

CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT (CID) EXPENDITURES AND SUPPORT: 2016 – 2020

Important 2016 - 2020 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 2016 - 2020 averages basically tell the tale. Those 5-year annual averages are about: \$2.151M for Total Support and Revenue; \$2.166 M for Total Expenditures; \$1.759 M for Offerings from Congregations; and \$1.566 M for Expenditures for Missions. Total Expenditures exceed Total Support and Revenue by an average of \$14,810 per year. To achieve a balanced budget in 2016 through 2018, CID savings have been used to make up the difference. In effect, CID has on average spent more than it has received by about \$15,000 each year for the last five years, resulting in a 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 a 5-year high of \$1.778 M in 2017 to \$1.646 M in 2020, an overall decrease of \$132,178, an annual average decrease of an additional \$33,045 per year.

Some positive trends are apparent. Since 2019, the budget has been balanced or evidenced a surplus. So, Reserve Funds of late have not been depleted, but rather supplemented. However, the 2020 surplus size is smaller than its apparent first impression since it includes a forgiven \$194,221 federal government Payroll Protection Plan loan. (See, on the graph, the two divergent amounts and attendant line segments for 2020 Total Support and Revenue.) Unfortunately, this positive budgetary circumstance has been purchased at the cost of substantially reduced expenditures for Synod and District missions, from a 5-year high of \$1.678 M in 2017 to \$1.388 M in 2020, an overall decrease of \$289,162. **If the declining trend in Offerings from Congregations persists at the current rate of about an additional \$33,000 per year, CID will be faced with the most unpleasant choice of deciding which additional mission(s) to short-change or disband.**

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.