

## **Report to the Metropolitan Chicago Synod Assembly from the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA**

The Mission Investment Fund (MIF) of the ELCA serves this synod by providing loans for capital projects to new mission congregations, established congregations, and ELCA-related ministries. Loans are made possible by investments in MIF by congregations and their members, synods and ELCA-related ministries.

More than 780 MIF loans totaling \$465 million are at work today in ELCA ministries throughout the United States, the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean.

**In the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, 37 congregations have received Mission Investment Fund loans totaling \$24 million. Many individuals, 100 congregations and ELCA-related ministries and the synod have MIF investments totaling \$21.8 million.\***

**MIF serves ELCA ministries.** In addition to the loans and investments that it offers, the Mission Investment Fund provides consulting services to ELCA congregations through its church building consultants and staff architects. The consultants review plans for building projects and help congregational leaders with MIF financing. The staff architects provide initial schematic designs that congregations can take to local architects. The consultants' and architects' services are provided at no charge. MIF's area representatives are available to meet with congregations and ELCA-related ministries regarding MIF loan and investment opportunities.

**Has your congregation invested? Have members of your congregation invested?** Join the thousands of individuals, ELCA congregations, ELCA-related ministries, and synods (including the Metropolitan Chicago Synod) that are earning interest on their investments as they help to build the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Your participation enables MIF to continue this vital ministry. A variety of investment opportunities are available and may be purchased with initial investments of as low as \$25. Information on investments and ministry loans is available at [www.MissionInvestmentFund.org](http://www.MissionInvestmentFund.org) and through the MIF representatives listed below who serve this synod.

Thank you for your support of and participation in the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA. It is a joy for us to work in partnership with you for the advancement of God's kingdom.

Yours in Christ,

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