

# Shared Mission Challenge Central States Synod Annual Offering – September 2007

## Resource Materials

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Thank you for participating in the Central States Synod *Shared Mission Challenge*. Your response and that of our brothers and sisters in Christ across Kansas and Missouri are helping to *Make Christ Known* throughout the world.

Please use the enclosed materials as you see fit, and adapt to your particular situation accordingly. If we in the synod office may be of any further assistance to you, please let us know. Thanks again for your partnership in ministry.

### **SUGGESTED STRATEGIES FOR OBSERVING SHARED MISSION SUNDAY:**

- Designate an observance Sunday, preferably on a Sunday in September or October 2007;
- Insert the enclosed envelopes and include the text (or something comparable) in your congregational newsletters prior to the observance. Each congregation has received 50 envelopes with this packet. Additional envelopes may be ordered by contacting Christina Brooks in the synod office, [cbrooks@css-elca.org](mailto:cbrooks@css-elca.org) or 816.861.6584; toll-free 866.915.3548;
- Use the bulletin announcements at least a couple weeks ahead of the observance Sunday;
- Photocopy and insert the camera-ready bulletin insert on the observance Sunday;
- On your designated Sunday, read the short Temple Talk from Rev. Len Dale during the announcements or temple talk time. Consider using one of your voting members from the Synod Assembly or a Stewardship person.

### **NOTE TO CONGREGATIONAL SECRETARIES/ADMINISTRATORS:**

Print materials and graphics are posted on the synod web site in various formats. Go to [www.css-elca.org/sharedmission07.html](http://www.css-elca.org/sharedmission07.html). If you need text in another format please contact Dan Glamann at [dglamann@css-elca.org](mailto:dglamann@css-elca.org) or call the synod office.

**NOTE TO CONGREGATIONAL TREASURERS:**

- Please return all *completed* Shared Mission envelopes to the synod office so that each donor may receive recognition of his or her support. Contributions will be credited to the congregation's Shared Mission Challenge line on the quarterly giving report;
- If you receive Shared Mission contributions by means of a check made payable to the congregation or cash in the offering plate, process it through your account and indicate amounts received on the congregational remittance form on the line designated (on line B) for Shared Mission Challenge. See example below.
- Direct contributions received at the synod office will be acknowledged to the donor and reflected on the quarterly giving report if the congregational information has been provided.

CENTRAL STATES SYNOD of the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA 3210 Michigan Avenue, 4th Floor Kansas City, Missouri 64109 816-861-6584	
Congregation I.D. No. _____	Today's Date _____
Church Treasurer (Name): _____	
Congregation: _____	
Address: _____	
<b>Make ALL Checks Payable to Central States Synod, ELCA</b>	
DIVIDE CHECK AS FOLLOWS:	
PROPORTIONATE SHARE for _____ : Amount towards Synod's schedule of expenditures for Mission and Ministry	Amount sent..... \$ _____
CSS 2004 SHARED MISSION CHALLENGE	\$ _____
WORLD HUNGER	\$ _____
MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIPS	
1. _____	
Address _____	\$ _____
SPECIFIC PROJECT GIFTS / OTHER PURPOSES	
1. _____	
Address _____	\$ _____
2. _____	
Address _____	\$ _____
3. _____	
Address _____	\$ _____
TOTAL: (Should equal amount of check(s)--DO NOT SEND CASH)	\$ _____
<small>All remittance received before the TENTH of the month will be credited to the previous month's business. PLEASE SEND THE ORIGINAL TO THE SYNOD TREASURER - (KEEP THE DUPLICATE) Your check will be your receipt.</small>	

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