

Northwest Synod of Wisconsin –Mission Endowment Fund Committee Report to the Synod Assembly.

The purpose of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Mission Endowment Fund is to:

- Encourage the concept of whole life stewardship and to receive and manage donations, bequests and charitable gifts from individuals, congregations and organizations.
- Strengthen the ministry of the Synod
- Enhance the ministry of the Synod in addition to, and apart from, its yearly operating budget, with emphasis on, but not limited to:
 - Establishing mission congregations;
 - Redeveloping existing congregations;
 - Developing and supporting mission and evangelism programs; and
 - Supporting global missions and international outreach.

The fund is intended to encourage, educate, motivate, and assist individuals, congregations, and other entities and organizations in the making of donations, bequests, and other charitable gifts in order to support and expand the mission and ministry of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin.

The fund committee consists of five members at large, the Treasurer of the Synod, plus the Synod Bishop. At large members are appointed by the Synod Council. Members include; Louise Foss, Rev. Jim Bump, Doug Larson, John Levi-synod council treasurer, Ted Hakala, Bishop Rick Hoyme and Liz Bartsch, Assistant to the Bishop-Administration.



Under normal operating conditions, the fund committee may authorize distributions of no more than 10% of the fund principle plus investment earnings over the course of its fiscal year. In 2017, just under \$37,000 was available for distribution. The fund committee received 3 requests in 2017 and early 2018. Requests were received from the Synod to partially fund Walking Together in 2018. In addition, the Synod also requested funds to support Learning Together, which was held at Central Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls. The third request was received from Living Water in Cameron to purchase technology,



installation and training for their satellite worship project. Living Water also received a grant from the Siebert Foundation for the project with the contingency that funds would be matched by the Synod. All three projects were determined as appropriate and approved by the fund committee.



The Endowment fund committee strongly encourages congregations and congregational groups to consider an application to the Synod Endowment Fund to enhance ministry, congregational outreach and other worthwhile projects. For more information, or to make a gift please contact the Northwest Synod office.

Respectfully submitted by: Northwest Synod Mission Endowment Fund Committee