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### **MISSION PARTNERS**

Mission Partners are congregations which are new mission starts, developing worshipping communities, Campus Ministries, or congregations in some renewal/vitality process with the synod and the ELCA where they need extra support. Existing congregations can partner with these new or renewing mission congregations to lend support. Mission Partner congregations primarily show support by giving one time, or monthly financial gifts (many use noisy offerings). In addition mission partners show support by:

- Exchanging visits and or the pastors exchanging pulpits
- Doing acts of service together
- Sending letters and prayers of support

There could be other creative ways that congregations are Mission Partners. They can be creative and innovative. Mission Partners are an outward sign of the synod working together to be the body of Christ in our region.

### **2021 Mission Partners**

- Trinity, Battle Creek – Strategic Congregation – providing support to one of the poorest neighborhoods in the city.
- Zion, Saginaw – Ministry in Poverty – working on becoming a multicultural neighborhood church caring for the forgotten in Saginaw.
- Sudanese Christ Lutheran Community, Wyoming, Michigan – Synodically Authorized Worshipping Community – mission community serving the South Sudanese community in Grand Rapids

Lutheran Campus Ministries – Lutheran Campus Ministries can be supported with all the traditional ways mentioned above, plus with sending names of students attending those universities, encouraging individual giving to campus ministries, and giving legacy gifts to fund campus ministries through endowments

- University Lutheran, East Lansing – Michigan State University Lutheran Campus Ministry – One Community
- Immanuel, Mt. Pleasant – Central Michigan University – Lutheran Campus Ministry
- Matrix – Western Michigan University – Lutheran Campus Ministry – Trinity Lutheran and Lutheran Church of the Savior, Kalamazoo, Prince of Peace, Portage, and Trinity and St. Peter, Battle Creek.