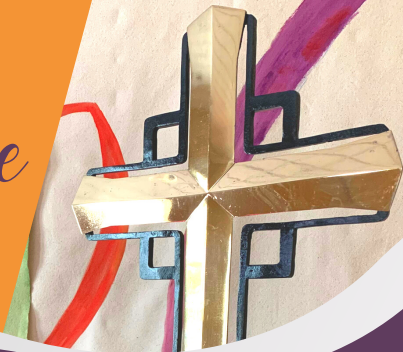


# Our Benevolence Story



**30%**

The Wider Church

**20%**



Martin Luther  
University College



**24%**

Congregations

**26%**



Leaders

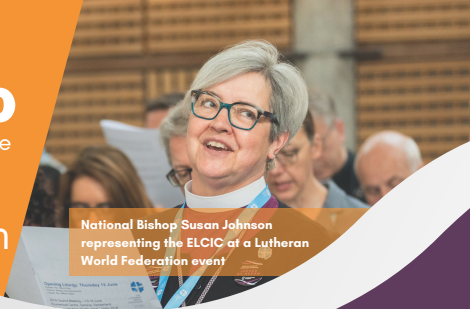
Your Benevolence Offering  
supports 54% of our total budget!





# 30%

of your benevolence  
offering supports...



National Bishop Susan Johnson  
representing the ELCIC at a Lutheran  
World Federation event

## The Wider Church

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Because of your benevolence offerings in support of the **Wider Church**, the reach of our synodical and congregational ministries are extended. This partnership allows us to participate in a **deeper experience of discipleship**.

Bishop Michael Pryse

”



Providing accompaniment and financial assistance to our **Global Mission Companions** in Jordan and the Holy Land, Peru, Argentina & Guyana

Establishing and maintaining numerous relationships with a variety of **Lutheran, Ecumenical and Inter-Faith Partners**



in Canada and around the world including Canadian Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran World Federation, the Canadian Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches



Advocating for **Compassionate Justice** in areas that include poverty, homelessness, affordable housing, responsible resource extraction, stewardship of the earth, racism, reconciliation, gender equality, ableism, global issues and homophobia

Providing leadership to our joint work at the synod and congregational level with our full communion partners, the **Anglican Church of Canada**



...other areas of ministry include setting standards for training and other matters related to rostered leaders, organizing national gatherings for youth, providing resources to congregations (e.g. worship, stewardship), and much more!



To learn more about the ministry of the wider church, please visit [www.elcic.ca](http://www.elcic.ca)



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## Martin Luther University College



Martin Luther University College is  
located next to Wilfrid Laurier University  
in Waterloo, ON

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"Thank you for your ongoing support. Thank you for your prayers and well wishes for students, faculty and staff. And thank you for your commitment to **furthering the vision and mission of Martin Luther University College.**"

Rev. Dr. Kristine Lund  
Principal-Dean

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Preparing and providing ongoing support to  
**Rostered and Lay Leaders** for ministry.

Experimenting with new/emerging forms of ministry.  
Working with the Eastern Synod to support leaders

Preparing and providing ongoing support  
for **careers in counselling** expressed in  
settings such as hospitals, long-term care  
homes, hospices, agencies and psychotherapy  
practices. Operating **The Delton Glebe Counselling  
Centre** that provides affordable access to students,  
community members, pastors and congregations



Providing youth with the opportunity to grow their faith as they pursue an undergraduate university education through the **Christian Studies and Global Citizenship** program

### Building community and providing public witness

through the Kanata Centre for Worship & Global  
Song, Centre for Public Ethics, Centre for Earth

Consciousness and Gender Justice, Centre for Spirituality and  
Media and Centre for Spirituality, Disability, and Care



To learn more about Martin Luther University  
College, please visit [www.luther.wlu.ca](http://www.luther.wlu.ca)



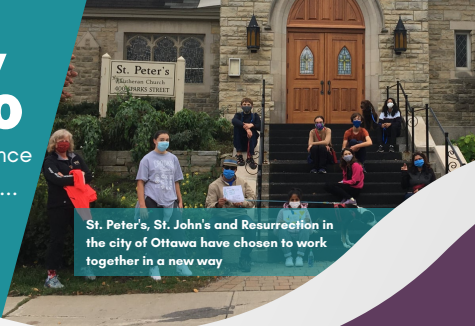
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## Congregations



St. Peter's, St. John's and Resurrection in  
the city of Ottawa have chosen to work  
together in a new way



Did you know...

...that on average, 16  
congregations (approx 10%) will  
experience a **transition or call  
process** each year?

...that **19 congregations are  
currently engaged with  
Congregational Redevelopment  
Services** to repurpose their  
properties?



Encouraging **experimental, innovative and  
creative opportunities for mission** in God's  
world through grant funding

Supporting **Youth & Young Adults** through  
Campus Ministry, YAYA Programming, and  
our Eastern Synod Camps



Assisting congregations at **critical turning  
points** to facilitate mergers, amalgamations,  
shared ministry, redevelopment or closure



**Strengthening relationships** by communicating the joys, opportunities and  
challenges of our synod reliably, effectively and through a range of mediums

Providing a strong and present voice in the areas of  
**public policy, racial justice, reconciliation, and  
climate justice**



Encouraging the training of congregational leaders,  
assisting during time of transition, and supporting  
congregations through the **call process**



For more information about congregational  
resources, please visit [www.easternsynod.org](http://www.easternsynod.org)



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# 26%

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## Leaders



Bishop's Spiritual Retreat for Rostered Leaders is an annual event held at Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls

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The **leadership ministries** of the Eastern Synod support our rostered ministers by administering the call process, organizing leadership events and retreats, and offering support in times of transition, conflict and crisis.

Rev. Douglas Reble  
Assistant to the Bishop

”



Actively recruiting, equipping and supporting **potential candidates for ministry** through the candidacy and examination process

Supporting Ministry Area Deans, Rostered Leaders and Lay Leaders through a series of **regular meetings and retreats**



Developing resources, hosting events, and providing opportunities for growth in the areas of **stewardship, mission and healthy boundaries.**

Offering in person and online **workshops** for councils, congregational treasurers, church office administrators, communication



Providing the opportunity for **worship, study, prayer, education, inspiration and business** through the Eastern Synod Assembly each triennium

Assisting leaders through property redevelopment and repurposing through the **Congregational Redevelopment Ministries** of our Synod



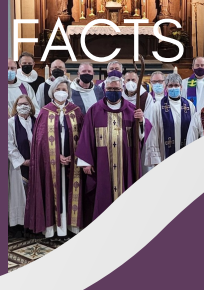
Encouraging **leadership development** through various offerings such as the Dubrick Institute, First Call Program and Transitions Retreat



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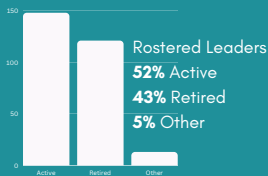
# QUICK FACTS

In the Eastern Synod there are:

**173** Congregations

**50,000** Members

**284** Rostered Leaders



**DID YOU KNOW** that the Eastern Synod stretches from Sault Ste. Marie Ontario, to Halifax Nova Scotia?



**Martin  
LUTHER**  
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

**475**

Students

**21**

MDiv  
MA/MDiv

**30**

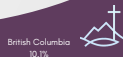
Faculty

**7**

Programs

**6**

Centres



**493** Congregations

**93,000** Members

**814** Rostered Leaders

Alberta & The Territories  
21.2%



Congregations by Synod  
in the ELCIC

Over the past ten years, + \$2,500,000 has been granted to congregations for the work of mission

Rostered Leaders serve in a variety of specialized areas such as military, prison and nursing chaplains

5% of Benevolence Offering is needed to support the Eastern Synod Retiree Benefit Plan

On average, 2-3 new candidates for ministry enter the candidacy process per year