

Pacific Northwest District

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Report of the Synodical Council
June 2015

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Synodical Council Membership

- Synod President as chairman
- First and second vice presidents
- 12 lay members
 - (one from each district, Warren Ehlke)
- 2 pastors-at-large, 1 teacher-at-large
- Chairmen of the 3 areas of ministry
- 3 Conference of Presidents members
- 10 advisory members



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Synodical Council Structure

- Three primary committees: Finance, Ministry, and Administration
 - Warren chairs Administration
- One standing committee under the Administration Committee: Compensation
- Two special groups report to the SC: Accounting Oversight Committee (p.78) & the Human Resources Advisory Committee (p.86)



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Synodical Council Duties

“The Synodical Council is responsible for the implementation of all decisions and resolutions made by the synod in convention and for overseeing all activities of the synod in pursuit of its mission (other than those that are the specific responsibility of the Conference of Presidents)” (pp.65-72)



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Synodical Council Duties

- Monitors compliance of all convention resolutions – See final report (p.77)
- Facility Services Report (p.87)
- Subsidiaries-Northwestern Publishing House, Church Extension Fund, WELS Foundation, and Investment Funds
- One affiliate – WELS Benefit Plans



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Long-Range Plan

- “In Christ Alone” Adopted in 2011, looking toward 2017 (pp.72-76)
- Progress has been made toward the Long-Range goals and you will hear these reports later during this meeting from the areas of ministry or you can read their reports in the BORAM



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Long-Range Plan

- The SC oversees areas of ministry and departments as they develop strategies
- The SC receives regular progress reports from the areas of ministry and departments
- The SC uses the ministry financial plan as a guide in allocating funds to ministry programs and services



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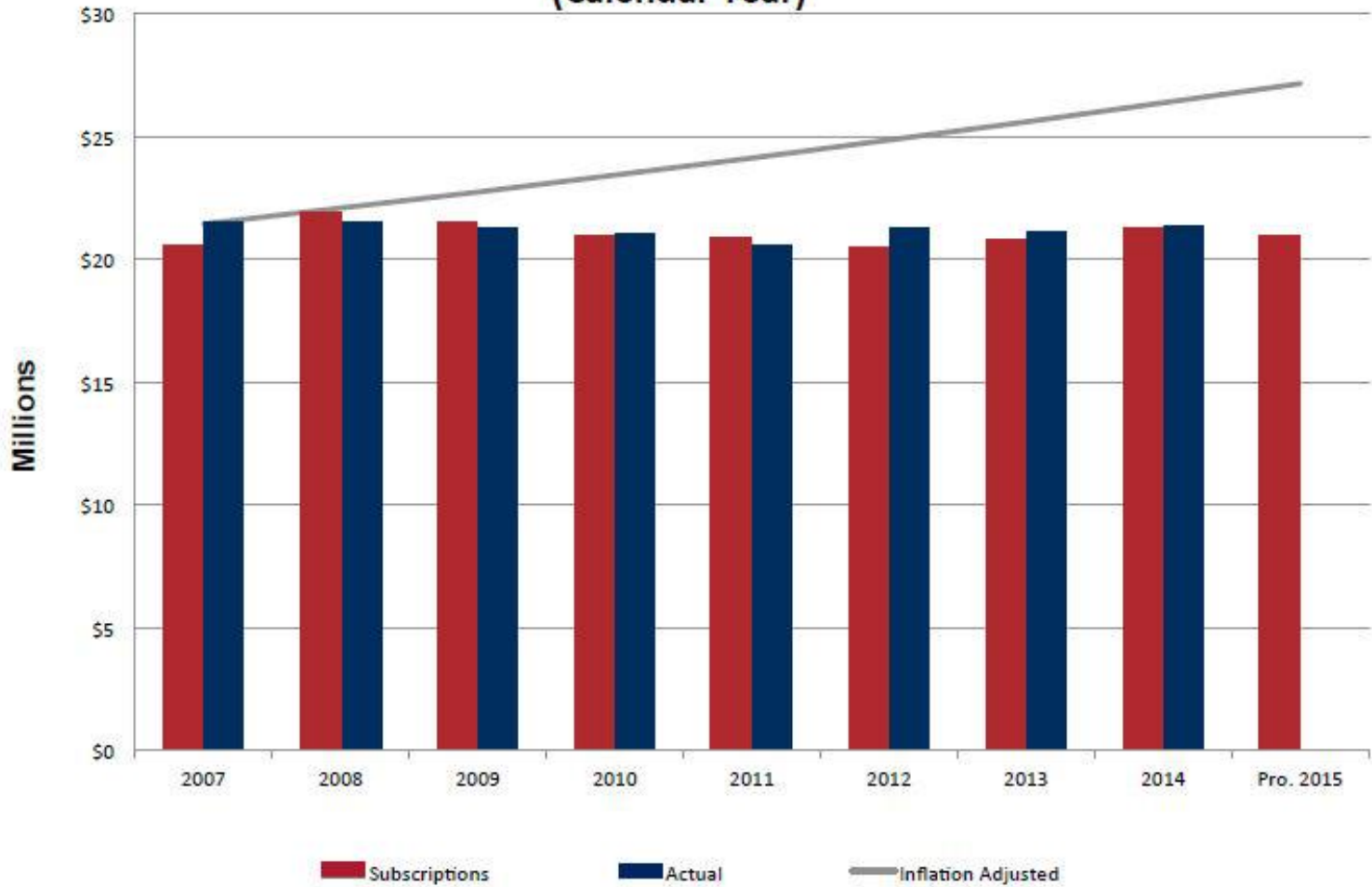
Ministry Financial Plan Highlights

- Synod remains financially sound
- Proposed plan is balanced
- Flat synod support
- Debt is retired
- Use of reserves
- Congregation Mission Offerings (CMO) remain the primary source of synod support

Key Expense Assumptions

- Wages: +1.75%
- Health Care: +11.0%
- Pension: +10%

Congregation Mission Offerings (Calendar Year)

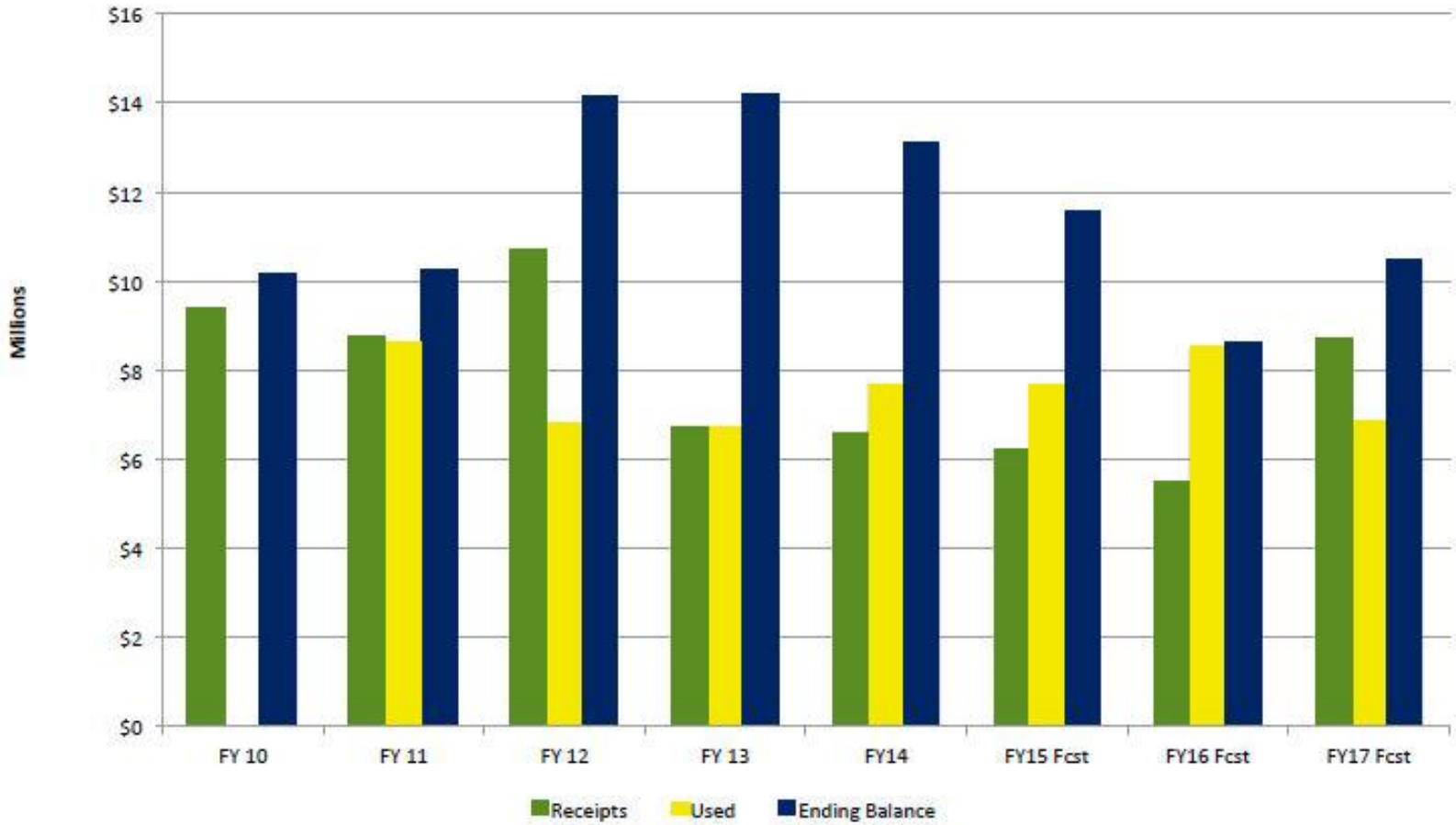


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Financial Stabilization Fund

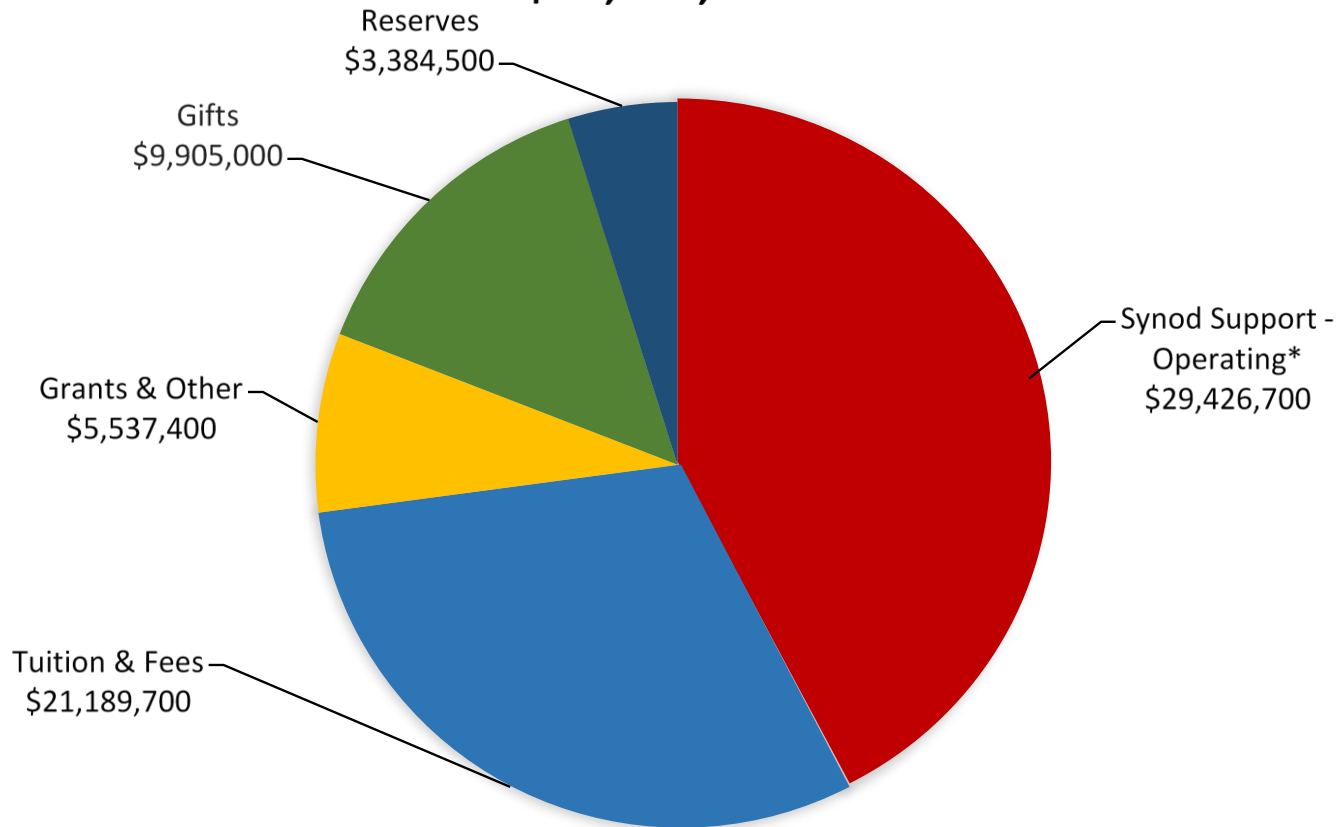


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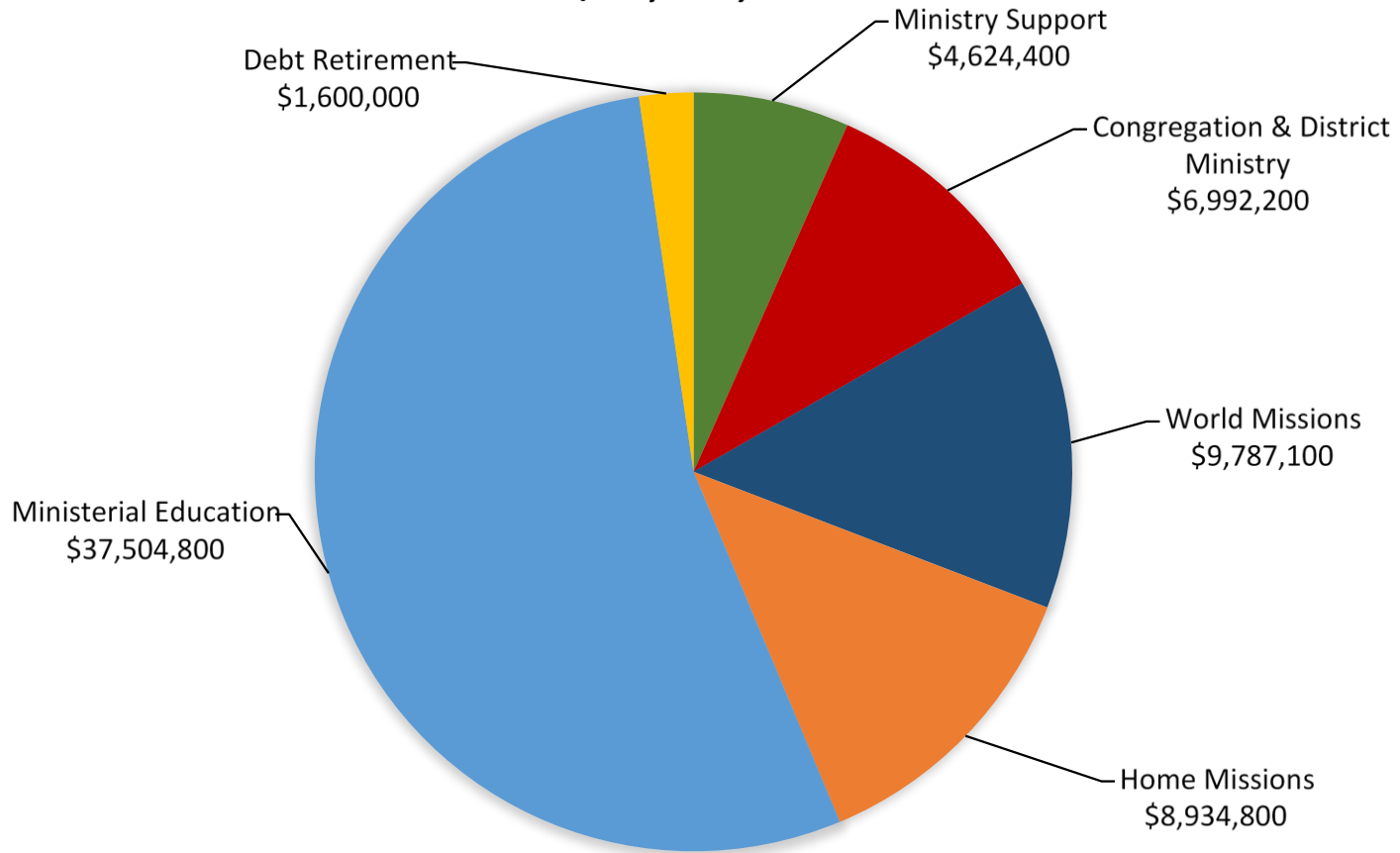
* Funding from Congregation Mission Offerings and the Financial Stabilization Fund

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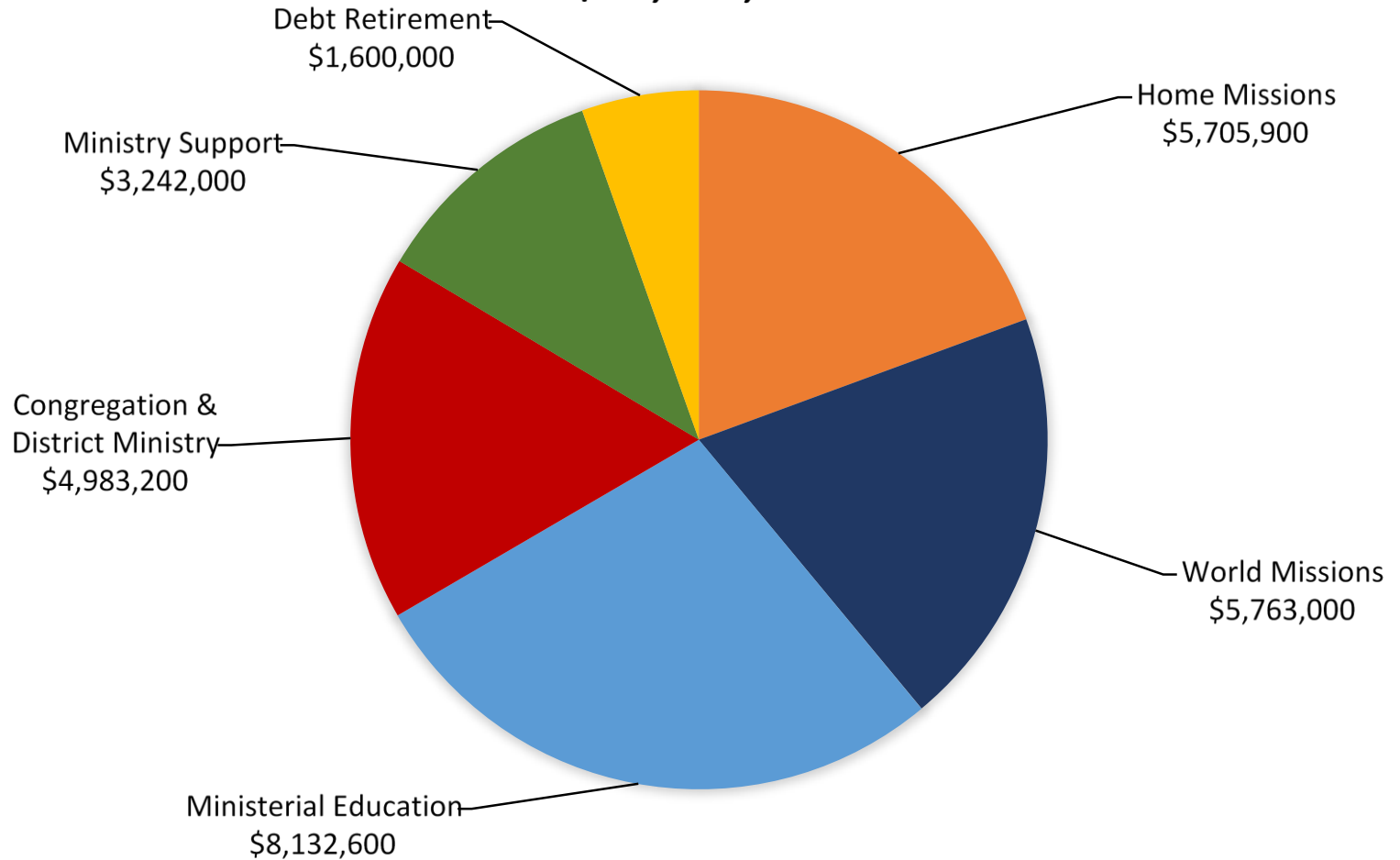


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FY 2015–16 Synod Operating Support Allocation

\$29,426,700

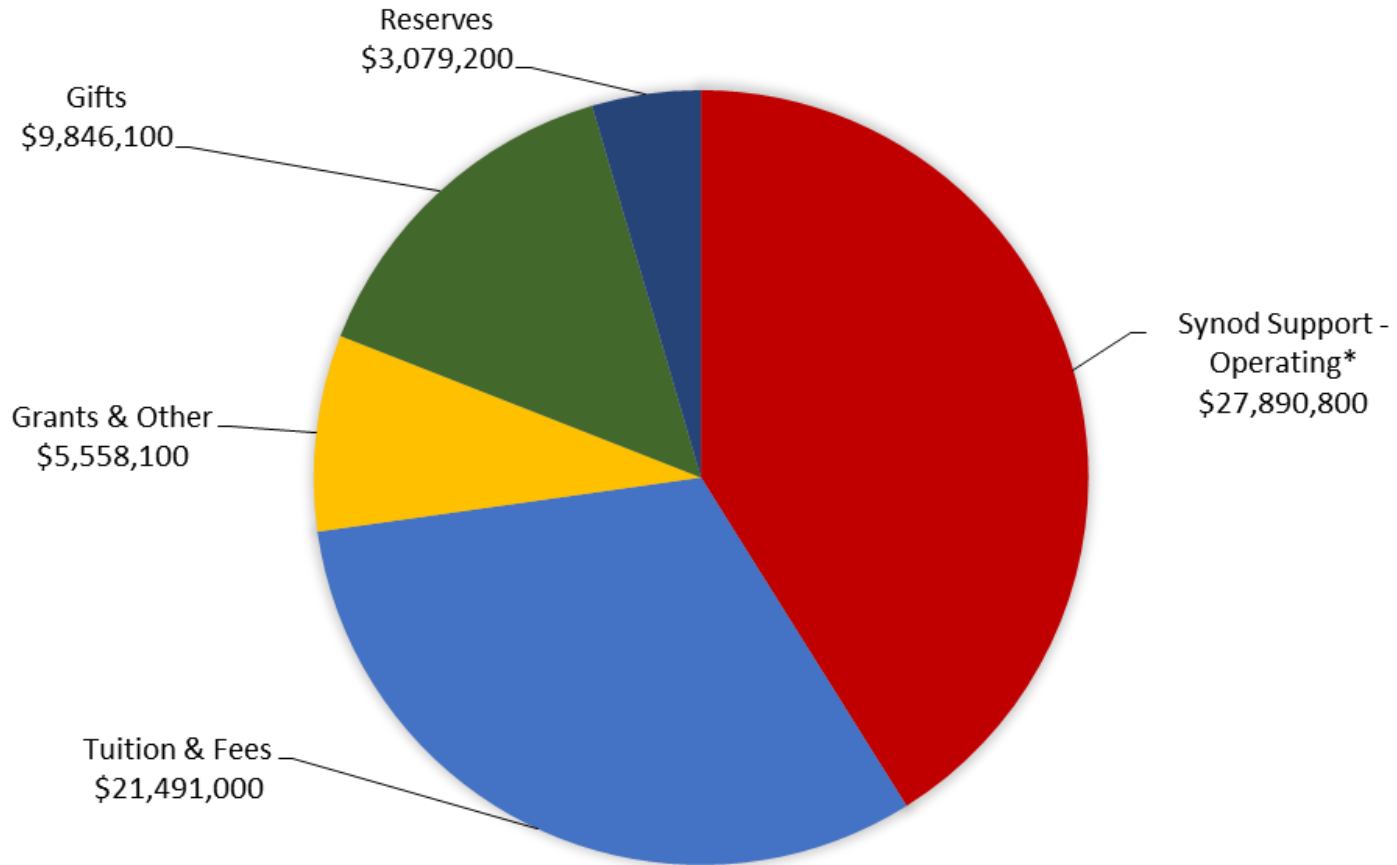


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FY 2016–17 Total Ministry Plan Support \$67,865,200

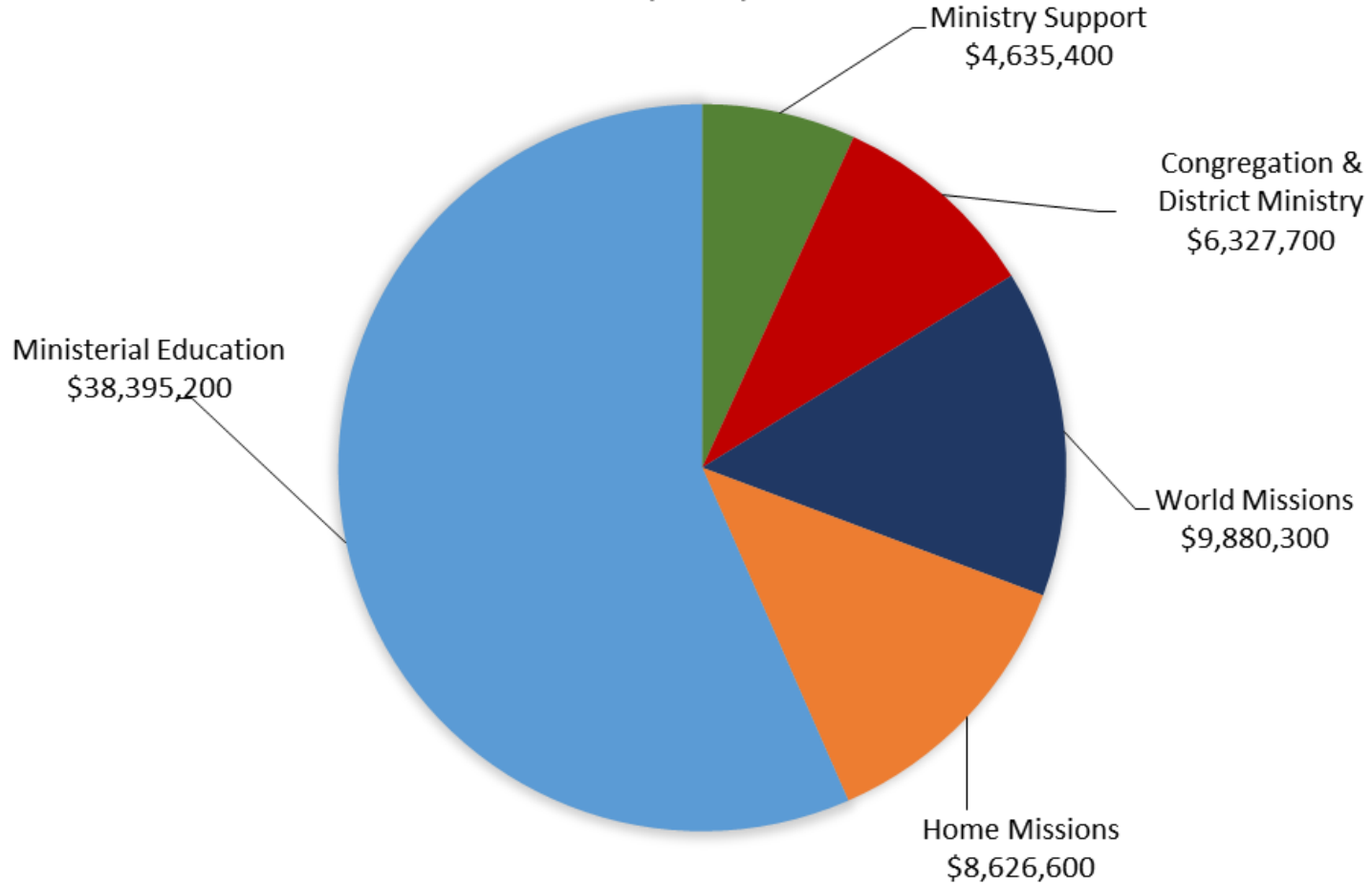


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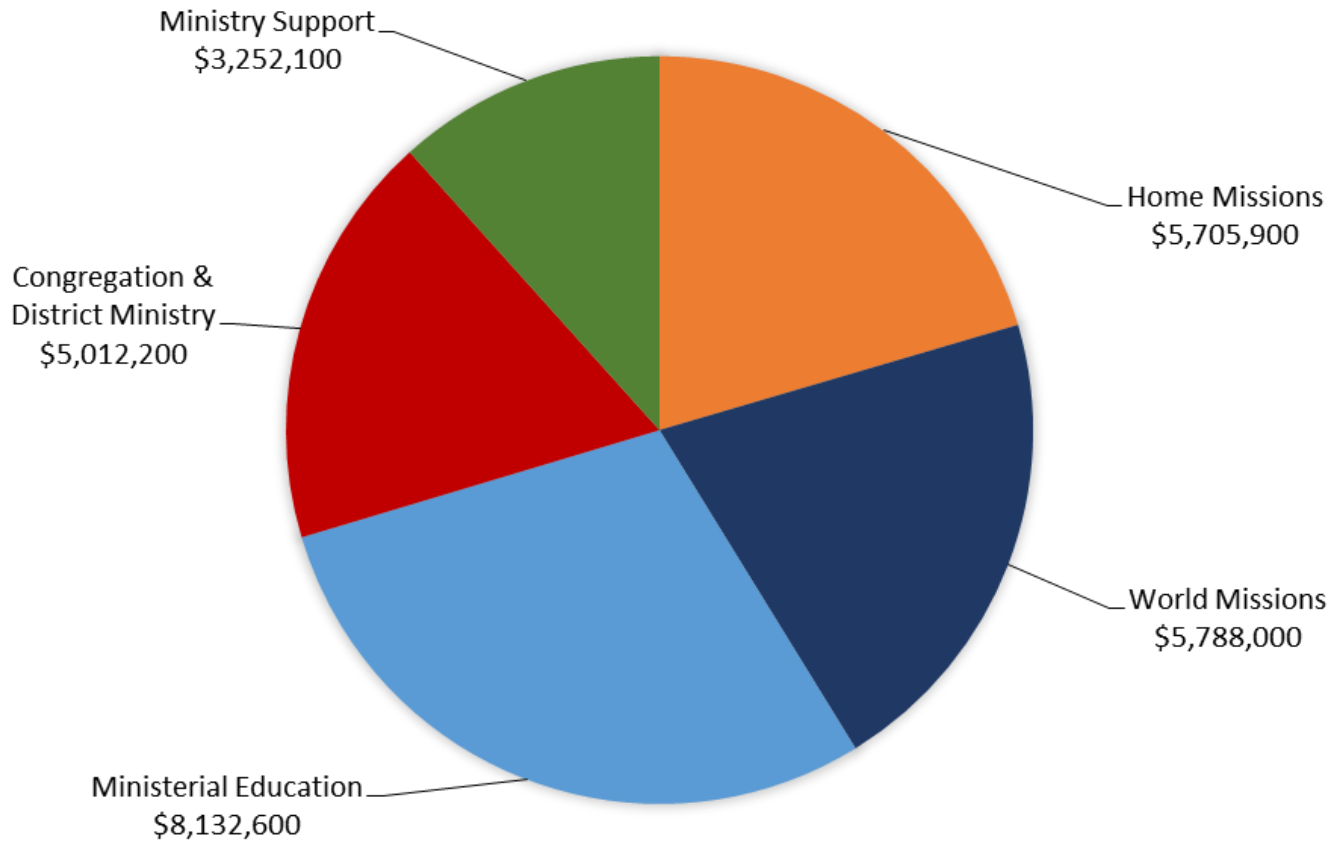


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FY 2016–17 Synod Operating Support Allocation \$27,890,800



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Ministry Financial Plan Highlights

- Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (p. 136)
- Martin Luther College (p.144)
- Luther Preparatory School (p. 154)
- Michigan Lutheran Seminary (p. 160)
- World Missions (p. 113)
- Home Missions (p. 123)
- CMSG (p. 34)



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Our Prayer

Lord God, we know that all we have and are is due only to your grace. Just as you have enabled us to hear and believe the good news of a Savior, so now move us to continue our work together to share that message of life with a dying world. Remind us of your promises, continue to enrich us with your Word, and keep our eyes fixed on a Savior who lived and died and rose again to bring sinners to their heavenly home. In Jesus we pray. Amen.



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