

Labor of Love

\$20,000

A significant number of church workers in the North Wisconsin District begin their Ministry in a weak financial position, having been saddled with considerable debt from their schooling. These people traditionally have growing families to the extent that their salaries and benefits are not adequate to cover their expenses.



God has called many church workers in our district, workers that include pastors, youth pastors, DCE's and parochial school teachers. However, due to the debt load they carry, many churches and schools cannot pay them enough to keep them in our district.



North Wisconsin District has a Church Worker Debt Relief Fund called "Labor of Love." This program is for rostered church workers who have completed their Synod training and are currently serving in the LCMS North Wisconsin District. Grants are limited to individuals in their first ten years of service after graduation, commissioning, or ordination. The LCMS North Wisconsin district office handles applications and disbursements of funds directly to the schools where the debt is owed.

1 Corinthians 16:1 says *"Now about the collection for God's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do."* Here Paul instructs the churches to support ministry. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League is doing the same with this grant.

