

**SUMMARIES OF PROPOSED MISSION GRANTS
TO 2020 LWML MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONVENTION**

1. **“Financial Assistance for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Food and Clothing Co-op to Purchase Food”** is a request for **\$10,000** to purchase perishable food items. This grant, if approved, would relieve the financial burdens of Seminary students by making accessible through the food co-op “fresh foods” groceries.
2. **Share Missions with a Friend MOST Scholarships** is requesting **\$25,000** to specifically send 20 LWML members and 20 of their friends who have never served in the mission field on short-term mission trips during the course of the next two years.
3. **Our Savior (Lansing) Food Bank Enhancement - \$25,000.** This grant would enable the Our Savior Food bank to renovate and expand its facility for spiritual and material care to the south Lansing community by renovating the building with new flooring, interior paint, lighting updates, landscaping, new doors and windows for security to continue providing items for the community.
4. **Filling Pulpits by Providing Scholarships for Michigan Men in Seminary - \$25,000.** By providing scholarships to Michigan men in seminary, financial burdens many experience will be lessened and may provide encouragement to them to complete their studies. As pastoral vacancies increase, we must financially assist those in seminary with cost of tuition, books, and housing, so that we have pastors available to serve congregations.
5. **Lutheran Books for Michigan’s African Immigrants - \$17,500.** Over 37,000 people have emigrated over the past 20 years from Africa to Michigan, many from refugee camps where Christian support was provided by various denominations, but without stability. Michigan LCMS congregations are reaching to these immigrants, and resources developed by Lutheran Heritage Foundation in their languages will provide key assistance.
6. **Scholarships for Female Students Studying to be a Deaconess or Professional Church Workers - \$20,000.** The need for deaconesses and female professional church workers in the LCMS is great. Financial obligations for these women in the Concordia University and Seminary system is oftentimes cost prohibitive. Financial support through LWML scholarships will encourage women of Michigan to enter and remain in their church work career path.
7. **Strengthen Weak Hands - \$9,000.** Hands of Mercy Training Center in Yambio, South Sudan, has since 2006 been training people with disabilities to become contributors in their community. Goals of this grant, if approved, would be to purchase supplies and equipment and train HOM people to make communion wafers and sew school uniforms; to build a rental building for sustainability, and to complete a gated brick wall to ensure better security.
8. **Bringing Christ and Hope to Michigan’s Urban Communities (Acts 2 Enterprise) - \$25,000.** This grant would enable the ministries of A2E to continue to have a strong focus on, and to make a concerted, long-term impact in the Detroit, Flint, Pontiac, and Benton Harbor communities, evangelizing and discipling in these cities to strengthen the faith of the faithful and to reach the lost with the Good News of Jesus Christ, while addressing numerous important social needs.
9. **Mark 10:14 Early Childhood Center - \$25,000.** Because of great need for high-quality Christian child care for children birth – age 5 in St. Joseph County, MI, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Centreville (LCMS), while planning purposeful ministry to young families, seeks funding for the site development of a playground and for the purchase and installation of interactive sensory equipment and six-foot-high fencing for the Early Childhood Center slated to open Fall, 2021.

- 10. Filling Haitian Tummies Opens Ears to the Gospel**, a feeding ministry of Trinity HOPE, Franklin, TN, proposes the premise that in order to feed hungry children with the spiritual milk of God's Word, the children must first be nourished physically so that they are enabled to concentrate on their school learning. Through this approach, Trinity HOPE in its **\$15,000** request also seeks to discredit prevalent Voodoo teaching that God is nonresponsive to Haitians.
- 11. PROSPER (Providing Resources and Opportunities for Student Performance, Engagement, and Retention) Program** is requesting **\$19,950** for a Concordia University student success ministry committed to helping students struggling academically to establish the foundation necessary for success as they pursue Concordia's mission of developing in mind, body, and spirit for service to Christ in the church and world.
- 12. Support at Just the Right Time – Mission Central - \$15,000.** This grant would assist the LCMS Mission Central's task to raise funds to support missionaries by providing financial means to prepare, serve, and support their families while in the field. Funds will be used for their salary, transportation, insurance, housing expenses, language training, education for their children, and other needs.
- 13. Support for Concordia Seminary's International Graduate School Students - \$10,000.** Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, is assisting with equipping international students with strong Lutheran theology. Many of these students are from developing countries without resources to support this education. These students will return to their homelands and teach other leaders in Christian ministry, fulfilling a key mission priority of the LCMS.
- 14. Growing in Faith Together: Women to Women - \$10,000.** Women in remote areas of northern Canada have limited opportunities for worship and Christian support. Funding for **GIFT** would provide a subsidy of \$500 per volunteer woman's expenses to go with LAMP Ministry to lead and participate in Bible studies, craft and devotion times, and life skills assistance with women in remote northern Canada.
- 15. Training Leaders to BOLDLY Declare Y'shua as Messiah, IN ISRAEL - \$10,000.** The Apple of His Eye Mission Society is training Jewish men and women to spread the Good News in Israel. The Jewish people are at the center of God's plan for worldwide salvation. LWML Michigan is being asked to help fund the training up of Israeli leaders to proclaim the Gospel in the land of Israel.
- 16. Support for Lutheran Family Services of Haiti: Jacmel Lutheran Home - \$25,000.** This grant would be used specifically to help staff and operate Ministry in Mission's Jacmel Lutheran Home, an offshoot of Lutheran Family Services of Haiti. It will provide a nurturing Lutheran community serving all Haitian Lutherans and especially those unable to help themselves in their later years.
- 17. New Outreach to Hindu, Sikh, and Buddhist Communities in Michigan - \$25,000.** POBLO International seeks funding to reach women and families in the Hindu, Sikh, and Buddhist communities in Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne Counties, Michigan. There are currently no mission ministries to these religious communities, so POBLO is requesting funding to support Pinky Dhuna in her work to bring people to Christ, to purchase and distribute Bibles and materials in three languages, and for human care needs of refugee families.
- 18. Healing Spaces for At-Risk Children** is a **\$7,000** proposal by Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, a Recognized Service Organization of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, to update furnishings in a cottage housing traumatized children so that a vibrant child-welcoming space may enhance the Gospel-centered transformation that these kids need and will be offered at Dakota Ranch.
- 19. Providing Hope for Children with Learning Needs – Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM)** seeks **\$25,000** to reach out to schools and students in crisis both in Michigan and across the country. This

grant would provide on-the-spot consultation and resources at no cost to those schools and families that ask for help.

- 20. LWML Global Bible Studies - \$12,370.** In Eurasia there is a critical need for Bible study materials to assist lay people in applying God's Word in their lives. Translating and making Bible study materials available in the Hebrew and Polish languages in printed and electronic formats will support the faith of Christians in these regions.
- 21. Outreach Community Center: St. Paul Community Lutheran Church, Pontiac, MI - \$25,000.** A main floor restroom, meeting/class rooms, and updates to two current basement restrooms are needed at St. Paul's Outreach Center. Improvements also are needed for electrical and security systems so middle and low income families, individuals, and seniors may continue to be served at this center.
- 22. Expanding Christ's Love with the Aging and Unchurched in Michigan through Weekly Television on "Worship Anew" - \$25,000.** Lutheran Ministries Media through Worship Anew seeks to expand its reach in Michigan with the life-saving message of the Gospel by purchasing new and upgrading old equipment. Worship Anew offers true teaching and understanding of the Bible as taught in Lutheran creeds and confessions.
- 23. Alaskan Native Youth Cultural Camp - \$20,000.** Lutheran Indian Ministries seeks funding to cover expenses for 20 middle/high-schoolers to attend camp in northern Alaska, focused on breaking down the barriers caused by abuse and training Native youth in subsistence skills to become self-sufficient, confident leaders in their home communities. Funds would be used to purchase and transport food, tents for lodging, generators, and all necessary equipment for this safe, **immersive**, Biblically-based weeklong camp experience.

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