CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

JANUARY 31, 2021

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America New York, New York

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as of January 31, 2021 and the related consolidated statements of activities and changes in net assets, cash flows and functional expenses for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as of January 31, 2021, the changes in its net assets, cash flows and its functional expenses for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America New York, New York

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's 2020 financial statements, and our report dated April 13, 2020, expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended January 31, 2020 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Other Matters - Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole. The accompanying Summary of Changes in Net Assets, Summary of Changes in Net Assets with Donor Restrictions, and Contributions from Congregations Summarized by Conference, on pages 21-23, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements or to the consolidated financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the consolidated financial statements as a whole.

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania July 23, 2021

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

January 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 768,748	\$ 631,655
Accounts receivable	195,152	152,060
Dividends & interest receivable	79,500	-
Loans receivable <i>(Note 3)</i>	55,722	-
Mortgage receivable (Note 4)	500,000	500,000
Prepaids and other assets	70,936	52,434
Investments, at fair value (Note 2)	42,543,881	40,408,617
Deposits with developer (Note 5)	4,066,375	4,066,375
Property, equipment and leasehold improvements, net (Note 6)	60,363	82,709
Property held by Synod (Note 5)	29,885,000	<u>18,582,500</u>
Total assets	\$78,225,677	<u>\$ 64,476,350</u>
LIABILITIES Accounts payable and accrued expenses (Note 9)	\$ 758,572	\$ 1,097,975
Notes payable <i>(Note 9)</i>	7,699	15,981
Deferred revenue	<u>12,090,000</u>	<u>10,865,000</u>
Total liabilities	12,856,271	11,978,956
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions (Note 7)		
Undesignated	251,239	(162,238)
Designated	63,103,404	50,762,438
Total without donor restrictions	63,354,643	50,600,200
With donor restrictions (Note 7)	<u>2,014,763</u>	<u>1,897,194</u>
Total net assets	65,369,406	52,497,394
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$78,225,677</u>	<u>\$ 64,476,350</u>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Years Ended January 31, 2021 with Summarized Information for 2020

	Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions		Net Assets With Donor			
	Undesignated	<u>Designated</u>	Total	Restrictions	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Revenue and operating support						
Contributions from congregations Congregational mission support	\$ 877,685	\$ -	\$ 877,685	\$ -	\$ 877,685	\$ 1,082,862
Designated mission support ELCA World Hunger	29,264	_	29,264	_	29,264	32,807
ELCA designated gifts	16,069	_	16,069	-	16,069	37,230
Less: Transfer of ELCA designated gifts	(45,333)	-	(45,333)	-	(45,333)	(70,037)
Synod designated gifts	28,049		28,049		28,049	
Total from congregations	905,734	-	905,734	-	905,734	1,082,862
Other revenue Contributions from individuals and others Grant revenue (Note 13)	181,763 332,257	11,542	193,305 332,257	8,439	201,744 332,257	66,945
Investment income designated for operations	1,099,298	_	1,099,298	62,042	1,161,340	1,041,974
Other Income	4,664	11,650	16,314		16,314	90,094
Total contributions and other revenue	2,523,716	23,192	2,546,908	70,481	2,617,389	2,281,875
Net assets released from restrictions (Note 7)	75,534		75,534	(75,534)		
Total revenue and operating support	2,599,250	23,192	2,622,442	(5,053)	2,617,389	<u>2,281,875</u>
Expenses Program expenses Strategies						
Claimed	-	-		-	-	499,643
Gathered	-	-		-	-	2,326,401
Sent	-	-	245.004	-	-	598,376
Evangelism Leadership	265,886 578,564	19,010	265,886 597,574	-	265,886 597,574	-
Congregation	1,028,101	53,750	1,081,851	-	1,081,851	-
Advocacy	274,516	12,969	287,485	-	287,485	-
Mission support to ELCA	460,919		460,919		460,919	563,090
Total program expenses	2,607,986	85,729	2,693,715	-	2,693,715	3,987,510
Supporting expenses	F71 00F		F71 00F		F71 02F	450,000
Synod Governance Finance and Administration	571,825 622,825	25	571,825 622,850	-	571,825 622,850	650,989 <u>564,464</u>
Total supporting expenses	1,194,650	25	1,194,675	-	1,194,675	1,215,453
Total operating expenses	3,802,636	85,754	3,888,390		3,888,390	5,202,963
Change in net assets from operating activities	(1,203,386)	(62,562)	(1,265,948)	(5,053)	(1,271,001)	(2,921,088)
Non-operating activities Investment return in excess of amounts	(, , ,	2 200 002	2 200 002	,	, , ,	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
designated for operations Congregations under synodical preservation/ agreement (net of expenses of \$962,911	-	3,380,802	3,380,802	122,622	3,503,424	5,369,569
and \$1,393,856 in 2021 and 2020) <i>(Note 5)</i> Change in Leif Ericson Day School		10,639,589	10,639,589		10,639,589	(1,177,355) (42,525)
Change in net assets before transfers	(1,203,386)	13,957,829	12,754,443	117,569	12,872,012	1,228,601
Transfers	1,616,863	(1,616,863)				
Increase in net assets	413,477	12,340,966	12,754,443	117,569	12,872,012	1,228,601
Net assets, beginning of year	(162,238)	50,762,438	50,600,200	_1,897,194	52,497,394	51,268,793
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 251,239</u>	<u>\$63,103,404</u>	<u>\$63,354,643</u>	<u>\$2,014,763</u>	<u>\$65,369,406</u>	\$52,497,394

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Year Ended January 31, 2021 With Summarized Information For 2020

		P	rogram Services		Mission	Total	Supporti	ng Services	Total		
	Evangelism	<u>Leadership</u>	Congregation	Advocacy	Support to ELCA	Program Services	Synod Governance	Finance & Administration	Supporting Services	2021 <u>Total</u>	2020 <u>Total</u>
Staff	\$ 152,129	\$ 452,837	\$ 501,990	\$ 142,811	\$ -	\$1,249,767	\$297,089	\$ 156,413	\$ 453,502	\$1,703,269	\$1,729,733
Grants	98,200	69,010	562,674	56,935	-	786,819	-	-	-	786,819	1,698,451
ELCA Mission Support	-	-	-	-	460,919	460,919	-	-	-	460,919	563,090
Program Support	15,557	75,031	17,187	87,739	-	195,514	83,140	-	83,140	278,654	352,988
Rent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200,784	200,784	200,784	199,332
Synod Assembly	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,870	-	25,870	25,870	234,784
Communications	-	359	-	-	-	359	12,297	-	12,297	12,656	79,316
Workshops/Retreats	-	337	-	-	-	337	-	-	-	337	71,367
Professional Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	73,749	64,263	138,012	138,012	101,238
Office Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	127,400	127,400	127,400	57,006
Travel and Meetings	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,750	-	6,750	6,750	19,773
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,895	44,895	44,895	33,118
Website Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	69,476	-	69,476	69,476	8,700
Miscellaneous Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,454	6,749	10,203	10,203	35,353
Depreciation								22,346	22,346	22,346	18,714
	<u>\$ 265,886</u>	<u>\$597,574</u>	<u>\$1,081,851</u>	<u>\$ 287,485</u>	<u>\$460,919</u>	<u>\$2,693,715</u>	<u>\$571,825</u>	\$ 622,850	<u>\$1,194,675</u>	\$3,888,390	\$5,202,963

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Years Ended January 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
Cash flows from operating activity		
Change in net assets	\$ 12,872,012	\$ 1,228,601
Adjustments to reconcile the change in net assets to net cash used for operating activities		
Depreciation Net investment gains Net unrealized (gains) losses on investments Congregations under synodical preservation/agreement Change in school property - Leif Ericson Day School	22,346 (1,354,494) (2,684,397) (11,602,500)	18,714 (158,847) (5,647,681) (225,000) 42,525
(Increase) decrease in Accounts receivable Dividend & Interest receivable Prepaids and other assets Increase (decrease) in	(43,092) (79,500) (18,502)	40,893
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(339,403)	(17,157)
Net cash used for operating activities	(3,227,530)	<u>(4,706,830</u>)
Cash flows from investing activities Purchase of equipment and leasehold improvements Purchase of investments Proceeds from sale of investments Net change in money market fund Sale of property held under Synodical preservation Issuance of loans to Congregations Repayment of mortgage receivable Deposits with developer	(8,427,476) 8,657,851 1,673,252 1,525,000 (55,722)	(25,477) (4,416,109) 4,818,638 (307,548) 6,952,000 - 1,831,679 (4,066,375)
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>3,372,905</u>	4,786,808
Cash flows from financing activities Repayments of notes payable Net increase in cash	<u>(8,282)</u> 137,093	(8,162) 71,816
Cash, beginning of year	631,655	559,839
Cash, end of year	\$ 768,748	\$ 631,655

CONSOLIDATED NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

January 31, 2021 and 2020

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

ORGANIZATION

The Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ("Synod") is one of sixty-five geographical synodical units of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ("ELCA"). The Synod lies within Region 7 of the ELCA. In addition, certain property held by the Synod is held in single member limited liability companies with the Synod as the sole member (See Note 5).

CONSOLIDATION

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Synod and the Limited Liability Companies of certain property held for sale (collectively the "Synod"). All intercompany transactions have been eliminated.

ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The preparation of the financial statement in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Synod occasionally maintains deposits in excess of federally insured limits. Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 825, "Financial Instruments" identifies these items as a concentration of credit risk requiring disclosure regardless of the degree of risk. The risk is managed by monitoring the financial institutions in which deposits are made.

INVESTMENTS

The Synod applies *ASC 958*, "*Not-for-Profit-Entities*," which established standards for accounting for certain investments held by not-for-profit organizations and required that investments in securities be recorded at fair market value with the resulting gains and losses reported in the statement of activity.

The fair value of investments traded on a securities exchange is determined based on quoted market prices for those investments.

PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS

Property, equipment and leasehold improvements are recorded at cost. Depreciation is provided for equipment and leasehold improvements on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives, which are 2 to 10 years.

CONSOLIDATED NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)

January 31, 2021 and 2020

CONGREGATIONS UNDER SYNODICAL PRESERVATION/AGREEMENT

Congregations under synodical preservation include property for which the title for such property has been transferred from a congregation generally due to a disbanded congregation or financial difficulties. Upon transfer of the title, the Synod records the property at the estimated fair value when the property is received and records corresponding revenue for those properties in the process of selling. For those properties in process of redevelopment, deferred revenue is recorded as the title for the property may be transferred back to the congregation upon successful completion of the redevelopment. The Synod expenses costs incurred in connection with carrying the property until the property is sold or redeveloped. Also included are congregation expenses for those congregations operating under a support agreement with the Synod.

REVENUE RECOGNITION

In accordance with ASC-958 Not-For-Profit-entities, contributions received are recorded as net assets without donor restrictions or with donor restrictions, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor-imposed restrictions. These contributions are recognized when cash or ownership of donated assets is unconditionally received by the Synod. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities, as net assets released from restriction.

NET ASSETS

Net assets are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Synod are classified and reported as follows:

Without Donor Restrictions – resources that are available for the general support of the MNYS's operations. The Synod Council of the Metropolitan New York Synod approved the establishment of a long-term investment policy for operating reserves (designated fund) to ensure the stability of the mission, programs, employment, and ongoing operations of the Synod and to provide a source of internal funds for organization priorities.

With Donor Restrictions – Net assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions that will be met either by actions of the Synod or the passage of time. Items that affect this net asset category are gifts for which donor-imposed restrictions have not been met in the year of receipt, including gifts; pledges; and investment returns on "true" endowment funds. Expirations of restrictions of net assets with donor restrictions are reported as net assets released from restriction.

Also included in this category are net assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions to be maintained permanently by the Synod, including gifts wherein donors stipulate that the corpus of the gift be held in perpetuity (primarily gifts for endowment) and that only the income be made available for operations or other purposes.

FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES

The cost of providing the Synod's various programs and supporting services has been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. The statement of functional expenses presents the natural classification detail of expenses by function. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

CONSOLIDATED NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)

January 31, 2021 and 2020

TAX-EXEMPT STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has determined the Synod to be an "association of churches" and, therefore, exempt from federal income taxes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The IRS has further determined that contributions made to the Synod are deductible by the donors to the extent allowed by law.

The Synod has reviewed their tax positions and has concluded that there are no significant uncertain tax positions that would require recognition in the financial statements.

ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS NOT YET ADOPTED

In 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases* (Topic 842). The ASU changes the accounting treatment for operating leases by recognizing a lease asset and lease liability at the present value of the lease payments in the statement of financial position and disclosing key information about leasing arrangements. The ASU is effective for private entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021. Early adoption is permitted. The ASU should be applied at the beginning of the earliest period presented using a modified retrospective approach. The Synod plans to adopt the new ASU at the required implementation date.

RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain reclassifications were made to the 2020 financial statement to conform to the 2021 presentation.

(2) INVESTMENTS

Investments are composed of the following at January 31, 2021 and 2020:

	20	2021		020
	Cost	Market	Cost	Market
Equities	\$24,325,998	\$34,433,556	\$22,689,817	\$30,399,897
Corporate Bonds	3,085,865	3,337,710	3,358,377	3,512,758
U.S. Government Bonds	3,817,102	4,225,244	4,061,954	4,308,089
Mutual Funds	343,023	389,258	337,721	356,508
Money Market Fund	158,113	<u>158,113</u>	<u>1,831,365</u>	<u>1,831,365</u>
	<u>\$31,730,101</u>	<u>\$42,543,881</u>	\$32,279,234	<u>\$40,408,617</u>

As of January 31, 2021 and 2020, the portfolio of investments had accumulated net unrealized gains of \$10,813,780 and \$8,129,383, respectively.

CONSOLIDATED NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)

January 31, 2021 and 2020

Return on investments for years ending January 31, 2021 and 2020 consist of the following::

	<u> 2021</u>	2020
Interest and dividends, net of fees of		
\$231,540 in 2021 and \$225,330 in 2020	\$ 625,873	\$ 605,018
Realized gains	1,354,494	158,847
Unrealized gains/(losses)	<u>2,684,397</u>	<u>5,647,681</u>
Net return on investments	\$4,664,764	\$6,411,546

The Synod has pooled its investments, including designated net assets and permanently restricted net assets. The Synod uses the total return concept in accounting for its pooled investment funds whereby a spending policy was implemented for annual distributions to the Synod of four percent of the average of the market value of the investments on January 31st for the previous five years. Total distributable earnings under the spending rate were \$1,099,298 for 2021 and \$987,859 for 2020.

FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Synod utilized various methods to measure the fair value of its investments on a recurring basis. Generally accepted accounting principles establish a hierarchy that prioritizes inputs to valuation methods. The three levels of inputs are described below:

- Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Synod has the ability to access.
- Level 2 Observable inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These inputs may include quoted prices for the identical instrument on an inactive market, prices for similar instruments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, yield curves, default rates and similar data.
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, to the extent relevant observable inputs are not available, representing the Synod's own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in valuing the asset or liability, and would be based on the best information available.

A description of the valuation techniques applied to the Synod's investments is as follows:

Equity Securities for which the primary market is on an exchange are valued at the last sales price and are categorized in level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

Investments in Mutual Funds, including Money Market Funds, are valued at their respective net asset values and are categorized in level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

Debt Securities (Corporate and US Government) are valued by pricing services using quotations from dealers and brokers, market transactions data from quotation services, offering and various relationships between securities and are categorized in level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

CONSOLIDATED NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)

January 31, 2021 and 2020

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities and other assets are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities and other assets.

<u>January 31, 2021</u>	<u>Total</u>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Investments				
Equities	\$34,433,556	\$34,433,556	\$ -	\$ -
Corporate Bonds	3,337,710	_	3,337,710	_
U.S. Government Bonds	4,225,244	_	4,225,244	_
Mutual Funds	389,258	389,258	_	_
Money Market Fund	158,113	158,113		
	<u>\$42,543,881</u>	\$34,980,927	<u>\$7,562,954</u>	<u>\$ </u>
January 31, 2020	<u>Total</u>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Investments				
Equities	\$30,399,897	\$30,399,897	\$ -	\$ -
Corporate Bonds	3,512,758		3,512,758	<u> </u>
U.S. Government Bonds	4,308,089	_	4,308,089	_
Mutual Funds	356,508	356,508	_	_
Money Market Fund	1,831,365	1,831,365		

There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 during the years ended January 31, 2021 and 2020.

(3) LOANS RECEIVABLE

	<u> 2021 </u>	2020
COVID-19 Financial Assistance Loans		
Various principal amounts at 0% interest		
with various maturity dates through June 2024	<u>\$55,722</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

Total maturities of loans receivable for the years ending January 31 are as follows:

2022	\$15,638
2023	18,665
2024	17,971
2025	3,448
	\$55.722

(4) MORTGAGE RECEIVABLE

In August 2016, the Synod sold Reformation Lutheran Church in Brooklyn. In connection with the sale, a mortgage was issued by the Synod and secured by the premises in the amount of \$500,000. Outstanding principal and interest was due on August 29, 2018. As of January 31, 2021, the \$500,000 is outstanding and the Synod is currently proceeding on foreclosure to either receive payment or obtain the property, which is estimated to have a value equal to the outstanding amount of the mortgage receivable.

CONSOLIDATED NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (Continued)

January 31, 2021 and 2020

(5) PROPERTY HELD BY SYNOD

Property held by the Synod and under synodical preservation consist of the following:

	2021	2020
Properties in process of selling:		
Bethany Lutheran Church, Brooklyn (a)	\$ 3,180,000	\$ 3,180,000
First Lutheran Church, Jeffersonville (b)	-	87,500
Zion Lutheran Church, Brooklyn (c)	-	-
All Saints Lutheran Church, Bronx (h) *	-	910,000
St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bronx (1)	2,545,000	-
Kingsbridge Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bronx (m)	1,780,000	-
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Suffern (n) *	1,250,000	-
Eltingville Lutheran Church and School, Staten Island (o) *	<u>5,500,000</u>	
Properties in process of selling	<u>14,255,000</u>	4,177,500
Property with a synodically authorized worship community:		
Lutheran Church of the Messiah, Brooklyn (d)(j)	<u>3,540,000</u>	<u>3,540,000</u>
Properties in process of redevelopment:		
Church of The Holy Redeemer, Brooklyn (e)(k) *	4,600,000	4,600,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Transfiguration,		
Manhattan (f)(k) *	5,000,000	5,000,000
Transfiguration Lutheran Church, Bronx (i)(k) *	<u>2,490,000</u>	<u>1,265,000</u>
Properties in process of redevelopment	12,090,000	10,865,000
Total property held by Synod	\$ 29,885,000	<u>\$ 18,582,500</u>

* Limited Liability Company

- (a) For the year ended January 31, 2021, the Synod recorded net expenses of \$21,438.
- **(b)** For the year ended January 31, 2021, the Synod sold the property for a net loss of \$78,560 reflecting the decrease in fair value of \$62,000 and closing and other costs of \$16,060.
- (c) In November 2019, the Synod sold the property to a developer for \$5,152,000. In connection with the sale, the developer is constructing low-income housing and a condominium unit containing a community facility of approximately 15,000 square feet and limited common elements of approximately 1,200 square feet which will be owned by the Synod. The Synod is in the process of entering into a 25 year lease with the School Construction Authority ("SCA"). The Synod received \$796,353 in cash and a mortgage receivable of \$1,514,883. Additionally, from the proceeds of the sale, the Synod placed on deposit with the developer \$1,937,169 for the construction of the community facility and \$614,323 for certain build-outs required by the SCA for which the Synod will be reimbursed when the construction is complete. At the completion of the construction of the community facility and the transfer of the property to the Synod, the mortgage receivable will be satisfied and the total construction costs of the community facility will be \$3,452,052. The total amount advanced to the developer at January 31, 2021 and 2020 was \$4,066,375 If the property is not transferred to the Synod, the mortgage will become payable with interest at 100 basis points over LIBOR. The Synod has classified the funds retained by the developer and the mortgage receivable as "Deposits with the Developer" in the Statement of Financial Position. The Synod is also entitled to a developer's fee in the amount of \$850,000 at 5% annual interest at the time of the completion of the construction.

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The Synod is also entitled to a fee of \$380,023 for the delay in construction and start of the lease with the SCA. Such payment could be reduced depending on the delivery date. The Synod has not recorded these two contingency payments until the completion of the construction. The Synod recorded \$289,324 of expenses in connection with the sale and \$186,870 of expenses in carrying the property during the year ended January 31, 2020. The Synod recorded \$71,700 of expenses in carrying the property during the year ended January 31, 2021. The proposed 25 year lease with the SCA provides for annual lease payments as follows: year 1 - \$134,145 (½ Year); years 2-5 - \$268,231; years 6-10 - \$295,084; years 11-15 - \$324,599; years 16-20 - \$357,030; years 21-25 - \$392,774.

- (d) For the year ended January 31, 2021, the Synod recorded net expenses of \$23.878.
- (e) For the year ended January 31, 2021 the Synod recorded net expenses of \$91,671.
- (f) For the year ended January 31, 2021, the Synod recorded net expenses of \$35,382.
- **(h)** For the year ended January 31, 2021, the Synod sold the property for a net gain of \$452,821. The net gain resulted from an increase in fair value of \$590,000 less closing and other costs of \$137,719.
- (i) During the year ended January 31, 2021, additional property connected to this church property was recorded at \$890,000 as well as an increase in the existing property of \$335,000. For the year ended January 31, 2021, the Synod recorded net expenses of \$103,991.
- (j) Church Council approved worshiping community which is related to the Synod and part of the Synod's life and mission. These worshiping communities can be developing ministries, preaching points or chapels. The Synod retains title to the property while the congregation is a synodically authorized worshiping community.
- **(k)** These churches are in discussion with the Synod regarding redevelopment of the properties. The fair value of the properties has been recorded in deferred revenue as the title to the properties may be granted back to the congregation upon successful completion of the redevelopment.
- (1) For the year ended January 31, 2021, the Synod received title and recorded net income of \$2,470,814 reflecting the carrying value of the property of \$2,545,000 less expenses incurred of \$74,186.
- (m) For the year ended January 31, 2021, the Synod received title and recorded net income of \$1,726,909 reflecting the carrying value of the property of \$1,780,000 less expenses incurred of \$53,091.
- (n) For the year ended January 31, 2021, the Synod received title and recorded net income of \$1,202,106 reflecting the carrying value of the property of \$1,250,000 less expenses incurred of \$47,894.
- (o) For the year ended January 31, 2021, the Synod received title and recorded net income of \$5,396,062 reflecting the carrying value of the property of \$5,500,000 less expenses incurred of \$103,938.

In addition, there are several other congregations under synodical preservation or with a support agreement where the Synod has not taken title to the property. The Synod recorded \$182,502 of net loss related to these congregations for the year ended January 31, 2021.

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(6) PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS

The costs of such assets were as follows:

	2021	2020
Equipment and furniture Leasehold improvements	\$ 317,331 762,897	\$ 317,331
Leasenoid improvements	1,080,228	1,080,228
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>1,019,865</u>	997,519
Net value	<u>\$ 60,363</u>	<u>\$ 82,709</u>

(7) NET ASSETS

Net assets without donor restrictions include \$63,103,404 and \$50,762,438 of designated net assets as of January 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, as follows.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Reinvestment in new or existing ministries	\$29,412,851	\$30,499,448
Properties in process of selling	17,795,000	7,717,500
Other designated purposes	<u>15,895,553</u>	<u>12,545,490</u>
	\$63,103,404	\$50,762,438

Net assets with donor restrictions are available for the following purposes as of January 31:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Subject to expenditure for a special purpose:		
Funds for Grants to Congregations and Ministries	\$ 139,252	\$ 134,281
Funds for Ministerial Student Aid	11,732	11,424
Funds for Support of Companion Synod – ELCT	575,640	471,481
Women Leaders Fund	6,890	6,890
Urban Empowerment Fund	2,878	2,878
Other	22,452	22,197
	<u>758,844</u>	649,151
Perpetual in nature:		
Funds for Grants to Congregations and Ministries	\$ 124,272	\$ 124,272
Funds for Support of Companion Synod – ELCT	<u>1,131,647</u>	<u>1,123,771</u>
	1,255,919	1,248,043
	<u>\$2,014,763</u>	\$1,897,194

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Net assets released by satisfying the donor restrictions were as follows:

		2020_
Funds for Grants to Congregations and Ministries	\$ -	\$ 3,75 0
Funds for Support of Companion Synod – ELCT	75,534	50,412
Urban Empowerment Fund		<u>3,000</u>
	\$75,534	\$ 57,162

ENDOWMENT NET ASSETS

The Synod's endowment net assets consist of the principal amounts of gifts and bequests accepted with the donor stipulation that the principal be retained intact. Income from such funds is available for spending or distribution as the terms of the individual fund provide and is classified as net assets with donor restrictions, subject to expenditure for a special purpose. When the restriction on income for spending or distribution expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions.

INTERPRETATION OF RELEVANT LAW

The Synod is incorporated in the state of New York, which has enacted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act ("UPMIFA"). UPMIFA governs donor institutional funds for not-for-profit corporations, including endowment funds. The Synod has interpreted the applicable state standards and guidelines for the prudent management of an endowment fund as requiring a prudent appropriation of the endowment fund's assets, taking into account any explicit donor stipulations or restrictions on the appropriation or expenditure of assets. As a result, the Synod classifies as permanently restricted net assets (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment; (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment; and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund (i.e. the accumulated realized and unrealized gains/losses) that is not classified in permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Synod. The Synod considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- (1) The duration and preservation of the fund
- (2) The purposes of the Synod and the donor-restricted endowment fund
- (3) General economic conditions
- (4) The possible effect of inflation and deflation
- (5) The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
- (6) Other resources of the Synod
- (7) The investment policies of the Synod

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RETURN OBJECTIVES AND RISK PARAMETERS

The total rate of return (net of fees) is expected to equal or exceed a passive investment in commonly quoted market indices (benchmarks) based on a long-term optimal asset allocation.

To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the Synod relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). The Synod targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on equity-based investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

SPENDING POLICY

The Synod has a spending policy whereby 4% of the endowment fund's market value over the five previous years will be distributed to the Synod to be used for operational and program expenses.

FUNDS WITH DEFICIENCIES

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or state standards require the Synod to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. At January 31, 2021 and 2020, no donor restricted endowment funds have fallen below the required level.

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Endowment Net Asset Composition by Type of Fund as of January 31:

		2021	
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	<u>Total</u>
Donor-restricted endowment funds Board-designated endowment funds	\$ - 69,342	\$ 1,850,542 	\$ 1,850,542 69,342
Total funds	<u>\$ 69,342</u>	<u>\$ 1,850,542</u>	<u>\$ 1,919,884</u>
		2020	
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	<u>Total</u>
Donor-restricted endowment funds Board-designated endowment funds	\$ - 66,847	\$ 1,733,536 	\$ 1,733,536 66,847
Total funds	<u>\$ 66,847</u>	<u>\$ 1,733,536</u>	<u>\$1,800,383</u>

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Changes in Endowment Net Assets for the Years Ended January 31:

		2021	
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	<u>Total</u>
Endowment net assets, Beginning of year Investment return Contributions Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	\$ 66,847 2,495 — —	\$ 1,733,536 184,664 7,876 (75,534)	\$ 1,800,383 187,159 7,876 (75,534)
Endowment net assets, End of year	<u>\$ 69,342</u>	<u>\$ 1,850,542</u>	<u>\$ 1,919,884</u>
		2020	
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	<u>Total</u>
Endowment net assets, Beginning of year Investment return Contributions Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	\$ 64,487 2,360 — —	\$ 1,526,561 253,348 7,789 (54,162)	\$ 1,591,048 255,708 7,789 (54,162)
Endowment net assets, End of year	<u>\$ 66,847</u>	<u>\$ 1,733,536</u>	<u>\$ 1,800,383</u>

(8) PENSION PLAN

Substantially all employees of the Synod are enrolled in the defined contribution pension plans made available and administered by Portico Benefit Services of the ELCA. The full current employer cost provided for under the plans was approximately \$127,000 and \$75,000 for 2021 and 2020, respectively. No actuarial valuation is needed to determine the required reserves for future pension benefits because the contributions made on behalf of employees are carried on an accumulation basis by Portico Benefit Services of the ELCA. Upon retirement, pension benefits are provided by the money-purchase method. Consequently, such accumulations constitute the reserves from which benefits will be provided.

(9) COMMITMENTS

The Synod leases office equipment under a capital lease expiring in 2021. The related property is included at a cost of \$40,769 at January 31, 2021. Total accumulated depreciation at January 31, 2021 was \$33,295. The minimum lease payments as of January 31, 2021 under this lease, together with the present value of the net minimum lease payments are as follows:

2022	\$7,755
Less: Amount representing interest	<u>(56</u>)
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u>\$7,699</u>

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The Synod signed a five-year lease for approximately 8,000 square feet of office space in the Interchurch Center in New York City expiring June 30, 2025 with monthly rent based upon the Synod's proportionate share of the landlord's carrying maintenance, operating and depreciation charges for the building and contributions to the landlord's capital improvements fund. Total rent expense for 2021 and 2020 was approximately \$200,800 and \$198,000, respectively. Total minimum lease commitments are as follows:

Year Ended January 31,	
2022	\$ 198,668
2023	198,688
2024	198,688
2025	198,688
2026	82,778
	\$ 877,450

(10) RELATED PARTIES

The Synod has guaranteed outstanding note payables, which are secured by real estate, to the Mission Investment Fund of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Inc. on behalf of borrowing related parties. The following are the guarantees:

Name of Related Party	<u>Amount</u>	Note <u>Maturity</u>
Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Epiphany		
of Brooklyn, N.Y.	\$4,3 00 , 000	January 1, 2043
Martin Luther Camp Corporation	300,000	November 1, 2047

The estimated fair value of the guarantee as of January 31, 2021 and 2020 is \$189,832 and \$189,832, respectively and has been recorded in accounts payable and accrued expenses on the statement of financial position.

(11) CONTINGENCIES

At January 31, 2021, the Synod is a party to certain lawsuits in the ordinary course of business. While any litigation has an element of uncertainty, after reviewing these actions with legal counsel, management is of the opinion that the liability, if any, resulting from these actions will not have a material effect on the consolidated financial condition of the Synod.

(12) FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIQUIDITY RESOURCES

The Synod strives to maintain liquid financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities and other obligations become due. Financial assets in excess of daily cash requirements are invested in money market funds and other short-term investments.

The following table reflects the Synod's financial assets as of January 31, 2021 and 2020, reduced by amounts that are not available to meet general expenditures within one year of the statement of financial position date because of contractual restrictions or internal board designations. Amounts not available include certain board-designated net assets invested for long-term strategic purposes. In the event the need arises to utilize the board-designated funds for liquidity purposes, the reserves could be drawn upon through board resolution. Amounts not available to meet general expenditures within one year also may include net assets with donor restrictions.

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Financial Assets	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Cash Investments Dividends & Interest Receivable Accounts receivable	\$ 768,748 42,543,881 79,500 195,152	\$ 631,655 40,408,617 - 152,060
Total financial assets	43,587,281	41,192,332
Less: Net assets with donor restrictions Board-designated net assets	(2,014,763) (45,308,404)	(1,897,194) (43,044,938)
Add: Funds designated for use over the next twelve months: Payout of the designated investment income for operations Budgeted transfers from designated net assets for operations	1,457,085 3,000,000	1,099,264 3,180,809
Financial assets available to meet general expenditures over the next twelve months	<u>\$ 721,199</u>	\$ 530,27 <u>3</u>

(13) COVID-19 AND PAYROLL PROTECTION PROGRAM

In December 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus ("COVID-19") was reported in China. The World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 to constitute a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern". This outbreak has affected virtually every industry and has created volatility in stock markets throughout the world. Many federal and state governments have implemented numerous restrictions, mandated various closures and quarantine requirements in connection with the COVID-19 outbreak. The extent of the impact of COVID-19 on the Synod's operational and financial performance will depend on future developments, including the duration and spread of the outbreak and the impact on the Synod's funders, donors, employees and vendors, all of which are uncertain and cannot be predicted.

On May 7, 2020, the Synod received \$332,257 in funds from the federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). The PPP loan is designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll. The Small Business Administration (SBA) will forgive loans if all employees are kept on the payroll for a specific period of time and the money is used for certain allowable costs. Any amounts not forgiven at the end of the program period convert into a loan with 1% interest, payable over 24 months. The AICPA released guidance on recording options and the Synod has decided to record these funds under the government grant model (FASB ASC 958-605). The cash received under the PPP is recorded as a liability until the conditions are substantially met. When the Synod has substantially met the conditions of the program and qualifying expenses are incurred, the cancellation of the liability is recorded as revenue. As the Synod had met conditions and incurred expense in the amount of \$332,257 as of January 31, 2021, the amount has been included in the Statement of Activities with grant revenue. On February 22, 2021, the Synod was notified that the loan was forgiven by the SBA.

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(14) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events after the consolidated statement of financial position date through the date that the consolidated financial statements were available for issuance, July 23, 2021, have been evaluated in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements.

On February 10, 2021, the Synod received a \$320,806 Paycheck Protection Program Second Draw Loan ("PPP Second Draw Loan") under the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021, Additional Coronavirus Response and Relief provisions. PPP Second Draw Loans are eligible for forgiveness if the Synod incurs qualifying expenses over a period of time not to exceed 24 weeks. The period of time in which qualifying expenses may be incurred commences upon receipt of the loan. Any portion of the loan not forgiven is payable over a 5-year period at an interest rate of 1%.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	January 31, 2020	Additions	<u>Deductions</u>	January 31, 2021
WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS				
Undesignated				
General operating	\$ (228,966)	\$ 1,616,863	\$1,189,322	\$ 198,575
Property and Equipment Fund	66,728		<u>14,064</u>	<u>52,664</u>
	(162,238)	1,616,863	1,203,386	251,239
Designated				
Metropolitan New York Synod Fund – General	4,293,321	755,675	_	5,048,996
Unrealized gains on investments	7,779,289	2,586,266		10,365,555
Ŭ	12,072,610	3,341,941	-	15,414,551
Congregations Under Synodical Preservation	, ,	, ,		, ,
Property Value	7,717,500	11,180,000	997,500	17,900,000
Youth Ministry Fund	1,228	2,450	<i>771</i> ,500	3,678
Bishop Rudolph P. F. Ressmeyer Fund	30,956	1,152	_	32,108
William and Helen Heinemann Memorial Fund	339,969	- 1,132	_	339,969
Winston Bone Scholarship Fund	35,891	1,343	_	37,234
Salam Ministry Fund	867,333	36,366	68,189	835,510
Bishop's Discretionary Fund	26,507	20,722	17,565	29,664
Support for the Wider Church	23		-	23
Musical Instruments Fund	13,246	_	_	13,246
MNYS Legacy	29,632,115	562,089	1,616,863	28,577,341
Ministry Among Guyanese Fund	17,154	20	-	17,174
Other	7,906			7,906
Total Designated	50,762,438	<u>15,146,083</u>	2,700,117	63,208,404
Total Without Donor Restrictions	50,600,200	16,762,946	3,903,503	63,459,643
WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS				
Subject to Expenditure for Special Purpose:				
Support of Companion Synod – ELCT	471,481	179,693	75,534	575,640
Grants to Congregations and Ministries	134,281	4,971	-	139,252
Ministerial Student Aid	11,424	308	-	11,732
Women Leaders Fund	6,890	-	-	6,890
Urban Empowerment Fund	2,878	-	-	2,878
Other	22,197	<u>255</u>		22,452
Total Subject to Expenditure for				
Special Purpose	649,151	185,227	<u>75,534</u>	<u>758,844</u>
Perpetual in Nature:				
Funds for Grants to Congregations and Ministries	124,272	-	_	124,272
Funds for Support of Companion Synod	1,123,771	<u>7,876</u>		1,131,647
Total Perpetual in Nature	1,248,043	<u>7,876</u>		1,255,919
Total With Donor Restrictions	1,897,194	<u>193,103</u>	75,534	2,014,763
Total Net Assets	<u>\$52,497,394</u>	<u>\$16,956,049</u>	\$3,979,037	<u>\$ 65,474,406</u>

SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS (ENDOWMENT)

	PRINCIPAL				INCOME			
	Beginning Balance	Additions	<u>Deductions</u>	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Allocated Income	Expenses And <u>Transfers</u>	Ending Balance
Funds for Grants to Congregations and Ministries Samuel Trexler Fellowship Fund	\$ 124,272	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 124,272	\$ 14,012	\$ 4,971	\$ -	\$ 18,983
Fund for Support of Companion Synod Tanzania Educational Endowment Fund		_7,876 \$7,876	<u> </u>	1,131,647 \$_1,255,919	471,481 \$485,493	_179,693 \$184,664	_75,534 \$75,534	575,640 \$_594,623

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CONGREGATIONS SUMMARIZED BY CONFERENCE

			2021			2020
	Total	Mission	ELCA World	ELCA Other	Synod Other	Mission
	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Support</u>	<u>Hunger</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Support</u>
Hudson	\$ 104,487	\$ 93,808	\$ 4,879	\$ 5,400	\$ 400	\$ 102,096
Delaware Hudson	60,399	57,886	1,381	462	670	60,770
Tappan Zee	124,913	120,777	207	3,158	771	119,755
Eastern Nassau	49,496	44,482	4,266	168	580	61,508
Western Nassau	34,150	34,150	-	-	-	36,317
Southwest Nassau	27,889	25,609	2,170	-	110	44,425
Peconic	73,019	69,786	1,084	500	1,649	79,684
Western Suffolk	144,436	124,510	2,573	2,353	15,000	129,943
Manhattan	126,023	119,431	3,630	2,787	175	216,669
Bronx	9,727	7,927	24	-	1,776	15,001
Staten Island	42,523	40,158	1,715	-	650	40,626
Southeast Queens	8,575	8,575	-	-	-	22,661
Western Queens (formerly Southwest Queens)	21,221	16,130	4,509	-	582	7,885
Northeast Queens	11,462	9,250	2,141	71	-	8,000
Western Queens (formerly Northwest Queens)	46,126	40,945	-	-	5,181	43,145
Brooklyn Bridges	27,934	27,934	-	-	-	32,083
South Shore Brooklyn	17,907	15,732	650	1,060	465	26,869
Southwest Brooklyn	20,780	20,595	<u>35</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>40</u>	35,425
TOTAL	<u>\$ 951,067</u>	<u>\$ 877,685</u>	<u>\$29,264</u>	<u>\$16,069</u>	<u>\$28,049</u>	<u>\$1,082,862</u>