

Eastern District Fund Descriptions

2007



*“But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.”
2 Corinthians 8:7*

District/Synod Pledge (110101-100101-510101)

The Ministry we share with the 144 Congregations of the Eastern District and 6,100 others in the LCMS, giving thanks to God for His mercy and care, for the partnership we share in the Church at large the members of your congregation intend, by God’s grace and help, to take part in the Mission & Ministry shared with others in our District & Synod by pledging financial support. This pledge can be sent to the district, monthly, during our fiscal year, which runs from January 16th to January 15th. This remittance should not be confused with the Mission & Ministry Fund (110101-100104-510303). This remittance appears on the first accounting line on the remittance form **Remittance for District & Synod Pledge**. It would also be helpful if you fill in the month the remittance is for.

Please note that remittances received after the 15th of each month are credited to the next month’s receipts. Send your check early in the month and avoid the possibility of delayed credit to your congregation. Also note that our fiscal year ends January 15th – at year-end please note on your checks what year is to be credited to avoid errors in calculating your year-end contributions. Contributions received after January 15th will be credited to the next fiscal year.

Convention Assessment (110101-340101-520203)

Each year an annual assessment covers the costs of the following events that take place during the year; District and Synodical conventions, yearly pastoral and teacher conferences, and circuit forums. The congregation is billed \$2.20 per communicant member based on the most recent Statistical Report submitted by the congregation. This assessment is billed every year around April or May and can be included in the same check with your regular Missions remittance and we ask that you identify this payment on the remittance form on the line **Convention Assessment**.

Professional Church Worker’s Conference (110101-221101-520201)

This account is used for submitting conference registration fees for Pastor’s and Teacher’s Conferences. Congregations are not billed for these conferences. Upon receipt of registrations materials your payment can be submitted using the remittance form on the line **Professional Church Workers Conference**.

Mission & Ministry Fund (110101-100104-510303)

This fund is not billed to any congregation and is strictly available to those congregations or individuals who wish to make a contribution to others in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. These funds are used to assist in the different mission and ministry programs throughout the district and synod. This remittance can be identified on the remittance form on the line **Mission & Ministry Fund**.

Lutheran Witness (110101-210501)

Lutheran Witness subscription renewals are sent from the district office in September of each year along with instructions for renewing and submitting payment. Please note that the pastor’s subscription is free. The renewals are handled here in the district office and any questions should be directed to Barbara Sigafos, Subscription Manager at 634-5111.

This remittance can be identified on the remittance form on the line **Lutheran Witness**.

District Scholarship Fund (210302-210199-510303)

The District Scholarship Fund is designated to assist in the training and preparation of professional church workers who will be dedicating their lives to serving our Lord. This fund is not billed to any congregation and is strictly available to those congregations or individuals who wish to make a contribution to others in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This remittance can be identified on the remittance form on the line ***District Scholarship Fund***.

The Joy Fund (210303-210199-510303)

The purpose of “*The Joy Fund for Leadership Development*” is to strengthen the servant/leadership present and future. To provide opportunities to church leaders for creative leadership, attitudes, skills and processes to be nurtured. To help church leaders develop ways to multiply the ministry of reaching out to others in the name of Christ. This fund is not billed to any congregation and is strictly available to those congregations or individuals who wish to make a contribution to others in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This remittance can be identified on the remittance form on the line ***Joy Fund***.

DELTO (110101-210322)

Distance Education Leading to Ordination (DELTO) is a means for providing off-campus education to seminary students who have been admitted to the Alternate Routes to Pastoral Ministry program. A full seminary program is provided to DELTO students studying in groups that gather in regional clusters. This remittance can be identified on the remittance form on the line ***DELTO***.

Katrina Relief (210210-200319-510303)

The Katrina Relief Fund was established in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina devastated areas of our Southeastern District. The purpose of the “*Katrina Fund*” is to help St. Paul Lutheran Church, New Orleans, LA, First English Lutheran Church, Metairie, LA and Grace Lutheran Church, Houma, LA rebuild lives in the recovery of this disaster. Work continues as these donations respond to the physical and spiritual needs of those affected. We encourage your continued support of these congregations and your prayers as the recovery of these areas will take years to accomplish.

Armed Forces (110101-210303)

World Relief/Hunger (110101-210304)

Bethesda (110101-210306)

Lutheran Hour Ministries (110101-210309)

Valparaiso University (110101-210310)

These funds are not billed to any congregation and are strictly available to those congregations or individuals who wish to make a contribution to others in the name of Christ. These remittances can be identified on the remittance form on the lines ***Armed Forces, World Relief/Hunger, Bethesda, Lutheran Hour, Valparaiso University or Other (Describe)***. If you are submitting a contribution for a fund that is not listed on the remittance form, please identify the fund and where it is to be sent. The district will then forward your contribution to the appropriate party.

Others such as: Lutheran Service Society / Hananiah/ Buffalo Project / Wheatridge / Campus Ministries / LaSanta Cruz / Tim Nickel Missionary / may be listed on the “Other” lines.

Ignite & Light (Campaign)

Our Opportunity to Ignite a Mission Transformation through Outreach, Discipleship & Funding. For more information please visit www.igniteandlight.org or call toll free 1-877-239-6869. This remittance can be identified on the remittance form on the line *Ignite & Light (Campaign)*.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF A CHECK IS RECEIVED WITH NO REMITTANCE FORM OR NO FUND DESIGNATED, YOUR CHECK WILL BE CREDITED TO YOUR CONGREGATION AS DISTRICT & SYNOD PLEDGE SUPPORT.

If you have any questions regarding these funds please contact Barbara Sigafos, Assistant to the Treasurer at the Eastern District office at 716-634-5111, ext. 18 or Jim Brese, Treasurer, ext. 15.