



ELECTION INFORMATION

PROPOSED MISSION GRANTS

Eleven mission grant proposals will appear on the ballot. Each delegate will vote for five (5) grants.

1. Trinity Lutheran Learning Center – Hartford, SD - \$5000. As the Christian education of young children is a vital element of our Lord's command and commission, "to make disciples by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded," Trinity Lutheran Church in Hartford, SD, has opened a preschool in which they are able to teach sixty children from ages three through five. The preschool classes are currently being held in the old church basement, which has plenty of space, but needs improvement in order for it to be a truly suitable learning environment for the children. This grant of \$5000 will help the congregation to remodel the church basement and help to provide the necessary Lutheran education materials to teach the children.

2. International Training Scholarship Fund – LBT - \$5000. The purpose of Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) is to make the Word of God available to those who do not yet have it in the language of their hearts. There are still 4,000 languages into which the Holy Scriptures have not yet been translated. LBT missionaries recognize that they must multiply themselves by providing training to national co-workers. A grant of \$5000 will help to provide training for qualified, specially selected, motivated Christian applicants who are recommended to LBT by overseas partners and LBT missionaries so God's Word can be translated into more languages at a faster rate and more people reached with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

3. Trinity/HOPE – Feed the Children in Lutheran Schools – Haiti - \$5000. Trinity/HOPE began as a ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church in Gallatin, Tennessee. Over the years, God has blessed this effort and Trinity/HOPE is currently providing meals daily for 6095 children in 43 Lutheran schools in Haiti. These children are usually fed six or seven meals a week and are generally from homes where Voodoo is practiced (This is the religion of 65% of the population of this country). At school they are given a hot lunch which enables them to be better nourished, increases their attention span and enhances their ability to learn and be more receptive to the Word of the Lord. An LWML grant of \$5000 will aid Trinity/HOPE to feed an average school of 125 children.

4. Zion Lutheran School & Preschool – Rapid City, SD – Tuition Assistance - \$3000. Since 1957 Zion Lutheran Church has had a mission outreach with their preschool and full daycare program. Currently over 150 students are enrolled. At times some of the parents of these children

who face difficult financial times, such as low income or single parent families, loss of job, or health related issues do request tuition assistance. These parents see the value of a Christ-centered education, but need help in meeting the cost of a Christian education. Zion Lutheran School & Preschool is requesting a grant of \$3000 to help cover the cost of students whose parents are applying for tuition assistance.

5. Christian Resource Materials – Kazakhstan – LCMS World Mission - \$5000. LCMS World Mission began work in Kazakhstan in 1993. In a few short years, the Evangelical Lutheran Center was formed. It presently has six congregations and operates the People of God Evangelical Lutheran Seminary, which seeks to train men and women for spiritual leadership roles. The goals of the LCMS mission in Kazakhstan are church planting and leadership development. Christian resources are necessary to train people in this newly opened mission field for Christian leadership and service. A grant of \$5000 would enable LCMS World Mission working with the Evangelical Lutheran Center to translate theological materials to train men and women for spiritual leadership roles in their churches and communities.

6. School Outreach/Chaplaincy – Paraguay – LCMS World Mission - \$5000. The LCMS began work in Paraguay in 1938. Today, LCMS World Mission supports a ministry center and Bible institute operated by the national church, The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Paraguay. The greatest challenge of this church body is to reach the native people of Paraguay. Santa Cruz School and Concordia High School in Hoenau, Paraguay has a chaplain that meets with students on a weekly basis. The chaplain also has contact with students' families through school functions. A grant of \$5000 will help to support this program and its efforts to reach out to high school students at a crucial time in their lives by sharing the message of the Gospel with them and their families.

7. Scholarships for The Themba Trust-Siyathemba Girls' High School of Dirkiesdorp, South Africa – LCMS world Relief and Human Care - \$3600. The Themba Trust is based in Dirkiesdorp, a village southwest of Johannesburg, in a country with a great deal of poverty and limited education opportunities. Families live in mud huts and the pandemic HIV/AIDS turns children into orphans all too often. Themba operates a girls' high school which was opened in 1995 and provides an education in a caring Christian environment for approximately 300 students. This grant of \$3600 will benefit the work of The Themba Trust of Dirkiesdorp, South Africa as they educate, catechize, return thanks to the Lord for His gifts and prepare young South African Zulu women for a life of

service to the Church that proclaims the goodness of our Lord's Gospel through Jesus Christ.

8. Main Street Living – Kid's Crossing Expenses - \$5000. The South Dakota District of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod has successfully produced the Main Street Living television program for those at home and retirement individuals for the past six years. It now desires to add a 22-minute segment to the program that will be of interest to children and resemble a typical Sunday school morning. A grant of \$5000 will help to bring this project to completion by providing funds needed to construct background sets and purchasing additional equipment and supplies for this television program.

9. Risen Savior Lutheran Church – Tea, SD – Preschool Expansion - \$5000. Risen Savior Lutheran Preschool provides a warm and loving Christ-centered learning environment for children ages 2-5. This preschool has been welcomed into the Tea community and has touched the lives of many children and families who may not otherwise have been reached with the Gospel. The preschool currently meets in the basement of a home, and has outgrown this facility. Because regulations limit the number of students they can accept based upon the limited amount of space available, they plan to move into a larger building which will enable them to accommodate and reach more children. A mission grant of \$5000 will allow this project to move forward.

10. Concordia Theological Seminary Food Bank - St. Louis, MO - \$5000. Concordia Theological Seminary serves Church and world by providing theological education and leadership centered in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ for the formation of pastors, missionaries and leaders in the name of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. In light of its commitment to support its students and their families Concordia Seminary established a Food Bank in 1980 which provides help and support for the physical needs of these future church workers. Many pastors, deaconesses and their families can attest to the great blessing the Food Bank provided during their seminary years. A grant of \$5000 will enable the seminary to continue this free service for their students.

11. Sioux Falls Lutheran Preschool & School – Immigrant Tuition Assistance - \$5000. Sioux Falls has a large growing immigrant population, especially from Africa. LCMS congregations in Sioux Falls minister to Rwandans, Ethiopians, Sudanese and other groups in native language services. Sioux Falls Lutheran School (Preschool – 8th grade) is an association school operated by five LCMS congregations in Sioux Falls. Sioux Falls Lutheran School integrates the Gospel throughout its curriculum. Many immigrant families highly value a Christian education for their children, but face difficult economic challenges while supporting loved ones still in their country of origin, and the cost of tuition is simply beyond their means. Funding

of \$5000 for this grant will help to support immigrant tuition assistance at Sioux Falls Lutheran School.

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

Nominee for President

- Elaine Hankel, Whitewood

Nominees for Vice President of Christian Life

- Marilyn Koepke, Watertown
- Janell McKinstry, Piedmont

Nominees for Vice President of Gospel Outreach

- Nancy Duhachek, Yankton
- Arlene Naasz, Brookings

Nominee for Treasurer

- Judy Boetel, Cavour

Nominees for Nominating Committee

- Nancy Bogenhagen, White Lake
- Gwen Braddock, Cresbard
- Jan Larson, Pierre
- Anita Marso, Pierre
- Martha Smith, Brandon

Nominees for Counselor

- Pastor Daniel Deardoff Sr, Blessed Redeemer, Brandon
- Pastor George Sagissor III, Our Redeemer, Sioux Falls

Serve the
Lord with
Gladness!

Psalm 100:2

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South Dakota LWML Bylaws Recommended Changes

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