

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Living
THE MISSION

ENABLE, EQUIP, ENGAGE



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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why is the diocese launching the **LIVING THE Mission – Enable, Equip, Engage** financial stewardship initiative now?

The Mission Action Plan process of the diocese, which began in 2011 and continues today, identifies strategic initiatives that are crucial for the long term health of parishes and congregations in the diocese. Funding is needed to continue the transformative process in the diocese as parishes move from a church created in past generations to a new creation where mission is central to all activities.

2. Why is LtM a good opportunity for our Church?

LIVING THE Mission (LtM) is an opportunity to develop a Mission Action Plan for your church and fund it with the monies raised. Funding your plan will create an opportunity for parishioners to engage in the work of God’s mission for your church.

3. What is the financial goal of LtM?

The **LIVING THE Mission** financial stewardship initiative seeks to raise a minimum of \$2.4 million over the next five years for parish, diocesan and wider church Mission Action Plan ministries.

4. How will the money raised through LtM be allocated?

Monies collected from the campaign will be allocated to the following areas:

- Strengthening Local Parishes \$1,100,000
- Assisted Stipendiary Placements \$ 275,000
- Children’s and Youth Missioner \$ 250,000
- Regional Mission and Ministry \$ 250,000
- Anglican Church of Canada \$ 200,000
- Qu’Appelle School of Mission and Ministry \$ 175,000
- Communication \$ 100,000
- Companion Links \$ 50,000

Please refer to the LtM brochure or Case for Support for more details.

5. How will my parish benefit from LtM?

Your parish will benefit from **LtM** in many ways. Slightly more than forty five cents of every dollar raised in your parish, up to your parish goal, will stay in your community to fund your Mission Action Plan. Your parish will also receive seventy cents of every dollar raised above your goal, and each parish will create and fund its own Mission Action Plan.

The other forty five cents of each dollar raised will be used to create healthy congregations by supporting the Diocesan Mission Action Plan. As you read through the **LtM** brochure, you will learn, for example, how your parish will be able to support youth ministry, attend leadership workshops, discern new initiatives for local outreach, and gain a greater sense of mission.

6. Who will be asked to contribute to LtM?

Every member of every congregation in the diocese will be asked to prayerfully consider a sacrificial, meaningful and proportionate gift. Although organizations, foundations and businesses will also be solicited, we expect parishioner donations to account for 95% of all monies raised.

7. How will the campaign affect my parish's offertory?

Experience has shown that parish offertory remains constant or may even increase as a result of a financial stewardship initiative such as **LtM**. Parishioners are asked to respond generously to this initiative with pledges and donations over and above their regular offerings. This encourages people to consider their overall support of their church and invites a response that seeks to support its mission. As well, your parish's annual stewardship ministry can continue to benefit from the financial development methods employed during this special appeal long after it is completed.

8. How much should I/we give to LtM?

Consider your gift as a meaningful personal sacrifice above your regular parish offering based on your financial ability to give. A helpful chart entitled, "Wondering What to Give?" is included for your reference.

9. Why is LtM asking me to consider a five-year pledge?

Raising \$2,400,000 over a five-year period helps us to achieve our common goals while reducing the financial pressure on our parishioners and other community supporters.

10. How will the LtM Financial Stewardship Initiative funds be dispersed?

The parish share of funds raised will be dispersed to each parish on a quarterly basis. Those funds can be used immediately to support the parish's Mission Action Plan. The diocesan portion will be allocated to each diocesan mission priority and used in the parishes according to the stated Case for Support. Diocesan Council has the administrative oversight for all funds raised for the diocesan mission priorities.

11. Will my pledge remain confidential?

Yes! Strict controls are in place to ensure your privacy and confidentiality.

12. What if my circumstances change? Am I able to change my LtM pledge?

Your LtM pledge is made in good faith and is entirely voluntary. If your circumstances change, you may alter your pledge by simply notifying the Synod office at 306-522-1608.

13. To whom should payments be made payable?

All payments should be made payable to “**Living the Mission**” or simply “**LtM**”. The Synod office will manage all gift transactions and will mail your charitable gift receipt in accordance with your wishes. Receipts are most frequently mailed at the end of each calendar year for all amounts received during the year.

14. How can I make my gift?

There are four easy ways to make your gift and all gifts are tax creditable:

- 1) Cheques and cash
- 2) Credit card
- 3) Pre-authorized payments through your bank or financial institution (See the LtM pledge card for details.)
- 4) Planned Gifts including publicly traded securities, life insurance, real property and bequests

15. Are pledges and one-time gifts the only kinds of gifts accepted by LtM?

While cash gifts and monthly recurring gifts are most common, gifts of securities and other Planned Gifts are accepted. If this is your preference, please contact Ms. Bijana Grujic, Director of Finance and Administration at 306-522-1608.

16. Can I make a “Planned Gift” to LtM?

Yes. On the LtM Pledge Card you can itemize a gift in your will or other bequest. One hundred percent of bequest amounts will be credited to LtM if the donor is 70 years of age or older. Life Insurance policies are also accepted if they have a cash value and the policy is transferred to the parish, diocese or Anglican Church of Canada and the premiums are paid up. Please contact Mr. Kurtis Krug, at 306-757-0188 for more information.

17. Who can we contact to obtain more information?

We have set up a LtM office and additional information is available from Mr. Murray McCarthy, LtM Consultant at 306-522-1608 ext. 209.

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