

Hello

Greetings and peace.

Thanks to our Presiding Bishop, the Staff in the Lutheran Center, employees, Programs Directors, Units Directors; to all the Programs that move quickly to help and be in communication. Our response is our work in the communities; we continue walking with the people because of each one of you.

Thanks for all the help send, the prayers and solidarity. Many things are in place because of each one of you, you make the difference. We continue our work, meeting one day in the week to coordinate and dialogue, the other days are used to help and work in the communities. The work is hard and the needs of families will continue, and we, the Lutheran Church, will continue doing what is needed. Every one of you is an example, continue been who you are: Lutherans and Christians.

I send a brief report yesterday and today I am sending a summary describing how the offerings and donations have been used. I know that several synods, congregations, organizations and individual persons send the offering to LDR-ELCA, thanks and continue doing it. Some Synods, congregations, organizations and individual are sending the offering to the Caribbean Synod, thanks and if you think is a good way to help us, continue doing it, we will use the monies to help the community through our congregations and volunteers working in both LDR Team Groups, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

Attached:

1. Report to Conference of Bishops, information on how we are using the offerings (LDR have their own report) received at the Synod.
2. Monthly Benevolence (Mission Support) received at the Synod from congregations last Fiscal Year

In humble obedience to the Gospel.

Paz

Felipe

(Please note: The summary report to the Conference of Bishops is printed on the reverse of this letter. We did not include the second attachment in this reprint of Bishop Lozada's correspondence. Sandy DeLorenze).

Apportions Received at Caribbean Synod Office				Note
Income and expenses (Including future expenses)				
Incomes/offerings/donations received				
From Synosa (18, others send offerings to LDR)	\$ 159,903.03			
Other offerings (congregations & members)	\$ 55,951.14			
Total	\$ 215,854.17			
Expenses/Investments				
Pastors (retired/actives)/(both districts)		\$ 19,500.00		
Transferred to Camp (Insurance, utilities)		\$ 10,000.00		
Caribbean Synod (Cleaning, repairs)		\$ 4,000.00		
Social Help Fund (to help communities)		\$ 5,000.00		
Congregations of both districts		\$ 12,000.00		
PR Council of Churches (repairs and volunteers)		\$ 7,000.00		
PR Evangelical Seminary (repairs and maintenance)		\$ 7,000.00		
PR Social Services (communities impacted)		\$ 5,000.00		
VI Social Services (community impacted)		\$ 7,000.00		
Amor Sacramentado (ecumenical partner needs)		\$ 2,000.00		
PR Bible Society (ecumenical partner needs)		\$ 2,000.00		
Electronic Transfers (Bank Commission)		\$ 135.00		
Total		\$ 80,635.00		
Balance			\$ 135,219.17	
Projections of future expenses/apportions				
Restricted for next Hurricane Season	\$ 15,000.00			
Electric Generator for Synod Office	\$ 5,000.00			
Long Term Recovery in congregations, etc.	\$ 40,000.00			
Unmet needs (Hurricane season starts in June)	\$ 20,000.00			
Help to congregations and ecumenicals in need	\$ 35,000.00			
Total	\$ 115,000.00			
Balance (in preparation for new Hurricane Season)			\$ 20,219.17	
This report doesn't include LDR and ELCA Funding				
LDR-USA is in communication with LDR-VI & LDR-PR				
We are now planning for two or three years				
Hundreds of volunteers and missionaries are working				
Thanks to our partners in the ELCA and the Ecumenicals				
Your generosity represents our Lutheran Identity				
All are welcome and we all appreciate the partnership				
God Work. Our Hands.				
We are a community of faith that pray and walk with the people				
FLM/Report to Conference of Bishops 2018-03				