



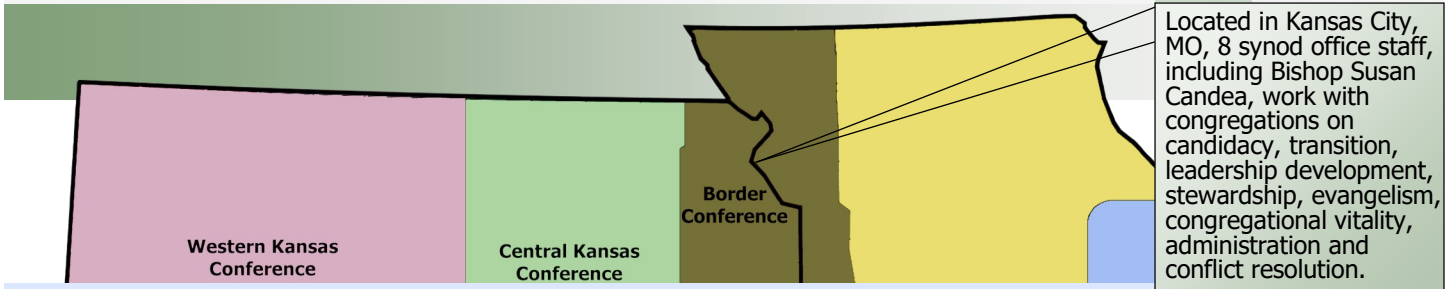
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## Central States Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The Central States Synod is one of 65 synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Covering all of Kansas and Missouri we serve and support:

- **164 Congregations** (8 new ministries)
- **47, 848 baptized members**
- **14,719 average weekly worship**
- **120 pastors under call**
- **134 retired pastors**
- **49 Parish Ministry Associates**



Located in Kansas City, MO, 8 synod office staff, including Bishop Susan Canda, work with congregations on candidacy, transition, leadership development, stewardship, evangelism, congregational vitality, administration and conflict resolution.

Serving **2 States** | Covering **151,980 Square Miles** | Divided into **5 Conferences** | with **8 Staff**

Through the various ministries supported by the Central States Synod, individuals and communities are...

### Baptized into Hope

Celebrating God's Vitality In Us!

#### 1 Green Ministry

- \* Lutherans Restoring Creation

#### 1 Stewardship Committee

- \* Central States Synod Mission Endowment

#### 2 Outdoor Ministries

- \* Camp Tomah Shinga
- \* Hollis Renewal Center

#### 2 Companion Synods

- \* Kotte District, Papua New Guinea
- \* Evangelical Church of Far East, Russia

#### 3 Mission Tables

- \* Synod Mission Table
- \* Congregational Vitality Table

#### 3 Campus Ministries

- \* Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
- \* St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO
- \* University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

#### 3 Leadership Development Programs

- \* Parish Ministry Education and Associate Program
- \* Candidacy
- \* First Call Theological Education

#### 6 Social Ministries

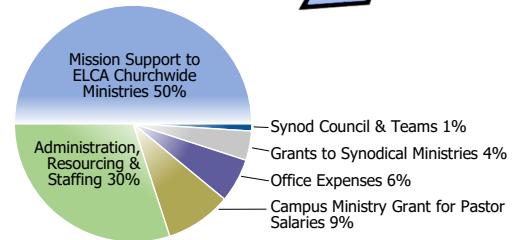
- \* Bethany Home, Lindsborg
- \* Lutheran Church & Family Services
- \* Lutheran Senior Services
- \* MOSAIC, Kansas (7 locations)
- \* Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries, Kansas City
- \* Oaks Indian Mission, Oaks, OK

#### 6 Educational Partners

- \* Bethany College, Lindsborg, KS
- \* Bethany House of Studies, Lindsborg, KS
- \* Bishop Kemper School of Ministry, Topeka, KS (Episcopalian)
- \* Lutheran School of Theology, St. Louis, MO
- \* Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA
- \* Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, IL

#### 8 Worshipping Communities

- \* Holy Cross South, Overland Park, KS
- \* Partners (San Juan), Wichita, KS
- \* Sagrado Corazon, Garden City, KS
- \* El Divino Nino, Dodge City, KS
- \* South Sudanese Worshipping Community, St. Joseph, MO
- \* Oromo Ministry, Kansas City, MO
- \* Gathering Table, Kansas City, MO
- \* The Bridge, St. Charles, MO



Mission Support is that portion of a congregation's regular giving that is shared with the Central States Synod and the ELCA to support the ministry we do together as the church.

To find a congregation, get involved in a ministry or learn about giving opportunities please call the Synod Office or visit us at:

[www.css-elca.org](http://www.css-elca.org)

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