

**Eastern  
North Dakota Synod  
Endowment Fund**

**When we help our pastors ... we help our congregations, we help ourselves grow in our faith, and we reach out to more people with the gospel of Jesus Christ.**

Churches aren't able to support education for seminarians like we used to. It's not because we don't want to, it's because budgets don't allow for it. So the question is: "What can we do to help?"

Support for the Eastern North Dakota Synod Endowment Fund provides financial help to pastors and seminarians in three ways:

- Helps defray annual seminary tuition costs of about \$10,000/year.
- Assists pastors repay burdensome seminary debt so they are not compelled to leave our synod for higher-paying positions in more urban areas.
- Assists pastors in receiving more equitable pension benefits.

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YES, you can count on me (us) for financial support!

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address/town/state/zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

My gift is enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I will make a mutli-year pledge as follows:

2007 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 2008 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 2009 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2010 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 2011 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I have included or plan to include the Eastern North Dakota Synod Endowment Fund through my estate plan.

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Please mail to: Eastern ND Synod Endowment Fund  
1703 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58103

**Thank you!**

**Called to Minister in Eastern North Dakota**



*"It is no accident that forgiveness applies to financial debt as well as sin. They both weigh heavy - even when you think you're strong - it's still dead weight. Thank you, thank you for your support of the Eastern North Dakota Synod Endowment Fund! Through your help and the help of my congregations, I was able to pay off my seminary loans, something I thought we would retire with."*

- Rev. Paul Simmons, Our Savior/Page, Trinity/Ayr, Redeemer/Hope

*The generosity of the Eastern North Dakota Synod, through its Endowment Fund, has allowed me to prepare for ministry in a rural context. I am grateful for the value the people of our Synod place in trained and prepared leaders. The Synod Endowment Fund has been a blessing in my process, and I thank you!"*

- Don Reynolds, lay minister, High Plains Ministry  
Our Redeemer's/Fairdale, Nekoma/Nekoma; Concordia/Edmore,  
Bethlehem/Doyon, Lawton/Lawton



*"The Synod Endowment Fund is a tangible sign that others value my ministry here and want it to succeed. The support from the endowment fund encourages me to commit to staying here as long as God can use me here. Thank your for offering joy in the journey of Christian discipleship."*

- Rev. Jolene Knudson-Hanse, South Trinity/Grafton,  
Zion/Hoople

The Eastern North Dakota Synod Endowment Steering Committee includes:

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**In Romans 10:14-15, Paul makes it so clear:**

*How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"*