



MISSION INVESTMENT FUND
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The purpose of the ELCA Mission Investment Fund is to provide Lutheran congregations, individuals and organizations within our congregations an opportunity to invest in the Lutheran church. Investments receive a current rate of return. While they are invested with the Mission Investment Fund, the money is used to create a source of mortgages for new mission congregations to borrow, buy their property, build their buildings and come into existence. The Fund may also serve as a loan source for existing congregations that wish to expand, renovate, refinance, relocate or make buildings handicapped accessible. The Fund is a vital part of the mission effort in this synod and the ELCA. In 2003, nearly 500 Mission Investment Fund loans were in effect in ELCA congregations throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The Fund now has investments of over \$270 million.

As of December 31, 2003, the following congregations were supported by \$1,994,413.45 in loans from the Fund:

Christ, Faribault
Peace, Eyota
People of Hope, Rochester
St. Paul, Pine Island

Many individuals, 85 congregations, 11 cemetery associations and organizations such as the Southeastern Minnesota Synod have \$6,604,413.68 at work in the Mission Investment Fund.

The Fund is one more way to be a mission-focused steward with the gifts that God has given to you. Here are some of the possibilities:

- *MissionPlus* investments, with checkbook availability, provide investors with access to their funds when needed, while earning a competitive interest rate.
- *MissionFuture4Kidz* investments can be opened with as little as \$50 for children under 16 years of age. Additions of \$50 or more can be made at any time to the investment by family and friends to celebrate significant events in a child's life such as baptism, Christmas and graduations.
- *MissionTermSelect* investments are available with terms of 1, 3, 5 or 7 years (adjustable interest rate) or 2, 4 or 6 years (fixed interest rate). A *MissionTermSelect* investment can also be held as a Traditional or Roth Individual Retirement Account or as a Coverdell Education Savings Account.

If you would like more information, an Offering Circular and current rates you may visit the ELCA website: www.elca.org, call (800) 638-3522 ext. 2943 or contact me directly at (507) 635-3745. Also, I am available to visit congregations to give presentations for adult forums, church councils or other groups.

*An opportunity to invest
in the mission and ministry of the church*

