

## LWML MN SOUTH DISTRICT MISSION GRANTS 2020-2022 BIENNIUM

### **1. Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Food Co-op **\$10,000****

The Food and Clothing Co-op plays a key role in helping students feed and clothe their families during their seminary years. The Food Co-op provides 80%-90% of groceries and household needs for future church workers and their families at no cost to them. A grant would be used for purchasing only perishable food items each month which are then given directly to the seminary students and their families. *And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. Acts 2:46-47*

### **2. Minnesota South District Student Aid Scholarships **\$30,000****

The Minnesota South District offers scholarships to LCMS students studying at one of the Concordia University System universities or seminaries to become professional church workers. The training and equipping of men and women for full-time professional ministry in the Church is imperative to carrying out Jesus' Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. The training that mission workers receive in the Concordia University System helps them devote themselves to serving the people of the world post-graduation. This grant would continue to provide aid to current and future mission workers confronted with rapidly rising tuition costs. *Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Col. 2:6-7*

### **3. LCMS Missionary Support at Just the Right Time (Mission Central) **\$10,000****

Mission Central supports missionaries around the world and provides connections with churches and organizations in the Midwest area. Missionaries who are called and sent by the LCMS must find their own funding. This grant will be used for flights to and from the mission location where they serve, transportation within the mission field, insurance coverage, housing expenses, utilities, office materials and equipment, education for children, salary for family and orientation and training cost in the mission field. Grant funds will be directed to the LCMS missionary or mission project with the greatest need when grant money is received. *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8*

### **4. The Dwelling Place – General Operating Support **\$10,000****

The Dwelling Place is a Christian ministry providing healing and hope to victims of domestic abuse through supportive services and a safe place to call home. This program seeks to end the generational cycle of domestic violence by helping women and their children become self-sufficient, empowered, and committed to living a spiritually centered healthy life. This grant funding would be directed to the costs of providing transitional housing with supportive services and education for women and children escaping abuse and equipping them to live Christ-centered lives. *The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. 2 Tim. 4:18*

**5. The Timothy Scholarship – Mayer Lutheran High School **\$15,000****

The Timothy Scholarship provides tuition assistance to non-Lutheran families, who are un-churched or nominally Christian, so that they will pay less tuition than a Lutheran family to attend Mayer Lutheran High School. Matching funds are provided by a private sponsor. The Timothy Scholarship provides \$1,500 to the first ten community students who enroll for a total of \$15,000. This grant would expand the funds available to help even more families enroll their children in a Christ-centered school. *Command and teach these things. Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.* 1 Tim. 4:11-12

**6. Tuition Assistance – Martin Luther High School, Northrup **\$15,000****

Each year Martin Luther High School (MLHS) awards an average of \$80,000 in tuition assistance to needy families who, without these scholarships, would not be able to have their teens be blessed by a Christian high school education. This amount increased to \$85,000 for the 2019-20 school year and it is anticipated it will continue to rise. A grant will provide scholarships to students in financial need and will help MLHS operate in a fiscally responsible manner. *See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.* 1 John 3:1

**7. Rooted \* Celebrating \* Growing – Capital Campaign of Camp Omega **\$20,000****

Camp Omega's Capital Campaign is an on-going effort to construct a Family/Adult Retreat Center that will provide guests with 25 modern rooms and meeting areas to accommodate small breakout groups and a larger group of 100+. The new facility will be integrated into the current camp setting and provide retreat opportunities for groups of all age demographics and families with young children. It will expand and enhance Camp Omega's ability to serve the churches of the MN South District and be in a stronger position to reach outside groups all for the sake of the mission of Jesus Christ. This grant funding would support the building project of Camp Omega. *In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.* Eph. 2:22

**8. Three-way Partnership for Financial Assistance – Concordia Academy **\$15,000****

Concordia Academy and the Flaherty Family Foundation are proposing a three-way partnership with the MN South LWML for the purpose of providing financial assistance to students and families who desperately desire to attend Concordia Academy, but cannot come close to paying tuition. These families are at, or near, poverty levels. All grant money will be matched by the Flaherty Family Foundation, thus doubling the impact of the grant. *Listen my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which He has promised to those who love Him?* James 2:5

**9. Bringing Christ's Light to Those Living in Darkness (LBW) **\$15,000****

Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) provide free Bibles and other Christian materials for any individual or church organization that places an order. The purpose of this project is to potentially increase production of over 4,500 Braille, Specialized Large Print Christian materials, or Audio-Digital volumes (with priority given to produce the materials within the Minnesota South District), open New Ministry Production Centers where feasible, and ensure every piece of material is sent free of charge to people who are Blind and Visually Impaired around the world. *Again Jesus spoke*

to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12

**10. Multiplying International Friendship Centers (POBLO) \$12,000**

POBLO International Ministries plans to start new International Friendship Centers in the Minnesota South District, multiply volunteers, train and equip them to evangelize Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs and Buddhists. Through programs and classes offered at an International Friendship Center, cross-cultural friendships are developed and strengthened, and opportunities arise for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This grant would help in directing their efforts with Trinity Lutheran, Faribault by starting an International Friendship Center. *May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.* Rom. 15:5-6

**11. Support for a Growing Educational Need (LSEM) \$15,000**

Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM) believes all children should have the opportunity to receive a Christian education, regardless of their learning abilities. Partnerships with Lutheran schools allows these children to be supported academically while also being shown the love of Jesus. This grant will support the continued growth of Lutheran Special Education Ministries with programs in the MN South District by providing training, software and testing materials and material resources allowing children who have learning needs to continue to attend Lutheran schools. *"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God."* Luke 18:16-17

**12. Nigerian Seminary Tuition Assistance \$12,000**

The Jonathan Ekong Memorial Lutheran Seminary in Obot, Idim, Nigeria, has been training men to become Lutheran pastors for over fifty years. Each year there are several men who wish to attend the seminary but are unable to afford the \$600 per year tuition. The cost is prohibitive so the men must have a sponsor in order to be accepted at the seminary. The LWML Society of Prince of Peace in Spring Lake Park, MN, has actively sought funding, but the need is greater than what they are able to provide. Partnering with Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Spring Lake Park, this grant would be used to provide tuition for 5 men for four years at the Jonathan Ekong Memorial Lutheran Seminary in Obot Idim, Nigeria. *And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?* Rom. 10:15

**13. Connecting People in an Inclusive Christian Housing Community \$10,000**

Bethesda Cornerstone Village, Victoria, Minnesota, is a new housing community that will provide an active Christian living environment for active seniors and independent adults with disabilities. Construction will be completed in late summer of 2020. Bethesda Lutheran Communities will offer inclusive programs for active seniors and independent adults with disabilities to have an opportunity to make connections and develop friendships as they learn new skills, explore new hobbies and begin or continue their journey of faith in Christ Jesus. A grant will aid in employing an activities manager and funding social and faith-based programming so seniors and people with

disabilities may have the opportunity to be active in an inclusive community of faith. *Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.* Rom. 14:18-19

**14. Concordia Seminary's International Graduate School Students – St. Louis      \$7,000**

The Graduate School continues to accept and form highly qualified foreign students who, when they earn their advanced-level theological degrees and return to their home countries, will assume important roles in the carrying out of the Great Commission. Neither these international students nor their home countries' church bodies have nearly enough resources to fund the cost of these students' educations, thus support for these global students is an ongoing Concordia Seminary funding need. This grant would provide additional funding to support the advanced theological education of these foreign students. *Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.* Phil. 4:8

**15. Equipping MN South District for Disability Ministry and Respite Care      \$2,750**

It is a mission of the Voice of Care to equip the Church to nurture people with disabilities. There are over 80% of all people with disabilities, along with their caregivers, who are not connected to a church or are in a walk with Christ. Voice of Care seeks to present two initial district-wide workshops, one addressing five models of disability awareness, education and training; and the other preparing volunteers as short-term respite companions. A grant would fund the two workshops and training to equip Minnesota South LCMS congregations to effectively reach people with disabilities and their caregivers. *And great crowds came to Him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they put them at His feet, and He healed them, so that the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel.* Matt.15:30-31