

5. Joy In Salvation

Rev. 7:9-10 "After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: 'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.'"

Luke 15:7,10,24 "I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. . . . In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents, . . . For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found. So they began to celebrate. "

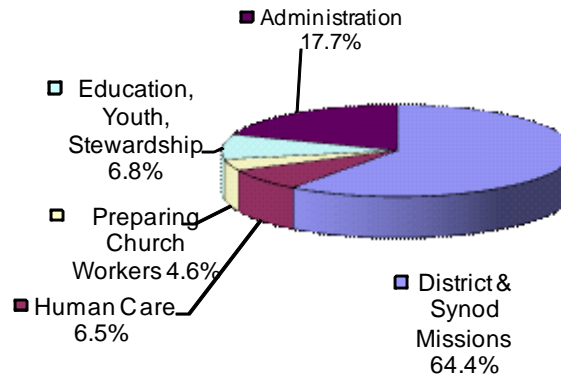
- ✦ Increasing membership
- ✦ Increasing diversity
- ✦ Increasing ministries/missions

By far the largest items in the District budget are in the areas of Missions. Nearly \$920,000 is committed here in Iowa West to make Him known. This includes:

- ✦ *Ablaze!* Initiatives
- ✦ Campus Ministry at Iowa State and Drake
- ✦ Deaf Ministry in Des Moines, Council Bluffs and around the District
- ✦ Two institutional Chaplains (Des Moines and Sioux City)
- ✦ Hispanic partner missions in Denison, Sioux City and Storm Lake
- ✦ Sudanese and Asian missions in Des Moines, Webster City, and Storm Lake
- ✦ Missionary in inner city Los Angeles
- ✦ Support of the Center for US Missions at Concordia, Irvine
- ✦ IOWAY mission trips to Los Angeles
- ✦ Small town mission project (Our Savior, Sheldon and Faith, Winterset)
- ✦ Johnston mission (Messiah Lutheran Church & Loving Arms Children's Center)
- ✦ New mission partnerships

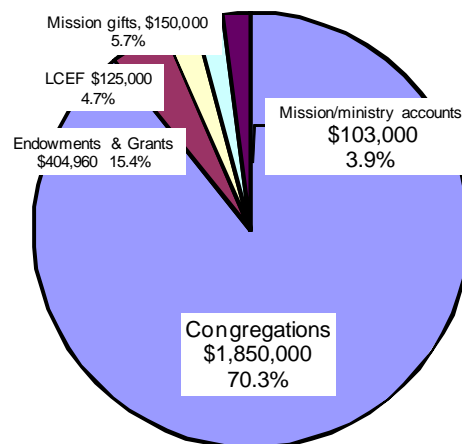
Iowa District West Budget

Expense Departments



(42% of mission congregational receipts are forwarded to Synod for our work together)

Income Sources



(Income sources for 2009 total \$2,632,960)

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In 2000 the Board of Directors adopted “A Harvest of Joy” as its vision for the future of the District using the following verse from God’s Word as its theme:

For the LORD your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete.
Deut. 16:15

The vision of “A Harvest of Joy” consists of five parts which are detailed below.



1. Joy In Ministry

Philippians 1:4-5 “In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.” Areas included in this vision are:

- ✦ Relationships between congregations, District and Synod
- ✦ Leadership development
- ✦ Worker skills
- ✦ Support for church professionals and congregations
- ✦ Emergency assistance
- ✦ Team ministry enhancement

Our budget in this area is \$446,100 which includes District President, office staff (business manager and two secretaries), webmaster/electronic communications, travel, benefits, and all associated costs. Also included in this area are communications and publications such as *The Harvest* and *The Monthly*.

Care, upkeep, insurance, and utilities of the District Office building and grounds fall under this category as well.

2. Joy In The Journey

John 15:11 “I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”

Psalms 16:11 “You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.”

- ✦ Congregations working together
- ✦ Pastors and people walking together

Our support for our work together through Synod is \$777,000. Iowa District West consistently ranks at or near the top in per communicant support of Synod among the 35 Districts of the LCMS.

Additional budget items (included in administration but which fall under this vision) include ministerial health and the health advocate.

3. Joy In Sharing/Serving



Philippians 2:2 “then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.”

- ✦ Stewardship education and programming
- ✦ Compassion awareness and support

The District budget includes \$221,150 for our work together in Stewardship and Human Care. This includes Chaplaincy services, ministry expenses for Iowa District West Gift Planning Counselor Mr. Jim Schroeder, and a 3% pledge for the work of Lutheran Family Service.

4. Joy In Modeling

Philippians 3:17 “Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you.”

Philippians 4:8 “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”

The work of the Education and Youth Committees of the District is within the scope of this part of our vision, totaling \$32,560. The District scholarship funds are administered through the Scholarship Committee totaling over \$120,000 in 2009.



An additional \$59,400 is granted from the Iowa District West Koepke Endowment Fund. Funds are used for church work student scholarships, camp program assistance, campus ministry, adult leadership training, youth and education programming and development.

A new Kouhns Endowment provides \$89,700 for deaf ministry and Johnston missions.

It is anticipated that the Kouhns Endowment will provide expanding support for Concordia University students.