds will cover the expense of the audit as it pertains to the administration of our Endowment Ministry.

\$5,000 U.P. Wild Church – Mission Development

This ministry effort is in collaboration with the Episcopal Diocese and supported in part by a grant from the ELCA. Begun as a holy experiment in the Marquette County area, additional ministries now include five more communities in the U.P. and Northern Wisconsin.

\$1,500 Project Starling

Ten lay leaders from across the NGLS are participating in a pilot project of the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. This robust lay school experience involves online classes and a year end in person gathering.

\$500 Lay Ministry Support

The work and role of our Synod Authorized Ministers is unique and benefits from intentional support and attention. These funds provide for focused time around a meal.

\$700 Living the Resurrection

In partnership with the ELCA Intermountain Synod, three of our congregations joined the conversation around congregation vitality strategies with this consulting group. These funds significantly offset the cost.

\$3000 Funds for Matching Grants

The NGLS received two grants from the ELCA: Transitional Ministry and Evangelism. Our synod's responsibility is to match these grants, which doubles the impact.

\$2000 Bishop's Transition Fund

When a bishop is elected, there are many unknowns regarding the financial impact to a synod. Staff changes, moving expenses, transition support, and unknown health benefits make planning a budget challenging. These funds are a beginning to meet the unknown demands of future staff changes, with the goal being to eventually reach \$100,000.

\$5,000 Tanzania Summit August of 2026.

Four representatives of the NGLS will travel to our companion synod, the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of Tanzania, for a summit that includes all the dioceses of Tanzania and their companion ELCA synods.

Total 2026 Distribution: \$39,400

(7% distribution of assets)

**Thank you for your gifts to the
Equipping the Saints Endowment Ministry of the NGLS!**

