

**Faith, Finances, Freedom  
The Lifeline Fund**

- ◆ *Building sound financial practices through education for our rostered ministers.*
- ◆ *Relieving economic stress with financial support for our rostered ministers & struggling congregations.*
- ◆ *Encouraging and supporting congregations in mission to their communities.*

**APPLY TODAY!**

**Rostered Ministers! Apply here!**

www.nclutheran.org. Look under Congregations, Finances, The Lifeline Fund, complete & submit the Initial Application. We will contact you after receiving your application.

All Rostered Ministers (Active and Retired) & Congregations in the NC Synod, are eligible to apply! Contact Caroline Mocko at [cmocko@nclutheran.org](mailto:cmocko@nclutheran.org) or call 704-680-9569 for more information!

## 3 Ways to Win!

Healthy Leaders



Vital Congregations



Flourishing  
Communities

for the sake of the world!



Lilly Endowment, Inc. has provided “seed money” for The Lifeline Fund through a grant awarded to the North Carolina Synod in late 2016. Lilly Endowment, Inc. has identified their “2016 National Initiative to Address Economic Challenges Facing Pastoral Leaders” and we are blessed to be partners with Lilly Endowment, Inc. in that endeavor and are required to match a portion of the funds awarded to the synod.

Walking Together. Sharing Christ.

Faith + Finances + Freedom

A Ministry of the North Carolina Synod



**EDUCATE + SUPPORT  
ENHANCE + BLESS**

**Faith + Finances + Freedom**  
Financial Education

Stewardship Education

**The Lifeline Fund**

Support for Rostered Ministers

Support for Struggling  
Congregations!



**North Carolina Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.



## Who we serve!

The Lifeline Fund serves Rostered Ministers across our synod, both active and retired, and helps congregations interested in partnerships for God's Mission.

## "Surveys Said"

Detailed research conducted with 4 surveys and 593 respondents uncovered worry about health care costs, little or no retirement income, seminary debt, and little or no savings.

*These economic challenges impact the quality of ministry.*

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## The need for a lifeline!

**WHY?** *A pastor serves in ministry for 55 years, yet in retirement, finds himself broke and in a nursing home. As his health fails, at age 82, he and his wife are unable to pay his medical bills. They have to declare bankruptcy. They lost their home. He is now in a nursing home on Medicaid and his wife lives in low income housing. A truly heart breaking story! The Lifeline Fund and Bishop Smith got together and presented this pastor and his wife \$3000 to payoff his outstanding medical bills!*

*A young clergy couple graduated from seminary, bringing with them over \$40,000 in debt. As a clergy couple, they received their first call and now are serving in a congregation they love and who love them. Their call is part time, so together they make what a single pastor would make and yet they still have their seminary debt to repay. The Lifeline Fund has awarded each of them \$1200, paid to their lender. This is our effort to help pay down their seminary debt, take them on a path to financial well being through financial education and counseling, and keep them stress free as they journey in ministry.*



## Be A Lifeline

**100% of your contribution is matched & 100% is given!**  
**Your support makes an immediate impact in the lives of our rostered ministers & congregations.**

In 2017 I/we will give:

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$1000.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$2000.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$5000.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$10,000.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$15,000.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$25,000.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ (Other)

*The gift will be paid:*  
\_\_\_ in one gift or \_\_\_ in two installments  
\_\_\_\_\_ Stock Transfer (you will be contacted by our Synod Finance Director)  
\_\_\_ by check (payable to the NC Synod Lifeline Fund, 1988 Lutheran Synod Dr., Salisbury, NC 28144)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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