

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

Important 2009 - 2019 CID audited values are: Total Support and Revenue (Offerings from Congregations plus Special Gifts, Grants, Assessments and Other); Offerings from Congregations; Total Expenditures; and Expenditures for Missions (for CID annual gifts to: the Synod for its ministries; CID Missions; Support of Both Seminaries; Camp CILCA; and Student Church Worker Aid). CID Missions include outreach in Spanish in two congregations; four campus ministries (EIU, ISU, U of I, WIU); five prison ministry sites; and a ministry to the hearing-impaired (one pastor at multiple church locations). It should be noted that **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 maintain campus ministries.**

Overall trends and 2009 – 2019 averages basically tell the tale. Those 11-year annual averages are about: \$2.247 M for Total Support and Revenue; \$2.318 M for Total Expenditures; \$1.866 M for Offerings from Congregations; and \$1.65 M for Expenditures for Missions. Total Expenditures exceed Total Support and Revenue by an average of \$71,000 per year. To achieve a balanced budget each year, CID savings have been used to make up the difference. In effect, **CID has on average spent more than it has received by about \$71,000 each year for the last eleven years, resulting in a serious depletion of Reserve Funds. By and large this deficit situation has been caused by the particularly troublesome steady decline in Offerings from Congregations to the CID**, from an 11-year high of \$1.986 M in 2012 to \$1.658 M in 2019, an overall decrease of \$328,000, also leading to a budgeted amount of only \$1.65 M in 2020 as well as a decrease to \$1.93 M in budgeted Total Support and Revenue.

**The overwhelming driver for this financial situation is CID's consistently persistent commitment to Missions.** Throughout the fluctuations in Total Revenue and Support (and Other Expenses\*), **expenditures for Missions has remained consistent at about \$1.65 M per year.** The 11-year average of \$1.65 M amounts to an average 71% of Total Expenditures per year and 88% of Offerings from Congregations. However, **if the declining trend in Offerings from Congregations persists**, in not too many years, **CID will be faced with the most unpleasant choice of deciding which mission(s) to short-change or disband.** This was sadly realized in part in 2019, as expenditures for missions decreased from \$1.687 M in 2018 to \$1.413 M. In general, CID's back is not yet to the wall, but one can reach back and feel where it is. **Combining our congregations' resources is an opportunity to do more than what one church could do alone. That is what CID is all about; that is 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. As the late Synodical President A. L. Barry put it, in so many words, "Missouri needs to keep the Message straight, and get the Message out."

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

**\* NOTE:** Other Expenses (comprising an average of 29% of annual Total Expenditures) include: Program Services to Congregations (Education, Evangelism, Youth, Congregational Life, Stewardship, Gift Planning, Communication); Support Expenses / General Administration; and Conferences, Finance & Management, Office Building, Commissions, Etc.