Mission Grants

2020-2022

North Wisconsin District LWML
North WI District Professional Church Workers Student Grants

$25,000
North Wisconsin District Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Mission is: Encourage, Network, and Equip Lutheran congregations of the North Wisconsin District to make known the love of Christ vigorously.
Romans 10:14-15 says, "How can they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?"
There is a great need for Pastors, teachers, and other professional church workers.
The North Wisconsin District has been a strong and faithful supporter of the Professional Church Work students from our District for many years.
The mission grant of $25,000 will continue that support and will be given as financial aid to our NWD students who are studying to become professional church workers.
Recognizing that most students live on a very limited income, the Seminary has established the Co-op to help provide food and clothing for the students and their families.
When students make the decision to leave their jobs and come to the seminary with their families, they no longer have the same financial flow of funds but still have many financial needs.
Many times they are unable to find adequate employment. The Co-op supplies 80-85% of all food and household needs each month at no cost to the student thanks to individual donors, churches, and other organizations.
This grant for $10,000 will purchase perishable items to help meet the needs of seminary students.
“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like a sheep without a shepherd. He then said to his disciples, ’The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the Harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest fields.’” Matthew 9:36-38.
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment for Future Generations
Camp Luther, Three Lakes

$20,000
More than 6,000 people are blessed by the ministry of Camp Luther each year. The Camp Luther staff has had opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with people from Wisconsin for over 73 years.
The current facility which is over 100 years old can not adequately meet the needs of the growing ministry.
Community Center for Camp Luther

Camp Luther is building a new Community Center, so that those who come to Camp will be served and lifted up in prayer.
The grant money will help to furnish and equip the community center at Camp Luther for the next generation of children and families.
Introducing Muslims to the Savior

Lutheran Heritage Foundation

$7,500
Today the need for the WORD is deeply felt in countries dominated by Islam. Nearly a quarter of the world’s population is Muslim who are living in spiritual darkness, starving for the love of Jesus Christ.

Fifty countries in the world have Muslim majority and LHF is at work in 14 of those countries.
Because Arabic is spoken in many Muslim countries, LHF’s Arabic translations have the potential to reach into Islamic regions where there are few or no active Lutheran missions. *A Child’s Garden of Bible Stories* is one of those books in high demand.
In North Wisconsin, there are a half-dozen Islamic mosques or centers. Muslim acquaintances are being introduced to Jesus through LHF’s translated books.
Books like *Luther’s Small Catechism*, devotions and tracts are translated into the languages of the people and provide an easy and logical outlet for the Gospel to take root.

Amazingly, it only costs $5 or less for LHF to print books and pamphlets!
This grant will provide thousands of books for *Introducing Muslims to the Savior*. It will give church leaders, missionaries and acquaintances world-wide the materials they need to share the Good News with Muslims in languages they can read and understand.
Support for Concordia Seminary, St Louis, International Graduate School Students

$10,000
There is a significant shortage of well-informed Lutheran Pastors with advanced theological education available to serve in foreign countries.
Few overseas Lutheran bodies have the resources to send their most capable students to the U.S. for this advanced study.
A grant of $10,000 will be used to provide vital support for the International Graduate School of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.
Students will be equipped with the training necessary to return to their foreign country, where Lutheranism is spreading, thereby filling a great need for God’s Word to be taught in its truth and purity.
Sharing the Joy of Jesus in Prague, Brno, Czech Republic, through Mobile App

$12,000
In Prague, most Czechs avoid eye contact and conversation, especially with people who don’t speak their difficult language. On buses, people plug into their mobile devices.
Nearly 80% of Czechs identify themselves as atheists, so how do you share the Gospel and build relationships or even start a conversation with people who are so tuned out?
Pastors and missionaries, came up with an idea using technology to share the Gospel. A Prayer App which asks the user how they feel today and then connects them to a Scripture passage that address those emotions.
After reading the scripture passage, users can request a free Bible, sign up to receive daily Scripture verses, have a prayer sent to their device, request information about the local church or email a pastor.
Congregation members are distributing cards with QR codes in various locations around Prague like coffee shops and cafes. The cards help people access the app. Then users share the app with friends and family.
Bibles are given out at churches. A bilingual Czech pastor and Deacons are on hand to welcome newcomers.

The money from this grant will pay for the technology for the mobile app.
Missionaries Elliot and Serena Derricks, Lutheran Bible Translators - Translation & Office Building Support

$5,000
The Lord has called Elliot and Serena Derricks, Lutheran Bible Translators, to serve in Cameroon, West Africa. They have been in Cameroon for 18 months learning the language of the Subula* people.  
*Pseudonym due to situation.
The work involves revision of the New Testament and translating the Old Testament into the people’s native tongue. Approximately 80,000 people have never heard of Jesus.
For the translation to be more effective, the Derricks will need to involve the people of Cameroon. This will enable the people to feel more ownership and connection with God’s Word.
The funds from this grant will help the Derricks get a literacy office plus materials like computers and printers to aid in translating the Bible into the Subula* language.
During a church service that the Derricks attended, the Pastor of the church told the congregation about the many years that it will take to translate the Bible. To the elderly people of my village I say, “Although you may never see a complete Bible before you leave this earth, look around at the children filling the church today, the future of our village. Praise God that they will see the Subula* Bible with their own eyes in their lifetime.”
MOST Ministries
Eyeglass and Evangelism Ministry

$10,000
Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries whose mission is to “Impact the world for Jesus Christ, through short term missions by Empowering the Found in Reaching the Lost”
Eyeglass and Evangelism ministry has been one of MOST’s sought after services. Over 10,000 people every year are served by eye glass mission trips. There are 10 to 12 teams sent each year and each team serves about 850 people in one week.
Ministry teams pack, ship and carry over 30,000 pairs of recycled eyeglasses around the world annually.
In our mission center, located in Ann Arbor, MI, donated glasses are inspected, sorted, washed, and the prescription of the glasses is read by a lensometer. It costs $2.00 to refurbish each pair of glasses and get them ready to be shipped to the mission field.
The grant money will help to purchase supplies needed on the mission field and send 5,000 pairs of glasses to people in need.

White canes, which MOST purchases, are sent with each team to be used for those people who come to be tested but are found to be blind.

Children learning the Gospel story using witness bracelets made by volunteers in the U.S.
Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School, Mosinee, WI
Tuition Assistance

$5,000
For fifteen years Wisconsin Valley Lutheran has been shaping individuals to be Christian leaders through excellence in education.
God has opened the doors at Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School for the Good News of Salvation to be taught to ALL His children.
Education at the high school level is very costly. Many families are not able to afford full tuition.
The monies from this grant will enable more families to enroll their children at Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School, giving their children the blessing of hearing and digesting the Word of God as they grow and become Christian leaders.
Victory’s Mission of Hope—Gwinn, Michigan
$20,000 Partial funding: $4,782.61
Victory Lutheran Church, a North Wisconsin District mission near Marquette, Michigan, operates like an inner-city congregation, helping residents with their earthly as well as their spiritual needs.
Victory remains the only regular “beacon of hope” for this community and through God’s Word, combats this darkness.
This mission is supported by a small core group of members with 90% of its funds coming from supporting churches and groups like the LWML.
Our need at this time is for new flooring in the sanctuary.
The sum of $4,782.61 will be used to aid in the cost of maintaining the ministry.
Life Recovery Bibles
Marathon County Jail Ministry

$3,000 Partial funding: $717.39
In a letter from the wife of an inmate who was released from jail stated: “My husband’s Life Recovery Bible travels with him while he works on the pipeline in several states. This copy was given to him from Pastor Ray 2 years ago. He’s kept it in his truck reading it at lunch, and periodically sharing the Word with co-workers.”
Life has turned around for him since his incarceration. He’s working hard. We recently bought a home, he’s keeping his head straight, and is well-respected amongst his peers.
Chaplain Ray Slaton of Greater Wausau Christian Services, leads Bible studies, and shares the Word as part of his jail ministry. Life Recovery Bibles are given to those desiring to continue in the Word upon release from jail.
A gift of $717.39 will make it possible to replenish the dwindling supply of Bibles, offering hope and Christ’s love to those who need it so desperately. Psalm 119:105 says, “Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.”