



Financial Statements
January 31, 2024 and 2023
**Northwestern Ohio Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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To the Synod Council
Northwestern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Findlay, Ohio

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Northwestern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which is comprised of the statement of financial position as of January 31, 2024, and the related statement of activity, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of company management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

Accountant's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

We are required to be independent of Northwestern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our review.

Accountant's Conclusion

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Supplementary Information

The accompanying supplementary information on pages 17 - 18 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The supplementary information has been subjected to the review procedures applied in our reviews of the basic financial statements. We are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the supplementary information. We have not audited the supplementary information and do not express an opinion on such information.

Prior Period Financial Statements

The financial statements of Northwestern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, as of and for the year ended January 31, 2023, were audited by Apple Growth Partners, who joined Eide Bailly LLP on June 24, 2024, and whose report dated September 20, 2023, expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements and expressed an opinion that the supplementary information was fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eide Bailly LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Akron, OH
March 4, 2025

**Northwestern Ohio Synod
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Statements of Financial Position**

	January 31,	
	2024	2023
	(Reviewed)	(Audited)
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Commercial deposits	\$ 168,472	\$ 104,104
Money market funds	67,834	549,480
	<u>236,306</u>	<u>653,584</u>
Advances	661	8,911
Prepaid expenses	24,733	18,018
Total current assets	<u>261,700</u>	<u>680,513</u>
Investments		
Certificates of deposit	58,701	58,701
Mutual funds	1,438,364	1,044,684
Annuity	444,821	213,486
	<u>1,941,886</u>	<u>1,316,871</u>
Equipment and furniture	158,248	158,248
Less accumulated depreciation	(135,768)	(124,998)
Net equipment and furniture	<u>22,480</u>	<u>33,250</u>
Long-term investments		
Trust	32,926	32,926
Long-term investments	<u>32,926</u>	<u>32,926</u>
	<u><u>\$ 2,258,992</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,063,560</u></u>

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	(Reviewed)	(Audited)
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 67,212	\$ 36,543
Accrued expenses	7,088	9,225
Funds held for others	68,361	125,191
Total current liabilities	<u>142,661</u>	<u>170,959</u>
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions - General	634,994	549,885
Without donor restrictions - Council-Designated	<u>1,073,265</u>	<u>999,658</u>
Total without donor restrictions	<u>1,708,259</u>	<u>1,549,543</u>
With donor restrictions		
Bishop's Project Fund (Donor)	\$ 5,601	\$ 9,828
Rural and Small Town	4,633	4,458
Seminary Scholarships	52,243	54,742
Healthy Leaders, Healthy Lives	-	681
Dodoma Companion Synod	90,428	85,679
Slovak Companion Synod	14,507	14,394
Mexico Companion Synod	-	587
Discipleship Institute	65,278	50,382
GMB General	17,897	15,897
Imagining	45,364	2,499
Makumira Seminary	4,778	4,278
Lakeside Youth Events	9,438	8,569
On the Way	34,681	35,259
Campus Ministry	15,900	12,579
Weber Trust	32,926	32,926
Tanzania Staff Travel	-	6,000
Year of Story	4,667	4,300
Dodoma Partnership	9,732	-
Total with donor restrictions	<u>408,072</u>	<u>343,058</u>
Total net assets	<u>2,116,331</u>	<u>1,892,601</u>
	<u>\$ 2,258,992</u>	<u>\$ 2,063,560</u>

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Statement of Activities**

	For the year ended January 31, 2024 (Reviewed)			
	Without Donor Restrictions			
	General	Council- Designated	With Donor Restrictions	Total 2024
SUPPORT AND REVENUE				
Unrestricted mission support	\$ 1,192,480	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,192,480
Churchwide grants for DEM	109,780	-	-	109,780
Gifts designated for Synod	30,026	-	91,181	121,207
Miscellaneous income	19,143	-	-	19,143
Annual Fund	162,567	-	-	162,567
	<u>1,513,996</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,181</u>	<u>1,605,177</u>
 NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM COUNCIL DESIGNATION OR RESTRICTION				
	85,798	(27,703)	(58,095)	-
	<u>1,599,794</u>	<u>(27,703)</u>	<u>33,086</u>	<u>1,605,177</u>
 EXPENSES				
Program	1,189,585	-	-	1,189,585
Management and general	345,322	-	-	345,322
	<u>1,534,907</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,534,907</u>
 CHANGE IN NET ASSETS BEFORE INVESTMENT RETURN, NET				
	64,887	(27,703)	33,086	70,270
 Investment return, net	<u>20,222</u>	<u>101,310</u>	<u>31,928</u>	<u>153,460</u>
 CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	<u>85,109</u>	<u>73,607</u>	<u>65,014</u>	<u>223,730</u>
 NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>549,885</u>	<u>999,658</u>	<u>343,058</u>	<u>1,892,601</u>
 NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 634,994</u>	<u>\$ 1,073,265</u>	<u>\$ 408,072</u>	<u>\$ 2,116,331</u>

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For the year ended January 31, 2023 (Audited)				
	Without Donor Restrictions		With Donor Restrictions	Total 2023
	General	Council- Designated		
SUPPORT AND REVENUE				
Unrestricted mission support	\$ 1,314,937	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,314,937
Churchwide grants for DEM	109,159	-	-	109,159
Gifts designated for Synod	30,327	14,595	46,286	91,208
Miscellaneous income	17,506	-	-	17,506
Annual Fund	67,440	-	-	67,440
Gain on sale of property and facility	343,296	-	-	343,296
	<u>1,882,665</u>	<u>14,595</u>	<u>46,286</u>	<u>1,943,546</u>
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM COUNCIL DESIGNATION OR RESTRICTION	<u>236,007</u>	<u>(91,070)</u>	<u>(144,937)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,118,672</u>	<u>(76,475)</u>	<u>(98,651)</u>	<u>1,943,546</u>
EXPENSES				
Program	1,540,357	-	-	1,540,357
Management and general expenses	362,808	-	-	362,808
	<u>1,903,165</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,903,165</u>
Transfer of net assets	<u>(243,987)</u>	<u>243,987</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS BEFORE INVESTMENT RETURN, NET	<u>(28,480)</u>	<u>167,512</u>	<u>(98,651)</u>	<u>40,381</u>
Investment return, net	<u>(89,557)</u>	<u>(9,679)</u>	<u>19,399</u>	<u>(79,837)</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	<u>(118,037)</u>	<u>157,833</u>	<u>(79,252)</u>	<u>(39,456)</u>
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>667,922</u>	<u>841,825</u>	<u>422,310</u>	<u>1,932,057</u>
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 549,885</u>	<u>\$ 999,658</u>	<u>\$ 343,058</u>	<u>\$ 1,892,601</u>

**Northwestern Ohio Synod
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Statement of Functional Expenses**

For the year ended January 31, 2024 (Reviewed)

	Programs					
	Developing Disciples	Parish Vitality	Transforming The World	Total Programs	Management and General	Total Expenses
Program grants	\$ 57,410	\$ 35,612	\$ 479,492	\$ 572,514	\$ -	\$ 572,514
Synod programs materials and assistance	40,510	7,772	19,732	68,014	112	68,126
Compensation and benefits	185,492	204,212	56,994	446,698	203,205	649,903
Professional and administrative services	21,179	27,718	-	48,897	75,195	124,092
Office operations	3,278	3,564	570	7,412	34,483	41,895
Information technology	3,807	3,427	888	8,122	4,569	12,691
Occupancy	7,416	8,061	1,290	16,767	15,477	32,244
Travel	7,013	4,985	1,453	13,451	9,221	22,672
Depreciation	1,875	4,576	1,259	7,710	3,060	10,770
	<u>\$ 327,980</u>	<u>\$ 299,927</u>	<u>\$ 561,678</u>	<u>\$ 1,189,585</u>	<u>\$ 345,322</u>	<u>\$ 1,534,907</u>

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For the year ended January 31, 2023 (Audited)

	Programs					
	Developing Disciples	Parish Vitality	Transforming The World	Total Programs	Management and General	Total Expenses
Program grants	\$ 120,069	\$ 39,000	\$ 741,081	\$ 900,150	\$ -	\$ 900,150
Synod programs materials and assistance	63,961	21,345	17,766	103,072	6,721	109,793
Compensation and benefits	170,201	195,887	54,982	421,070	208,113	629,183
Professional and administrative services	16,409	29,301	-	45,710	80,393	126,103
Office operations	3,152	3,426	548	7,126	27,156	34,282
Information technology	3,917	3,525	913	8,355	4,700	13,055
Occupancy	11,425	12,419	1,987	25,831	23,845	49,676
Travel	6,722	8,477	2,660	17,859	4,992	22,851
Depreciation	4,461	5,542	1,181	11,184	6,888	18,072
	<u>\$ 400,317</u>	<u>\$ 318,922</u>	<u>\$ 821,118</u>	<u>\$ 1,540,357</u>	<u>\$ 362,808</u>	<u>\$ 1,903,165</u>

See Independent Accountant's Review Report and accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**Northwestern Ohio Synod
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Statements of Cash Flows**

	For the years ended January 31,	
	2024	2023
	(Reviewed)	(Audited)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Change in net assets	\$ 223,730	\$ (39,456)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	10,770	18,072
Unrealized gain on investments	(129,658)	(108,956)
Gain on sale of property and facility	-	(343,296)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Advances	8,250	(4,050)
Prepaid expenses	(6,715)	(5,965)
Accounts payable	30,669	(191,254)
Accrued expenses	(2,137)	(759)
Funds held for others	(56,830)	107,059
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>78,079</u>	<u>(568,605)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchases of investments	(495,357)	-
Proceeds from sales of investments	-	200,824
Proceeds from sale of property and facility	-	479,634
Purchases of equipment, furniture and vehicles	-	(27,325)
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	<u>(495,357)</u>	<u>653,133</u>
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(417,278)	84,528
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>653,584</u>	<u>569,056</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 236,306</u>	<u>\$ 653,584</u>

**Northwestern Ohio Synod
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Notes to the Financial Statements
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A. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This summary of significant accounting policies of the Northwestern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (the "Synod") is presented to assist in understanding the Synod's financial statements. The financial statements and notes are representations of the Synod's management, who is responsible for their integrity and objectivity.

Organization Activity - The Synod is a regional religious organization located in Northwestern Ohio which receives contributions from 160 congregations and other sources. Some of the funds received are forwarded to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ("ELCA"). The remaining funds not forwarded to the ELCA are used to support synodical ministries. Participation of the Synod in ministry through the ELCA was calculated by Synod Council at 40% and 51% of the net unrestricted mission support contributions received for the years ended January 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Tax Status - The Synod is exempt from income taxes under applicable provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Synod did not pay any taxes on unrelated business income during the years ended January 31, 2024 and 2023.

Use of Estimates - The presentation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"), requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Financial Statement Presentation - The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with GAAP. Net assets and revenues are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Synod and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions - Net assets for the general operations and not subject to donor restrictions. The Synod Council has designated, from net assets without donor restrictions, net assets for a specific use. These uses are:

Synod Designated Funds - Established as a fund from unrestricted funds, with earnings available for uses approved by Synod Council, not by donors.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions - Net assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that the resources be maintained in perpetuity. All donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. The net assets with donor restrictions includes:

Bishop's Project Fund (Donor) - Established with contributions restricted for programs and projects that are approved by the bishop and Synod Council.

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Rural and Small Town - Established with contributions restricted for rural and small-town programming and staffing.

Seminary Scholarships - Established with contributions restricted for seminary scholarship.

Healthy Leaders, Healthy Lives - Established with Portico wellness grants for synod wellness projects.

Dodoma Companion Synod - Established with contributions restricted for Dodoma Companion Synod projects.

Slovak Companion Synod - Established with contributions restricted for Slovak Companion Synod projects.

Mexico Companion Synod - Established with contributions restricted for Mexico Companion Synod projects.

Discipleship Institute - Established with contributions restricted for research, development, and implementation of the Discipleship Institute.

GMB General - Established with contributions restricted for general Global Mission Board support.

Imagining - Established to provide grants to new and innovative ministries throughout the northwest Ohio area.

Makumira Seminary - Established with contributions restricted to support the Rich's work at the Makumira Seminary in Tanzania.

Lakeside Youth Events - Established with grants to support a regular NWOS Youth event(s) for fellowship and connection.

On the Way - Established with contributions restricted for the Synod's "On the Way" initiative, to further the discipleship movement through training of leaders and funding of microgrants.

Campus Ministry - Established with contributions restricted to support outreach and ministry to college students attending schools throughout Northwest Ohio.

Tanzania Staff Travel - Established with contributions to fund international staff travel to the Synod's companion synod, Dodoma Diocese in Tanzania.

Year of Story - Established with a grant to fund programming expenses for the Synod's Year of Story initiative.

Weber Trust - Established with restricted contributions to assist with development of new missions within the Synod.

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Dodoma Partnership - Established with restricted contributions to assist with development of new missions within the Synod.

Cash and Cash Equivalents - Cash equivalents are all highly liquid investments and deposits with maturities of three months or less when originally deposited or purchased.

Investments - The Synod carries its investment funds at fair value and reflects the changes in unrealized appreciation or depreciation in the statements of activities.

The specific identification method is used in determining gains or losses realized from the sale of investments.

Equipment, Furniture, and Vehicles - Fixed assets purchased are recorded at cost and those donated are recorded at fair market value at the date of gift. Upon disposal, the cost and accumulated depreciation are eliminated from the respective accounts, and the resulting gain or loss is included in current operations. Expenditures for routine maintenance, repairs, and renewals are charged to expense as incurred, whereas betterments and improvements that extend the useful lives of the assets are capitalized. Depreciation is computed on the straight-line method using the following lives for each asset classification:

Equipment, furniture, and vehicles	3 - 8 years
Administration facility	5 - 40 years

Revenue Recognition - Contributions are recognized when cash, securities or other assets, an unconditional promise to give, or notification of a beneficial interest is received. Conditional promises to give, that is, those with a measurable performance or other barrier, and a right of return, are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been substantially met.

Functional Allocation of Expenses - The costs of the program and supporting services activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. The statement of functional expenses presents the natural classification detail of expenses by function. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited from specific identification. The expenses that are allocated include occupancy and depreciation, which are allocated on a square footage basis, as well as salaries and wages, benefits, and payroll taxes, which are allocated on the basis of estimates of time and effort.

Subsequent Events - The Synod has evaluated subsequent events through March 4, 2025, the date that the Synod's annual financial statements were available to be issued.

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B. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY

Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of the statement of financial position date, comprise the following:

Financial assets at January 31	2024	2023
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 236,306	\$ 653,584
Certificates of deposit	58,701	58,701
Mutual funds	1,438,363	1,044,684
Annuity	444,821	213,486
Total financial assets	2,178,192	1,970,455
Less financial assets not available		
Funds held for others	68,361	125,191
Net assets with donor restrictions	408,072	343,058
Net assets designated by Synod council	1,073,265	999,658
Annuity	444,821	213,486
Total financial assets not available	1,994,519	1,681,393
Net financial assets available to meet general expenditures within one year	<u>\$ 183,673</u>	<u>\$ 289,062</u>

The Synod is substantially supported by contributions. The Synod manages its liquidity and reserves following three guiding principles: operating programs within a prudent range of financial soundness and stability, maintaining adequate liquid assets to fund near-term needs, and maintaining sufficient reserves to provide reasonable assurance that long-term obligations will be met.

C. CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

The Synod maintains its commercial deposits with a local financial institution. Commercial deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") up to \$250,000. From time to time, the cash balances on deposit may exceed the FDIC insured limits. To date, the Synod has not experienced any losses in such an account and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on its cash deposits. At January 31, 2023 the Synod had \$356,374 of uninsured funds. The Synod did not have any uninsured funds at January 31, 2024.

D. EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE, AND FIXTURES

Property and equipment consisted of the following as of January 31:

	2024	2023
Transportation Equipment	\$ 62,294	\$ 62,294
Furniture & Fixtures	43,343	43,343
Office Equipment	16,571	16,571
Computer Equipment	36,040	36,040
	158,248	158,248
Less: accumulated depreciation	(135,768)	(124,998)
	<u>\$ 22,480</u>	<u>\$ 33,250</u>

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During the fiscal years ended January 31, 2024 and 2023, depreciation expense was \$10,770 and \$18,072, respectively.

E. FUNDS HELD FOR OTHERS

Contributions that are designated for specific organizations or ministries not administered by the Synod are recorded as a current liability until forwarded to the proper organization or agency. The Synod's policy is to distribute the contributions on a monthly basis.

F. RETIREMENT AND BENEFIT PLANS

All eligible employees of the Synod are covered by various defined contribution pension and other benefit plans administered by the ELCA. The Synod's expenses for these plans were approximately \$149,000 and \$150,000 during the years ended January 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

G. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

GAAP establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements).

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under this standard are described below:

Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Synod has the ability to access.

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement. They synod has no level 3 investments.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value.

Variable annuity contract: Variable annuities consisted of equity-index annuities. At acquisition, the annuities were recorded at their cost, including brokerage and other related fees, which could not exceed market value. The variable annuities consisted of publicly traded mutual funds and were valued daily and include income, gains, or losses (whether or not realized) and fees. Variable annuities were valued at the unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Synod had the ability to access.

Mutual funds: Valued at the net asset value (“NAV”) of shares held at year end.

Certificates of deposit: Valued at stated cost.

Interest in Trust: Valued at the fair value of the assets in the trust unless facts and circumstances indicate that the fair value would be different from the present value of estimated future distributions. There were no significant change in the value of the trust during the year ended January 31, 2024.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Synod believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Synod’s assets at fair value as of January 31, 2024 and 2023:

	January 31, 2024	Quoted Market Prices In Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant other Observable Inputs (Level 2)
Certificates of deposit (at cost)	\$ 58,701	\$ -	\$ 58,701
Mutual funds			
Equity securities	1,158,683	1,158,683	-
Fixed income	279,680	279,680	-
Total mutual funds	1,438,363	1,438,363	-
Variable annuity contract	444,821	-	444,821
Interest in trust	32,926	-	32,926
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,974,811</u>	<u>\$ 1,438,363</u>	<u>\$ 536,448</u>

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	January 31, 2023	Quoted Market Prices In Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant other Observable Inputs (Level 2)
Certificates of deposit (at cost)	\$ 58,701	\$ -	\$ 58,701
Mutual funds			
Equity securities	863,646	863,646	-
Fixed income	181,038	181,038	-
Total mutual funds	1,044,684	1,044,684	-
Variable annuity contract	213,486	-	213,486
Interest in trust	32,926	-	32,926
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,349,797</u>	<u>\$ 1,044,684</u>	<u>\$ 305,113</u>

H. BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN PERPETUAL TRUST

The Synod is named as a beneficiary of a trust which is held by a third party that manages the assets and distributes the earnings to parties as defined in the trust. Under a perpetual term arrangement, the Synod receives the income (a portion as defined by the trust) earned by the assets, but never gains use of the trust corpus. The income distributed from this trust does not have any donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, income has been reported on the statement of activities and changes in net assets without donor restrictions.

The Synod was named as a beneficiary of a marital trust. The trust is held by a third party that manages the assets. As the Synod is not the primary beneficiary until a future triggering event, the Synod does not receive the income (a portion as defined by the trust) earned by the assets nor is the trust corpus recorded in this financial statement.

I. DONATED SERVICES

The Synod receives donated services from a variety of unpaid volunteers. No amounts have been recognized in the accompanying statements of activities because the criterion for recognition of such volunteer effort under the standard for *Accounting for Contributions Received and Contributions Made* has not been satisfied.



Supplementary Information
January 31, 2024 and 2023

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**Schedule of Changes in Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions -
Council-Designated and Net Assets With Donor Restrictions**
For the year ended January 31, 2024

	Balance February 1, 2023	Additions	Deductions	Balance January 31, 2024
NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS -				
COUNCIL DESIGNATED:				
Synod Endowment Funds	\$ 999,658	\$ 101,310	\$ 27,703	\$ 1,073,265
	<u>999,658</u>	<u>101,310</u>	<u>27,703</u>	<u>1,073,265</u>
NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS:				
Bishop's Project Fund (Donor)	9,828	1,234	5,461	5,601
Rural and Small Town	4,458	425	250	4,633
Seminary Scholarships	54,742	4,851	7,350	52,243
Healthy Leaders, Healthy Lives	681	27	708	-
Dodoma Companion Synod	85,679	13,723	8,974	90,428
Slovak Companion Synod	14,394	2,100	1,988	14,507
Mexico Companion Synod	587	9	596	-
Discipleship Institute	50,382	16,279	1,382	65,278
GMB General	15,897	2,958	958	17,897
Imaging	2,499	45,074	2,209	45,364
Makumira Seminary	4,278	500	-	4,778
Lakeside Youth Events	8,569	869	-	9,438
On the Way	35,259	16,076	16,654	34,681
Campus Ministry	12,579	3,321	-	15,900
Weber Trust	32,926	-	-	32,926
Tanzania Staff Travel	6,000	500	6,500	-
Year of Story	4,300	432	65	4,667
Dodoma Partnership	-	14,732	5,000	9,732
	<u>343,058</u>	<u>123,110</u>	<u>58,095</u>	<u>408,072</u>
Total Changes in Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions - Council-Designated and Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	<u>\$ 1,342,716</u>	<u>\$ 224,420</u>	<u>\$ 85,798</u>	<u>\$ 1,481,337</u>

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For the year ended January 31, 2023

	Balance February 1, 2022	Additions	Deductions	Balance January 31, 2023
NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS -				
COUNCIL DESIGNATED:				
Synod Endowment Funds	\$ 563,625	\$ 536,782	\$ 100,749	\$ 999,658
Previous Council Designated Fund	278,200	-	278,200	-
	<u>841,825</u>	<u>536,782</u>	<u>378,949</u>	<u>999,658</u>
NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS:				
Bishop's Project Fund (Donor)	11,558	1,435	3,165	9,828
Rural and Small Town	4,097	361	-	4,458
Seminary Scholarships	52,124	5,118	2,500	54,742
Healthy Leaders, Healthy Lives	9,068	557	8,944	681
Cherish all Children NWOS	5,304	-	5,304	-
Music Programming	2,808	-	2,808	-
Dodoma Companion Synod	72,911	12,768	-	85,679
Slovak Companion Synod	25,987	1,164	12,757	14,394
Mexico Companion Synod	3,540	47	3,000	587
Evangelism Leader Training	310	-	310	-
CRTeam	447	-	447	-
Discipleship Institute	33,907	16,524	49	50,382
GMB General	15,350	2,285	1,738	15,897
Sonnenberg Mission Trip	17	-	17	-
Diakonia	8,151	-	8,151	-
Imagining	59,646	1,722	58,869	2,499
Makumira Seminary	4,165	366	253	4,278
Lakeside Youth Events	7,781	788	-	8,569
On the Way	57,833	8,051	30,625	35,259
Campus Ministry	9,217	9,362	6,000	12,579
Weber Trust	38,089	-	5,163	32,926
Tanzania Staff Travel	-	6,000	-	6,000
Year of Story	-	4,300	-	4,300
	<u>422,310</u>	<u>70,848</u>	<u>150,100</u>	<u>343,058</u>
Total Changes in Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions - Council-Designated and Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	<u>\$ 1,264,135</u>	<u>\$ 607,630</u>	<u>\$ 529,049</u>	<u>\$ 1,342,716</u>