LUCIS Software Editions

LUCIS Software v.3 is released in five editions: Lite, Standard, Standard Plus, Advanced, and Professional. These editions vary in the complexity of accounting provided for and support different database levels.

Separate general accounting entry screens are provided for payments, non-donation receipts, transfers, and general accounting entries. On the donations side a specialized screen is provided for donation entry which notes the 10 most recent offerings used by the donor. Entry Import and data export is provided for those who wish to import from or export to software such as Excel, etc.

In all cases accounts, vendors, donors, offerings, etc. have dynamically activated lookups for search and selection which allow new accounts, vendors, donors, offerings, etc. to be set up and used on-the-fly as needed.

LUCIS Lite Edition: The Lite Edition is based on the concept used with the manual columnar accounting method still used by some churches and is the closest approximation within the LUCIS Sofware to Jewel and the Union College Donation Accounting. This edition uses the cash accounting method (no A/R, A/P, etc.) and 1-3 digit integer account numbers. Besides checking and savings accounts, and remittance trust accounts, the software can accommodate, but does not require, investment and other assets, local trust and other liabilities. The software will accommodate as many local funds as needed (equivalent to the columns of the columns of the manual accounting method).

Net Assets consist of as many local funds as needed (usually one per local offering plus one for each local fund that may not receive direct donations) and entries are posted to the local fund - the software identifies the type of activity and records the activity appropriately so income, expenses, and transfers can be identified for reporting without the user having to address debits/credits (except for the General Entry screen which is normally not used). Monthly budgets are automatically 1/12 of the annual budget. Standard reports (which can be customized by the conference) are available.

A simplified interface to of the donations module is under development (the standard interface is currently in use).

LUCIS Standard Edition: The Standard Edition is a close approximation of The Church Accountant. Besides the features of the Lite Edition it provides for low-level accrual accounting and allows for sub-accounts (identified by a decimal extension to the account number). The sub-account expansion allows for multiple income and expense accounts to local funds (same as The Church Accountant). Budget options are expanded to allow an equal distribution among months checked as well as 1/12 the annual budget. Expanded reporting with user-selectable options is available in the Standard Edition.

LUCIS Standard Plus Edition: The LUCIS Standard+ Edition adds accounts receivable aging, finance charge, and billing, plus the ability to save/retrieve entries for future recall primarily to accommodate church schools. Additional transfer options are also available. In addition to the standard reports, a user-defined custom reporting is available with the support option turned on (primarily for conference use) to allow conference support personnel to define and distribute report templates for the organizations in its territory.

LUCIS Advanced Edition: The Advanced Edition is intended for use by larger organizations that do not have a need to account for restrictions. It uses a three-section account number to identify fund, restriction-class, and object. Besides the functions common to the lower editions, the Advanced Edition allows the user to manage functions and classes, introduces Notes Receivable/Payable interest calculation, posting and reporting, and seasonal budget distribution. Besides the standard reports full access is granted to edit/create custom reports.

LUCIS Professional Edition: The Professional Edition adds to the Advanced Edition a multi-transaction entry screen, imaging, and formal restriction accounting.