

**The Ohio District**  
 ONE Church MANY Partners  
*in Kentucky, West Virginia & Ohio*

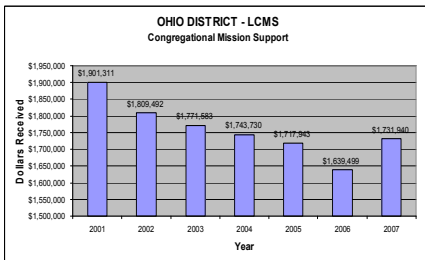
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June 2008 update of our shared ministries

**Doing TOGETHER**  
**What Could Not Be Done ALONE!**

During the fiscal year ended January 15, 2008 congregations throughout OH, WV and northern KY contributed upwards of \$1.7 million for the work done together as the Ohio District—LCMS. This reversed a multiple year trend of decreasing dollars available to do mission and ministry together with nearly a 6% increase in support from District congregations over the previous year.

Twenty-one percent of all congregational mission support received at the District Mission Support Center is sent on to the national office of the LCMS to support the mission and ministry being done nationally and throughout the world. The remainder is used throughout the Ohio District for new mission plants, financial aid for students preparing for church work, special ministries, school ministry, mission and ministry facilitation on the local level, church worker health, youth ministry and other congregational services.



**DISTRICT ENDS FISCAL YEAR**  
**IN THE “BLACK”!**

Unrestricted District receipts exceeded expenses by \$25,900 during the fiscal year ended January 15, 2008. This was possible because of faithful support of the “church-at-large” by congregations and individuals and because of responsible spending on the part of the Ohio District-LCMS Board of Directors and its staff.

Wise stewardship of expenses also resulted in a savings of \$20,000 for the Synodical Convention held in Houston, TX in July of 2007. This savings was returned to the congregations of the Ohio District in the form of a rebate during the month of December.

The Board of Directors and District staff continuously explore creative ways of stretching the ministry dollars entrusted to them. A new method of funding mission plants is in the implementation stage whereby a portion of their support will be from a revolving loan fund named the New Mission Fund. This will allow for multiplication of the number of mission sites able to start ministry in future years.

**We are thankful for the gifts congregations and members of the Ohio District-LCMS have provided to support mission and ministry of this District and our Synod as a whole.**

The Ohio District-LCMS exists to fulfill the Great Commission in ways that are faithful to Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions through:

- Healthy Workers
- Healthy Mission Outposts
- Healthy Partnerships

**SAVINGS AVAILABLE**

Through Group Purchasing Agreements (GPA) , national contracts have been negotiated for items such as office supplies, copiers, computers & software, play-ground equipment, audio visual products, long-distance, background checks, moving, etc. The purpose of GPA is to provide LCMS churches and schools exclusive pricing and five-star customer service on products and services you already use. For more information and to view monthly specials, go to [www.oh.lcms.org](http://www.oh.lcms.org) under Resources, Finance & Administration on the Group Purchasing tab.

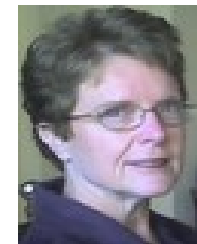
**RESOURCES FOR YOU**

- Congregational Treasurer’s Manual**
- Workplace Poster Summary**
- Compensation Guidelines**
- Taxes & Ministers Brochure**
- Personal Financial Planning**

Check out these helpful resources at [www.oh.lcms.org](http://www.oh.lcms.org) under Resources, Finance & Administration.

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Serving the congregations, professional church workers and people through out the District with support in the areas of finances, business management, and clergy taxes.

Watch for upcoming training events for congregational treasurers and seminars on clergy taxes.



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