

**BUSINESS MANAGER NEWS**  
***Iowa District West Congregations' Mission Receipts***

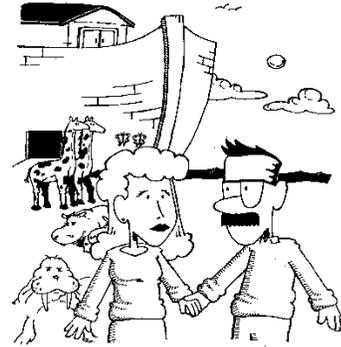


<b>Month Ending September 2020</b>	
Anticipated Amount	\$117,000
Actual Receipts	\$111,846
<b>Fiscal Year-to-Date Receipts</b>	
Anticipated Amount	\$936,000
Actual Receipts	\$904,991
Over (under) anticipated amount	\$(31,009)
<b>Use of Mission Receipts</b>	
Remitted to Synod (45%)	\$421,000
Balance for District programs & ministries	\$483,991
Total Receipts	\$904,991
<b>Mission Receipts Compared with Last Year</b>	
Month ending September 2020	\$904,991
Month ending September 2019	\$892,662
Over (under) last year	\$12,330

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THE FIRST THING NOAH DID AFTER COMING OUT OF THE ARK WAS TO GIVE GOD THANKS. DO YOU REMEMBER TO THANK YOUR DELIVERER FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN YOU?

“Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and...sacrificed burnt offerings on it” (Genesis 8:20).



Thanksgiving is not just for giving thanks for blessings you have received. It is a time to be reminded to have an attitude of gratitude. “Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name” (Psalm 100:4), exhorts the psalmist. Should we be without home or job, family or friends, wealth or possessions, we would still be bound to “give thanks to Him and praise His name.”

## Stewardship Spark / Monthly Mission Moment

Did you know that your congregational mission dollars support the Iowa District West budget in a variety of mission and ministry areas? To continue this strong partnership, we need your help. The 2021 Congregation Mission and Ministry Support Commitment Forms were sent in early October (also online at [www.idwlcms.org](http://www.idwlcms.org) under Ministry Areas-Stewardship-Annual Mailing tab). Please share your congregation support by January 15. The District and Synod mission and ministry efforts are dependent on congregation gifts. Even if you are supporting local missions and/or missionaries through Mission Central, it is necessary to continue to support District and Synod so we can provide congregational resources and support for your ministry. We celebrate the partnership of congregations as together we carry out Christ's mission in our District. Thank you to the many congregations who regularly and generously contribute toward the District and make our partnership a priority.

### The 41st Regular Convention of Iowa District West

Planning your budget for 2021? Remember to budget for the District Convention scheduled for June 27-29, 2021. Tentatively, there will be a small rate increase for the convention assessment: calculate \$70 per congregation and 22¢ per communicant member. The rate will most likely be higher if the convention is not held at Camp Okoboji.



### Church & Clergy Finance/Treasurers Workshop

Attention pastors, treasurers, and others helping with your congregation's finances. You will have an excellent opportunity to learn in-depth how to handle all the church financial details. Please plan to attend this free workshop on **Saturday, November 14** from 9 am to 3 pm. It will be conveniently located in Carroll. If unable to attend in person, we will attempt to also set-up a Zoom connection so you can attend virtually. Participants will receive a Congregational Treasurer's Manual (one book per church).

The guest speaker will be CPA Paul Pettit. He has been the Business Manager/Treasurer at the Nebraska District office for almost 30 years and brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise. A previous attendee states "I have always come away with something new or something that I had not considered before."

Thanks to Carole White and Lutheran Church Extension Fund for providing lunch. All program expenses are paid by funds from the District's insurance provider (American Church Group & Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company).



There will be a brief program planned for **January 16, 2021** from 9-11 am. To avoid winter weather and COVID-19 challenges, this will be held virtually. The guest speaker will be Mr. Bob Joy, CPA. He is very knowledgeable and has nearly 30 years of financial experience. Bob owns his own accounting business specializing in clergy taxes and is the financial manager for a large church.

If you have questions, contact Roger Curtis at the District office (515.576.7666 or [Roger@IowaDistrictWest.org](mailto:Roger@IowaDistrictWest.org)). The brochure/registration form is online at [www.idwlcms.org/administrative.php](http://www.idwlcms.org/administrative.php); the direct link to register is [www.surveymonkey.com/r/treasurer\\_wrkshp](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/treasurer_wrkshp).

### It's Annual Compensation Reporting Time

It's Annual Compensation Reporting (ACR) time with Concordia Plans. Providing accurate and updated compensation information is very important so that both the ministries' billing for the Concordia Plans and workers' benefits (retirement, disability, and death benefits) will be correctly calculated for 2021.

Beginning November 2, ministries can complete their ACR online via the secure Concordia Plans Employer Portal. If you haven't registered to use the online portal, contact Concordia Plans at 888-927-7526 to get set up.

Concordia Plans will host a webinar that will provide all the details you'll need to know about ACRs, including a demo of the ACR Online Tool. They're holding the same webinar twice, so you can pick the day that works best for you. Select a date to register: [November 17 at 1 pm](#) or [December 1 at 1 pm](#)

ACRs should be completed by December 31, 2020 for accurate reporting in the new year. Be sure to visit [ConcordiaPlans.org/ACR](http://ConcordiaPlans.org/ACR) for additional ACR information and resources.