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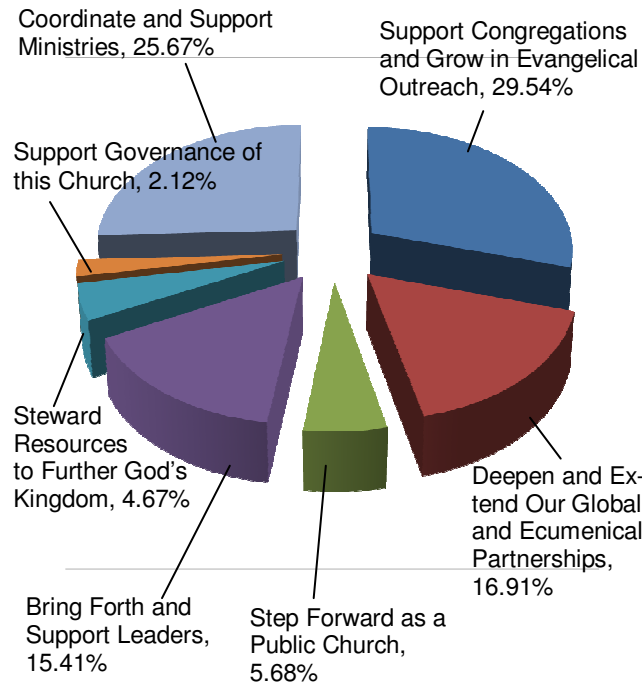
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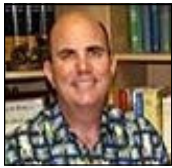
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BISHOP STEVE TALMAGE
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- Oversees the Synod mission plan and helps set direction for the life and mission of the Synod.
- Provides consultation to congregations during times of

transition, conflict, mission planning and development.

- Participates in mobility and candidacy aspects of the Synod office.
- Provides leadership at Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Ms. Barbara Dykman-Thomas
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- Manages the accounting of the GCS including the receipt and reporting of congregational mission support.



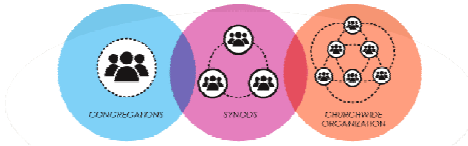
- Prepares and reports on the monthly financial statements.
- Coordinates the annual external audit.
- Consolidates the annual financial mission plan (budget).

Ms. Kimberlee Stevens
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- Oversees the Bishop's calendar.
- Oversight of rostered leader's and congregational files.
- Serves as Synod assembly coordinator.

- Serves as the Synod Mobility Coordinator.



The Three Expressions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

According to the ELCA constitution, we are one church body organized in three expressions--congregations, synods, and the churchwide organization. Each expression has its particular functions but all three together share a common mission. Together, they ensure a strong foundation of leadership that enables faithful gathering and gospel proclamation, community involvement, open dialogue and a culture of support for our 4.5 million members. Sixty-five synods throughout the country unite the work of congregations within their areas, serving as regional support and guiding candidates through the call process.

Rev. John Schaumburg
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- Assists in developing an emerging strategy for carrying out the mission of Jesus Christ through the congregations and disciples in the Grand Canyon Synod.
- Responsible for the general oversight of mission development, redevelopment, and ethnic-specific outreaches.
- Coordinates the formation of synod mission tables.
- Conducts ministry reviews of all ministries

Dr. Teri Traaen
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- Works with our national church on issues of hunger and hunger abatement through global, national and local efforts.
- Promotes ecumenical outreach with specific programs in the areas of poverty, homelessness, and hunger.
- Provides leadership support to our congregational lay leaders and clergy.
- Monitors legislation in the areas of human service programs, social justice efforts, and immigration, to provide input and influence based upon our church's 'social statements'.



Rev. Elaine Watskey
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- Serves as the Synod contact for candidates for public ministry in the ELCA and as Synod representative to first call pastors.
- Serves as Synod administrative lead for the Synod Candidacy Committee, the Region 2 Multi-Synodical Candidacy Committee, and the ELCA Vocation and Education Unit.
- Serves as a member of the Synod Mobility Team.
- Serves as Synod liaison with the Region 2 Advisory Committee for Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary for lay theological education.