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The ELCA's *Always Being Made New* has closed its first year by hitting the goal of \$45 million. Over the remaining 4 years the goal is to raise \$198 million. As the funds come in, grant programs are being produced. Here is what is available already:

1) Youth and Young Adult

Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA gives us the opportunity to expand our ministries among youth and young adults to cultivate young leaders, embrace a culture of diversity and inclusion, and build a robust network of support.

2) Fast Growing Congregations

The *Renewing Congregations: Fast Growth Congregations* initiative provides a grant to fund staff for enhanced evangelism, music ministry, youth and family ministry, or community outreach ministry (as examples), and/or funds to utilize special training/coaching for outreach. Growth enhancing methods can include, but are not limited to: multiple and varied worship services; intentional community evangelism including the development of small groups for entry, integration and discipleship; and innovative programs for hospitality and first time visitor involvement.

3) Synodical Renewal Initiatives

The *Synodical Renewing Congregations Strategies* initiative makes resources available to support synodical renewal strategies as synods engage and accompany congregations with intentional congregational renewal processes, including training, networking, leadership development and coaching.

4) Area Ministry Strategies

Congregations who wish to develop intentional partnerships (with other congregations including ecumenical partners; schools, colleges or seminaries; social ministry organizations; social service agencies, etc.) to accomplish the goals of an AMS may apply for Partnership Support from Congregational and Synodical Mission. The plan of action must reflect cooperation and mutual commitment among multiple partners and must demonstrate a new or significantly reworked ministry that will have direct impact on the community of the defined area. In addition, the plan of action must have clear outcomes that will advance the synod's mission plan for the area. Congregations engaged in AMS will include in their plan of actions outcomes that reflect increased congregational vitality. In some instances, funding in this category may be available to support the facilitation of processes that is essential to moving partners into an Area Ministry Strategy.

For information about these and other grants available contact Rev. David Sprang

