

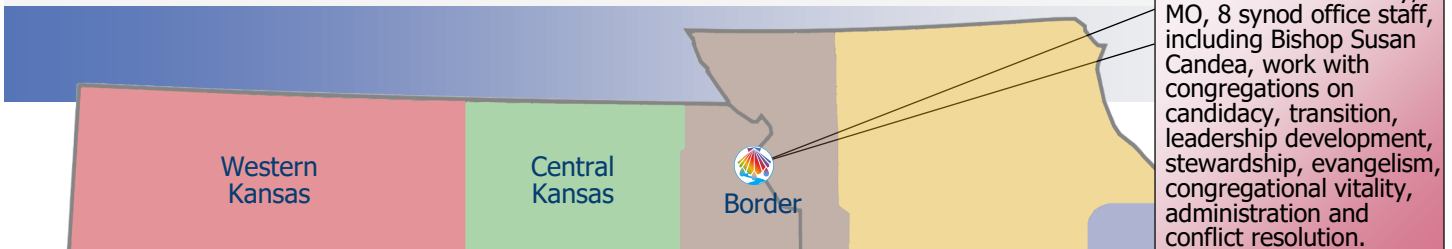
CENTRAL STATES SYNOD




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:

- **152 congregations** (6 new ministries)
- **41,541 baptized members**
- **12,231 avg. weekly worship**
- **90 pastors under call**
- **145 retired pastors**
- **23 Synod Authorized Ministers**

Located in Kansas City, MO, 8 synod office staff, including Bishop Susan Candeia, 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**

 **United with Christ in baptism.**
Traveling the way of Jesus.
Joining God's reign of justice and radical love in the world.

1 Stewardship Committee

- * Central States Synod Mission Endowment

2 Outdoor Ministries

- * Camp Tomah Shinga
- * Hollis Renewal Center

2 Companion Synods

- * Evangelical Church of the Urals, Siberia, and the Far East, Russia
- * Kotte District, Papua New Guinea

2 Advocacy Partners

- * Kansas Interfaith Action
- * Missouri Faith Voices

3 Mission Tables

- * Congregational Vitality Table
- * Faithful Innovation
- * Synod Mission Table

3 Campus Ministries

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

3 Leadership Development Programs

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

4 Justice and Advocacy Ministries

- * Hearts Across the Heartland
- * Hunger Team
- * Lutherans Restoring Creation
- * Racial Justice Team

6 Educational Partners

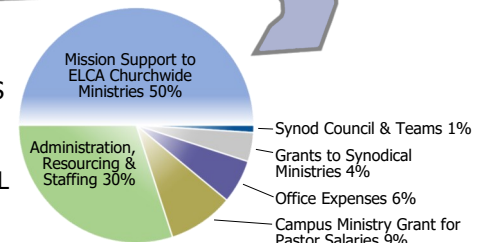
- * Bethany College, Lindsborg, KS
- * Bethany House of Studies, Lindsborg, KS
- * Bishop Kemper School of Ministry, Topeka, KS (Episcopalian)
- * Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, IL
- * Lutheran School of Theology, St. Louis, MO
- * Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA

6 Worshipping Communities

- * Gathering Table, Kansas City, MO
- * Holy Cross South, Overland Park, KS
- * Mision San Juan de Dios, Wichita, KS
- * Parroquia Divino Nino, Dodge City, KS
- * Sagrado Corazon, Garden City, KS
- * South Sudanese Worshipping Community, St. Joseph, MO

8 Social Ministries

- * Bethany Village, Lindsborg
- * The Bridge
- * Lutheran Family & Children's Services
- * Lutheran Senior Services
- * MOSAIC, Kansas (7 locations)
- * Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries, Kansas City
- * Oaks Indian Mission, Oaks, OK
- * Once We Were Refugees



Mission Support is that portion of a congregations 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:
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