

## CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT (CID) EXPENDITURES AND SUPPORT: 2009 – 2019

- CID Expenditures for Missions are substantial.
- CID has sent annual gifts to national Synod for its ministries; 15 through 2016 (now 11) CID Missions; Support of both Seminaries (until 2019); Camp CILCA; and Student Church Worker Aid.
- CID Missions include Spanish outreach in two congregations; four campus ministries (EIU, ISU, U of I, WIU); five (now four) prison ministry sites; and a ministry to the hearing impaired (one pastor at multiple church locations).
- **CID is one of only two Districts in all of Synod to have a District-supported deaf ministry; and one of the few still to support extensive campus ministries.**
- Relevant 11-year annual averages are about: \$2.247M for Total Support and Revenue; \$2.318M for Total Expenditures; \$1.866M for Offerings from Congregations; and \$1.65M for Expenditures for Missions. Total Expenditures exceed Total Support and Revenue by an average of \$71,000 per year.
- ***Tapping reserve funds at an average of \$71,000 each year over the last eleven years has seriously depleted them. By and large this deficit situation has been caused by the particularly troublesome steady decline in Offerings from Congregations to the CID.***
- Administrative costs have been reduced. Support staff has been decreased by one- and one-half full-time positions. The District office Secretary is now a part-time position. Also, an Administrative Assistant to the President position was closed and its duties split between the remaining two such positions.
- **The overwhelming driver for this financial situation is CID's consistently persistent commitment to Missions. Expenditures for Missions has remained constant at about \$1.65 M per year.**
- **If the declining trend in Offerings from Congregations persists, in not too many years, CID will be faced with missions being short-changed or no longer funded. Of necessity, this began to occur in 2019.**
- **Combining our congregations' resources is an opportunity to do more than what one church could do alone. That's what CID is all about; that's what Synod is all about.**
- With the assistance and support of all District congregations, the CID can continue to make Missions the predominant focus of sharing the Gospel within our District and beyond.

*"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15)*