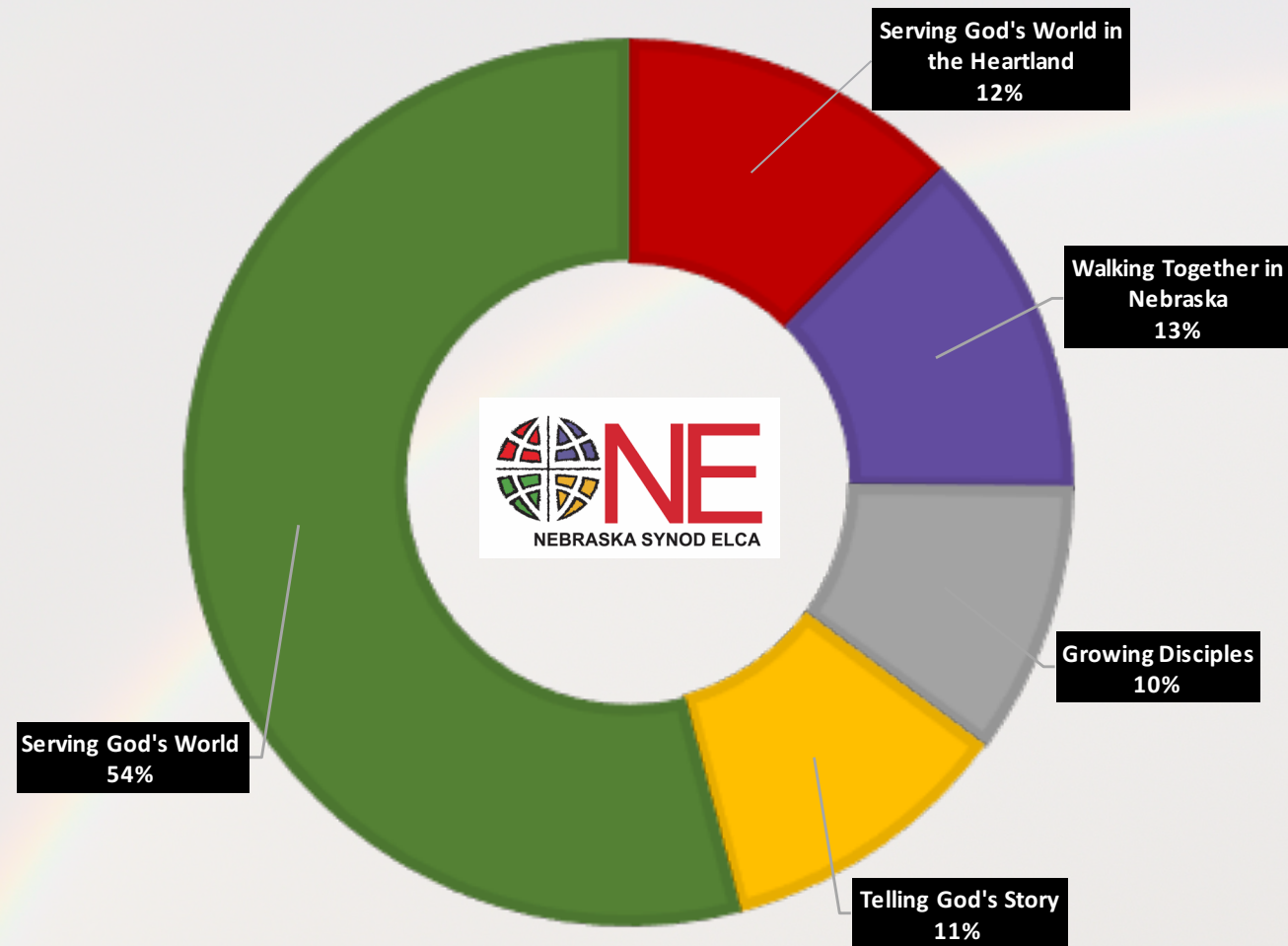


A Spectrum of Your Gifts at Work



Together as the Nebraska Synod we are growing disciples, walking together, and serving God's world. Through the stewardship of the synod's resources, over 50% of synod contributions are shared annually with the larger Evangelical Lutheran Church in America supporting and doing ministry around the globe. Over \$400,000 is contributed annually to serving God's world closer to home in the Heartland, and nearly \$450,000 is shared to do ministry as we are walking together in Nebraska. Through your support and participation, we tell God's story of grace to a world in need. Thank you for supporting the synod, responding to God's call, and for being a part of the church together.

Growing Disciples + Walking Together + Serving God's World

Let Your Light Shine



Growing Disciples

Let Your Light Shine...

These words of Jesus, along with a lit candle, are the welcome and charge to every person baptized into the Body of Christ, the church. Everything we do after that moment is our response—our stewardship of the life God gives us. These pages tell the story of how all of us, being church as the Nebraska Synod ELCA, steward that gift; how we let that light shine. And shine it does—in every corner of our state, across the nation and around the globe. It is Christ's light, not our own. In faith, we share it so that it might shine into the darkness of doubt, despair, disappointment, even disaster; so that others might know the Light that is Jesus Christ, and in his light, find hope and life.



In March 2019, Nebraska was hit by a devastating flood and blizzard. Many Nebraskans lost everything and were faced with doubt, disappointment, and despair. But, in the aftermath, God's light shone through the darkness to bring hope to these communities. Since the disaster, the Nebraska Synod has received \$256,275 in disaster donations from 27 states and Canada.



278 youth & their adult leaders from 37 congregations & 1 serving arm will attend the 2019 Journey



Seeking the Spirit Within has certified 60 people as spiritual directors. 75 people have participated in the Drinking from the Well program.



36 Parish Ministry Associates are currently certified. 24 PMAs/PMA students are currently serving 35 congregations & 1 agency in the synod.



29 Candidates for ministry are currently in the Candidacy Process through the Nebraska Synod.

Walking Together & Serving God's World



106,000 miles were driven by staff to visit congregations in 2018.



24 congregations participated in Transformational Ministry since 2016. 14 Congregational Renewal Grants were distributed since 2017.



337 rostered ministers & leaders completed Boundaries training since 2015.



On average it costs \$10,000 to accompany a single congregation through the call process.



10 Mission Field Nebraska ministries received \$399,146 from the synod in 2018.



55 Guardian Angels trained as part of the AMMPARO program. 45 Guardian Angels are currently serving in Nebraska.



There has been 55 years of combined companion partnerships with Argentina/Uruguay and Tanzania.



13 Serving Arms partners provide \$450 million in services to 51,000 people through 8,300 employees.