

**POLICY STATEMENT
TOTALS AS OF 1/31/2009**

DESIGNATED FUNDS:

Permanently Restricted Fund:

#28050, #28051, #28052 Endowment/Trust Fund for the Northern Illinois Synod \$292,039.29

Purpose/Use: To enhance the mission of the Northern Illinois Synod apart from the general operation of the Synod; that no portion of the income generated by the Fund shall be used for the annual operating budget of the Synod.

Authorization: At the initial funding of the Endowment Fund, the Bishop and Synod Council shall act as the Endowment Committee. At such time as the Bishop and Council determines that the size and activity of the Fund shall warrant, it shall elect five (5) members to serve as the Committee, all of whom shall be members of the Northern Illinois Synod, but who shall not be sitting members of the Synod Council.

#28500 & #28501 Msseemmaa Memorial Scholarship Fund \$16,000

Purpose/Use: Will pay annual tuition and fees at Moringe Sokoine Lutheran Secondary School in Moduli, Tanzania, for a student who could not otherwise afford to attend. One \$500 scholarship, or total cost of the next year's tuition (whichever is greater) will be awarded annually beginning in October of the year following that year in which the balance of this Fund reaches \$15,000. The presiding Chair of the NIS Global Mission will write a letter requesting that the scholarship be electronically transferred to Moringe Sokoine LSS's Scholarship Fund.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

Restricted Funds - By Donors:

#27004 Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre \$3,260.85

Purpose/Use: To help construct a state of the art seventy bed medical center in the heart of Arusha or to facilitate shipping of medical supplies.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27015 Church & Human Sexuality Discussions \$4,148.17

Purpose/Use: To facilitate conversations about human sexuality in the church.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27018 Candidacy Background Checks \$661.30

Purpose/Use: An entrance fee of \$250 has been established for all new candidates for rostered leadership by the Northern Illinois Synod Candidacy Committee. Part of this fee (\$150) is used for background checks and the remainder (\$100) is applied to the candidates psychological testing expense line (the remainder of which is paid out of the Ministry Support Committee budget).

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27019 Synod Development Director \$5,000

Purpose/Use: To employ a full time Development Director.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27025 Retired Rostered Leaders & Spouse Assistance \$6,440.00

Purpose/Use: Special needs for retired rostered leaders and spouses including scholarships to synod functions (PLC, Assembly, etc.).

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27037 Donor Temporarily Restricted \$60,030.74

Purpose/Use: Contributions received in Fiscal Year 2008 for Fiscal Year 2009. Monies to be distributed to accounts on 2/01/09.

Authorization: Synod Bookkeeper

#27038 Diakonia Program \$8,216.36

Purpose/Use: To be used for Diakonia, a two year process of spiritual formation and theological education. Students pay a fee which pays for the class instructors and other costs associated with the classes.

Authorization: Bishop or individual that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27051 Global Ministries (India) \$2,486.01

Purpose/Use: To be used for mission work in India.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27052 Grace, Woodstock Mission Foundation \$75,000

Purpose/Use: To be used for the planned mission congregation being developed in Poplar Grove. Should, due to unanticipated circumstances, the further development of this congregation fail to occur, another use for this gift will be determined, with the full consultation of Grace, Woodstock.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27058 Global Ministries (Tanzania) \$250.01

Purpose/Use: To be used for mission work in Tanzania.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27060 Antiracism/Multi Cultural Ministries \$6,221.16

Purpose/Use: To support the activities of the subcommittee.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27070 Rural and Small Town Ministries \$785.14

Purpose/Use: To fund Rural Ministry expenses.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27075 Latino Ministry \$2,419.01

Purpose/Use: To be used for expenses incurred for the Latino ministries of our Northern Illinois Synod.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27080 Men in Mission \$2,894.19

Purpose/Use: To be used for programs developed by Men in Mission.

Authorization: Recommendation from Men in Mission and approved by Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27090 Seminarian Scholarships \$9,803.23

Purpose/Use: Following the Synod's guidelines for seminarian scholarships, this money is to provide funds to seminarians above and beyond what is received from the Synod through Ministry Support Committee budget.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27103 Stewardship Projects and Resources \$4,137.79

Purpose/Use: To be used for expenses incurred for stewardship resources.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27110 Women=s Leaders= Retreat/Convention \$254.37

Purpose/Use: To nurture, encourage, and support relationships between female leaders in the Northern Illinois Synod.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#27150 Youth in Mission Grant \$4,150

Purpose/Use: Youth discernment events.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by Bishop.

Restricted Funds By Synod Council:

#30005 Book of Faith Initiative \$5,000.00

Purpose/Use: To be used for expenses incurred by the Book of Faith advocates.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by Bishop.

#30010 Campus Ministry (NIU) \$32,279.68

Purpose/Use: Funds to be used for assisting Campus Ministry of Illinois to have full time campus minister at Northern Illinois University.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by Bishop.

#30015 Campus Ministry Capital Improvements (NIU) \$1,115.00

Purpose/Use: Funds to be used for mutually approved campus ministry capital projects in Illinois.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by Bishop.

#30020 Capital Development \$120.34

Purpose/Use: Revolving loan fund for new congregation site purchases and first unit buildings. (Current loans to Shepherd of the Prairie, Huntley \$45,000; Living Hope, Frankfort \$11,000).

Authorization: Recommendation from the Outreach Committee, approval from Bishop or the Executive Committee, recommendation to the Synod Council for approval.

#30040 Cora Diestelmeier/Youth Ministry Staff Position \$62,532.59

Purpose/Use: To be used to employ a part time person to provide the Synod with youth ministry leadership, in partnership (i.e., under contract) with a congregation or other Synod organization.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by Bishop.

#30041 Rostered Leaders – Educational Debt Reduction \$19,910.83

Purpose/Use: For alleviating the educational debt for rostered leaders serving in the Northern Illinois Synod. A task force will oversee expenditures.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by Bishop.

#30043 Disaster Response - Katrina \$2,616.93

Purpose/Use: Synod Council approved to tithe 10% of the reserve fund or \$35,700 to help assist the hurricane victims.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by Bishop.

#30044 & #30047 Endowment – Interest/Dividends \$19,725.00

Purpose/Use: The Executive Committee will recommend to the Synod Council suggested recipient(s) of the Endowment Earnings. The Finance Committee will recommend the annual distribution amount between 4% - 5% of the average for the previous two years ending balance of the Endowment fund to Council for approval.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by Bishop.

#30045 Evangelism Strategy \$9,661.74

#30046 Evangelism Computer (T.I.M.E.) \$636.33

Purpose/Use: To engage the services for a Congregational Mission Coordinator.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by Bishop.

#30060 First Call Theological Education \$4,600.23

Purpose/Use: To provide First Call Theological Education experiences and mentoring processes for newly ordained pastors during the first three years of their first call.

Authorization: Bishop or joint recommendation between the chairperson of the Ministry Support Committee and Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#30062 Environmental Fund – Green Team \$1,171.90

Purpose/Use: To assist the Northern Illinois Synod to be faithful stewards of God’s creation.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by Bishop.

#30080 Mission Partners \$1,272.14

Purpose/Use: Expenses incurred by the Mission Partner Coordinator.

Authorization: Recommendation from the Outreach Committee and approved by Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#30090 Outreach Mission Fund \$228,976.76

Purpose/Use: Monies designated for outreach ministries (new missions and redeveloping congregations.)

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#30093 Msseemmaa – Interest \$301.94

Purpose/Use: One \$500 scholarship, or total cost of the next year’s tuition (whichever is greater) will be awarded annually beginning in October of the year following that year in which the balance of Msseemmaa Scholarship Fund investment reaches \$15,000. The \$500 Scholarship is to be paid from the interest/dividends earned.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

#30098 Synod Capital Improvement/Equipment \$15,954.91

Purpose/Use: Monies designated office equipment or capital improvement.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by Bishop.

#30150 Wellness Initiative \$14,915.04

Purpose/Use: Will focus on the physical, social/interpersonal, emotional, intellectual, and vocational well-being.

Authorization: Bishop or Assistant to the Bishop that has been assigned by the Bishop.

UNDESIGNATED FUNDS:

#32010 Bishop's Discretionary \$17,369.11

Purpose/Use: Used for special/emergency needs within the Synod.

Authorization: The Bishop