

2022-2024 MISSION GRANTS



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1. Black Hills Pregnancy Center Earn While You Learn Program — \$5,000

The Black Hills Pregnancy Center has established the Earn While You Learn program to give help for unplanned pregnancies and young parents learn proper parenting skills for their newborn through age 4. This program helps clients choose life for their babies when they see there is support for them to learn, grow, and understand how to be good parents to their children. This grant would help fund the cost of the curriculum for the Earn While You Learn program.

2. Financial Assistance for Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN Food and Clothing Co-op -- \$5,000

Students attending our seminary in Ft. Wayne, IN, struggle to meet their families' basic needs during their time at the seminary. Through the Food and Clothing Co-op, families are given the opportunity to acquire items free of change, thus alleviating an added financial stress to the student. This grant would be used to purchase perishable food items for the Co-op.

3. Feeding Haitian Children Physically and Spiritually – Trinity HOPE — \$5,000

Trinity HOPE serves the Lutheran schools in Haiti by providing a daily noon meal for children who attend Lutheran schools there. Children say a prayer before their meals which encourages their spiritual growth. This grant will help provide food for the noon meal.

4. International Students: Making Jesus Known to the World – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO — \$5,000

Some 50 international students are enrolled at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, from 25 different countries. After earning their degrees, they will serve as professors at their countries' seminaries, helping prepare the shepherds who will serve the congregations under their care. This mission grant will help fund Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO international students' theological studies.

5. Faith Lutheran Daycare & Preschool Playground Area Upgrade — \$5,000

The Faith Lutheran Daycare and Preschool located in Pierre, SD, is in need of an update to their playground area. The wooden structures, concrete area and pea rocks need to be replaced with an updated play system, rubber nuggets, and new fence for the safety and security of the children. This grant would help fund the above-mentioned projects and cover the cost of installation.

6. Luther's Small Catechism for African Mission – Lutheran Heritage Foundation — \$5,000 Due to the tremendous growth in the Lutheran churches in Africa, missionaries, partner churches and Lutheran leaders throughout Africa have requested more than three dozen translations of the *Small Catechism*. This grant would help fund the texts which can help teach the faith when the pastors are stretched beyond their limits to personally instruct new believers.

7. Mozambique Dorcas Sewing Project – LCMS International Mission AFRICA Region — \$5.000

The Lutheran Church in Mozambique desires to support the women's Dorcas Sewing Project which provides an opportunity to share the Gospel while teaching the art of garment making, thereby giving these women hope for a better future and a way out of poverty. The funds from this grant will help purchase sewing machines, fabric, notions, and travel costs for the program.

8. Faith and Hope Center – Siberia – LCMS Office of International Mission – Eurasia Region — \$5,000

Deaconess Gloria Vinogradova runs the Faith and Hope Center in Novosibirsk, Siberia which provides Christian counseling to women contemplating abortion and those in abusive home situations. Divine services, Bible studies, and other pastoral duties are provided by visiting pastors from the Siberian Lutheran Church. This grant would continue to support the life-changing work done at the Center.

9. Spanish Braille Bibles for Central and South America - Lutheran Braille Workers — \$5,000 Lutheran Braille Workers have been asked to produce over 20,000 volumes of Spanish Braille Bibles for use in Central and South America. This grant would help cover the cost of paper, cardboard and other supplies for the production of the Bibles.

10. Soldiers of the Cross – LCMS — \$5,000

Many pastors and full-time church workers at times experience sudden transitional or emergency financial needs during times of crises, natural disasters or when unusual burdens arise. This mission grant would aid the LCMS mercy program as it helps pastors and other church workers in financial or personal crisis when no other avenue of support is available.

11a. Jesus Door 2 Door — \$1,000

Jesus Door 2 Door was developed in Milbank, SD, by Pastor Timothy Koch to train youth and adults to canvas neighborhoods and share their faith on behalf of local congregations. This grant would fund the printing of the colorful tracts which are handed out during the visits.

11b. Teaching to the World – MOST Ministries — \$5,000

Many Lutheran teachers yearn to be "Teachers of the World" for Jesus through the short-term mission trips the MOST helps organize. This grant would help fund scholarships up to \$1,500 per person that the Lutheran teachers at any level could use to share the Good News on a mission trip.