

2010-2012 Mission Grant Proposals

1. ____ Filling Pulpits by Providing Scholarships for Michigan Men in the Seminary - \$25,000 – In an effort to help fill the need for pastors in our Synod's pulpits this grant, if selected, from the Michigan district LWML will provide financial assistance to Michigan men at our two LCMS Seminaries. Through this provision of funds we can help offset the increasing cost of a seminary education, serve the church at large, and support these men as they complete their seminary education for the pastoral ministry.
2. ____ Scholarships for Female Students Studying for Deaconess or for other Professional Church Work - \$20,000 – These funds would provide \$500.00 scholarships towards the cost of education for any Michigan District LWML female student enrolled in the Concordia University System or Deaconess Program at one of the two LCMS seminaries as a full-time student pursuing a career in church work within the LCMS.
3. ____ Support Heart to Heart Sisters & Their Mentors – 2012 Convention Activities - \$8,000 – Many churches in Michigan are surrounded by culturally diverse neighborhoods, but their congregations do not reflect these diverse communities. Other churches have cultural ministries housed within their walls, but there is little inclusion of these women in existing LWML societies. With financial assistance to attend the 2012 Michigan District Convention, not only for Heart to Heart Sisters, but also for their mentors, culturally diverse women will come, see and better understand what LWML has to offer to them and the church at large.
4. ____ Eyeglass Clinic Program, Kyrgyzstan - \$15,000 – A mobile team consisting of an optometrist and evangelist will work in the villages of Kyrgyzstan. The primary objective will be to give Christian witness to the patients of the eyeglass clinics, along with setting up new groups which will eventually become home churches in villages where a Lutheran church is not available, as well as promoting the growth of the Lutheran church in the villages where they are available. All this will be accomplished while providing eyeglasses to the poor and needy of Kyrgyzstan.
5. ____ Growing Christ's Kingdom Through Mission Congregations - \$25,000 - This grant will enable the Michigan District LWML to partner with the Michigan District LCMS in planting mission congregations in each the next two (2) years.
6. ____ Seminary Student Tuition Assistance Matching Grant - \$12,500 – The purpose of this grant is to provide tuition assistance to seminary students preparing for the pastoral ministry. If selected, this grant will be matched 1:1 by the LC-MS Joint Seminary Fund and distributed to Concordia Theological Seminary - St. Louis and Concordia Theological Seminary-Ft. Wayne.
7. ____ A Grace Place for Michigan District Church workers - \$15,000 – If selected this grant will provide financial assistance for church workers to attend a retreat, focusing on keeping healthy. These Grace Place Retreats give training focused on preventive care and wellness in all areas of health, and are reinforced through the one year post retreat online training.
8. ____ Ann Arbor Mission Site and Child Care Ministry - \$25,000 – This grant envisions a new community of previously unchurched families, regardless of their previous faith commitments, being reached for Christ through the opening of a new child care center. The Gospel will be introduced to families through the child care center curriculum, through family support classes, family friendly activities, and through weekly Bible Studies and worship.
9. ____ Financial Assistance for Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne Food and Clothing Co-Op to Purchase Food - \$15,000 –The Co-op seeks the funds to finance three months cost for perishable food needed to stock the shelves for the student pastors and their families. These commodities cost \$5,000 a month. This assistance from the Co-op enables seminarians to feed their families while continuing to pursue their training to become pastors of the LC-MS.

10. _____ Women Serving Short-Term Mission Trips - \$25,000 – Since its beginning, the Michigan District LWML has committed itself in supporting missions and missionaries throughout the world. Since 2003 the MI District LWML has been working with MOST (Mission Opportunity Short Term) Ministries to provide the opportunity for District LWML women to experience the joys of hands-on mission work. Because women who volunteer to go on a mission trip have to secure their own financing, this grant would help off-set a portion of their cost. For the first time, there will be an opportunity to serve at an in-district mission trip, as well as the international trips set up by MOST ministries.

11. _____ Training Believers, Greater China - \$10,000 – This grant would provide funding for publishing of training materials, learning workshops, and reference books (Bible commentaries) in assisting pastors and laypeople to be better and thoroughly equipped for educating and training Christians in greater China.

12. _____ Rasch Family Missionary Support - \$8,000 – To support the Rasch family as they serve the LCMS as missionaries to Nigeria and West Africa. The Rasch's are based at Hillcrest Schools, an international school that is known for high quality education. Approximately 300 students from 29 countries attend this school which offers academic classes, music, band, choir, plays and special services. They also teach West African church leaders how to use computers, how to look for Christian resources on-line and how to use computers to stay in touch across long distances

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13. _____ Wittenberg Project - \$12,000 – This grant will support the renovations of the Old Latin School in Wittenberg, Germany into a Gospel Outreach Center by providing a chapel for the ministry of Word and Sacrament and planting a German language congregation. It will be a Welcome Center for the many people visiting Wittenberg, expose them to the Reformation, its theology and its place in today's society, and provide a place for theological study.

14. _____ Concordia International School, Shanghai - \$10,000 – These funds are requested by LC-MS World Mission to carry out the school's mission statement: "To pursue excellence for all in a spiritual learning community." More than 30 percent of the students are not Christian, but the curriculum is based on Biblical teachings. This grant will provide Concordia Publishing House with funds to provide resources for the students.

15. _____ Project Compassion Ministries' Chaplaincy Outreach - \$25,000 – The purpose of this grant is to increase the number of contacts with the elderly and individuals with disabilities who are residents in nursing homes and other assisted living facilities. The funds will be used specifically in the compensation of certified trained chaplains providing chaplaincy hours.

16. _____ "Defray Shipping Costs for Goods to Special Needs Children in the Dominican Republic" - \$10,000 – With the opening of a regional division for the Orphan Grain Train in Frankenmuth, MI, money is needed to defray the cost of shipping one (1) container of supplies to the Dominican Republic.

~~17. _____ Opening a New Outreach for the Blind in Ann Arbor, Michigan - \$5,000 – Since 1999, Lutheran Blind has established 60+ outreach centers around the country. Plans are to have 75 in the next 2 years. Basic operations include monthly gatherings to share God's Word, monthly fellowship meals, Bible study opportunity, computer training, Braille classes, assisting visually impaired with resume writing and job interview skills to name a few. Monies will be used for operations and training and supplies.~~

18. _____ Together We Can Make a Difference - \$25,000 – Children with special learning needs are often denied access to Christian schools or they receive an inadequate education due to the problems posed by their special learning needs. As there are 27 partnerships in the Michigan District with LSEM (Lutheran Special Education Ministries), this grant would be used within the urban Detroit corridor to support and enrich education of children with special learning needs by expanding the programs and services to include children, families, schools, congregations, and community and public organizations of the LSEM.

19. _____ Out of the Orphanage – Group Homes for the Disabled in the Dominican Republic - \$5,000 – As the disabled children in the government-run orphanages in the Dominican Republic receive next to nothing in regards to care, this grant would assist in the start-up cost and a two-month operation support for a new group home for disabled children where they will receive personal care and needs support in an environment where the Christian faith and love of Jesus will be shared with them.

- 20._____Developing Religious Life Curriculum for God's People with Developmental Disabilities - \$15,000 – This grant would help Good Shepherd Auxiliary Fund of Bethesda Lutheran Communities in developing a comprehensive series of religious life curriculum for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It will be designed for small group instruction to be implemented in congregation and community based settings.
- 21._____Hamtramck-Reclaiming our "Judea" for Christ - \$20,000 –This grant, if selected, will enable a Bengali missionary-pastor and his wife to work full time in bringing the Gospel to Bengali Muslims in the Hamtramck. They will work alongside All Nations Lutheran Church in Troy, Michigan.
- 22._____Continuing "Worship for Shut-Ins" throughout Michigan and Worldwide - \$25,000 –The Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc., based in Fort Wayne, has been broadcasting the Gospel message for 29 years to homebound and unchurched individuals. This grant would be used to continue to reach people in Michigan and worldwide through their affiliation with the Total Christian Television Network (TNT).
- 23._____Communicating Word and Sacrament Ministry through Technology to Hispanics in Michigan - \$17,100 – This grant, if selected, would allow LATINO and Pan De Vida to provide much needed upgrades to audio-visual equipment. They are 100% dependent on technology as all of the liturgy, music, hymns are presented through this means as there is no instrumentally talented members of the congregation at this time. This grant would aid in their continuing Gospel outreach to the Hispanic community throughout Southwest Detroit and the state of Michigan.
- 24._____MOST Ministries Health Education Project - \$11,150 – This grant, if selected, would help to purchase supplies for 20 Health Education Kits and 10 *Faith Comes by Hearing* proclaimer kits to be used out on the mission field. Health Education Kits will help to teach proper hygiene and how to avoid the spread of germs to prevent many common illnesses. Bodies and souls are in desperate need of the tools, education, and the Gospel that MOST teams will be able to provide.
- 25._____LCMS Campus Ministries Training Grant - \$3,600 – This grant, if selected, would help to provide resources, leadership, and faith-based training to campus ministry and student leaders at the local level on college campuses. This will be done through regional and national conferences. It will also assist leaders, through the grace of God, to be well equipped to share the Gospel.