

What are we Asking of You?

As members in this synod, we have the privilege, the duty, and the delight, to take the lead in providing a strong campaign for sharing our faith and serving in many and various ways throughout this synod. We encourage all members, along with many leaders who have done so, to consider a gift of at least **\$25-\$50 per month** for the 2011 Appeal. Some of us will certainly want to do more and some will want to do less. In our walk together with Jesus through this Appeal, each of us is simply asked to respond *as best we can* with the means we have.

Donations, pledges and gifts can be made on a one-time basis or invoiced quarterly as noted on the Appeal response envelope. In addition, electronic giving is available through the synod website at www.nwos-elca.org.

Each congregation has the flexibility to run its 2011 Synod Appeal within its own timeframe; however, we are looking forward to an every-member mailing from the synod office on October 1st, with a suggested Appeal Ingathering Sunday on October 16th.

If you would like more information about your congregation's Appeal plan, please see your rostered leader (pastor, etc.) or your congregation's identified *Appeal Ambassador*.

If you want to make a donation to the 2011 Appeal directly, please visit the synod website www.nwos-elca.org or contact the Synod Office for more information at 419.423.3664.

Thank you for your commitment to walking together with Jesus and to the mission and ministry of this synod!

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Annual Appeal



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The Northwestern Ohio Synod's Annual Appeal

What can be done with \$165,000? Last year, that amount was raised by Northwestern Ohio Synod (NWOS) members through the 2010 *Sharing Faith and Serving Annual Synod Appeal*, and became a welcomed gift to students, new and struggling congregations, brothers and sisters in Africa who had no roof under which to worship or food to eat.

The Synod Appeal and your faithful giving supports missions critical to reaching fellow Ohioans and neighbors around the world who do not know Christ, maintaining a healing Christian presence in neighborhoods of the poorest among us, developing future leaders in ministry, and supporting the explosive growth of the Church in Africa.

This year, the Leadership Team and NWOS Assembly look forward to surpassing the goal of **\$200,000!** Together, our 2011 Appeal donations will:

- Prepare Leaders
- Strengthen Congregations
- Reach Around the World



Together, our Appeal dollars help spread the Gospel throughout Ohio, our nation, and around the world!



Preparing Leaders

- **Trinity Lutheran Seminary**—Columbus, OH, prepares pastors and other leaders for service in Christ's church. Many pastors who now serve and those who will serve this synod in the future are Trinity graduates.
- **Northwestern Ohio Synod Fund for Leaders in Mission**—Education debt is a reality for too many new pastors. This synod's *Fund for Leaders in Mission* provides much needed scholarships for NWOS students throughout their seminary education.



- **Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio**—LOMO provides Christian camping opportunities through Bible Camps and congregation-based day camps. Appeal gifts provide camperships for individuals, families and congregations so that no one is turned away for inability to pay.

Strengthening Congregations

- **New and Renewing Congregations in Northwestern Ohio** - This synod has five exciting ministries that will benefit from the 2011 Annual Appeal. Ministries include: **TRIBEONE:** Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Toledo; the NWOS emerging **Threshold Church**, ministries in places of poverty, **Salem** and **Redeemer** in Toledo; and the resort and cross-cultural ministry of **St. John's at the Bay**, South Bass Island.



- **ELCA Churchwide Evangelical Congregations Mission Plan** - Got Mission? The ELCA works with synods and groups of local congregations to start new congregations and assists existing congregations to strengthen their ministry as they focus on mission, ministry, growing deeper in the faith, and reaching out with the Gospel.



Reaching Around the World

- **ELCA Malaria Project** - *Every 45 seconds a child dies from malaria.* Malaria is preventable. Malaria is treatable. A healthier future is possible. The time to act is **now**. Together we can accomplish the goal of **ELIMINATING** malaria-related deaths in Africa by the year 2015. Let's join together to make this significant difference in many of the lives of God's children across the waters.
- **The NWOS Companion Synod in Tanzania** - Have you ever worshipped in a church building that had no roof? Our brothers and sisters in the Dodoma Diocese are a strong and growing church, but sometimes have trouble affording a roof for their building. 2011 Appeal dollars will assist them in this building effort.

