

THE HISTORY OF THE MISSION GRANTS  
FOR  
THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE  
OF THE  
NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT  
1939 THROUGH 2022

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1<sup>st</sup> Convention of the Lutheran Women's Mission Endeavour of the NID  
May 5, 1938 at Concordia Teacher College, River Forest, Illinois  
Newly elected president: Mrs. Hugh A Bresemann

**MISSION GRANT FUNDED IN 1939**

**CHINATOWN**

**\$5,500**

*Historian's note: Various documents suggest that while this was referred to as a convention in the early history written by Rev. Fricke, there is evidence that they actually held a delegate meeting twice a year, referred to as a Spring Rally (not to be confused with the zones Spring rallies that we presently hold).*

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Spring Rally of the Lutheran Women Mission Endeavor of North Illinois  
May 17, 1940 at Concordia Teacher College, River Forest, Illinois

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Fall Rally of the Lutheran Women Mission Endeavor of North Illinois  
November 1, 1940 at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Illinois  
President: Mrs. Hugh A Bresemann

**MISSION GRANT FUNDED IN 1940**

**ADDITION TO HOSPITAL, AMBUR, INDIA**

**\$5,000**

Notes from the corresponding secretary of Mrs. John Busse: The Sherman Hotel on the corner of Randolph and Clark as offered us their splendid facilities without any cost to our treasury...Have you ever had lunch in the famous College Inn of the Sherman Hotel? If you haven't, you will appreciate the opportunity of eating in this luxurious restaurant...a tasty luncheon for .75 plus .02 tax.

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Spring Rally of the Lutheran Women Mission Endeavor of North Illinois  
May 16, 1941 at Concordia Teacher College, River Forest, Illinois  
Highlighting the splendid missionary expansion in the Chicago Area

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Fall Rally of the Lutheran Women Mission Endeavor of North Illinois  
 November 7, 1941 at Concordia Teacher College, River Forest, Illinois  
 Program Highlight: Premier Showing of "The Power of God" just released by Synod's  
 Publicity Committee and produced in Hollywood with professional actors.  
 President: Mrs. E. Schumm

**MISSION GRANT FUNDED 1941-1942**

**NEW MISSION CHURCHES – NID (Extension Fund) \$5,000**

The following churches were given \$1,000 grants from the Extension Fund

Church of the Apostles

Trinity (Harlem Mission)

St Paul, Round Lake

Christ Lutheran Church, North Ave. and Mannheim Rd., North Lake Village

Gloria Dei, S Major Ave, Chicago

**MISSION GRANT FOR FUNDING IN 1942**

**MISSIONARY RESIDENCE, NIGERIA, AFRICA \$3,500**

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Spring Rally of the Lutheran Women Mission Endeavor of North Illinois

May 1, 1942 at Concordia Teacher College, River Forest, Illinois

President: Mrs. E Schumm

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Fall Rally of the Lutheran Women Mission Endeavor of North Illinois

November 6, 1942 at Concordia Teacher College, River Forest, Illinois

Address: Dr. Walter A Maier

President: Mrs. E Schumm

**MISSION GRANT FOR 1942- 1943**

**NEW MISSION CHURCHES – NID \$5,000**

Gage Park Lutheran Church 5230 S Artesian Ave, Chicago

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Mifflord

Our Saviour Lutheran on Neva Chicago

Bethel Lutheran, Westmont

Redeemer Lutheran, Waukegan

Bethany Lutheran, Naperville

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Elsa H Brandt, Recording Secretary notes:

A motion was passed authorizing our president to call a special meeting of the delegates in late January of 1943 to discuss the new Lutheran Women's Missionary League, providing that the Board of Directors of the LCMS Northern Illinois District approved such a procedure. A copy of the new league's constitution was given to each society in attendance.

It was also recommended to only have 1 annual meeting for the duration of the war.

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Special Meeting of the Lutheran Women Mission Endeavor

March 5, 1943 at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oak Park, Illinois

To fulfill the resolution taken on November 6, 1942 to consider the affiliation with the Lutheran Women Mission League.

Annual Meeting of the Lutheran Mission Endeavor Society

November 5 1943

President: Mrs. E Schumm

### **MISSION GRANT FOR 1943**

CONTINUATION OF THE PREVIOUS GRANT FOR NEW MISSION CHURCHES

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**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of Northern IL**

November 10, 1944 at Concordia Teacher College River Forest Illinois

Address: Rev G. C. Barth

President: Mrs. E Schumm

### **MISSION GRANT FOR 1944**

**MISSION EQUIPMENT FOR THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT      \$5,000**

It was at this convention that the delegates formally adopted the new title of "The Lutheran Women's Missionary League of Northern Illinois"

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*Historian note: Special Delegate Meeting held on January 12, 1945*

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the LWML of the Northern Illinois  
November 9, 1945 at Concordia Teacher College, River Forest IL  
President: Mrs. A Preisinger

**MISSION GRANTS FOR 1945:**  
**LIBRARY FOR BLIND**

**\$1,000**

**Mission Grants for 1945-1947**

**CHILD REHABILITATION IN EUROPE**  
**TYPEWRITERS FOR ARGENTINA**

**\$5,000 (up to \$20,00 through 1947)**  
**\$ 400 (fully funded on Dec 5 1945)**

**Ida B Wells Project (NID)**

**\$5,500**

This project was not viable and the funds were rolled over to the general needs of the district.

*Historian note: The 1<sup>st</sup> LWML Retreat was held in 1945 at Camp Cisco with 59 women and 11 children.*

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9<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the LWML NID \*

November 8, 1946 at Concordia Teacher College, River Forest, Illinois  
President: Mrs. A Preisinger

**MISSION GRANT FOR 1946:**

**Continued support for Children Rehabilitation in Europe**

*\*It is not sure how the numbering was done, but this is from the actual convention manual cover. Possibly they counted all the Spring and Fall delegate meetings of the Lutheran Mission Endeavor.*

First noted gift in kind gathering for an orphanage in Berlin, 43 societies sewed a total of:

137 Infant Layettes

121 complete outfits for children 1-12 years of age

3 large quilts

1 wool blanket

175 medical kits

10<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention "Come Unto Me"

November 14, 1947 Concordia Teacher College, River Forest, Illinois

President: Mrs. A. Preisinger

Mission Grants were continuing to be funded from previous years

In addition it was approved:

**MISSION GRANT FOR 1948**

**NEW MISSIONS ON CHICAGO'S SOUTH SIDE**

**\$10,000**

The need for chapels for the growing Negro (Historian notes now the term is African American) Lutheran population is great. The NID greatly appreciates this support from the women of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of Northern Illinois.

Mrs. Preisinger notes that 106 congregations have societies affiliated with the LWML with a membership of 8,550.

*Historian's note: Also note that during the early years between 1940 and 1953, the Executive Committee approved the future projects in May which the general assembly would support in their annual convention. Sometimes if the funds were collected soon enough, the project was completed by the time of the actual Fall convention thus the projects were always dated for the following year.*

*Historian's note: On June 21-25, 1948 the Northern Illinois District formally thanked the NID LWML for raising \$10,000 for the Negro missions within the district. The resolution also thanked the NID LWML for raising \$20,000 in monetary donation plus thousands of dollars' worth of clothing and food for Europe's needy.*

*A service booklet for the dedication of Christ the King Lutheran Church 3701 Lake Park Ave in Chicago on November 13, 1949 has a paragraph thanking the NID LWML for giving \$5,400 for this building.*

*Another letter dated July 18, 1952 thanks the women of the NID LWML for helping supply Resurrection Lutheran Church with a sorely needed chapel.*

11<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the NID LWML "Serve the Lord with Gladness"  
November 6, 1948 at Lane Tech High School  
Address: The Rev. Paul Mehl  
President: Mrs. A. Preisinger

### **MISSION GRANT SELECTED FOR 1949**

#### **MISSIONARY RESIDENCE, JAPAN**

**\$10,000**

Rev. W J Danker was the Pastoral Advisor for many years the LWML NID and was called to be a missionary in Japan. Due to the housing shortage in that country, a residence for him and his family is needing to be built.

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12<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the NID LWML "Serve the Lord with Gladness"

October 12, 1949 at Lane Tech High School, Chicago, Illinois

Speaker: Rev H A Mayer, Board for Missions in North & South America

President: Mrs. E H Ruprecht

*Historian's note: At some point the listing of the mission grants became what was selected at convention. However because mites are continually collected and grants continually paid out throughout the year it makes it difficult to know quite how to list the year for the grant.*

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13<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the NID LWML "Serve the Lord with Gladness"

October 12, 1950 at Lane Tech High School, Chicago IL

Address: Mrs. Walter A Maier (note a female speaker!) "Let Us Go Quickly and Tell"

President: Mrs. E H Reuprecht

### **MISSION GRANT FOR 1950**

#### **PORTABLE CHAPEL FOR NID**

**\$10,000**

Often in areas of Northern Illinois, such as South Bellwood, there are no old stores in which to do mission work. A portable chapel allows mission work to be done here and in other places until permanent locations are found.

*Historian's note: This project was actually approved on May 23, 1949 to be presented at the 1949 convention in October to have the funds raised between 1949 and 1950.*

The president's report lists that the membership had grown to 136 societies.

It was noted that as of August 31, 1950 \$7,000 had been raised for the Missionary Home in Japan and \$2,000 for the current project of the Portable Chapel for NID. \$3254.39 had been sent to the "general body" (LWML) for the national project.

14<sup>th</sup> Annual NID LWML Convention "Serve the Lord with Gladness"  
October 12, 1951 at Lane Tech High School in Chicago, Illinois  
Address: Rev. Walter H Storm, Cleveland, Ohio  
President: Mrs. Albert V Maurer

For the first time, the delegates had to choose between two grant proposals, one from the Philippines and one from Guatemala.

### **MISSION GRANT FOR 1951**

#### **Continued funding for portable chapels**

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15th Annual NID LWML Convention, "Gratefully We Serve"  
October 13, 1952, Lane Technical High School, Chicago, Illinois  
Address: Dr. A. M. Rehwinkel, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Missouri  
President: Mrs. Albert V. Maurer

### **MISSION GRANT FUNDED IN 1952**

#### **MISSIONARY RETREAT, PHILIPPINES \$5,000**

Since it is hot and humid all the time, it is necessary for American Missionaries to have time to retreat in the coolness of the mountains to refresh both body and spirit. This grant might enable the purchase of required ground and possibly the construction of the first unit.

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16th Annual NID LWML Convention, "Saved to Serve"  
October 12, 1953, Lane Technical High School, Chicago, Illinois  
Speaker: Mrs. Oscar Brauer, St. Louis Missouri  
President: Mrs. Albert V. Maurer

### **MISSION GRANT FUNDED 1953**

#### **MISSION EQUIPMENT AND STATIONS – NID \$15,000**



17th Annual NID LWML Convention

"Lord, What Wilt Thou Have Me to Do?" – Acts 9:6

October 12, 1954, Lane Technical High School, Chicago, Illinois

Speaker: Mrs. Arthur Preisinger, International President of the LWML

President: Mrs. Albert V. Maurer

### **MISSION GRANTS FUNDED IN 1954**

**1. MISSIONARY RESIDENCE, CHAI-L, FORMOSA \$3,500**

**2. STUDENT RESIDENCE, BIBLE INSTITUTE,  
MONTERREY, MEXICO \$9,000**

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18th Annual NID LWML Convention, "Occupy Till I Come" – Luke 19:13

October 12, 1955, Lane Technical High School, Chicago, Illinois

Speaker: Rev. William Danker, missionary to Japan

President: Mrs. Bernard Klemm

### **MISSION GRANT FUNDED IN 1955**

**PARSONAGE FOR INSTITUTIONAL MISSIONARY OF  
NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT (JOLIET AREA) \$15,000**

*It was reported that a house was purchased.*

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19th Annual NID LWML Convention

"Labourers Together With God" – 1 Cor. 3:9

October 12, 1956, Lane Technical High School, Chicago, Illinois

Speaker: Dr. O H Schmidt "A Look at Overseas' Missions"

President: Mrs. Bernard (Lora) Klemm

### **MISSION GRANT FUNDED 1956**

**MISSION EQUIPMENT FUND, NID \$15,000**

It is noted that some of the money was used for the mission church in Calumet Park including chairs, hymnals, electrical fixtures, and tables. The mission in Prospect Heights also received hymnals

*Historian's note: Lane Tech was no longer able to serve meals in the future, so a new venue would be found for going forward.*

20th Annual NID LWML Convention, "Witnesses Unto Him"  
October 19, 1957, Concordia College, River Forest, Illinois  
Speaker: Dr. J W Behnken "A Trip to our Missions in the Orient"  
President: Mrs. Bernard Klemm

In this convention, it was adopted that the circuits for NID LWML would align with the newly designated 21 circuits of the LCMS NID.

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Retreat was held at Lutherdale Bible Camp in Elkhorn Wisconsin

### **MISSION GRANT FUNDED IN 1957**

#### **SEMINARY EXPANSION, INDIA \$15,000**

The development of an indigenous church in India is practically a necessity. The Indians keenly feel a surge of patriotism as a result of their newly gained independence, and our church too must go along with this movement and produce Indian pastors to serve as missionaries.

The Seminary we now have at Nagercoil, where such pastors can be trained, plays an important part in our church's mission program; however, it has arrived at a point where expansion is definitely needed. Previously classes were admitted once every three years, but now a class is taken in annually, and additional classroom space will soon be needed and must be provided.

The faculty consists of four men, but two Indian professors are being called who will also need residence at the Seminary.

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21st Annual NID LWML Convention, "Called to Serve"  
October 18, 1958, Concordia College, River Forest, Illinois  
Speaker: Rev. O A Waech, LCMS Secretary of Evangelism  
President: Mrs. Bernard Klemm

The Constitution and Bylaws were revised to conform to the International Lutheran Women's Missionary League Bylaws.

### **MISSION GRANT FUNDED IN 1958**

#### **MISSIONARY RESIDENCE - KOREA \$15,000**

The Missouri Synod is opening up a new mission field in Korea, and since in the very near future it will be necessary to provide homes for our missionaries in that country, and since at the present time no provision has been made in the synodical budget for a missionary residence in Korea this project is heartily endorsed by Synod.

22nd Annual NID LWML Convention, "Labor With More Love"  
October 24, 1959, Concordia College, River Forest, Illinois  
Speaker: Rev. Werner K Wadewitz, LCMS missionary to Brazil  
President: Mrs. T. H. Barkow

### **MISSION GRANT FUNDED IN 1959**

#### **MISSION AT FAIRBANKS, ALASKA**

**\$15,000**

The Fairbanks project represents a "frontier outpost" for our Lutheran Church. Synod, after careful survey, has decided to begin work in the city of 20,000 population, a strategic military center. Other denominations are represented, and there is a real interest and need for the establishment of a Missouri Synod congregation.

There is no opportunity for using rented quarters, and it is necessary that a building site be acquired upon which a suitable chapel and parsonage may be erected. If chosen as our project, our mites would be used where most expedient. Rev. Omar Stuenkel has accepted the call to Fairbanks because he became convinced of the great opportunity which a church in Fairbanks would offer.

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23rd Annual NID LWML Convention, "Stand Up – Speak Up – For Jesus"  
October 15, 1960, Concordia College, River Forest, Illinois  
Speaker: Rev. H. H. Kopplemann, Ex. Secretary, LCMS Board of Word Missions  
President: Mrs. T. H. Barkow

### **MISSION GRANT FUNDED IN 1960**

#### **STREAMWOOD MISSION**

**\$15,000**

A \$15,000 grant to Grace Lutheran Church, Streamwood, Ill., toward the erection of a house of worship on a 5-acre site which, with Church Extension funds, has been purchased on Bartlett Road, near Route 19, approximately six mile east of Elgin. A total of 6650 to 7000 homes is contemplated for this new development over the next 5 to 7 years. 790 homes are already occupied, and "move-ins" are keeping pace with the building.

This congregation, less than a year old, already has a communicant membership of 101, received by transfer from sister congregations, and by instruction in adult and junior confirmation classes. The work at this mission was begun by Rev. Louis W. Schuth in the summer of 1958, and on August 1<sup>st</sup> of this year Rev. James Haberkost became the congregation's first called pastor.

Grace congregation is currently worshipping in the basement of the Hanover Countryside School, which just recently was converted into two classrooms, thereby cutting the worship area in half. Average church attendance during April was more than 100. Enrollment in Sunday School is good in all departments, with an average attendance per week, including adult and junior Bible class, of 90-100. For the most part residents in this area are young couples of modest means, with growing families. The mission potential of this parish is extremely good, and a larger worship space – their own place of worship – is desperately needed.

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24th Annual NID LWML Convention, "Lord, Begin With Me"  
October 14, 1961, Concordia College, River Forest, Illinois  
Speaker: Dr. Oliver Harms, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the LCMS  
President: Mrs. T. H. Barkow

**MISSION GRANT FUNDED IN 1961**

**MEADOWDALE MISSION** **\$15,000**  
A \$15,000 grant for Faith congregation, Meadowdale: Faith mission is located in a development of 16,000 people. The first service was held November, 1959 by Rev. Robert M. Raabe, missionary-at-large. In April 1960 the membership was 120 communicants, Sunday School enrollment 160. Average family income is \$6,500 yearly. The congregation worships in Hickory Hill School gymnasium. With financial aid from the district, Faith hopes to purchase a 5-acre tract of land on Helm Rd. just off Route 25. The voting members will call their first full-time resident pastor soon.

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25th Annual NID LWML Convention, "Next Door – The World" – Rev. 3:8  
October 13, 1962, Concordia College, River Forest, Illinois  
Speaker: Rev. and Mrs. Max Zschiegner "Japan – An Ancient Culture but a Modern Need"  
President: Mrs. T. H. Barkow

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Retreat was held at Lake Geneva, August 13-16.

**MISSION GRANT FUNDED IN 1962**

**CHICAGO INNER CITY MISSIONS** **\$17,500**  
Our Synodical District supports 4 inner city missions in Chicago. Due to extreme racial and economic change these missions' efforts to evangelize represent a difficult and uphill struggle. During the last 10 years the Synodical Conference communicant membership in the city of Chicago declined 1.88%. Now these missions' efforts are beginning to show results, and there

are challenges beyond their own stewardship ability. The \$15,000 would be divided among the following:

Ebenezer, 13<sup>th</sup> & S. Harding, is now growing as an integrated congregation. It needs repairs to exterior and interior of the school and redecoration of the church;

First Immanuel, Ashland and Roosevelt, is near two large hospitals and in an area which is being beautifully landscaped. In contrast, this church is in great disrepair and needs complete cleaning, redecorating and new windows;

St. Peter's, 74<sup>th</sup> & Michigan, is a 6-year-old mission which needs roof and gutter repair, windows, and heating plant repairs;

Christ the King, 37<sup>th</sup> & Lake Park, is located in the midst of a great housing development and needs larger facilities to do effective work among the thousands moving into this area.

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26th Annual NID LWML Convention, "Work While It Is Day"

October 12, 1963, McCormick Place, Chicago, Illinois

Message: Mrs. Gilbert O. Hankel, President, International LWML

President: Mrs. F. Arthur Karst

### **MISSION GRANT FUNDED IN 1963**

#### **NEW GUINEA PRINTSHOP & EQUIPMENT PROJECT \$17,500**

In one of our most promising mission fields, New Guinea, our missionaries have been working with the most primitive kind of people; so primitive, that their language had not even been reduced to writing. One of the first tasks our missionaries performed was to develop an alphabet by listening to the natives speak, and finally establish a written language.

Since the baptism of the first natives in 1957, 12,000 more have been baptized and 7,000 have become communicant members. Schools have been established for the training of adults and children. 108 schools are now in operation.

The need for literature, both religious and secular is extensive. The missionaries must spend a great deal of time in production of this material. They are in need of better printing facilities, and are ready to set up a modest print shop. A contribution of \$17,500 would almost complete the funds needed for the projected cost.

27th Annual NID LWML Convention, "Let's Witness More"  
October 24, 1964, McCormick Place, Chicago, Illinois  
Address: The Rev. Armin C Oldsen  
President: Mrs. F. Arthur Karst

### **MISSION GRANT FUNDED IN 1964**

#### **DeKALB TOWN – GOWN FACILITY \$20,000**

Of the 10,500 students now on campus at Northern Illinois University, over 500 are Synodical Conference Lutherans. The only means of serving these students at the present time is through Immanuel Congregation in DeKalb, located about 2 miles from the campus. Bus transportation furnished by the District is used by between 75 and 90 students each Sunday. A town-gown facility, located near the campus, is being planned as a joint effort of Immanuel Congregation and the District to serve students at N.I.U. and local residents, total cost of which is \$400,000. This will be the first student facility in the Northern Illinois District.

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28th Annual NID LWML Convention, "Use Me, Lord"  
October 2, 1965, Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois  
Address: The Rev. Luther W Meinzen "India's New Day"  
President: Mrs. F. Arthur Karst

### **MISSION GRANT FUNDED IN 1965**

#### **NID – CAPITAL FUND FOR ROBERT TAYLOR \$20,000**

##### **HOME – ALTGELD GARDENS – CHRIST THE KING**

Robert Taylor Homes of Chicago's South Side is inhabited by some 28,000 people of whom 60% are unchurched. Lack of adequate worship space is a hindrance to mission work. Using a funeral chapel for worship, some 30 souls have been confirmed since October, 1963. From the 18,000 to 20,000 inhabitants of the Christ the King area, over 200 souls have been baptized in the past ten years. Its small worship area has necessitated plans for an additional facility, not to exceed \$50,000. Altgeld Gardens, a housing project on Chicago's South side is populated with some 10,000 low-income people. In spite of lack of worship space, mission work here has begun with baptism and Sunday School. Synod hopes to secure property on which to erect an all-purpose unit for worship and education during 1965. A grant to one or all of these projects would assist Synod in developing our mission field in areas where help is needed.

29th Annual NID LWML Convention, "Partners in Christ"  
October 22, 1966, Conrad Hilton, Chicago, Illinois  
Convention Speaker: The Rev. Paul M. Heerboth  
President: Mrs. F. Arthur Karst

### **MISSION GRANTS FUNDED IN 1966**

#### **1. NID – HAMPTON PARK MISSION**

**\$10,000**

Hampton Park is about six miles north of Lemont. It is a new housing development about seven years old, and already has 10,000 inhabitants. Four miles away is Colonial Village, which has over 4,000 people. Nearby Westbury has over 2,000 people. Missionary Milton Markworth, a graduate of our St. Louis seminary, was commissioned for the mission work in this area in July of 1964. The first service and Sunday school session were held on the first Sunday in November 1964. Services and Sunday school sessions are being conducted in the cafeteria of Park School in Hampton Park. Sunday school attendance at the present time ranges from 40 to 50, and church attendance in the area of 100. The congregation eagerly looks forward to the purchase of a site and the erection of their first church home.

#### **2. LINGUISTIC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MESSENGERS OF CHRIST**

**\$10,000**

In the new area of Ogoja, our missionaries are working among various groups of people whose languages have not as yet been analyzed or written down. Therefore, before our missionaries can communicate the Gospel to these people, they must first of all try to analyze the language and translate simple Bible stories into the language of the people. At the present time, we are working in three language groups, among the people of the Boki tribe, the Ukelle, and the Yala. There are other large tribes which have never been touched with the Gospel. It is hoped that at least four students who have graduated from our seminary or teachers colleges can begin further study in linguistics this fall. A contribution of \$10,000 would just about cover the cost of 2 graduates for the school year, including salary, tuition and rent.

## 30th Annual LWML NID Convention

"Commit thy way unto the Lord;" – Psalm 37:5a

September 30, 1967, Sherman House, Chicago, Illinois

Convention Speaker: Melvin M. Kieschnick "A Lutheran Lady Goes to Hong Kong"

President: Mrs. Earl W. (Ina Lee) Parlee

*Historian's Note: This was the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the LWML International*

### **MISSION GRANTS FOR 1967**

#### **1. NID – DUPLEX RESIDENCE**

**\$10,000**

First Immanuel Church located on the grounds of the Chicago West Side Medical Center, within a mile of Circle campus of the University of Illinois, is the Missouri Synod's only congregation offering Spanish services to Chicago's 250,000 Spanish-speaking people. The Department of Urban Renewal will soon raze the present residence of the pastor. This residence also houses classrooms, an office, and a small apartment. The congregation plans to erect a duplex residence on a piece of property in the renewal area directly across the street from the church.

#### **2. CHAPEL SITE, CARACAS, VENEZUELA**

**\$10,000**

In December 1951 work in the El Salvador Lutheran Church was initiated under the guidance of our missionaries. The membership now stands at 115 communicants and 192 baptized souls. The past 12 years the church has worshiped in two classrooms. The congregation wishes to assume the responsibility of the building costs of approximately \$67,000, which would include furniture, fixtures, and landscaping. The present building fund has a balance of \$4,750. If help can be obtained to purchase the land in the amount of \$65,000 the church will become a reality.

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31st Annual NID LWML Convention, "Know Christ – Make Him Known"

October 26, 1968, Marriott Motor Hotel, Chicago, Illinois

Convention Speaker: The Rev. Herbert M. Zorn "A Missionary Church in India"

President: Mrs. Earl W. Parlee

### **MISSION GRANTS FUNDED IN 1968**

#### **1. NID – NORTH CHICAGO, FIRST UNIT**

**\$10,000**

The community of North Chicago with an integrated and lower income population of 18,500 has no Lutheran church. A half mile to the south are an additional 9,720 navy personnel in two villages and trailer parks. Services were begun in this mission field Jan. 9, 1966. At present there are 50 communicants, 115 baptized members. An attendance of 80 was recorded for Jan. 15, 1967. Assistance toward the first building unit of this Chapel of the Cross would help this community.



**2. NEW GUINEA SCHOOL FOR CHURCH WORKERS                      \$10,000**

This school in New Guinea acts as the vernacular seminary in training leaders for the Wabag Lutheran Church. Without leaders grounded in the Word of God and able to communicate the Gospel to others, the church can never hope to grow. Three classroom buildings are needed to replace the present bush material buildings. Most of the students are men who have already been serving their church. These men are married and need dormitories to house them while attending the school. LaGaip, the area selected for the school, is a transportation center in New Guinea and thus offers many advantages.

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32nd Annual NID LWML Convention, "Workers Together With Christ"

November 1, 1969, Sherman House, Chicago, Illinois

Convention Speaker: The Rev. Gordon P. Bohlmann

President: Mrs. Earl W. Parlee

**MISSION GRANTS FUNDED IN 1969**

**1. NID – ALSIP, CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES                      \$12,000**

For the past year, the Church of the Apostles has been serving the communities of Worth, Chicago Ridge and Alsip, an industrial area with a growing population. The Reverend Theodore Reiner conducts services in a school gymnasium with an average attendance of 150 to 200 people. Facilities are needed to assist in the ministry to this community.

**2. BIRIP WOMEN'S SCHOOL – NEW GUINEA                      \$10,000**

This is a Deaconess program for wives of New Guinea church workers. These women are given classes in religion, reading, writing, health and hygiene, gardening, nutrition, social studies, Pidgin English, numbers, sewing and knitting, as well as teachings on the Christian wife's role in home and community. Facilities are needed to expand this program wanted by the New Guinea women.

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33rd Annual NID LWML Convention, "Lord, Waken My Love"  
October 17, 1970, Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois  
Convention Speaker: Dr. J.A.O. Preus "Sent into the World"  
President: Mrs. Earl W. Parlee

### **MISSION GRANTS FOR 1970**

#### **1. NID – SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN \$12,500**

This grant in aid provides scholarships for disadvantaged elementary school children in the inner city and central cores of metropolitan centers for attendance at our Christian day schools. This is a mission outreach to non-Lutheran elementary school children. Although the Lutheran High School Association has a grant in aid fund for incoming freshmen, there is no such help available to elementary school children.

#### **2. NID – FILMSTRIPS MEANINGFUL TO BLACK COMMUNITIES \$12,500**

Filmstrips meaningful to the black community on learning, speaking, and living the Christian faith will be developed for use by and benefit to institutional chaplains, campus pastors, inner city and suburban missionaries. There are no "black" filmstrips or films available from Lutheran or other Christian sources at the present time.

34th Annual NID LWML Convention, "Freed to Serve"  
October 9, 1971, O'Hareport Hotel, Northlake, Illinois  
Convention Speaker: Rev. Ardon Albrecht  
President: Mrs. Fred Eickemeyer

### **MISSION GRANTS FOR 1971**

#### **1. NID – MINISTRY TO SPANISH SPEAKING**

##### **PEOPLE – CHICAGO**

**\$12,500**

The fastest growing minority group is considered to be the Spanish speaking people. There are over ¼ million in Chicago's inner city, 80% of whom are considered unchurched. Ten of our congregations are in Mexican or Puerto Rican communities, but our District has only one pastor and two lay workers qualified to serve this large segment of Chicago's population. (ALC and LCA have none.) Synod's Mission Department recommends a 4-week total immersion course to train Anglo pastors to speak Spanish adequately for this work. This grant would finance training for four men, plus providing necessary material in the Spanish language.

#### **2. SCHOLARSHIPS/EQUIPMENT, LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

##### **FOR DEAF, PORTO ALEGRE, BRAZIL**

**\$12,500**

Our Synod had no program for ministering to the deaf of South America until Mrs. Naomi Warth, wife of Dr. Martim Warth of the Concordia Seminary, Porto Alegre, founded Concordia Lutheran School for the Deaf in 1966. Progress of the students has been phenomenal, and requests for admission come from various parts of the country. Both State and Church are eager to see this school continue and expand. This grant will provide, at the discretion of the Brazil District, scholarships, visual aids, auditory training units, and other equipment, and publication of religious material in Portuguese.

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35th Annual NID LWML Convention  
"Living Witness to the Master's Love" – Acts 4:20  
October 14, 1972, Sherman House, Chicago, Illinois  
Convention Speaker: Dr. T. A. Raedeke  
President: Mrs. Edna C. Eickemeyer

### **MISSION GRANTS FUNDED IN 1972**

#### **1. NID – SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NEEDY STUDENTS FROM MINORITY GROUPS WHO ATTEND OR WISH TO ATTEND SECONDARY LUTHERAN SCHOOLS**

**\$12,500**

The Church has an increasing need for full-time professional workers who themselves are from the various minority groups. Many young people of these minority groups are interested in this type of service, but for financial reasons might be deprived of the opportunity. With the

proposed grant the District Mission Board would have funds with which to grant scholarships to more of these young men and women who wish to train for full-time ministry among their own people.

## **2. NATIONAL INDIAN MINISTRY – PAROCHIAL SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS AND/OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC MISSION**

**\$12,500**

After decades of indifference, the Christian Church is rousing to the assistance of this minority group. Their great physical and spiritual needs are now being recognized as unlimited opportunities for love and compassion, for personal action and involvement. Here is a mission field virtually in our own back yard. Once assured of his value as a child of God, the American Indian will regain his self-respect, take pride in his heritage, and find true purpose and fulfillment in his life.

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36th Annual NID LWML Convention, "Share Our Savior" – Psalm 34:3  
October 27, 1973, Pick-Congress Hotel, Chicago, Illinois  
Convention Speaker: Rev. Theodore A. Zeile  
President: Mrs. Edna C. Eickemeyer

### **MISSION GRANTS FUNDED IN 1973**

#### **1. NID – ASSISTANCE FOR CHURCH WORKERS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES**

**\$10,000**

(The sum to be granted to and administered by Concordia Teachers College, River Forest.)  
A desperate call has come to help professional church workers from foreign countries (India, Hong Kong, Nigeria, etc.) studying in the United States and preparing for better service upon return. The applicant must be endorsed by Synod's Board for World Missions and the home church, and must agree to return for service. Approximately \$2,000 is needed for each student. An investment right here in Northern Illinois with a most profitable return – just when U.S. workers are being denied entrance to foreign countries!

#### **2. NID – LUTHERAN WORSHIP HOUR – FOR BLACK COMMUNITY \$5,000**

The objectives of this special program would be:

1. to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the most effective and efficient way, to the greatest number of souls, in the shortest possible time;
2. to cause people to become more aware of the identification of the Lutheran Church with the black community;
3. to establish communication, through this medium, with the members of the black community who are not reached with the traditional mission methods.

### **3. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MINISTERIAL STUDENTS IN ARGENTINA**

**\$5,000**

During the past year much thought has been given to the future of Christ's mission in Argentina. Most students are not in a position to pay for the education necessary to become a pastor or teacher. If a scholarship fund might be turned over to the administration of our seminary in Buenos Aires for the selection of worthy students, under the blessings of the Lord our manpower needs in Argentina, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay may be taken care of. A gift of \$5,000 would do much to assist Christ's mission in South America.

### **4. FAMILY SUPPORT FOR CHURCHMEN**

**\$5,000**

A number of fine promising young men in our overseas sister churches have expressed a real desire to study in one of our terminal colleges to increase certain areas of theology and education. If an overseas family were quite frugal with their expenses, it is believed that a gift of \$5,000 per year would permit them to be together while the father is studying at a synodical school. Tuition and books for the student would be furnished by the Board for Missions. We have much to learn from these eager Christians from our sister churches.

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37th Annual NID LWML Convention, "Won to Win" – Acts 1:8  
October 26, 1974, Arlington Park Towers, Arlington Heights, Illinois  
Convention Speaker: Rev. Harley L Kopitske former missionary to New Guinea  
President: Mrs. Edna C. Eickemeyer

### **MISSION GRANTS FUNDED IN 1974**

#### **1. NID – SUPPORT FOR PART-TIME WORKERS FOR PROJECT COMPASSION**

**\$6,250**

Retired pastors or teachers are needed to serve Project Compassion on a part-time basis. This project would support two workers on a part-time basis for one year. Each worker would serve about a dozen selected nursing homes.

#### **2. NID – ONE-YEAR'S SUPPORT FOR SPANISH-SPEAKING WORKER FOR CHICAGO AREA**

**\$12,500**

The Spanish-speaking segment of the Chicago area's population continues to grow. The need for workers is very real. This project would enable the Northern Illinois District to support a Spanish-speaking worker in a special ministry for one year.

**3. NEW GUINEA BIBLE TRANSLATION PROGRAM \$5,000**

In 1965 the first portion of Scripture was printed in the Enga language. Since then, nearly half of the New Testament has been completed. The goal of the Enga Bible Committee is to translate the entire New Testament in the language of the people.

**4. MASS MEDIA PROJECT (CHRISTIAN FILMS)  
FOR INDIA \$1,250**

No channel of communication reaches more Indians than the cinema. Christian Arts and Communications Service believes it has a screen story that will be a real hit in the commercial markets of South India. *Kattu Vithachavan* makes a very definite witness to Christ and is expected to be viewed by over 30 million Indians. Funds given for this project will continue to be used over and over again as profits are realized from the initial investment.

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38th Annual NID LWML Convention, "Arise! Shine!" – Isaiah 60:1  
October 11, 1975, Arlington Park Hilton, Arlington Heights, Illinois  
Convention Speaker: Rev. Wilbert J. Sohns, Chairman of Board of Missions-LCMS  
President: Herta Heidenrich

**MISSION GRANTS FUNDED IN 1975**

**1 CARRY-ALL FOR OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE DEAF,  
CHICAGO 5,000**

Transportation is a major problem for this congregation. A carry-all would aid Our Savior in its mission commitment to deaf persons in a wide geographic area.

**2 "UNDER FIVE" CLINIC, PHILIPPINES \$6,000**

Memorial to Marie-Louise Gebhardt Dustin. Preventive pediatrics through so-called "Under Five" Clinics has proven to be the most effective method to reduce childhood mortality in the tropics. This project would train and support three Filipino nurses and three nurses' aides for over three years.

**3 BEHRHORST CLINIC, CHIMALTENANGO, GUATAMALA \$12,000**

This project would provide extension salaries and vehicles for nurses and other helpers as they assist Dr. Carroll Behrhorst, Lutheran doctor, in his medical mission to the Cakchiquel Indians in the highlands of Guatemala.

**4 SPANISH LIFE – LUTHERAN TELEVISION \$2,000**

Latinos congregate heavily in few locations and have a great desire to "see and hear" television in their native tongue. This project would provide one lip-synchronized episode of "This is the Life" in Spanish.

39th Annual NID LWML Convention

"Let Christ's Freedom Ring" –Galatians 5:1

October 23, 1976, Northlake Hotel, Northlake, Illinois

Convention Speaker: Rev. Alvin L. Barry, Chairman of the Division of Missions and Special Ministries

President: Herta Heidenrich

*Historian's Note: There was a mistake in the printing of the program and there it is listed as the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention.*

### **MISSION GRANTS FUNDED IN 1976**

#### **CHAPLIAN FOR AMONG THE RETARDED**

**\$12,500**

The NID could hire a full time chaplain to carry out persona ministry to residents as Elizabeth Ludeman and Belden Manor, Park Forest, Illinois as well as set up special programs in congregations and train volunteers with fund from this project.

#### **LAMP**

**\$5,000**

Lutheran Association of Missionaries & Pilots presently has 3 pastor pilots who serve sparsely settled areas of Northern Canada. This project would pay for hydraulic aircraft wheel/skis for a fourth plane.

#### **MINI-BUS FOR LATINO MINISTRY OF PASTOR GARCIA**

**\$5,000**

Similar to the carry-all voted last year for the deaf, but would greatly assist Pastor Garcia with transportation problems in reaching scattered persons.

#### **TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR INNERCITY CONGREGATION WITH CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL**

**\$2,500**

Subsidized congregations which operate Christian Day Schools serve families with limited incomes. One way to keep them mission agencies, instead of private schools, is to develop scholarship programs toward which this project's funds would be applied.

*Historian's note: Here is another instance where the grant history gets out of sync. There were two ways to denote when grant years are listed. One is the year they are selected and one is when they are paid out. This changed over time in various convention manuals.*

## **MISSION GRANTS SELECTED FOR 1977**

### **1. CONSTRUCTION OF CLASSROOM AND CHAPEL/**

**AUDITORIUM COMPLEX – Puerto Barrios, Guatemala                      \$5,000**

Before the recent earthquakes students attending school held classes in an old, badly eaten by termites building. The congregation attempts to reach by motorboat additional children, making the total number being taught over 300.

### **2. LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS, INC.    \$5,000**

LBT is in need of assistance for scholarships or grants-in-aid for Training at Summer Institute of Linguistics and New Testament portions, as well as foreign field equipment and transportation.

### **3. MISSION PATRONS: PARTNERS IN CHRIST'S MISSION    \$10,000**

The Mission Patrol Program accepts contributions for mission work which is urgent, but unable to be supported through Synod's regular operating budget. Requests have been received for 24 missionaries for 1976 which can only be served through this Fund.

### **4. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PASTORS – WORLD MISSION**

**INSTITUTE – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis    \$5,000**

Funds are desperately needed to assist overseas students with their studies since an International LWML grant ran out in June of 1976.

### **5. EXTENSION FUND OF GHANA AND NIGERAI    \$2,500**

Ghana's Church Extension Fund and Nigeria Lutheran Church need funds to loan to congregations for purchase of land which is high priced due to the economy. Congregations can then hopefully build their own building if land can be acquired.



40th Annual NID LWML Convention, "Growing! Glowing! Going!"  
October 22, 1977, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois  
Convention Speaker: Mrs. Florence Montz, Chairman of Synod's Council for Christian Medical Work  
President: Herta Heidenrich

### **MISSION GRANTS SELECTED FOR 1978**

#### **1. INITIATE A FULL-TIME LUTHERAN CHAPLAINCY AT COOK COUNTY JAIL FOR ONE YEAR**

**\$12,500**

There is a great need for a full-time Lutheran Chaplain at Cook County jail and a Lutheran contact pastor with other adult and juvenile correctional institutions which serve inmates from the entire Northern Illinois District. This would also enable a close contact with citizen volunteer organizations concerned with the welfare of prisoners and ex-offenders such as Challenge, DARE, Mothers-in-Prison, et.

#### **2. A DECONESS TO SUPPLEMTN THE WORK OF DEACONESS RUTH BROERMANN**

**\$10,000**

The District Mission Board would like to expand the work of Deaconess Ruth Broermann by training additional people to be effective in this vital ministry.

#### **3. TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY STUDENTS OF MINORITY GROUPS ATTENDING INNER-CITY DAY SCHOOL**

**\$5,000**

School costs keep increasing and the District must ask congregations to raise tuition rates. As this happens, it is important that private schools do not result which are only available to person who can afford them. Schools should remain mission agencies so that financial resources do not decide who attends the Christian day school. The project makes it possible for inner-city congregations to provide grants-in-aid or in scholarships to families with limited financial resources.

#### **4. HISPANIC PROGRAM AS IT WILL BE DEVELOPED AND EXECUTED AT CONCORDIAN TEACHERS COLLEGE, RIVER FOREST, ILLINOIS**

**\$2,500**

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Hispanic Task Force has recommended that a bilingual and bicultural program of education be developed in order to adequately serve the sixteen million Spanish-speaking people in this country with the Word of God. The program as planned would be developed at Concordia Teachers College in River Forest, Illinois because of its central location to the entire Lutheran Church and because of the large growing Hispanic population in the Northern Illinois District. Plans are to put such a program into operation in

September 1978 under the direction of Rev. Herbert A. Sims, who presently serves as director of Hispanic Ministries at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest and Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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41st Annual NID LWML Convention, "Dare to Share"  
October 7, 1978, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Chicago, Illinois  
Convention Speaker: Dr. Guido Merkens  
President: Herta Heidenrich

### **MISSION GRANTS SELECTED FOR 1979**

#### **1. SUPPORT FOR CHAPLAINCY INVOLVING THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED IN THE NID \$6,000**

This project is to assist with the chaplaincy in which Rev. Bert Streufert is beginning in our district. To inaugurate this program these monies will purchase equipment, supplies, mailings., etc. for this new program.

#### **2. EDUCATION AND WORSHIP FACILITY IN WIND RIVER, WYOMING \$5,000**

The Wyoming District has recently called Rev. Donald Bren to begin work on the Wind River Indian Reservation. There are 6,000 Arapahoe and Shoshone Indians living on the Reservation in need of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. A small educational and worship facility must be built. It is planned to be built in Dubois, Wyoming. Support of this project would help to make this much needed facility possible.

#### **3. FILIPINO MINISTRY IN HAWAII \$5,000**

The fastest growing ethnic group in Hawaii is the Filipino. Totaling 125,000, they constitute at least 15 percent of the populations. With a steady flow of 4,000 aliens annually from the Philippines, the Filipinos will eventually become the dominant ethnic group in the Islands. With this vast mission opportunity, the Lord is calling us to an exciting new mission in which no Protestant groups are really working. The ILOCANO Mission Ministry in Hawaii is a two-year pilot program of ministry to the Filipino people in Hawaii, specifically for those who speak the Ilocano dialect. The monies are needed for personnel, (one full-time clergyman); automobile; media; printed materials; moving and travel costs for clergyman and family; and administration.

#### **4. EXTENSION FUND OF GHANA FOR ERECTION OF SIX CHAPELS     \$9,000**

Currently the congregations have been worshipping in buildings made of materials traditionally used in the area. These buildings are generally quite small and require constant repairs to keep them serviceable. The congregations hope to build rectangular buildings made of land-crete blocks with galvanized sheeting for roofs. These would be more durable, need fewer repairs, and be built larger to meet the needs of growing congregations. The chapels will be built through communal, donated labor with estimated cost of \$1,500 per chapel for building materials. The monies from this project will be administered through the Ghana Church Extension Fund. Thus the monies are loaned out to be repaid by the congregations to enable other congregations to make use of the funds in the future. The chapels will give witness to the fact that the proclamations of God's Word has come to stay in their midst and that Christ Jesus who has made us the children of God is worthy to be honored by a place of worship that is better than our own homes. Thus the building of these new chapels will make a silent witness to the villages in which they are located.

#### **5. BRAZIL DISTRICT FOR HOUSE OF WORSHIP IN LISBON, PORTUGAL**

**\$12,000**

The Brazil District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has engaged in meaningful mission work in Portugal for several years. The Lord has richly blessed this mission outreach in Lisbon and its environs, to the extent that the growing Redeemer Lutheran Congregation is in great need of adequate facilities for worship, meeting, and Sunday School use, a residence for the pastor, and office space to handle the correspondence and materials in connection with the Portuguese Lutheran Hour. The only resident Lutheran Pastor in Portugal serves as shepherd of the congregation, president of the Portuguese Lutheran Church, and manager, director, and speaker on the broadcasts over the three radio stations. If suitable property answering the above needs could be purchased for a permanent place as the base of operations, the work of our Lord could be expanded in Portugal.

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42nd Annual NID LWML Convention, "Come See... Go Tell..."

October 13, 1979, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Chicago, Illinois

Convention Speaker: Dr. Jean Garton, Co-founder and national president of Lutherans for Life

President: Grace Lohse

#### **MISSION GRANTS SELECTED FOR 1980**

##### **1. CONCORDIA COLLEGE, RIVER FOREST, ILLINOIS –**

**Furnishings for the new chapel**

**\$5,000**

Fall, 1980, is the anticipated completion date of a chapel/auditorium on the campus of Concordia College, River Forest, Illinois. The amount of \$5,000 is to be applied toward the

furnishings (chair and pew cost total \$27,340). The L.W.M.L. of Northern Illinois District has a vital interest in Concordia, River Forest, and this project fits well with the project guidelines of the L.W.M.L. for the following reasons. There is a commitment to Christ that will be taught and expressed in this building. There is a commitment to the Scriptures as the inspired, infallible and inerrant Word that will serve as a foundation for all activities. There is a commitment and accounting to the same parent organization, namely, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. This building is an integral part of a total program that will prepare young men and women who will be of influence in Northern Illinois parishes for many years to come. Concordia has always been a major contributor to the foreign teaching field. With authorization of a pre-seminary program, Concordia students will have an even greater opportunity to become ministers of the Gospel at home and abroad. In addition to normal campus worship, drama, and choral events, this facility will serve the needs of small district gatherings and meetings. The primary function, however, will be to equip young people with the Word in order to do battle against the enemies of the cross.

## **2. LA SANTA TRINIDAD CONGREGATION, CHICAGO – Rev. Juan**

**Martin, for audio-visual equipment and materials, office supplies, etc.                      \$2,000**

The new mission endeavors of Pastor Juan Martin in his work among the Hispanic in Chicago centers around Grace, Chicago where he is using facilities for services. Though he does not have an organized congregation as yet, the results of his extended efforts are very evident by the attendance at his services. An example of this is an average attendance of 6 services in April, 1979 was 230. Money from this project will enable him to reach more people in this mission field.

## **3. MISSION AT FORTALEZA, CEARA, BRAZIL –**

**For furnishing and equipping a new mission    \$10,000**

Brazil, with its 10 million population, is regarded by our church leaders as one of the most promising mission fields in the world today. As the population in that country pushes northward, doors are opening widely, due primarily to the regular radio broadcasts of the “Hora Luterana” (Lutheran Hour), and “Cinco Minutos som Jesus” (5 Minutes with Jesus). Fortaleza, located on the far north coast of Brazil, in the state of Ceara is one of those “cities of the north” needing mission development. Two graduate pastors from the Seminario Concordia in Porto Alegre were sent to Fortaleza in February, 1979, in response to requests for a pastor by Lutheran Hour listeners. One of these listeners was a blind man who had been a faithful listener for 20 years. Within two months these two pastors had established 3 preaching stations, one within the city itself, and 2 in outlying barrios. They are conducting worship services, Sunday School and religious classes in private homes with steadily increasing attendance. To start new missions from scratch there is a great need for everything: chairs, benches, tables to serve as

altars, Bibles, hymnals, teaching materials, small organs, and means of transportation to save precious time in visiting the people.

#### **4. GUTNIUS LUTHERAN CHURCH, PAPUA, NEW GUINEA –**

**For Church Building Subsidy on matching fund basis                      \$12,000**

Gutnius Lutheran Church assists congregations in the building of permanent churches, pastors' residences and other necessary congregational buildings. In each case the congregation itself must first raise at least half of the cost of the projected building and be prepared to supply all of the local labor, gratis. The GLC then will grant to the congregation, on a matching basis, funds for the project. These permanent church buildings have a double meaning for the congregations, not only do they supply an adequate worship center but they are also an indication to the local community of the permanence of the Gospel and its influence in their midst. Of the 305 congregations of the Gutnius Lutheran Church, only 40 have thus far been able to build more permanent churches or are in the process of doing so. Many more are waiting for the matching funds so that they can go ahead with their projects. Costs have risen rapidly in the past year, making the cost of a church building almost double what it was.

#### **5. DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS – New mission congregation**

**for furnishings    \$3,000**

Plans of the Northern Illinois District are to organize a new congregation in the area of 87<sup>th</sup> and Lemont in Downers Grove, Illinois in early 1980. A call to a missionary-at-large was issued on May 14, 1979. The monies for this project will be used for office equipment and supplies, including mimeograph, typewriter, filing cabinet, etc.

#### **6. KOREAN CHURCH CONSTRUCTION – Taejon #2 Church    \$3,000**

This project is part of the Capital Project Planning of the Lutheran Church in Korea's goals from 1978 to 1988. The Lutheran Church of Korea recognizes a need at the present time to concentrate much effort on church planting and church growth and development. In order to accomplish this it definitely requires significant amounts of assistance from partners overseas. To do this on a shared basis, the Lutheran Church of Korea proposes to assume a 30% share of capital costs, with 70% from Christian friends overseas. Each church construction project is based on a building of 1,440 sq. ft. on sites at least 7200 sq. ft. Specific goals and deadlines have been agreed upon with and for these local congregations not only to assume the expenses for sustaining the ministry of the Word and Sacraments in its own midst, but also to assist and support other new evangelistic work. Special attention, emphasis, and promotion are being given to the recruitment and training of more pastors and church workers.

43rd Annual NID LWML Convention, "Win with the Word" – John 8:31, 32  
October 18, 1980, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Chicago, Illinois  
Convention Speaker: Thomas R. Zehnder  
President: Grace Lohse

### **MISSION GRANTS SELECTED FOR 1981**

**1. PROJECT COMPASSION FILM – NID – for a "This is The  
Life" movie for national television and use in training volunteers in  
our District program. \$10,000**

Project Compassion has been recognized by the LWML since its beginning in 199. After 10 years of field testing, it has proven to be an effective training program for thousands of volunteers who do one-on-one visiting in nursing homes and visitation among the handicapped and lonely in the homes of congregational members throughout Synod and in communities throughout our nation. These Christians share their faith, hope and love with those who need it most. An educational program to let people know about this wonderful ministry among the frail and aging is badly needed. Since audio visuals are effective ways of accomplishing this, we are proposing that a thirty-minute movie in a nursing home setting be professionally produced by the International Lutheran Laymen's League for a cost of approximately \$60,000 and that our District share this cost with other Districts to the amount of \$10,000. Correspondence with ILL media Services has resulted in much interest in this project with the development of a script already in process. Synod's Board for Social Ministry and World Relief has encouraged this project. This project would not only mean that Project Compassion would be publicized nationally on television, but that there would be available copies of a movie that could be used in training volunteers for future service in this program.

**2. KLINCK LIBRARY, CONCORDIA COLLEGE,  
RIVER FOREST \$5,000  
For updating and enlarging the religion and audiovisual collection in the  
Klinck Library in order to enhance the newly established pre-seminary  
and deaconess programs.**

Conventions and boards of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are increasingly suggesting that colleges of the synod seek more and more local support. Assuming that the new policy would meet with success, it has meant a decline in Concordia's subsidy from 50% of budget needs in 1970 to 23% currently. It has been necessary to practice tight fiscal management, including cut backs, to operate with a balanced budget. This has affected areas such as library book acquisitions at a time when new programs are being added. The introduction of the Pre-Seminary and Deaconess programs increases the need to update and enlarge our religion collection. The special interest and needs of students in these programs will also require some additional periodicals and audiovisual materials. Government grant programs are a prime source

of funding for library materials for most colleges, but funds are generally not available for the purchase of religious materials.

During the period 1975 through 1980 funding for library books has been from 50% to 66% under need. Therefore over \$6,000 worth of needed religion books have not been purchased. This project will enable future missionaries of our church to have access to all required references so important to their education.

### **3. RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR HISPANIC PROGRAMMING      \$3,500**

#### **NID – For radio broadcasting equipment for the Hispanic Programming in our District.**

The International Lutheran Laymen's League is paying \$100 per week so that there is broadcast an Hispanic program from 8:00 to 3:30 every Sunday morning on Station WOJO, 105 FM. Pastor Huerta is in charge of the program. He uses weekly tapes prepared and provided by the ILLL and, in addition to that, material that he and Mr. Rojas prepare. We have had excellent results from these broadcasts although they were begun on this station only last November, 1979. More than eighty names and addresses of people have come to our workers in Hispanic ministry. New people are showing up at our churches as a direct result of these broadcasts. The District is providing funds for such necessities as postage, secretarial help, etc. The \$3,500 is to make possible the purchasing of professional equipment so that our men can prepare for these broadcasts in the best possible way. For example, a reel-to-reel tape recorder is needed, which costs approximately \$2,500.

### **4. SOUTH ROCKFORD, IL – New Mission Congregation      \$3,000**

#### **NID - For equipment, rental facilities and worship – teaching materials.**

The Northern Illinois District plans to organize a new congregation in 1981 in the Blackhawk Rd. – 35<sup>th</sup> St. area of southern Rockford. A Missionary-at-Large will be called to initiate work in the Fall of 1980. The money from this project will be used to secure equipment, rental facilities, and worship-teaching materials for the new mission.

### **5. LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NIGERIA – Motorcycle for Vicar Edet E. Ibanga      \$1,500**

A very positive way of answering our Lord's command to make disciples of all nations is this request to send \$1,500 for a motorcycle for Vicar Ibanga. He, like most of the clergy and staff in Nigeria has considerable distance to cover in connection with his services as an evangelist making calls, attending meetings and services. He works among church goers and pagans, adults and children, and must venture into areas where the gospel has not been heard. This is one of those projects which desperately needs funding but because of restraints on the budget of the synod cannot be accommodated in the synodical budget at this time. This project, like all others on our list has been approved by both our Synod and the Lutheran Church of Nigeria.

**6. MATERIALS TO BUILD A CHAPEL AT  
FLORIANA PI, BRAZIL**

**\$5,000**

The Brazil Government has been building roads up to the Amazon River and opening up territory in the northern part of Brazil. The Brazil Lutheran Church is following their moves and has been opening mission stations in these areas. Chapels are now needed for worship services and Sunday School. The congregation members are willing to construct the buildings if they had the materials.

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44th Annual NID LWML Convention, "Witness to the Nations"

October 10, 1981, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Chicago, Illinois

Convention Speaker: Dr. Edward A. Westcott, Jr.

President: Grace Lohse

**MISSION GRANTS SELECTED FOR 1982**

**1. NID – DEACONESS INTERN WORK AMONG THE  
MENTALLY RETARDED AND PROJECT COMPASSION**

**\$7,200**

The deaconess training now provided at Concordia College in River Forest offers new opportunities for expansion of the District program serving the mentally handicapped and also the elderly or disabled persons. An internship provides both education experience for the student and additional service to people. Deaconess Dianna Bonfield, Chaplains Lehenbauer and Streufert are all well qualified to give supervision. The monies provided by this project would enable the District's Board for Ministry to have a deaconess intern serving in Project Compassion and in the ministry to the mentally retarded.

**2. NID – HOPE CONGREGATION, SHOREWOOD –  
For program support**

**\$5,000**

Hope Congregation was organized in June, 1980, and is served by Pastor George Klima. Shorewood is a growing suburban community just west of Joliet, and with the cooperation of Our Savior and St. Peter congregations there, work was begun in Shorewood in October of 1979. Communicant membership in March, 1981, was 78, and worship is conducted at Troy Jr. High School. The congregation hopes to soon construct their own building, but money is needed now for hymnals, altar supplies and equipment, Christian Education supplies and equipment, evangelism and stewardship materials.

**3. CONCORDIA COLLEGE, RIVER FOREST, ILLINOIS –  
For Deaconess Program**

**\$8,800**

The newly formed Deaconess program at Concordia was begun at a time when the synodical percentage of subsidy toward college budget support was declining. The program is synodical



in scope, but no additional funds have been provided by Synod. \$5,000 of this amount would be used for a recruitment process that involves the need for scholarships, financial aid and other recruitment expenses. The remaining \$5,000 would be used to renovate, remodel and furnish a lounge/seminar area where the deaconesses can meet privately for study and devotions and where seminars and discussion groups can be held.

**4. BRAZIL LUTHERAN CHURCH – Life in Christ Series \$8,000**

The Brazil Lutheran Church has translated 32 quarterly lesson books of the New Life in Christ series. They are now prepared to print and bind these lesson books, and the money for this project would be used to complete them.

**5. ST. PETER CONGREGATION, MEXICO CITY –**

**For completion of educational building \$6,000**

St. Peter Congregation in Mexico City is building a three-story building next to the church. This building will be used for Sunday School, youth seminars, lay training, and catechetical instruction. The congregation has started to build the building and has a little over \$3,000 invested in the building. They will need an additional \$6,000 to complete the project.

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45th Annual NID LWML Convention, "Discipling in the 80s"  
November 6, 1982, Concordia College, River Forest, Illinois  
President: Grace Lohse

*Historian's Note: There was no key note speaker. This convention was shorter than usual due to being held in conjunction with the NID Great Commission Convocation.*

**MISSION GRANTS SELECTED FOR 1983**

**1. NID – VICAR IN DEAF MINISTRY \$5,000**

Our District's deaf ministry program is presently taking place at nine congregations, preaching stations and jails through the ministry of two pastors and several interpreters. There are areas in our district, however, where there is no Lutheran ministry available to the deaf. The money from this project would be used toward the costs of a vicar to assist the Pastoral Ministry among the hearing impaired and to help in canvassing and ministering in these new areas.

**2. CONCORDIA, RIVER FOREST EMERGENCY STUDENT AID FUND \$5,000**

Because of severe reductions in state and federal student aid, Concordia is establishing a student aid endowment fund to help those students who fall short of the money they need for tuition and room and board. This endowment will not be in full effectual operation until 1983-84, and this

project would be used for student aid support in the interim of 1982-83 and would be designated as the “NID LWML Mission Grant.”

**3. NID – COOK COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER \$5,000**

Chaplain Robert Kramer serves here on a part-time basis and, under his supervision, the District provides chaplaincy services on a part-time basis through two other pastors. The funds from this project would enable the District to continue and perhaps expand its part-time ministry at the Center and to provide the minimal program support needed.

**4. NID – KOREAN MISSIONS OUT OF TABOR, CHICAGO \$4,000**

Missionary at Large Changsu Ko has been serving Tabor Congregation since September of 1981. This congregation is in an area with a large number of Koreans, and more than 70 of the 208 pupils enrolled in Tabor’s day school are Korean. Radio broadcasts can reach a large number of the 60,000 Koreans living in Chicago, but programs must be prepared and broadcasting time purchased. Funds from this project would be used to help toward the cost of radio time and materials, and necessary printed materials of Christian education, evangelism and stewardship in the Korean language.

**5. NID – IGLESIA LA SANTISIMA TRINIDAD, CHICAGO \$2,500**

This Hispanic congregation was organized in June, 1980, and uses the facilities of Grace Lutheran Church at 28<sup>th</sup> and Karlov in Chicago. Pastor Juan Martin serves this congregation which is in the midst of a large and growing Mexican community. The money from this project would make possible the continued employment of a layworker to assist Pastor Martin on a part-time basis. The layworker is involved in the very active evangelism program, assisting in worship, home and hospital calling and education programs.

**6. BRAZIL, CONCORDIA SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR THE  
DEAF IN PORTO ALEGRE \$10,000**

This school, with an enrollment now of 106, was founded in 1966. It is meeting in the chapel basement of Concordia Seminary and in the basements of two homes. It is the only Lutheran school of its kind in Brazil offering specialized training for deaf children from ages 0 to 20 years. A building is under construction for the school, and this money would be used to help with the furnishings and equipment for the new building.

**7. GHANA, BIBLES FOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH OF GHANA \$3,500**

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana, of which Rev. Paul Fynn is president, is made up of about 20 congregations and preaching stations. There have been enormous economic problems in the Republic of Ghana, and Christian literature has been unavailable for the past 3

or 4 years. The church there is expanding and feels that an adequate number of Bibles would help to incorporate newly won members into our Christian family. The money from this project would enable the ELCG to purchase 1,000 Bibles through the American Bible Society to be given to these new members.

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46th Annual NID LWML Convention, "Saved to Serve"  
October 22, 1983, Concordia College, River Forest, Illinois  
Convention Speaker: John W. Saleska  
President: Ruth Luhman

### **MISSION GRANTS SELECTED FOR 1984**

#### **1. NID – CAROL STREAM MISSION \$5,000**

This mission group of 70 people hopes to grow and serve the Carol Stream-Bloomington area with the Gospel. Worship services, Sunday School, and Bible Class are held at Glenbard North High School, where the rent alone is \$7,280 per year. The District has purchased a site on Army Trail Road, two miles west of Gary Avenue, but much needs to be purchased in materials, equipment, and program helps for outreach to the unchurched and ministry to the new Christians.

#### **2. NID – ELK GROVE MISSION \$5,000**

There is nothing as exciting as seeing a new mission congregation grow, and this has been the case with Ascension Mission in Elk Grove Village. Two modular units (trailers) were converted into the first church building two years ago. Already two services are conducted, a Bible Study and Evangelism program are growing, and membership is increasing under God's blessing and the fine leadership of the Rev. Kenneth Ferber and energetic lay people. The \$5,000 is needed for office equipment, Sunday School equipment, materials, and training for new Christians.

#### **3. NID – CHURCH GROWTH FOR MISSION CHURCHES \$5,000**

An exciting thing is happening within our District borders, as 60 congregations are engaged in a two-year process of Church Growth. Five congregations in Chicago (two Hispanic, three Black) have had their first year's participation paid by the Board for Missions, but the second-year costs remain. Often such congregations can benefit from the process the most, but costs can be above their realistic budget. Your support would enable them to attend workshops, do Bible Studies, train leaders, and become more effective in making disciples for our Lord in strategic locations within Chicago.

#### **4. ONGOING AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST \$10,000**

Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ is a listed service organization of the LCMS and is based in Winfield, Kansas. They have trained over 20,000 youth and adults in sharing Christ. Regardless

of whether these youth become full time church workers or active lay people, the fact remains that they are equipped and prepared to witness to Jesus Christ in a relevant and natural way. There is a great need for transportation of these teams of youth who go out and train others to share their Savior. The present vehicles are getting old and the \$10,000 would go toward the purchase of a new van.

## **5. GUATEMALA – PARSONAGE AND MEETING AREA      \$10,000**

The Lutheran Church in Central America has started mission work in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, and they assigned Rev. Moises Mendez, a national pastor to this area. This mission now has 46 souls, 25 communicants, and 55 children in Sunday School. These people have started to build a parsonage and meeting area for the congregation. This construction was started in 1981 with funds from the congregation and national Lutheran Church of Guatemala. They have now depleted all of their funds and they are now requesting assistance to complete this construction project.

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47th Annual NID LWML Convention, "He Touched Me" – Mark 1:41  
October 20, 1984, Marriott Hotel, Chicago, Illinois  
Convention Speaker: Clarissa Start Lippert  
President: Ruth Luhman

## **MISSION GRANTS SELECTED FOR 1985**

### **1. NID – CONCORDIA COLLEGE, TV PROGRAM      \$9,000**

For the past 15 years, Concordia College, River Forest has had an active group of students involved in evangelism. These young people have a strong desire to reach their own age group and see great potential in using specially prepared television presentations for outreach evangelism, using cable TV. A series of one-half hour programs dealing with the problems of young people would be produced encompassing a variety of formats. Special Bible-based, youth orientated follow-up materials would be developed for use. Concordia College has asked for \$9,000 to serve as partial funding for the development of a series of TV programs designed primarily for reaching young people. The college believes that once the pilot program is launched that there will be additional interest to develop the ongoing support for this venture.

### **2. NID – CHRIST THE KING, CHICAGO, DAY CARE      \$10,000**

Christ the King Lutheran Church in Chicago is located 3700 south, just off the Outer Drive. The community it serves number 91,490, with 92% of them black. There are 140 confirmed members of church and 72 pupils enrolled in the day school. Although \$850.00 is charged for the first child, considerable assistance is also provided by the Northern Illinois District for the total congregational program. Many parents need care for Christian Day Care Center for these children as an outreach program. Start-up costs are beyond what the congregation can provide.

Therefore \$10,000 is requested for refurbishing, equipment, salaries, and so on. It is expected that this program would become self-supporting.

**3. NID – CROSS OF CHRIST, DOWNERS GROVE \$5,300**

Cross of Christ mission congregation, Downers Grove has been refurbishing a house and garage on its property to be the first house of worship. The bare basement must be remodeled for Sunday School use, including insulating and paneling the walls, covering the floor, and installing dividers for the classes. Tables and chairs, children's hymnals, cabinets and shelves, and welcome brochures are sorely needed as this three-year-old congregation moves to its new setting in 1984. The congregation requests \$6,000 so that it may reach out to the community and provide a suitable worship and educational facility for the unchurched. The Rev. Bradley Grover is the new pastor of this energetic mission.

**4. NID – EBENEZER LUTHERAN CHURCH, CHICAGO \$5,500**

Ebenezer Lutheran Church is located just off Roosevelt and Pulaski on the west side of Chicago. Its service area has a population of 49,495 in 1980. It is 99% black and the unemployment rate has been about 65%. Dennis Fitzpatrick has served here as a “convertible” vicar since June of 1983. The congregation is growing again. There are 91 confirmed members. Music is quite important here. A used church bus has proven to be quite valuable in many of Ebenezer’s programs. The congregation is giving special attention to reaching and serving children and youth. It is anxious to expand its Sunday and Saturday Schools, and also Vacation Bible School. The congregation requests \$5,500 to help continue and expand its bus ministry, Education and Music programs.

**5. DAKOTA BOYS RANCH, NORTH DAKOTA** **\$3,514**

The Dakota Boys Ranch, Minot, North Dakota, serves youths from ages 10 through 19, not only from North Dakota, but from every state in the continental United States. Since 1952, the Boys Ranch has boys who have been unable to remain in their natural homes. Behavior problems, educational problems, neglect and lack of parental control are all factors that have created a desperate, out of control world for these boys. The primary goal of this Ranch is to provide a healthy, wholesome Christian environment for boys based on solid family values. At this time, the former dining area is being developed into a Library Media Center. A Religious/Spiritual Life Interest Center is planned as an integral part of this new Library Media Center. The sum of \$3,514 is needed for furnishings, cabinets, and printed materials. This area will add a great opportunity for growth in Christian knowledge and life for the boys and staff of the Ranch.

**6. KOREA – “THIS IS THE LIFE” FILM \$6,700**

The Lutheran Church in Korea wishes to expand their evangelistic program through the use of “This Is The Life” films. Because the use of imported television films dubbed into Korean is

very common in the entertainment area, the same technique is effective for evangelistic use. The films can be used not only by television stations which have a nationwide coverage, but also by local congregations for special evangelistic rallies and other programs. The Lutheran Church in Korea requests \$6,700 for the cost of lip synchronizing, producing and broadcasting of one imported "This Is The Life" film.

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48<sup>th</sup> Annual NID LWML Convention, "Chosen to Declare" - 1 Peter 2:9  
October 19, 1985, Concordia College River Forest, River Forest, Illinois  
Convention Speaker: Don Wharton  
President: Ruth Luhman

### **MISSION GRANTS SELECTED FOR 1986**

**1. LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS – to produce "My Father's World" in sight saving print and braille. \$10,000**

The Lutheran Braille Workers are a non-profit organization. Most of the workers are volunteers at many centers throughout the United States. The Lord has richly blessed them with many opportunities to produce religious material for the blind and visually impaired. Therefore, \$10,000 is requested to purchase the paper for 3,000 books in braille and sight saving print of Dr. Herman Gockel's book "My Father's World."

**2. NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT – Our Savior Mission, Dixon, IL. \$6,000**

Missionary-At-Large Stephen Bubanovich began this mission in 1984. After core group meetings in the local Y.M.C.A., public worship services began at a rented office building called The Atrium. This enthusiastic mission congregation and pastor are just beginning their mission and ministry in Dixon, but the prospects are excellent. Therefore, they request \$6,000 for furnishings, evangelism, outreach and publicity materials, Sunday School and Bible Study programs, rent, and worship materials.

**3. CONCORDIA TRACT MISSION – for the production of foreign language tracts and Sunday School pictures. \$10,000**

The Concordia Tract Mission has been supportive of our Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod missionaries with free tracts, free Sunday School pictures and other Christian materials. Many opportunities have opened up for sharing the Gospel in places not accessible to missionaries. The plea for materials in the language of the people is a never-ending daily cry. The Concordia Tract Mission requests \$5,000 for the printing of foreign language tracts and \$5,000 to assist in the reprinting of a series of Sunday School pictures.

**4. Chicago – for video equipment for inner city congregations      \$9,500**

The mission of inner-city congregations is to people of lower income, mostly unchurched, and with a minimal religious background. The New Media Bible, available in video cassettes, offers a powerful visual presentation of the Scriptures uniquely useful in these settings, for people of all ages and is available in English and Spanish. The ten congregations in Circuit #1 request \$9,500 in order to purchase a VCR, Color TV, a set of the New Media Bible in English and Spanish, and a video stand, for each of these inner-city congregations, in order to offer a firm foundation in the study of The Word.

**5. KOREA – to support an Evangelistic Worker for six months      \$3,000**

The Lutheran Church in Korea, a partner church of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, is expanding their evangelism program to many more cities in Korea. The land, building, and first-year “start-up” costs are funded by the LCK and LCMS for each new congregation. Nevertheless, from the day a Korean evangelistic worker (either a senior seminary student or a vicar) moves into a target neighborhood and begins work, the young fellowship is responsible for all its operating costs. Therefore \$3,000 is requested to provide the salary for an Evangelistic Worker for six months.

**6. NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT – for radio broadcasts in the  
Spanish language for the Chicago area      \$5,000**

Pastor Juan Martin of La Santisima Trinidad Lutheran Mission in Chicago is the main speaker and coordinator for a variety of Spanish language radio programs. He has been on the radio up to eleven times a week, generally in a short devotional format, sometimes longer counseling. There are many requests for Bible Study by correspondence and for counseling. Therefore, \$5,000 is needed for per diem employment of a part-time Spanish speaking person who can correct and return the correspondence courses, postage and air time, to make it possible to continue using the radio as an outreach to the Spanish speaking people in the Chicago area.

49<sup>th</sup> Annual NID LWML Convention

"Alive in the Word! Living in the World" – Romans 6:4

October 25, 1986, Arlington Park Hilton, Arlington Heights, Illinois

Convention Speaker: Dr. Jean Garton

President: Ruth Luhman

## **MISSION GRANTS SELECTED FOR 1987**

### **1. NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT –**

#### **for ministry to the Mentally Handicapped**

**\$7,000**

\$1,000 OF THE FUNDS WOULD GIVE Christian camping scholarships and other camping services for mentally handicapped young people and adults. Walcamp is the anticipated location for this program. \$1,00 would fund the purchase and development of educational equipment and supplies for use in training and equipping teaching, worship and pastoral care ministries. \$5,000 would go for part-time chaplaincies in institutions where there is presently no chaplaincy. Chaplain Donald Kretzchmar is serving in this ministry full-time. These funds would make possible employment of other qualified individuals to serve in other locations.

### **2. NORTHERN ILLINOIS PASTORS –**

#### **Aid for Pastors with Tuition-related debts**

**\$10,670**

Many newly ordained pastors are burdened with tuition-related debts. Financial assistance would relieve money related pressures and enable pastors to serve their parishes more effectively. This fund would be administered by the Northern Illinois District Lutheran Women's Missionary League. \$10,000 would be allocated for three consecutive years to be set aside as an Aid Fund. Maximum grant to be \$1,000 per year per applicant.

### **3. NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT – for Correctional Ministry**

**\$10,000**

Provide personnel to serve two days a week at Cook County Correctional Center in Chicago; also a half day a week in Family Prison Ministry, e.g. in training volunteers. Cook County Correctional Center is the largest such metropolitan center in the nation, processing some 60,000 persons each year. The Family Prison Ministry is also related to our Project Compassion program and coordinated with work of Lutheran Child and Family Services and Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. The funds provided would cover salary, travel expenses, and minimal supply and materials costs for approximately a one-year period of time.

### **4. NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT – for Indian Creek Missions**

**\$8,000**

These funds will help this new mission which opened its doors in December of 1985. 125 excited members are already enthusiastically working. Indian Creek is nestled in the midst of Mundelein, Libertyville, and Vernon Hills, the second fastest growing area in Illinois. The District purchase an Assembly of God 5-acre site and church which was available, and so a



large debt and many move-in expenses confront the new mission, such as: carpeting, Sunday School and Bible Class materials, office equipment, tables and chairs, refurnishing the altar area, etc. Rev. Phil Esala and his members need the \$8,000 to offset the costs.

**5. NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT – for Naperville Missions \$8,000**

Materials, equipment and program costs will provide a vital boost for this new Mission. It is located in the northwest quadrant of Illinois fastest growing area. They began public worship with 80 people in 1985. Pastor William Riley is leading a fine group of enthusiastic members. They are starting from scratch and need LWML assistance for \$6,500 yearly rental fees, basic office equipment, Sunday School materials, evangelism and Bible Study resources, and advertising. The Mission hopes to be constituted as a congregation in 1986 and to build its first unit in 1987.

**6. BRAZIL – for Bagé Lutheran Church \$10,000**

To provide aid in constructing a church building and multi-purpose room. The only congregation in Bagé and they do not have an appropriate place for Worship and meeting of the children, youth, women and men. Need to expand because of the great growth potential, and to have room to invite others to worship. Bagé is a leading city of the entire area in the southern section of Brazil near Uruguay. The congregation has no other source of financial assistance. A new building would be the first of its kind for Lutherans in town.

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50<sup>th</sup> Annual NID LWML Convention, "Fifty Years of Serving the Lord With Gladness"

October 17, 1987, Concordia College, River Forest, Illinois

Convention Speaker: Dr. Eugene W. Linse, Executive Director, Social Ministry Services of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

President: Dorothy Hildebrandt

**MISSION GRANTS SELECTED FOR 1988**

**1. NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT –**

**Chaplaincy in Veterans Administration Hospitals**

**\$10,000**

These are in Hines, North Chicago, Manteno, and Chicago. Hines has about 1200 beds, North Chicago 1,000, Manteno 600, and Lakeside-Chicago serves 500. Chaplain Bernard Danner retired last year but continues to minister at Hines three days a week and Chaplain John Philipp serves at North Chicago one day a week. These funds would enable NID to continue this ministry and expand it.

## **2. NORTHERN ILLINOIS PASTORS –**

### **Aid for Pastors with Tuition-related debts**

**\$11,447.42**

Many newly ordained pastors are burdened with tuition-related debts. Financial assistance would relieve money related pressures and enable pastors to serve their parishes more effectively. This fund would be administered by the Northern Illinois District Lutheran Women's Missionary League. \$10,000 would be allocated for three consecutive years to be set aside as an Aid Fund. Maximum grant to be \$1,000 per year per applicant.

## **3. NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT – for South Elgin Mission**

**\$10,000**

This new mission is just beginning under Missionary-At-Large Brian Bibler. Worship services began in February of 1987 at Willard Grade School. Much money will be needed in 1988 for all the basics such as evangelism materials, publicity, Sunday School, Bible Class, worship materials, and weekly rental costs.

## **3. NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT –**

### **for Food Pantries in Selected Chicago Congregations**

**\$5,000**

Christ the King, First Bethlehem, LaSantisima, and Saint Matthew are serving hundreds of needy persons. Food is supplied by the government, the congregational members, other congregations, and the NID Food Network. This ministry helps meet urgent human needs and provides a point of contact for evangelism. The money would be divided among these four congregations and used by them to purchase food for distribution to the needy.

## **5. TOGO, WEST AFRICA – for Two Projects**

**\$8,500**

\$5,000 for Medicine and Medical Equipment for the Gurma People. In addition to the evangelistic work, two medical clinics will also be established to provide basic health care. Funds will purchase equipment and provide a steady supply of medical drugs. \$3,500 for the Lokpano Clinic Plumbing Project. There is no indoor plumbing or running water. This clinic serves 50-100 patients a day. It could serve and grow to 200 a day with improvement. Four missionaries serve in this field, eight preaching stations have been established, and more than 250 people baptized since 1980.

## **6. INDIA – for Motorcycles for India Pastors**

**\$10,000**

The average pastor in India serves three or four congregations. These congregations are located about ten miles apart (on the average). As the pastors continue to use public transportations and with the prospect of serving in so many different locales, it is very difficult for them to get back-and-forth. Time and money are wasted. The congregations are already challenged with the responsibility of being self-supporting and they are having difficulties in paying the full salaries of the pastor.

## **7. PAPUA, NEW GUINEA – for maintenance of six of the 31 Lutheran Schools \$9,000**

The Gutnius Lutheran Church of Papua, New Guinea owns and operates 31 Lutheran schools. They are the training ground and reservoir of future members, leaders and clergy of the church. The school buildings need to be painted and repaired. \$1,500 is the estimated cost for each school. An urgent plea is made for the restoration of these valuable schools. The mission emphasis of Bible translation, evangelism, medical missions, and education can be carried to many through the upkeep of these schools.

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51<sup>st</sup> Annual NID LWML Convention, "SERVE... in Green and Golden Years"

October 29, 1988, Holiday Inn O'Hare, Rosemont, Illinois

Convention Speaker: Dr. Shirley Bergman, Director of the Lutheran Institute of Aging situated on the campus of Concordia College, Seward, Nebraska

President: Dorothy Hildebrandt

## **MISSION GRANTS FOR 1988**

### **1. NORTHERN ILLINOIS PASTORS –**

**Aid for Pastors with Tuition-related debts** **\$12,257.84**

Many newly ordained pastors are burdened with tuition-related debts. Financial assistance would relieve money related pressures and enable pastors to serve their parishes more effectively. This fund would be administered by the Northern Illinois District Lutheran Women's Missionary League. \$10,000 would be allocated for three consecutive years to be set aside as an Aid Fund. Maximum grant to be \$1,000 per year per applicant.

### **2. NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT –**

**Personnel to Minister in Correctional Centers** **\$10,000**

There are generally about 5,000 persons incarcerated in Cook County Correctional Center and 2,000 each in Joliet and Pontiac. Northern Illinois District has two Chaplains serving two days a week at Cook County Correctional Center and one at Joliet. These funds would enable NID to expand coverage at Cook County, serve Pontiac, and expand services to persons imprisoned in other locations. The funds would pay for three per diem chaplaincies for a year, each serving one day a week.

**3. NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT – West St. Charles Mission** **\$10,000**

This new mission began in July of 1988. Mission developer Scott Rische is making the important first calls, leading surveys and Bible classes. Area churches are in partnership with the project as well as support from the District. Funds are badly needed for total costs including

publicity brochures and advertising. Bible study materials for children and adults, equipment for the core group, and worship materials.

### **3. NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT –**

#### **Grants to Needy Pupils at Chicago Financially-Assisted Congregations \$8,000**

Our day schools are extremely valuable in reaching out to the unchurched. But many families are unable to pay the full tuition costs. Many needy pupils would otherwise be excluded for financial reasons alone. These funds would be administered through the Board of Missions, and allocated to selected Assisted Congregations with schools. The congregation, in turn, would determine specific pupils to be helped as well as the amount.

### **4. NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT –**

#### **Lutheran Bible Translators for Scholarship Assistance \$5,000**

Lutheran Bible Translators is helping to carry out the command to “make disciples of all nations” through its ministry of Bible translation and literacy work so that more people in the world can receive and read God’s Word written in their own languages. LBT will train two or three linguistics, translation and literacy consultants during the next biennium and send five translation teams into the field. The \$5,000 will pay part of the cost for the training of missionaries and national workers in linguistics, translation and literacy principles.

### **6. SIERRA LEONE, AFRICA – Two Wells for Workers \$8,000**

Nearly 4 million people make up the population of Sierra Leone, a small country situated along the African west coast. Since 1983 our work has focused on planting churches, training church leaders and developing medical missions. Clean water is crucial to good health, but an uncontaminated water supply is not always available to our missionaries in Sierra Leone. Money for this project will purchase the equipment and labor to drill two wells for a number of families.

### **7. LIBERIA, AFRICA – Two Roofs for Chapels \$4,000**

Liberia is along Africa’s west coast. Christianity is relatively new to Liberians, and few villages have a permanent Lutheran place of worship. In some areas, people worship in town halls, private school buildings, or bamboo and palm leaf “kitchens.” Liberians are responsible for building their own med-block and cement chapels to the roof line. This project will provide roofing materials for two new church buildings.

52<sup>st</sup> Annual NID LWML Convention, "Make Me a Servant"  
October 21, 1989, Concordia College, River Forest, Illinois  
Convention Speaker: Marie Meyer  
President: Dorothy Hildebrandt

## **MISSION GRANTS SELECTED FOR 1990**

### **1. NORTHERN ILLINOIS PASTORS –**

#### **Aid for Pastors with Tuition-related debts \$10,265.45**

Many newly ordained pastors are burdened with tuition-related debts. Financial assistance would relieve money related pressures and enable pastors to serve their parishes more effectively. This fund would be administered by the Northern Illinois District Lutheran Women's Missionary League. \$10,000 would be allocated for three consecutive years to be set aside as an Aid Fund. Maximum grant to be \$1,000 per year per applicant.

### **2. CHICAGO UPTOWN MINISTRY \$10,000**

This newly organized congregation of the English District has been serving the poor, hungry and homeless of the Uptown area for 17 years. It is currently engaged in an expansion program to provide needed space for worship for Sunday, office space for staff, interns, volunteers, nurse. Rooms are needed for the pre-school, space for storage of food, clothing and furniture. This renovation would be on a store recently purchased through a loan from the Synodical Lutheran Church Extension Fund.

### **3. NID – Deaconess in Social Ministry \$10,000**

Deaconess Lori Wilbert presently holds this position. Funding is provided through District with a small, decreasing grant from Synod. This project asks that the LWML share in the sponsoring partnership as Synodical assistance is phased out. Her work includes leadership of our Ombudsman program; coordinating our Food/Clothing Network, chaplaincy work in Correctional Ministry at Stateville one day a week; representing NID in the Council for the Homeless, Illinois Impact, and Lutheran Health Network; assisting in Project Compassion, etc.

### **4. AURORA, ILLINOIS – Hispanic Ministry, Cristo Principe de Paz Mission \$10,000**

St. Paul and Emmanuel congregations of Aurora initiated Hispanic mission work here in September of 1986 in order to reach out with the Gospel to the 25,000 Hispanics in the community. Full time work began in March of 1987. The Lord has blessed this mission with rapid numerical growth. More than sixty adults have been confirmed. The mission is expected to be organized officially as a congregation soon. Outside financial support is vital because the local combined resources are not adequate. This project will help fund total costs of this promising Hispanic congregation, salary, equipment, materials, and so on.

**5. Chicago – Christ the King. Land Acquisition \$8,000**

Christ the King at 37<sup>th</sup> and South Lake Park in Chicago operates a highly regarded Christian Day School. All its facilities are cramped for space. The District provides financial assistance. New housing is being constructed close by and middle-income persons are moving in. The whole area is targeted for significant redevelopment and Christ the King is all set to serve but it is extremely crowded for space. These funds would enable adjacent lots to be purchased. This would make building expansion possible and Christ the King will be able to meet the challenge of a redeveloped community.

**6. BOTSWANA, AFRICA – Sunday School Materials \$6,000**

Located in southern Africa, Botswana is an arid land about the size of Texas. LCMS mission work began here in 1982. The Tswana-speaking congregation needs Sunday School materials printed in the Tswana language. Missionaries have begun developing a two-year curriculum designed for children in Botswana that also could be used in South Africa. Printing and distribution expenses for the first year should cost no more than \$2.50 per child.

**7. ZACAPA, GUATEMALA – Addition to Colegio Luterano \$6,000**

Guatemala is a Central American country the size of Tennessee with more than 8 million people. LCMS mission work started in 1947. The training of church leaders and mission outreach are the two main thrusts of our work in this beautiful land. Colegio Luterano El Divino Salvador of Zacapa, Guatemala, is a school of the Lutheran Church of Guatemala. They are preparing to meet the need of more trained workers. They need to expand the physical facilities with one classroom, a library, and books for the library.

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53<sup>rd</sup> Annual NID LWML Convention, "God's Challenge; Our Reponse"  
October 27, 1990, Hyatt Regency, Chicago, Illinois  
Convention Speakers: Rev. Paul Gossman and Rev. Charles Mueller  
President: Dorothy Hildebrandt

**MISSION GRANTS SELECTED FOR 1991**

**1. NORTHERN ILLINOIS PASTORS –**

**Aid for Pastors with Tuition-related debts \$10,200**

Many newly ordained pastors are burdened with tuition-related debts. Financial assistance would relieve money related pressures and enable pastors to serve their parishes more effectively. This fund would be administered by the Northern Illinois District Lutheran Women's Missionary League. \$10,000 would be allocated for three consecutive years to be set aside as an Aid Fund. Maximum grant to be \$1,000 per year per applicant.

**2. ST. MATTHEWS, CHICAGO – Social Ministry** **\$12,000**

This church has a food program that provides food for 1,000 persons a month, an Amnesty program to legalize new immigrants, and a center for English classes. Funding would help support this crucial ministry to this community.

**3. NEW MISSION AT SOUTH ROCKFORD – NID** **\$12,000**

Missionary At Large David Meggers began work in July 1989. Worship began in February, 1990. A circuit mission committee has been of much help in this exciting new start near Mulford. L.W.M.L. funding will help with rent, supplies, publicity, and toward the costs of the new worker.

**4. PROJECT HOPE, SIX CONGREGATIONS OF THE NEAR WEST SUBURBS – NID**  
**\$9,000**

Our churches of Northlake, Elmwood Park, River Grove, Melrose, and Franklin Park are exploring ways to cooperate, to do activities together, to bring greater life for witness to this area. Specifically, it will help with the purchase of shared equipment necessary to move forward in the nineties.

**5. GRACE, CHICAGO – NID – Partial Cost Teacher** **\$5,500**

The school offers a valuable means of outreach, particularly into the Mexican homes. The members of Grace are determined to maintain their Day School as a witness. Most of the members are now elderly and on fixed incomes. LaSantisima Trinidad uses the facilities of Grace. The district is anxious to continue this school, but outside help is needed.

**6. NIGERIA, AFRICA – Generators** **\$8,000**

Nigeria is a large country of over 100,000 million people. There are over 65,000 Lutherans who are members of our partner church. There is a lack of electricity which adds difficulties for our missionaries with no lights, refrigerators, etc. Funds for generators will provide a much-needed resource that can improve our mission efforts.

**7. BRAZIL – Support of Seminary Students** **\$4,500**

Half the people in South American live in Brazil. Our church partner has an evangelism program which focuses on church-planting, theological education, schools, and the Brazilian Lutheran Hour. This project would help with the training of new pastors in their seminaries.

**8. CHINA – Lutheran Literature in Chinese** **\$4,000**

The opening of China to the outside world has made possible a way of reaching millions who are starved to read of God's Love thru Jesus. There is an increased need for many returning to take Christian literature written for the many Chinese of China, Hong Kong, Taiwan.

54<sup>th</sup> Annual NID LWML Convention, "Rejoice! Reach Out! Glorify His Name!"  
October 19, 1991, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois  
Convention Speaker: Rev. Robert M. Roegner  
President: Marion Holm

## **MISSION GRANTS SELECTED FOR 1992**

### **1. NORTHERN ILLINOIS PASTORS –**

#### **Aid for Pastors with Tuition-related debts**

**\$10,000**

Many newly ordained pastors are burdened with tuition-related debts. Financial assistance would relieve money related pressures and enable pastors to serve their parishes more effectively. This fund would be administered by the Northern Illinois District Lutheran Women's Missionary League. \$10,000 would be allocated for three consecutive years to be set aside as an Aid Fund. Maximum grant to be \$1,000 per year per applicant.

### **2. WALCAMP – To provide a Family Camp Pavilion**

**\$12,000**

Walcamp carries on a variety of programs with outreach to all age groups including the handicapped. It also established and maintains a Christian Outdoors Ministry program. To continue this ministry many parts of the buildings and grounds must be maintained and enhanced. This grant not only would enable this work to be continued but also provide for a pavilion in the Family Camp area which would eventually house showers and toilet facilities.

### **3. HEARING IMPAIRED MINISTRY – Partial Cost for a Deaconess**

**\$12,000**

Deaconess Laura Herman is called by the District in this capacity. Rockford is a major focus of her activity, although she serves the entire district. DeKalb is one area where this work is expanding. In this project the L.W.M.L. will be working in partnership with the District in helping to pay the total costs of this worker. Funds would cover approximately the costs of expanding her work so she can serve also in DeKalb and one or two other communities as well.

### **4. RISEN SAVIOR, MANTENO – Operating Expenses**

**\$12,000**

Missionary-at-Large Pastor Michael Michalk was called to begin work in the Manteno area in the summer of 1990. Worship services are presently being conducted at the Manteno Junior High School. The mission now numbers 24 families. An illustration of the growth potential of this mission is that their prospect list numbers 135 families! L.W.M.L. funding for this mission would go toward total operating expenses of the new start; rent, supplies, equipment, outreach, publicity.



**5. PARISH NURSE – Ebenezer and First Immanuel \$4,500**

There are now Parish Nurses serving dozens of congregations, mostly on a part time basis. They are considered members of the staff and assist a congregation to function as a Healing Community. Their service functions in a preventative, educational, and referral role. Ebenezer and First Immanuel are District-assisted congregations on Chicago's West side serving low-income Black Communities. Both congregations could provide additional ministry to help meet needs of members and persons in their neighborhood with a parish nurse.

**6. TOGO – Light Generators \$8,000**

Public utilities are unheard of in the remote villages of Togo. No electricity means no lights or refrigerators. The gift of \$2,000 will buy a generator to provide not only a much-needed resource, but will "light up" the work of our missionaries and make it easier. Four generators are needed.

**7. CHINESE RADIO – Kairos Communication Service \$9,000**

Ninety-nine percent of the Mainland Chinese do not know Christ. We cannot send our missionaries into China, but we can reach into Mainland China via radio broadcast. The Lutheran Layman's League began this program of daily 30-minute broadcasts in Mandarin Chinese. It can no longer support this project. Kairos is now looking for other funding to support this vital outreach to the Chinese. \$9000 would supply 30 half hour broadcasts which have the potential for reaching 5 million listeners.

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55<sup>th</sup> Annual NID LWML Convention, "Reflect Him All Ways... Always!"

October 17, 1992, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois

Convention Speaker: Dr. Richard W. Bimler, President of the Wheat Ridge Foundation, Chicago, Illinois  
President: Marion Holm

**MISSION GRANTS SELECTED FOR 1993**

**1. HISPANIC MINISTRY – Redeemer, Cicero \$12,000**

Fourteen percent of the population in Cicero is Hispanic, mostly Mexican. In October of 1989 Redeemer resolved that Spanish-language ministry be begun. The work is now being led by Mr. Carolos Castillo under the supervision of Rev. Melvin Schmidt, pastor of Redeemer. The Hispanic ministry is viewed as part of the total ministry of Redeemer but neither Redeemer nor the new members can pay all the costs. LWML funding will go toward the total costs involved in this new work which cannot be generated locally.

Many children are precluded from receiving a Christian education because of their special learning needs. There is a need for instructional consultant services in the Northern Illinois District, but often the individual Lutheran school cannot pay in full for these services. The NID-LWML is asked to assist these schools in partial payment for these services to those in need of special education.

A new mission is underway near Rockford. The first worship service is scheduled for November, 1992. There is a minimum of 150 people expected to participate in this new congregation by the first part of 1993. Funds will be needed to carry out a comprehensive family life ministry, VBS, and outreach programs in 1993.

Lutheran Bible Translators carries out the command of our Lord Jesus Christ to “make disciples of all nations.” The task is a very specialized ministry requiring training in linguistics, translation, and literacy. This grant would enable LBT to train 12 workers for one semester.

LAMP carries the Gospel of Jesus Christ by air to the remote regions of Northern Canada, central and southeast Alaska, and the coastal areas of British Columbia. This requires the ongoing replacement of Cessna 185 and Cessna 337 aircraft engines. Government regulations require this replacement after 1700 flying hours. LAMP therefore replaces on the average 2 engines per year. This grant would help with the cost of replacing one engine.

Bethesda Lutheran Home wishes to expand their Camp Matz from a Day Camp for its residents to the first Lutheran-based campground for Mentally retarded people and their families. This \$2 million expansion calls for a Main Lodge and two attached dormitories, five barrier-free cabins, campsites for tents and RVs, and wheelchair accessible trails, picnic grounds, and outdoor worship facilities.

56<sup>th</sup> Annual NID LWML Convention  
"Empowered to Give" – Philippians 4:13 & 1 Peter 4:10  
October 30, 1993, Wyndham Hamilton Hotel, Itasca, Illinois  
Convention Speaker: Dr. Paul Muench  
President: Marion Holm

### **MISSION GRANTS SELECTED FOR 1994**

#### **1. HISPANIC MINISTRY – St. Paul's, Melrose Park \$12,000**

A third of the population of Melrose Park is now Hispanic, mostly unchurched. St. Paul's has conducted Hispanic ministry for over 10 years. Of the \$40,000 budgeted for the Hispanic pastor's expenses, about one-third is supplied by the Hispanic congregation. While St. Paul's assumes the other 2/3 of this cost, it leaves little for the cost of the materials and supplies for the actual Hispanic ministry. Funds are being sought to purchase Christian educational material, worship-related materials, etc.

#### **2. KINGDOM WORKERS PROGRAM – Luther South \$10,000**

Luther High South takes the command of Christ to pray for and enlist workers for His harvest very seriously and has developed a program, now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year, called Kingdom Workers to address the need for young people to be recruited into church work professions. Like all the Lutheran High Schools Luther South is in debt. A \$10,000 grant from LWML will help fund the program for two years.

#### **3. DEACONESS ENDOWMENT FUND, Concordia University – Second Career Women in the Diaconess Program \$10,000**

The church seeks to educate and call women to the deaconess ministry. Currently half of the women now entering the deaconess program are non-traditional, second career students. These students often leave jobs and sell possessions in order to begin the costly studies which exceed \$11,000 per year. These women are often not eligible for traditional forms of financial aid and have little or no income. The Diaconess Clara Strehlow Endowment Fund was established to help with this need. A grant from the LWML would enable the fund to distribute more aid to the students.

#### **4. YOUTH SERVANT EVENT FOR URBAN CHICAGO \$12,000**

Northern Illinois District Board for Youth Services recognizes an opportunity that can be provided to high school youth to grow in their faith while meeting some of the needs of inner-city ministries and the people they serve. As many as 12 urban ministry sites could be physically enhanced, during the summer of 1994, through hands-on work by the youth and supervising adults. The youth would provide for their own housing and food. A grant from LWML would allow the purchase of these materials.

## **5. POINT CLEAR CHILD CENTER, Alabama**

**\$12,000**

Wheatridge Ministries has adopted Point Clear Child Center as a project which can “seed health and hope, in the name of the healing Christ” in an area of extreme poverty in Alabama. Christ-centered child care has been shown to be an effective tool for giving hope to those desiring to break the cycle of poverty. While tuition will cover the major cost of the facility, Wheatridge will supply a portion of the start-up costs. An LWML grant to Wheatridge would provide instructional material for the children during the second and third year of this ministry.

## **6. MARY MARTHA PROJECT, Antigua, Guatemala**

**\$8,000**

Evangelistic and compassionate care is needed by the large population of single women. Cultural factors prevent a male pastor from working in close relationship with these women. Wheatridge and Concordia University began a program where a deaconess-intern would identify women of Antigua who would be willing to be discipled in Christian lay ministry. Also, the project would supply training for single women, unwed mothers, and widows leading toward personal and financial independence. By promoting an active faith life on the part of all participants, the local Lutheran congregation will grow and be served and serve the community better. \$8,000 is requested of the NID-LWML towards the cost of this program.

## **7. LUTHERAN BOOK STORE, Accra, Ghana**

**\$7,000**

The Lutheran Church of Ghana has been blessed with a growing number of national church workers. These men are pleading for Biblical and doctrinal study materials for themselves and the people they teach and lead. Currently the only source for materials is at Concordia Publishing House here in the States. CPH is willing to help set up a bookstore in Ghana. St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Accra is where the church headquarters are and where the proposed bookstore would be. \$12,000 would construct the initial shelves, buy inventory and office supplies for the only Lutheran book store in Ghana.

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57<sup>th</sup> Annual NID LWML Convention, “First, Let Us Pray” – Matthew 6:9-13

October 15, 1994, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois

Convention Speaker: Rev. Gerhard Bode

President: Marion Holm

## **MISSION GRANTS FOR 1994**

### **1. COMEDOR POPULAR SOUP KITCHEN AT ST. MATTHEW, Chicago \$12,000**

Members of St. Matthew's have been faithful servants to the poor and homeless in their community for many years. St. Matthew's provides a strong Lutheran presence in the community with an emphasis on Word and Sacrament. By following Jesus' example of feeding the 5,000, they reach out to about 300 people per week through the operation of a soup kitchen.

A grant from LWML would help renovate the floor and walls of the soup kitchen enabling it to come up to the Illinois State Health code.

**2. HOUSING PROJECT, CHRIST THE KING, Chicago                      \$12,000**

The Christian Church out of enlightened self-interest must promote change. Christ the King Lutheran Church has been in the Oakland/Kenwood area of Chicago for 39 years. Although Christ the King suffered a decline in membership during the racial unrest of the 60s, the church has stabilized over the past 10 years. Much of the property surrounding the church is vacant or cleared with 75% being owned by the City of Chicago. Christ the King has been active in community outreach. Day School ministry, food pantry, clothes closet, and commodities services are primary programs. The church has spent three years designing a plan for redevelopment of community properties. They have formed OK SHARE INC – a non-profit development corporation, 501(c)(3), for this purpose. The first phase of neighborhood redevelopment is the rehabilitation of a purchased single-family home for a low-income family. Volunteers from Christ the King and other NID congregations will help with renovation and furnishing the unit. This grant would supply a small portion of the renovation materials.

**3. NEW MISSION – Family in Faith, Glendale Heights, IL                      \$12,000**

Three suburban congregations in Roselle, Wheaton, and Carol Stream, along with Northern Illinois District have decided to develop a new mission at the site of the former Resurrection Lutheran Church in Glendale Heights. Already worship attendance is over 100 and various ministries are meeting the needs of members and people of the community. There is a large need to develop outreach publicity packets, advertise in local papers, and purchase small group Bible study materials. They also want to make and distribute a 12-minute introductory tape for approximately 1,000 people on their prospect list. A grant from LWML would supply the necessary funds for these goals of the mission.

**4. SUNDAY SCHOOL MATERIALS IN RUSSIAN, Concordia, St. Louis                      \$12,000**

The Russian people are hungry for spiritual food. The Russian Lutheran Church wishes to help families train up their children in the Lord by providing inexpensive Christian family books. A. Dellinger's book "Good Manners for God's Children," M. Christian's book "But Everybody Does It," and R. Sylwester's book "Manners Don't Come Naturally" have already been translated and are ready to print. A grant from the NID-LWML would pay for the initial printing and allow the books to be sold at a minimal cost.

**5. SEMINARY CAMPUS MODIFICATION FOR DISABLED STUDENTS                      \$10,000**

Concordia Seminary in St. Louis wishes to encourage people with physical disabilities to attend classes and visit the campus. By modifying some of the dormitories, parking lots, and walkways it will enable all students to live on campus if they so choose.

**6. CONTINUING EDUCATION IN THEOLOGY FOR PASTORS  
OF PARTNER CHURCHES AND MISSIONS**

**\$9,000**

In this world of 5 billion people, 3 out of every 4 persons are still outside the body of Christ. Sound leadership training of national pastors and church workers by nation seminary professors is essential for the ongoing mission work. This project would provide for 2 of our seminary professors to go overseas and to conduct workshops and seminars for national workers and to teach short-term courses at the partner church's seminary.

**7. ALL NATIONS LITERATURE – ENGLISH DICTIONARY  
AND ESL MATERIALS, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO**

**\$5,000**

All Nations Literature was founded by Dr. and Mrs. Watkins who were Lutheran Bible Translators. They saw the great evangelism opportunity in the English as a Second Language program. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod sends many volunteers to many countries through this program. The LCMS Board for Mission Services would like to utilize this Christian-oriented English Dictionary as a way to continue to get God's Word into the homes of non-believers. There is also a great need for Christian English as a Second Language teacher and student materials. A grant from the NID-LWML would cover the printing and distribution of over 500 Teacher books and over 3,000 student books.

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58<sup>th</sup> Annual NID LWML Convention Rejoice in Fellowship 1 John 1:3-4  
October 14 1995 Itasca Illinois  
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Marva Dawn Christians Equipped for Ministry  
President: Dorcas Meissner

**MISSION GRANTS SELECTED IN 1995**

**4. GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL – LANGUAGE ARTS CURRICULUM \$11,600**

Grace Lutheran is located in Chicago's Little Village Hispanic Community on 28<sup>th</sup> and Karlov. The school is a mission project of NID-LCMS and is also supported by other churches and schools. Rev. Hector Canjura serves as the school's pastor, visiting school families, leading chapel services, and providing confirmation. Current enrollment is 78 students from pre-kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. For many of the Hispanic students who attend Grace Lutheran School, English is their second language. Consequently, language skills are an important part of their curriculum. Their language arts program has not been particularly in the areas of phonics instruction and vocabulary development.

The teaching staff, with the help of a reading professor from Concordia University, helped choose a curriculum best suited to their needs. A projected cost proposal was submitted by a major language arts publisher for approximately \$12,000 to meet the needs of 110 students they anticipate for the 1996-1997 year. A grant from the NID-LWML would cover the costs of this new curriculum.

## **2. “CHRISTIAN DOGMATICS” TEXTBOOKS FOR SEMINARY**

### **STUDENTS AT BOTH ST. LOUIS AND FT. WAYNE SEMINARIES      \$12,000**

The study and proper understanding of Christian doctrine are essential in the preparation of pastors for The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. *Christian Dogmatics*, a four-volume work and index by Dr. Franz Pieper, is considered the classic, definitive text on Christian doctrine as understood by Synod, making it required reading for all seminarians studying for the Holy Ministry. The cost of this set, as all other books, continues to rise, making it a strain on the already stretched finances of many candidates and their families.

This project of \$12,000 would cover the purchase of Pieper’s *Christian Dogmatics*, the set and index, for the new Master of Divinity students anticipated for the coming year.

## **2. ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL –**

### **“ACCELERATED READER” PROGRAM**

**\$2,000**

St. Paul Lutheran School is a Christian Day school on Chicago’s west side with an enrollment of approximately 136 students K-8. The Austin district is a predominantly African-American economically depressed area. Students often begin their schooling at St. Paul’s academically behind. To help improve their reading skills, the school instituted a supplementary reading program four years ago called “Accelerated Reader.” These programs consist of computer disks which students use to take tests on the books they’ve read. The school has been using this program with the 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Since instituting this program, reading comprehension scores, as measured by achievement tests, have risen at a far greater rate than before. This program has been a big success. They would like to add more books and disks to the existing programs in the 5-8 classrooms and add substantially to the small number of disks and books they began to use last year in 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grades. A grant from the NID-LWML would add approximately 7 disks and 186 books to their program.

## **4. NEW MISSION WORK IN GUINEA, WEST AFRICA**

**\$12,000**

God has greatly blessed the work of the LCMS World Mission’s indigenous lay leaders who escaped the civil war in Liberia and went to the Republic of Guinea as refugees, to become African Lutheran lay preachers to establish and enhance Lutheran Mission outreach in Guinea. Many Liberians who fled to Guinea escaped with only the clothing they wore, but also with the Word of God in their hearts. On April 2, 1993, 18 devoted Lutherans met in the home of lay preacher Nathaniel Tamba Taylor, a Liberian Kisi refugee, to make plans to begin Sunday worship services. After making arrangements with the Guinean authorities, they held their first worship on April 11<sup>th</sup> with 89 Kisi and Mende people attending. They have now grown to over 250 in attendance per service. Over 27 new congregations have been started; more than 40 new lay leaders have been trained, and over 500 Christians have been baptized among the Kisi and Mende people.

The churches urgently need a missionary, motorcycles, and bicycles for church leaders and roofing materials for chapels. The three goals of the new Evangelical Lutheran Mission in

Guinea are: the training of local leaders, planting new churches, and human care, and with the help of LCMS World Missions, the call of new missionaries. With a grant from the NID-LWML we can help fund the growth of the Gospel outreach project of the LCMS in the Republic of Guinea, West Africa.

#### **5. APPLE OF HIS EYE – JEWISH OUTREACH IN CHICAGO \$12,000**

Six million Jewish people live in the United States, 261,000+ calling the Chicago area “home.” Recently, over 40,000 Russian Jewish Immigrants have joined this population in the West Rogers Park area, as well as the northwestern suburbs of Buffalo Grove, Palatine, and Arlington Heights. Besides the obvious vacuum in knowing little or nothing about God’s redemptive work through Jesus, many immigrants come with great needs for assistance in Getting food, jobs, day care, language classes, etc. We would use these moneys to start such social services from a church in the northern Chicago area, as well as providing Bibles for each interested person. Also, our base is in one of the North Shore’s most Jewish populated areas; a creative and intellectual approach to outreach is the key. We would utilize the mission’s funds “at home” by organizing bi-monthly groups with outside speakers for intellectual discussion/witness, concerts utilizing accomplished artists, holding Passover and holiday observances for interested visitors, all focusing on Y’shua’s fulfillment of these Scriptural festivals. A grant from the NID-LWML would help to fund the outreach activities of Chicago’s Apple of His Eye.

#### **6. VOLUNTEER EDUCATORS IN HUNGARY \$12,000**

God has opened doors of opportunity in Hungary and other Eastern European countries for increased evangelistic mission work. The government is turning schools back over to the Lutheran churches, but there are few Lutheran educators to teach in them. We have been invited to send teachers from the United States, who will not only help with the teaching of English, but also be allowed to use scriptural-based materials and bear witness to their faith in the Lord Jesus, allowing the Holy Spirit to work even more strongly in the lives of Hungarian youth and school staff. Three people have already volunteered for this work, but much preparation must come first as they learn of the culture, customs and language of the people with whom they work, planning curriculum and leading Bible studies. The \$12,000 of this project would cover the costs of preparation for the work, immunization costs, and other necessary expenses, along with travel to Hungary for the coming school year.

#### **7. SUPPORTING LUTHERAN VOLUNTEERS TO PARAGUAY \$11,000**

Tremendous opportunities exist to present the Gospel to many who are not yet Christians, including those of the Guarani Indian descent. Assisting in these efforts are several LCMS volunteer missionaries who have added an entirely new mission and ministry dimension as they teach music, English, and computer classes in support of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Paraguay. These volunteers (thus far) are ALL women. A grant from the NID-LWML would support two counters for an entire year as they go to remote areas to serve our Lord and His people in Paraguay.



**8. OSWALD HOFFMAN SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH –  
TRAINING FOR EVANGELISM LEADERS THROUGH  
DISTANCE EDUCATION (Partial) \$900**

The Oswald Hoffmann School for Christian Outreach is dedicated to developing church leaders, whether they are professionals or lay persons, for outreach and evangelism in the local churches. The church at large is desperately in need of well-trained leaders who can guide the church in its mission through outreach and evangelism. Through a distance education model, OHSCO will equip and train local church leaders. Distance education exports the education normally received by residential students at a college or university. Local professional church workers and lay persons can receive training in outreach and evangelism in their own local context without leaving their own community. No matter where they live, they can continue to work, live, and minister in their own church while receiving training for leadership in outreach and evangelism. A grant from NID-LWML would help fund books, course syllabi, financial aid, postage, computer capabilities and software, and travel budgets for this program.

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59<sup>th</sup> Annual NID LWML Convention Living in the Light 2 Corinthians 6:2b  
October 19, 1996 Northern Illinois University DeKalb Illinois  
Keynote Speaker: Naomi Schilling Current ILWML Vice President for Mission Projects  
President: Dorcas Meissner

**MISSION GRANTS FOR 1996**

**1. AMIGAS MINISTRY – PORTO ALEGRE, BRAZIL \$12,000**

Amigas Ministry is a ministry of 14 retired women and men who strive to bring the good news of the Gospel of Christ to grandparents, women, and the children of the streets of Porto Alegre. These people live in unimaginable poverty, even compared to our homeless here in the United States. Amigas Ministry's only source of funding has been the personal fund from the pension and social security of Martha Heine and a few donations of cash and clothing, toys, and school supplies given to her by friends, and some local fund-raising activities done here in the Chicago area. Poverty, unemployment, poor education or none at all, and no medical services have all contributed to the vicious cycle that keeps these people trapped in the FAVELEOS (shanty town) and contributes to young women, between the ages of 13 and 19, from becoming unwed mothers with no parenting skills. Amigas Ministries seeks to minister to these young women to help them learn skills so that they can make a living for themselves and their babies, and also teaching them about the Gospel of Christ. There is also an urgent need for medical services for these people of the FAVELEOS. Martha has obtained the services of three doctors and a nurse to provide FREE medical service; however, these services are located clear across town and Amigas has no way to get these people to the doctors for medical attention except by walking or inadequate public transportation. These funds would go toward the purchase of a new 15-passenger van that Amigas Ministries would use to transport people to and from the doctor and also the (LCMS) church in Porto Alegre for formal worship service.

## **2. EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUTATION OF MISSIONARIES \$8,000**

What if there were a political uprising? What if you had a heart attack? What if you went into premature labor? What if your child were bitten by a snake? These are obvious questions the missionaries and their families ask themselves when they go into the mission field. The need for prearranged emergency evacuation of missionaries has been made evident in several emergency cases requiring evacuation in recent years. The shooting of a missionary in Ghana, and the life-threatening medical complications in other parts of the world have verified the need for such insurance to provide emergency evacuation service in countries without adequate medical facilities. A contract with American International Assistance Services (AIAS) has been negotiated that will ensure our mission personnel that they can count on emergency evacuation if and when needed. These funds will help ensure that LCMS missionaries and their families are provided this emergency service.

## **3. DEAF MINISTRY RESOURCE CENTER, SILENT WORD, RIVER FOREST \$12,000**

Ten years ago, Silent Word began its mission of service to people who were deaf and hard of hearing. During these years, Silent Word has come to understand that congregations do not serve the needs of people with disabilities, namely the deaf and hard-of-hearing for two reasons. The first reason is that congregation leaders do not know that people within the congregation have disabilities, and the second reason is a fear of cost and time associated with “special ministries.” Through awareness activities in churches and schools, through sign language instruction, through the creation of Christian resources, the staff of the Deaf Ministry Resource Center informs congregations and individuals on how they can identify and economically minister to those people with hearing disabilities. Silent Word reaches out to the hearing impaired through (1) SIGN LANGUAGE SERIES – a program that teaches sign language in Christian context (prayers, songs and the Apostles’ Creed) and (2) SCRIPTURE SAYS – a weekly television program on the America’s Disability Channel. This program is not only seen locally but is available to almost 15 million homes from coast to coast. Recent studies have shown that 30% of our population have a disability and 95% of these do not have church homes. Silent Word is working to change these figures, and the grant money would be used to continue producing these programs by aiding in the production costs.

#### **4. CHRIST THE ROCK, ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS – PRESCHOOL     \$12,000**

Christ the Rock Lutheran Church is a mission congregation that began in 1989 on Rockford's fast-growing southeast side. They plan to open a preschool in the fall of 1997, but need help paying for the startup costs because of its recent financing of the building of its sanctuary and education unit. Dedication of the new building was held in February of 1996. Christ the Rock is located in a fast-growing new neighborhood, and its preschool will provide a wonderful opportunity for mission outreach into the community. Christ the Rock Preschool will be self-supporting once it is operational. The funds requested will cover the cost of plumbing, fixtures, cabinets, indoor furniture, toys, outdoor furniture and curriculum materials, as well as an outdoor sign and fees for zoning and permits.

#### **5. BRAILLE WORKCENTERS     \$12,000**

LCMS Board for Mission Services, Lutheran Ministry with the Blind and Visually Impaired Persons and its volunteers, seek to transcribe into Braille, devotional books, magazines and other Christian books based on living the Christian life. There are now more than 5,000 blind and visually impaired persons receiving more than 10,000 different materials each month, providing them with an opportunity to learn more about Jesus and to grow in faith. Many of these materials are reaching into countries where we do not have missionaries such as Bangladesh, Iran, Pakistan, Egypt, Bhutan and others. These materials also enable blind persons to perhaps be the only ones with the Good News to share it with their seeing friends and family. These funds will help provide the materials for the dedicated volunteers in the LCMS Braille Workcenters.

#### **6. ENGLISH TEACHING MISSIONARIES IN CHINA     \$6,000**

LCMS, through the Amity Foundation and English Language Institute China (ELIC), plans to send volunteer English Teachers to China. They will model good education methodology while teaching English in Chinese Colleges and Universities for one or more years as well as providing other ministry and outreach as God supplies the opportunities. Each teacher will daily touch several hundred non-Christian students and teachers. These funds will help send three English Teaching Missionaries to The Peoples Republic of China for one year.

#### **7. PEOTONE PREACHING STATION, PEOTONE, ILLINOIS     \$500**

Zion Lutheran Church of Beecher, Illinois, desires to carry out God's command by means of its new Preaching Station in Peotone, which also serves Monee, Manhattan, and Wilmington. God has blessed the Preaching Station in Peotone with a great beginning, but there continues to be much work to be done. There are many unchurched people in the area who need to hear God's Word. This project is already receiving a subsidy from the NID-LCMS and other money from gifts and offerings. The funds requested would be used for 50% Evangelism Outreach and the other 50% for property equipment. The Zion Lutheran Church Preaching Station, Peotone, Illinois, has been taking place since September, 1995.

## **8. LUTHERAN CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES OF ILLINOIS –**

### **CAMP WARTBURG**

**\$500**

Recently, LCFS was afforded the opportunity to take ownership of Camp Wartburg, a Lutheran camp located about 4 miles southwest of Waterloo, Illinois. The camp was founded about 30 years ago by Lutheran farmers. Initially, the donors developed a picnic area and a swimming pool to serve primarily the members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Waterloo. About 20 years ago, cabins and a lodge were added to the grounds to make a camp. Last year, the camp served over 300 children and adults in 12 different programs. One of the camp's accomplishments last year was its Christian ministry to 60 developmentally disabled people. LCMS World Relief and members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Waterloo have made generous grants to assist LCFS with the purchase of the property as well as for camp operations. Since there are no other Lutheran camps in the area, LCFS plans to renovate the camp so that more children and families can join in the fellowship of other Lutherans and celebrate in the Word of Christ. These funds would help renovate one of the cabins that was severely damaged last year during a major thunderstorm that caused a tree limb to fall on the roof, damaging the roof and windows.

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60<sup>th</sup> Annual NID LWML Convention Hold up the Light 2 Timothy 1:6a,7

October 18, 1997 Rosemont Illinois

Keynote Speaker: Phyllis Wallace, "Woman to Woman" Lutheran Hour Ministries

President: Dorcas Meissner

## **MISSION GRANTS FOR 1997**

### **1. CHRIST LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL, BUCKLEY, IL \$12,000**

On January 10, 1996, the CLMS of Iroquois County, which includes three LCMS churches in Circuit 26, purchased a building in Buckley, and since has brought it up to state codes (ISBE), and is preparing to start school in the fall of 1997. This group of churches has worked for six years in forming an association and promoting the idea of a Lutheran High School. This would be the only Lutheran High School within a 100-mile radius. Research has proved that the more years a person attends a Lutheran school, the more chances that these students will grow up to be workers and leaders in the church. Experience has also shown that Lutheran schools draw significantly from non-Lutherans and offer an opportunity for evangelism. A grant from the NID-LWML for \$12,000 would: help fund the purchase of equipment and materials; provide a science lab that will teach God's creation and refute the evolution theory; provide the equipment and technology that students can use to access information through the Concordia System and secular information sources; provide audio visual equipment to assist teaching and to use the resources made available through District and Synod; and provide music for giving Glory to God and to help students use their God-given talents for His glory.

## **2. BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

### **FOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IN UGANDA**

**\$12,000**

Nine congregations and over 30 preaching stations with a membership of over 2,000 souls have been established in the past four years through the work of many lay leaders under the guidance of Evangelist John Donkoh. Through his work and other key lay leaders, an invitation has been given which will provide free air time on the national radio and television stations. These television and radio programs are being provided through the work of the LCMU (Lutheran Church Mission Uganda) of Trinity Lutheran, Roselle, and Lutheran Hour Ministries and other LCMS sources. The purpose of this project is to provide leadership training and materials for distribution in the mission field. Lutheran Hour Ministries expects at least 2,000 people to respond to offers of Bible correspondence courses in the first six months.

A grant of \$12,000 from the NID-LWML will help supply Bibles, catechisms, computer, monitor, printer, and distribution of correspondence materials (in English and other languages native to Uganda).

## **3. NEW MISSION – FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, SPRING GROVE, ILLINOIS**

**\$12,000**

A new mission has been started by Zion Lutheran Church of McHenry in the Spring Grove area. This group of people has been meeting regularly for worship at the local school. The mission is now moving on by calling a full-time pastor/mission developer from the district, scheduled to be on board by July, 1997. This mission is committed to outreach through their children's ministry and through other outreach-oriented, highly visible involvement in the community. A grant of \$12,000 from the NID-LWML would help these evangelism outreach materials. These materials include a children's outreach program, already in progress, and evangelism materials such as advertisements, congregational brochures, fliers, tracts and Bibles.

## **4. CAMPUS INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRY IN CHICAGO**

**\$12,000**

The NID-LCMS working in conjunction with the LCMS World Board for Missions, has resulted in a plan for the NID Mission Board to start full time campus ministry to international students in Chicago at the University of Illinois, Chicago campus beginning July, 1997. The initiation of this new campus ministry is specifically designed to reach out with the Gospel to the many unchurched international students in the Chicago area. Opportunities exist with these students via hospitality, ESL, Bible classes, fellowship events, banquets, counseling, worship, and other activities. In many cases, these students return to their homeland and become witnesses for Christ in their own countries. This program is modeled after the same operation Rev. Carl Selle uses at the International Friendship Center in Lansing, Michigan, which was a 1995-1997 ILWML project. A grant from the NID-LWML of \$12,000 would fund outreach materials, Bibles, ESL materials, Lutheran tracts, and other items needed for this ministry.

**5. FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, CICERO,  
HISPANIC OUTREACH PROGRAM**

**\$12,000**

Faith Lutheran Church was organized in 1945 when Cicero was a growing Chicago suburb. The current membership is declining and aging, and living on limited incomes unable to financially meet the mission challenge. The mission challenge is evident in that the population of the Boulevard Manor neighborhood of Cicero is becoming increasingly Hispanic. The newly installed Pastor Michael Michalk is bilingual and has experience working in the Hispanic Mission field. A grant from the NID-LWML of \$12,000 would help fund the necessary Bible, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and other evangelism materials needed in Spanish, for the outreach into this Hispanic community.

**6. ST. PAUL URBAN MINISTRIES, ROCKFORD, IL**

**\$2,465**

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church stands in a zone designated as “Urban Blight” by the city of Rockford. St. Paul Urban Ministries was founded by St. Paul’s to assist the congregation in fulfilling the Great Commission (Mt. 28:18-20) in its immediate neighborhood. By combining social ministry efforts with a strong evangelism emphasis, this project is designed to enliven the body of Christ to meet both the physical and the spiritual needs of God’s children.

The goals of this project are: to establish a not-for-profit corporation; to enlist congregational members and other Christians in efforts to reach out in the word and deed to others through housing ministry; to purchase and rehabilitate one home and to use that home to provide the vicar with an urban ministry living experience; to begin rental to ownership housing ministry program with that same house when the vicarage term has ended; and provide finances for the next project through the sale of the home.

A grant from the NID-LWML of \$2,465 would support the work of St. Paul’s Urban Ministries through developing relationships and refurbishing houses in their neighborhood.

**7. DEVELOPMENT OF LUTHERAN LITERATURE  
WORK IN ERITREA**

**(Partial) \$1,535**

God has reopened the door that has remained closed for over 20 years for new work in Eritrea, thereby enabling the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Eritrea to again begin proclaiming the Gospel to the people of Eritrea. Thousands of exiled Eritreans, liberation fighters, widows, orphans, and especially people who have been in the refugee camps of neighboring countries are again returning to and settling in Eritrean towns. There is a great need for Lutheran literature, such as Sunday school materials, youth materials, and materials for women to enhance the ELCIE outreach. A grant of \$10,000 from the KID-LWML would help provide an offset printing press to help produce Lutheran literature in the Eritrean language for these newly returned Eritreans.

61<sup>st</sup> Annual NID LWML Convention Let Your Joy Overflow Phil 1:26  
October 10, 1998 Northern Illinois University DeKalb Illinois  
Keynote Speaker: Rev Charles Mueller, Jr. Trinity Lutheran Church Roselle, Illinois  
President: Dorcas Meissner

## **MISSION GRANTS FOR 1998**

### **1. WALCAMP – UPGRADE FACILITIES FOR THE HANDICAPPED \$12,000**

Twelve years ago, Handicamp started with one week in the summer and approximately twelve campers. Today they are bursting at the seams and in need of upgrading their current facilities to meet the needs of the handicapped, so more can attend Handicamp. Walcamp has led the way by providing a “Handicamp” as a ministry to mentally and physically challenged individuals of all ages. They have set a pattern for the rest of Synod that has been reproduced in other districts. Opportunities to have a camp experience are provided for more than 150 persons with physical and emotional challenges within 4-week and ½-weeks throughout the year. A grant of \$12,000 from the NID-LWML would help fund the upgrading of the facilities to meet the rising physical needs of the campers.

### **2. ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, GRAND CROSSING, CHICAGO-WOMEN’S PRISON MINISTRY \$3,100**

This project has been submitted by the LWML society of St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grand Crossing. In the last decade, the number of women in our nation’s prisons increased by 256%. The number of women in Illinois prisons has increased by 276%. Today, about 80% of the women incarcerated in Illinois are mothers. Most of them are single mothers, who are sole caretakers of their children. Their parenting skills are greatly lacking, resulting in the inadequate care of their children physically, mentally, and spiritually. Many of these women were abused as children and find it difficult to feel any self-worth or respect for others. Prisons and jails are places for ministry, places where men, women and children hunger for hope, reconciliation and healing. The members of St. Paul Prison Ministry are among a growing number of people who prepare to combat crime with education. Following several sessions with authorities at Cook County Department of Corrections, PACE Program, in which the course materials were reviewed, permission was granted to begin classes. The classes are every Monday evening at the jail from 7:00-8:30 pm. The first class was held October 6, 1997. There were six women present. There are now twenty who attend class regularly. The material being used is entitled God-Centered Parenting. The course consists of eight video tapes, along with written materials for discussion. The written material for each class session is copied and used as hand-outs in the class. New Testament Bibles are needed to be used along with the course materials as well. A grant of \$3,100 from the NID-LWML would supply all the materials currently needed for instructing women incarcerated on the Women’s Division of the Cook County Department of Corrections.

### **3. NEW WORK IN KYRGYZSTAN, RUSSIA**

**\$5,000**

With the Lord's guidance, LCMS World Mission has decided to officially open work in Kyrgyzstan as a new mission field in 1998, a door that has remained closed for more than 50 years, thereby enabling the LCMS to energetically plan for new work to be done there. A missionary team was sent to survey the country and determine how to develop Gospel outreach there. This survey team, having spent several weeks in that country, has developed a tentative strategy for new work there. This strategy statement calls for the placement of two full-time missionaries for a period of two to three years. Resources will be required not only for the support of the missionaries, but also for the program purposes such as printing of religious literature in their language. These funds will also provide Bibles, Luther's Catechisms, flannel graphs, and other material to train church leaders to spread the Gospel of Jesus to these people. A grant of \$5,000 from the NID-LWML will provide the resource materials to Kyrgyzstan.

### **4. LBT-DHIMBA TRANSLATIONS AND LITERACY MATERIALS IN NAMIBIA, SOUTHERN AFRICA**

**\$10,200**

Lutheran Bible Translators is committed to helping the Dhimba people of Namibia have God's word in their language and learn to read it. LBT missionaries, Rev. Hal and Mrs. Joyce Toenjes and their son arrived in Namibia in July of 1997, to serve along the Dhimba people. Prior to joining LBT, Hal was an associate Pastor at Trinity, Genoa, and his wife taught at Immanuel, Belvidere. LBT began its work in Namibia in 1996 under the cooperation of the three Namibian Lutheran Churches and the Bible Society of Namibia. One language group that has been a high priority for the Lutheran Churches there is the Dhimba people of Northwest Namibia, close to the Angolan border. Translation work has already begun in the 1960s, with the Gospels of Luke and John being published, but due to fighting during Namibia's struggle for independence in the 1970s and 1980s, translation work stopped. Now, with the aid of Rev. Toenjes and his wife, work has begun again. A grant from the NID-LWML of \$10,200 will provide printing, testing, and publication of Scripture in the Dhimba language, as well as translation handbooks, literacy training and teacher training.

### **5. DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS FOR BETHESDA'S GROUP HOMES**

**\$1,955**

For over 90 years, Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Service, Inc., has worked to carry its mission to care for the physical, mental, and spiritual needs of people with mental retardation. They have found that all of their residents can learn both about the world around them and about the love of their Savior Jesus. Devotions are held daily, and all of the residents attend weekly Bible study classes. The goal is to teach them about Jesus' love, as effectively and meaningfully as possible. It has been discovered that the residents respond well to visual images and repetition. The purchase of a video series called "Animated Bible Stories" would allow utilization of these skills in the overall plan of teaching about Jesus to the residents through constant replaying of these videos to the residents. What is repeated are the basic stories of the Bible, in such a visual way the residents can learn of God's love and guidance throughout history and of the promises kept to us through His Son Jesus. In addition, Nest Masters has produced 20 new videos depicting the Old and New Testament stories and these are requested as well. A grant of \$1,955



from the NID-LWML would purchase seven sets of videos for the Bethesda Lutheran Group Homes.

## **6. BRAILLE NEW TESTAMENT-PROTESTANT POLISH BIBLE**

**\$11,970**

Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc., of Yucaipa, California, a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS, has recently discovered the need for God's work in Polish Braille code for the 250,000 blind in Poland. The blind of Poland have had limited Braille Biblical books, never the complete Bible in their reading media. Computer discs have been received and distribution would take place through the Bible Society of Poland. These volumes would be brailled at numerous Lutheran Braille Workers 200 work centers, located across the USA, four of which are located in the Northern Illinois District. The question becomes: Who will braille the Bible for blind of Poland if Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc. does not? A grant of \$11,970 from the NID-LWML would cover the costs of the zinc master plates and 2,228 brailled volumes of the ten-volume Braille New Testament of the first Protestant Version Polish Bible. This is a very special, unique opportunity to be part of an exciting sharing of God's Word in Poland.

## **7. LUTHER SEMINARY – KOREA**

**\$10,000**

LCMS began heeding the call to "make disciples of all nations" in Korea in 1958. The Lutheran Church in Korea was established as a national church in 1971 with five congregations. Lutheran Theological training was begun in the mid-1960s at Lutheran Academy. The Korean Ministry of Education set increasingly strict educational requirements which closed down LTA and all other Korean schools that did not meet the Ministry's requirements. In 1984, the Lutheran Church in Korea opened a seminary at its present site in Seoul, where a growing number of church workers are trained. These people who were trained at Luther Seminary are now serving in the world's largest unreached mission field – Asia. Accreditation with the right to grant a Bachelor of Theology degree cannot be offered until the seminary has added another building, thus meeting the explicit space requirements which include a library, athletic field, faculty and course rooms. With the assistance from LCMS, LCMS World Missions, members of the Lutheran Church in Korea and others, this building is nearing completion to meet the specifications of the Korean Ministry of Education. A grant of \$10,000 from the NID-LWML will help towards the \$700,000 still needed for the building fund.

## **8. SHEPHERD OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, BRAIDWOOD**

**\$12,000**

Shepherd of Peace Lutheran Church is an NID-LCMS new mission that began its ministry in August, 1997. Rev. Zobel was called to be the Missionary-at-large to this new mission. Braidwood has become a thriving community with a population explosion in the last few years. New businesses are being erected in buildings that had been vacant for 30 years, and new homes are being built all over the area. The community has been very supportive of this new mission. One businessman has allowed the use of his office in his building, and the Fossil Ridge Public Library in Braidwood has allowed the mission to conduct meetings and Bible studies in its conference room. The NID-LCMS has purchased land where soon a church will be built. A grant of \$12,000 from the NID-LWML would purchase Sunday school and VBS materials, a

“Phone For You” campaign, youth ministry materials and a Walcamp retreat, and evangelistic outreach materials.

## **9. LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES (Partial) \$10,650**

Lutheran Special Education Ministries has been helping children in the Northern Illinois District since 1984. The need for the ministry in Illinois is great. One out of ten school age children has a special learning need. These children need some special assistance in a small group or one-on-one setting to enable them to receive a Christian education at a Lutheran school. Last year, the ministry provided special education programs in 21 LCMS schools in NID, helping 816 children. During 1997-1998 LSEM will be helping over 900 children at 23 Lutheran schools in NID. Over 90% of families of children with special learning needs do not have a church home. The urban areas of NID have a high degree of children with special learning needs, but the Lutheran schools in these areas don't have the financial resources to support these needs. A grant from the NID-LWML of \$12,000 would provide books and other learning manipulatives to help children in an urban setting in NID with special learning needs to receive a Christian education.

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62<sup>nd</sup> Annual NID LWML Convention God's Freedom Reigns John 8:32 & 36  
October 23, 1999 Matteson Illinois  
Keynote Speaker: Karol Selle International Student Ministry  
President: Carli Zygowicz

## **MISSION GRANTS FOR 1999**

### **1. BIBLES FOR RUSSIA**

**\$5,000**

For more than 70 years the 150 million people in Russia were raised on the teachings of atheism. Millions of Christians were imprisoned or died for their faith, and 90% of church properties were seized or destroyed. Today in Russian religious freedom is constitutionally guaranteed, and 60% of Russians are Christians. Yet most of the people do not have a Bible to read. LCMS volunteer missionaries are distributing and using Bibles throughout Russia. Many of these are side-by-side Bible translations, with English on one side and Russian on the other. When asked what book or character of the Bible they would like to study, Russians replied, “We don't know, you have to realize we have never seen a Bible.” A grant of \$5,000 from the NID-LWML will place Scriptures in the hands of adults and students through one of our missionaries.

### **2. 4WD GOSPEL VEHICLE**

**\$10,000**

Missionaries travel long distances to share the good news about Jesus. They travel in many ways: by foot, bicycle, horseback, car and 4x4 vehicles. They journey along dirt roads with potholes the size of an elephant, and when the rainy season begins many of these roads are impassable to regular automobiles. Four-wheel drive vehicles help missionaries travel to more areas, more frequently, with the saving Gospel message. A grant of \$10,000 from the NID-

LWML will help to provide a four-wheel drive Gospel Vehicle for an LCMS World Mission missionary.

### **3. CHICAGOLAND LUTHERAN EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

**\$12,000**

CLEF, a foundation created in 1993, believes that a quality education based on Christian values can transform the life of a child. They also believe that every child deserves an equal opportunity to have a quality education. Eighty percent of Lutheran congregations in Chicago have declined in membership, and this means there has been a drastic drop-in financial support for Lutheran schools. Forty percent of the children and their families in Chicago attending Lutheran schools are not Lutheran, and 27% have no church affiliation. A grant of \$12,000 from the NID-LWML will help to strengthen Chicago Lutheran congregations with schools by providing equipment for LCMS Chicago Lutheran schools.

### **4. WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP TRAINING IN GHANA**

**\$12,000**

The Lord has richly blessed LCMS World Mission's ministry in partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana (ELCG). Hundreds of men are being trained to become lay preachers and evangelists in a leadership development program. The ELCG has requested a women's leadership training program to be established in Ghana. For the first time, a woman trainer is developing and implementing leadership training for Ghanaian women in Sunday schools and women's groups, similar to the LWML. The woman trainer works with women on a personal basis and helps them deal with personal loss and grief, strengthens their family life, and spiritually nurtures them. This program will also develop and implement leadership training for Sunday schools and women's groups. It will affect almost 50 villages, each with more than 15 baptized members. A grant of \$12,000 from the NID-LWML will help support the women's leadership training program in Ghana.

### **5. BLIND MINISTRY EQUIPMENT REPAIR**

**\$4,000**

Christ, in the Great Commission, commands us to proclaim His Word to all people. This includes the visually impaired. LCMS World Mission has available more than 2,500 Braille titles, 400 large-type titles, and 2,000 cassette tapes for use by the visually impaired. Maintenance is a necessity at this time for four printing presses, 15 Braille presses, almost 200 Perkins Brailers, and some computers. A grant of \$4,000 from the NID-LWML will enable this equipment to remain up and operating for the benefit of our visually impaired brothers and sisters.

### **6. LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL AND ENRICHMENT CENTER IN TISOVEC, SLOVAKIA**

**\$12,000**

The Evangelicke Gynmazium v. Tisovec (EGT), also known as the Lutheran High School in Tisovec, Slovakia, has risen from the ashes of communism to once again become a significant and influential Christian educational institution. This institution is a boarding school offering a five-year college prep program taught primarily in English. The EGT recently completed its

fifth year of operation, graduating 60 students in May, 1997. In the 1997-1998 school year, they had over 300 students in five grades of high school. There are “cream-of-the-crop” topnotch students, the Slovak leaders of the future. In addition, there are 17 middle school students enrolled in the new middle school program. The EGT seeks to establish a multipurpose center for student life and enrichment. This would include a gym, chapel, stage, and youth activities center for the EGT students and for local Tisovec students. Lutheran congregations and pastors throughout Slovakia would use the facility for church worker training and Christian youth and adult programs. The Slovana building, located one block from the six-classroom building has been given to the school and can be renovated for this purpose. A grant of \$12,000 from the NID-LWML would help fund the renovation of this building.

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63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention Linked Together Ephesians 4:16  
October 21, 2000 Clock Tower Resort & Conference Center Rockford, Illinois  
Keynote Speaker: Elaine Bickel  
President: Carli Zygowicz

*Historian's note: The mission goal (which includes funding for National Mite Grants and NID budget needs) for the last annual convention was \$128,000. Thus the first biennial mission goal would be \$250,000. \$167,500 of this would be used to fund the chosen NID LWML mission grants.*

## **MISSION GRANTS FOR 2000**

### **1. SHARING CHRIST IN THE LAST FRONTIER \$12,000**

Due to the tremendous size of Alaska, this state has special needs so that all communities are reached with God's Word. The Alaska Mission Committee tries to meet these needs and has the approval of the LCMS Northwest District. A grant from the International LWML was used to purchase a truck and 5<sup>th</sup> wheel trailer to begin a circuit rider ministry in 1993. However, fuel costs to mission sites are expensive. A grant from the NID-LWML will help the Alaska Mission Committee to pay for transportation for its workers who travel to 120 communities. They not only bring the Word of God to these settlements, but also train 120 people to be lay assistants so that more people can be brought to our Savior.

### **2. NID PARISH NURSE EDUCATION \$12,000**

The healing ministry of Jesus was an integral part of His redemptive ministry; restoring the whole person to God. A new form of ministry in our congregations is the parish nurse, who is concerned not only for the physical and mental, but also the spiritual dimensions of God's children. The parish nurse serves as health educator, personal health counselor, liaison to community resources, and coordinates volunteers for this caring ministry. She visits shut-ins, supports those who have been bereaved, and helps the pastor with members who are

experiencing a crisis so that he can better shepherd them. In many cases, the parish nurse is a volunteer, and yet it is necessary for her to have more education which is essential in spiritual care and other skills required for this specialty. A grant from the NID-LWML would help fund NID Parish Nurse education so that more nurses could provide a ministry that offers Christ's healing love to the whole person.

### **3. CHAPEL ROOFS IN COTE d'IVOIRE**

**\$5,000**

New groups of believers in Cote d'Ivoire are in need of permanent facilities for purposes of worship, fellowship, and spiritual nature. These new believers have been worshipping under trees or grass roofs to keep the sun off their backs, but when the rainy season begins, neither the trees nor the grass roofs will protect them from the elements. Members of newly formed preaching stations are prepared to be responsible for all labor costs, as well as for the construction of new worship facilities up to the roof level. A grant from the NID-LWML would provide zinc roofs for at least 30 buildings, as well as enable the construction of new chapels to be completed much more quickly, without making the recipients dependent on outside assistance.

### **4. WARDROBES FOR LUTHERBROOK**

**(Partial) \$7,000**

The mission of Lutheran Child and Family Services (LCFS) is to demonstrate Christ's compassion for the world through quality human care services and it has a long and distinguished history of caring for children and families in need. Lutherbrook Child and Adolescent Center in Addison, Illinois is a program of LCFS which serves abused and neglected children in a residential environment. The main building on the campus is in dire need of wardrobes for its 37 young boys and girls ranging from 6 to 18 years of age. Sturdy furniture that is functional, attractive, and well-constructed will add to a comfortable living environment for these children and promote pride and self-esteem for each individual. LCFS has already raised over 55% of the cost of these wardrobes. A grant from the NID-LWML will help fund the purchase of 37 individual wardrobes for Lutherbrook.

### **5. VOLUNTEER SCHOOL TEACHER FOR MISSIONARIES' CHILDREN IN TOGO, WEST AFRICA**

**\$12,000**

The John and Melissa Palka family wishes to continue their work in Togo, but are concerned about the education of their children. In many African mission fields this is the most difficult problem that families face. One way to solve the problem of education of missionary children is by sending a volunteer teacher. In Togo, the teacher would help the missionary families keep their children close to their homes, while providing the kind of education that American Christians desire for their little ones. A grant from the NID-LWML would make it feasible for a volunteer school teacher to go to Togo, West Africa and teach the Palka children.

## **6. BLIND AND DEAF MINISTRY IN GHANA, W. AFRICA                      \$6,000**

Christ, in the Great Commission, commanded us to proclaim His Word to all people. Deaf and blind people offer unique challenges to church planning and leadership development. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana has a history of reaching out to this select population and is effectively working with these communities. In Ghana, these physically challenged people often have a difficult time making a living. In many cases they do not receive a formal education, particularly, the women. The literacy program will help them learn and understand the WORD OF GOD for themselves and also assist them to learn new skills, such as weaving baskets, working with sugar cane, etc. A grant of \$6,000 from the NID-LWML will help support the Blind and Deaf Ministry in Ghana, West Africa.

## **7. ROCKFORD/BELVIDERE HISPANIC MISSION                      \$12,000**

The present Hispanic population and future projections of the growing Hispanic community in Rockford and Belvidere include many who have never heard the precious message of salvation. The pastors of Zone 16, and the Northern Illinois Mission Board, have unanimously pledged their collective support for this vital Gospel outreach to the Hispanic community. The goal of this ministry is to train and equip a Hispanic worker who will plan, organize and implement three new Hispanic Word and Sacrament Ministries within the next five years. A grant from the NID-LWML will help with a demographic analysis of the Hispanic community, purchase Bibles, Catechisms and other religious books, provide evangelism resources, and additional evangelism training.

## **8. DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH MINISTRY- ST. MATTHEW, CHICAGO                      \$12,000**

St. Matthew Lutheran Church has been presented with the award of “Making a World of Difference” by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod World Relief for responding to the spiritual and physical needs of the Hispanic and other members of the community. St. Matthew now looks at another problem – the youth in its community. National statistics show that Hispanic youth have the highest rate of high school dropouts and unwanted pregnancies. St. Matthew wishes to respond to an urgent need to develop a special youth ministry in their congregation. A grant from the NID-LWML would enable the congregation to repair water leaks in St. Matthew’s basement, purchase paint for the walls, purchase new fluorescent lights and Bibles, Christian books, video equipment and tapes, and help St. Matthew to develop a youth ministry.

65<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Renewed in the Spirit by the Spirit based on Psalm 51  
October 19, 2002 Georgios Banquests, Orland Park Illinois  
Keynote Speaker: Jan Struck  
President: Carli Zygowicz

## **MISSION GRANTS FOR 2002**

### **1. TRANSFORMED – IDENTIFYING, INFORMING AND ENCOURAGING FUTURE PASTORS \$5,000**

More pastors are leaving active ministry than are entering the ministry from our synod's seminaries. It is estimated that in 10-15 years, the number of clergy actively serving our 6,000 congregations will decline from 5,200 to 2,700. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis proposes to print and mail a new publication tentatively entitled "Transformed" to high school students. A grant of \$5,000 would assist in the production and mailing of this publication to high school age pastoral prospects.

### **2. FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHURCH \$10,000**

This program is a national effort on behalf of the Concordia University system which is taking the lead in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod by initiating a program to help alleviate the expressed need for church workers. The goal is to simultaneously double the number of LCMS students who attend the ten Concordia campuses in traditional and non-traditional programs and to raise \$400 million in endowment monies to fortify their education. A grant of \$10,000 from NID-LWML will assist *For the Sake of the Church* to double the number of Christian leaders in service to our Church and the world.

### **3. ASIAN MUSLIM OUTREACH - CHICAGO (POBLO) \$12,000**

The vision and mission of this outreach is to reach ethnic people with the Gospel in their own language, cultivate Bible study groups and work toward planting a Christ-worshipping congregation of Asian believers. POBLO, People of the Book Lutheran Outreach, is recognized as the mission society of the LCMS Muslim Task Force. The Chicago area is home to more than 75,000 Muslims and nearly 50,000 Hindus for whom Christ died. This program is modeled after All Nations Lutheran Church in Troy, Michigan. A grant of \$12,000 from NID-LWML would aid this program.

### **4. GUIDING FOOTSTEPS CHILDREN'S CENTER \$3,000**

The multicultural neighborhood surrounding two Lutheran churches on the near east side of Aurora provides 103 preschool through kindergarten-age children who need to hear and experience the love of Jesus daily. Guiding Footsteps wishes to accomplish this goal through the use of Concordia's new Bible curriculum, Voyages Exploring God's Word. A grant of \$3,000 from NID-LWML would aid in this ministry to children and their un-churched families.

**5. SUNDAY SCHOOL MATERIALS FOR EUROPE** **\$8,000**

In the past, the Slovak Evangelical Church of Augsburg Confession (SECAC) has used the CPH Sunday school material. The exorbitant cost of printing material outside of Slovakia has been a limiting factor to using the material throughout Europe. Slovakia now has the technology to print the new CPH in color and adapt it for European youth. This material will create a new generation of Christian writers, educated and trained by LCMS educators, using solid Christ-centered material. A grant of \$8,000 from NID-LWML would make this dream possible.

**6. PARTNER TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL IN A NEW MISSION FIELD – THE GAMBIA, WEST AFRICA** **\$12,000**

Through a partnership with the Lutheran Church of Nigeria, the Good News of Jesus will be carried by a Nigerian missionary who will train lay leaders. They will establish preaching stations from which churches will be built. Religious materials, Bibles, Catechisms, Sunday school materials would be made available through a grant from NID-LWML in the amount of \$12,000.

**7. TELLING THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS IN KYRGYZSTAN** **\$11,160**

The young people of Kyrgyzstan are coming to faith in Jesus Christ and this means hope! Weekly Bible studies are beginning in rural communities around Bishkek. In the villages of Petrovka and Vorontsovka, most people who attend classes are under age 35. The people of Kyrgyzstan need hope of eternal life with God. Resources are needed for Bible studies, Sunday schools, Vacation Bible Schools and confirmation classes. Costs for each of the 6 villages missionaries are currently working with are \$3,720. They would like to reach out to more villages. A grant of \$11,160 from NID-LWML would make this possible.

**8. SCHOOLS IN INDONESIA** **\$5,000**

Indonesia is the most populous Islamic country in the world. Many of those who call themselves Moslems are Islamic in name only. There are significant numbers of people converting from Islam to Christianity. For the most part, it is impossible for Westerners to be involved in evangelism in Indonesia. A number of Indonesian Christian businessmen want their country to become Christian. It is their intention to organize a Christian school system to attract young people to Christianity and to use the teachers in that system to start congregations. A grant of \$5,000 from NID-LWML would allow the LCMS to share its experience in education with these businessmen and further Christianity.



## **9. CELEBRATING 50 YEARS IN MISSION – VENEZUELA      \$10,000**

After 50 years of ministry in Venezuela, the task of the Lutheran Church is as urgent and challenging as ever. Rampant crime and unemployment are everywhere in the large cities. New and bizarre sects seem to spring up daily and they try to take advantage of the frustrated and confused. Rev. Rudy Blank and Rev. Richard Schlak are working to reach the 24 million souls who inhabit the 350,000 square miles of Venezuela. A grant of \$10,000 from the NID-LWML would help train leaders and plant churches in this country.

## **10. JEWISH MISSION TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS (Partial)      \$9,840**

The Apple of His Eye Mission Society was constituted in 1996 at the request of the LCMS Mission Board as a vehicle to assist in recruiting and training self-funded missionaries among the Jewish people. The Apple of His Eye also offers short-term mission events that give training to pastors and lay people for local outreach efforts among the Jewish and gentile populations. The average number of adult converts per LCMS congregations is less than one person. Average cost for the participant to take part in a 10-day mission event is \$955. A grant of \$10,000 from NID-LWML will enable continuing mission training.

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66<sup>th</sup> Annual NID LWML Convention

"Lord of our Hearts...Our Hope"      1 Peter 3:15

October 18, 2003      Holiday Inn O'Hare International Rosemont IL 60018

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Mark Schulz, Trinity Lutheran Church Lisle

President: President Linda Arnold

*Historian's Note: on July 19, 2003 the Board of Directors of the LWML NID approved a recommendation as follows: The Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) of the NID will meet in biennial convention beginning in the year 2006." The delegates of the 2003 convention voted to approve this recommendation with one more annual convention being held in October 2004.*

## **MISSION GRANTS FOR 2003**

### **1. RELIGION MATERIALS FOR BETHEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL, CHICAGO**

**\$5,800**

Bethel is an old school, started in 1891 in West Humboldt Park which is now largely Hispanic. A majority of Bethel congregational members are over 65 and limited in personal income and in physical capacity to raise money. It is an outreach to proclaim the Gospel among low-income residents. Over one-third of the school families are new each year. Bethel struggles to maintain the school because of the inability of families to afford total educational costs. The school needs to replenish Lutheran religion curriculum materials. A grant of \$5,800 from NID-LWML would fund purchases of "Voyages" curriculum, hymnals and early childhood Bible story readers.

<b>2. WALCAMP OUT-OF-DOORS EDUCATION GRANT</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>
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In August of 2001 Walcamp began a mission to serve inner city Chicago students and has awarded 242 grants to students for up to one week at a reduced rate of \$37.50 per student. Walcamp would like to continue providing the outreach of a rural outdoor ministry and educational experience to students who would otherwise be unable to attend. A grant of \$12,000 from NID-LWML would enable 320 inner-city Lutheran school students to attend outdoor education at Walcamp Outdoor Ministries.

<b>3. A LUTHERAN TV MINISTRY-WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS</b>	<b>\$11,700</b>
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Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. produces weekly, 30-minute TV programs for the homebound which are shown in the Chicago area by the Total Living Network every Sunday at 11:30 am and are closed-captioned. They are produced in Fort Wayne, IN on the campus of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. There have been no commercials and no re-runs since October, 1980 when the program began. The cost for airtime in the Chicago area that includes northwest Indiana is \$800 per week. Donations from this area for 2002 were \$16,817. A grant from NID-LWML for \$11,700 would purchase 13 weeks of airtime at the projected increase for 2004 of \$900 per week.

**4. ASIAN AMERICAN MINISTRY START \$12,000**

Nearly 530,000 Asians are living in the NID, 97% of whom are unchurched and 83% are not Christians. The district, along with Trinity, Lisle and Holy Cross, Chicago, have banded to establish a program to bring the Gospel to this increasing number. CAME is a consortium of 12 LCMS districts which seeks to equip and empower Lutheran Congregations to reach out to Asians. The centers at Trinity and at Holy Cross will be prepared to train Asian and Chinese leaders. Organized in 1999, CAME's goal was to establish 5 new Asian congregations by 2004 and the Lord has blessed this ministry with more than 50 new mission starts already. A grant from NID-LWML of \$12,000 would assist in establishing this ministry in the Trinity and Holy Cross areas.

## 5. BUILDING CHAPEL ROOFS IN LIBERIA

Liberia has been plagued with civil strife and war for more than ten years but the Good News about Jesus is spreading rapidly as many refugees begin returning to their homeland. Before the war about 3,000 Christians worshipped in 35 congregations in Liberia. Now there are 220 congregations and more than 17,500 members. Many people worship under trees or under the hot sun. Thatched chapel roofs suffice in the dry seasons, but when the rainy season begins, the roofs leak. Locals are ready and willing to supply labor, but metal roofs are beyond their financial means. A grant of \$7,000 from NID-LWML can build 10 chapel roofs for Liberia.

## **6. OUTREACH MINISTRY OF DEACONESS CHRISTIE A.**

### **NELSON, BANGKOK'S BANGNA DISTRICT**

**\$6,000**

There is a great need for evangelist and lay leaders with the ability to reach people of the lower strata of society. Outreach will be done strategically and in conjunction with the staff of the 15-year-old Concordia Day Care center. A variety of different types of outreach activities will be used in order to reach the 2000 plus residents of the slum and the 320,000 residents of the surrounding area. Deaconess Christie Nelson, together with two trained evangelists and two field workers from local Bible colleges will conduct outreach activities with the children, youth, and adults. Deaconess Nelson's ministries include English/Bible classes for youth, boys and girls' Christian youth groups, Music/Bible classes, tutoring classes, Women's ministry and Men's Ministry groups meeting the spiritual, emotional, educational and physical needs of the local residents as well as providing training for leadership. They will work to bring at least 15 local adult residents to faith in Christ and will conduct education and training programs resulting in equipping and training between 5-10 local residents for lay church and outreach ministry the first year. A grant of \$6,000 from NID-LWML would assist this ministry.

## **7. Curriculum Materials for Zion Lutheran School**

**\$6,000**

Zion Lutheran School is a small school of 90 students located in the Roseland community. The congregation is composed of elderly people and the school is tuition funded. Most families receive scholarships or are funded through Day Care Action funds. The school has not had a recent religion curriculum, which would aid the teachers and be an evangelism tool for the church. A grant of \$6,000 from NID LWML would fund the purchase of the CPH Voyages curriculum as well as Christian music and videos.

## **8. TWO BIBLE SCHOOLS OF THE GUTNIUS LUTHERAN**

### **CHURCH – PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

**\$6,000**

Traditionally, the people of Papua New Guinea have been animists, believing in a creator-god and maintaining harmony with ancestral spirits. Through 100 years of mission work and more than 60% claiming to be Christian, the roots of animism are still very evident in the culture. Islam is a growing influence among a minority of people. The Bible Schools of Papua provide theological education for men seeking training to become leaders and evangelists of the Gutnius Lutheran Church. Those who pass their exams go to the Seminary; others may go back to their homes to become evangelists. A grant from NID-LWML of \$6,000 would assist in preparing these men for the ministry.

## **9. LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS – NATIONAL**

### **CO-WORKER SCHOLARSHIPS**

**\$10,200**

LBT was founded in 1964 and works with Bible organizations and churches to provide God's Word in the heart or first language of people. Currently, LBT has 82 missionaries in 56 language programs in 19 countries. Whenever possible LBT encourages partnership with co-workers from national churches in these countries and facilitates their training by providing scholarship assistance to help pay for further education. Several times in recent years when LBT

would no longer work in a particular country due to civil unrest, those trained national co-workers were able to continue the work. A grant of \$10,200 would provide scholarship assistance for these national workers.

#### **10. WAUKEGAN HISPANIC MINISTRY START (Partial) \$9,300**

Waukegan's 45,000 Hispanic population is nearly four times the U.S. and Illinois averages and is made up primarily of immigrants from Mexico who speak little English. Redeemer Lutheran Church has been working with a Hispanic group since 2001, furnishing worship space, ESL classes and VBS. A grant of \$12,000 from NID-LWML would provide ESL materials and supplies and evangelism resources for this project.

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67<sup>th</sup> Annual NID LWML Convention

"Be Still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10a

October 16, 2004 Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace IL 60818

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jotham Johann Jhang, Executive Director of CAME

President: Linda Arnold

#### **MISSION GRANTS SELECTED FOR FUNDING IN 2004-2005**

##### **1. PRISON MINISTRY – DEACONESS, LORI WILBERT \$3,500**

The prison ministry in NID, led by Deaconess Lori Wilbert, counsels the incarcerated, conducts Bible classes and prepares inmates for a productive life after release from prison. Many are led to Christ thru the Holy Spirit and her program which provides suitable reading material at the proper reading level

##### **2. LUTHERAN BLIND MISSION \$10,000**

In today's world there are more than 55 million blind people, many too isolated from society to have ever heard that Jesus loves them. The Christian Blind Institute provides training for blind persons to develop leadership skills and to strengthen their faith, so that they may witness to other blind persons more effectively. This grant would provide intense missionary training for 30 blind leaders.

##### **3. EDUCATING MISSIONARY CHILDREN \$7,500**

Missionary children are often separated from their parents so that they may attend school. There are about 53 children of LCMS missionaries in the field. This grant would provide home-schooling materials for 10 children who would not have to be separated from their parents.

**4. FAMILY SHIELD RADIO EXPANSTION PROJECT** **\$12,000**

The Bible tells us that the family was created by God to be the primary place for spiritual nurture. According to statistics, families are in serious trouble. Family Shield Radio shares the Gospel and ministers to listeners in the St. Louis area thru its programs. Many troubled listeners are referred to counselors and churches. This grant would permit programming to expand into the Chicago area.

**5. TRAINING CHURCH WORKERS –  
HISPANIC OUTREACH** **\$7,000**

The Spanish-speaking population in the U.S. numbers more than 34 million and is growing 5 times as fast as the general population. 1.5 million Hispanics live in Illinois. The Hispanic Theological Institute trans clergy and church workers to minister to the many souls living in darkness and helps districts and congregations develop a missionary perspective.

**6. MISSION OPPORTUNITIES SHORT TERM** **\$12,000**

The MOST agency provides a link between requests from foreign mission fields and Christians in the U.S. Teams are sent to furnish teaching, medical and construction help to many who will also hear the GOOD NEWS of Christ Jesus. This grant will provide computer assistance to prepare materials for use by the volunteers.

**7. PLANTING CHURCHES IN NORTH AMERICA** **\$7,000**

Many residents of our country use a language other than English in the home. Many do not know Christ as their Savior. For the last 50 years our Synod focused on foreign missions, now the challenge is to bring the GOOD NEWS to the United States. The goal of 150 new starts each year would be supported by this project.

**8. LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES –  
NETWORK AND DIRECTORY** **\$10,000**

Christian schools are often unable to provide special resources to serve the 10-13% of children who need them. LSEM proposes to offer guidance to identify students and suggest solutions so that they may remain in their present schools and receive a Christian education.

**9. WHEATON BLIND OUTREACH CENTER** **\$3,300**

Over 95% of all blind and visually impaired persons are unchurched. St. John's Wheaton aims to reveal the love of God to the blind by providing information on practical matters, such as transportation, personal safety, identity theft, personal safety and depression. Fellowship includes prayer and scripture reading.

## **10. EVANGELISM OUTREACH – INDIA**

**\$5,000**

One-sixth of the world's population lives in India, home of Hinduism. India has closed its doors to foreign missionaries, leaving some of the world's largest communities isolated from the Gospel. LCMS helps support the Concordia Seminary program which sends seminary graduates on 3-year assignments to plant churches.

## **11. EVANGELISM OUTREACH – POLAND**

**(Partial)**

**\$6,750**

Two programs are underway to reach souls for Christ in Poland. The Evangelism Crusade is dedicated to economically depressed areas of the country where there are few Lutheran Christians. The Rainbow Camp Program will train lay religion teachers in methods, Biblical Content and right moral conduct for use in teaching Sunday School, camps and evangelistic meetings.

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68<sup>th</sup> NID LWML Convention

"Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all people." Psalm 96:3

October 14, 2006 Tinley Park Convention Center Tinley Park Illinois 60477

Keynote Speaker: Rev. John Nunes

President: Linda Arnold

*Historian's note: When the decision was made to go to biennial conventions in 2005 money was held through the beginning of the 2005-2006 fiscal year and these grants were immediately funded in November of 2006 with that money.*

## **1. TRINITY/HOPE FEEDNG PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLS IN HAITI**

**\$4,750**

The average child in Haiti has six or seven meals a week. This decreases their energy level and some cannot stay away in class. The hot lunch program enhances their ability to learn and hear the Word of the Lord. The program currently feeds 4300 children in 34 Lutheran schools at a cost of \$.20 per meal. Providing a noon meal for the hungry children is a powerful witness used by the Holy Spirit to discredit the Voodoo teaching that God is unapproachable and non-responsive to Haitians. A grant of \$4750 would provide a noon meal for 125 children – an average school.

## **2. ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL, NEW ORLEANS**

**\$11,600**

Support for Katrina Damaged School. Redeemed, Revived, and Ready was the theme for the 2005-2006 school year for St. Paul, a mission school. An enrollment of 208, experienced teachers, Spanish classes, accelerated math, free band program plus accreditation status with the LCMS lead this school to anticipate a successful year. When Katrina hit the area, the school survived, but families and staff suffered losses of home and jobs. The school reopened with 26

children, and in June, 2006 had 140. More are coming each day. Since St. Paul has been an outreach to African American students, it is now more important to offer aid.

**3. FAMILY SHIELD MINISTRIES “WITNESS: A LIFESTYLE!” \$9,500**

For 12 years FSM has achieved success in reaching and equipping individuals and their families to witness in the home, church, and community. The methods used are the radio ministry which reaches over 10 million people, prayer ministry and seminars. The present project is to produce a book, the second in a series of six, that will help people learn to share their faith. Many troubled individuals have come to know Jesus through radio programs which focus on many subjects such as: the media, witnessing to Jehovah’s Witnesses, marriage, loneliness, and anger. A grant would fund this new book.

**4. ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN FUNDS FOR SHIPPING RELIEF GOODS \$10,000**

OGT’s mission is to encourage and enable God’s people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ’s name and character to needy people, both far and near. The MO-IL Division has sent containers of food, powdered milk, medical supplies and equipment, clothing, blankets, school and health supplies, study and worship materials, theological books, and Bibles to areas of urgent need, such as Mongolia or Uganda. Two teddy bears are placed at the end of each container, along with lots of notes and love and prayers.

**5. ALASKAN MISSION FOR CHRIST - TANANA RIVER VALLEY MISSION \$8,000**

Only 19% of Alaska inhabitants claim membership in a Christian church and there are just 13 LCMS congregations. The AMC began in 1993 when an International LWML grant enabled the mission to purchase a truck and 5<sup>th</sup> wheel trailer. Lay Minister, Bruce Grossmann and wife Dawn drive 225 miles to do worship services in 3 communities every Sunday. If weather permits and boat or air transportation is available, they add a fourth. A grant will provide supplies, worship materials, and curriculum as well as transportation expenses.

**6. GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL, CHICAGO \$12,000**

The present school building used by Grace was built in 1921 and is very well maintained. A problem in the design is that the gym is located below grade. Water has infiltrated and is trapped under the entire floor. The support structure of a section of floor is completely rotted away. The only solution is to install a new drainage system under a new floor. The gym is a very important part of the school. It is used for science fairs, open houses, assemblies, after school athletic activities and during the day for recesses and gym classes. A grant would help provide the new gym floor. *(Historian’s note: Shortly after the grant was approved, asbestos was found throughout the school and the grant was changed to help fund the removal of asbestos so the school could stay open.)*

**7. CONCORDIA DAY CARE CENTER - BANGKOK, THAILAND** **\$12,000**

Thailand is dominated by a strong Buddhist spiritual and cultural identity. After many years of missionary activity, Christianity has reach only 1% of the people. The CDCC was established by the LCMS in 1986 and has served as a safe haven for over 1,500 children from the slum community whose parents work and earn a daily wage of \$2.50 US. The children learn through songs, games, Bible stories and crafts as well as medical attention, adequate meals, milk, vitamins, naps and showers. This daycare model is being used as a meant to begin Christian churches in countries that are slow to respond to Christian missionary efforts.

**8. VOICE OF CARE** **\$7,000**

Many children and adults with developmental disabilities do not have spiritual care provided through the church. The Voice of Care was established in 1976 by the NID. Now with no district support due to budget cuts, it now depend upon support form congregations, individuals and service groups Through the grace of God, the ministry has been able to continue including service at institutions for those profoundly disabled, Handy Camps at Walcamp, training and resources for spiritual care as well as caregiver support and advocacy. A grant would supply Bible study material, scholarships, and office equipment.

**9. CONCORDIA SEMINARY FOOD & CLOTHING**

**CO-OP, FORT WAYNE, IN** **(Partial) \$7,238**

The Food and Clothing Co-op on the campus of Concordia Seminary plays a key role in helping students feed and clothe their families. Nearly 70% of the students are married, second career men with families. The Food Co-op is able to supply between 65% and 75% of all families' food and household needs at no cost to the student due to the support of individual donors, churches and other organizations. It operates as an actual cooperative with each family working a certain amount of time to earn points which they spend in the Co-op. A grant of \$12,000 would purchase two months' worth of food for the Co-op and assist in the support of a seminary family.



## **MISSION GRANTS FUNDED IN THE 2006-2008 BIENNIUM**

### **1. CONCORDIA SEMINARY FOOD & CLOTHING**

**CO-OP, FORT WAYNE, IN**

**Rest of funding \$4,762**

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### **2. BIBLES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

**\$12,000**

Currently, there are 77 LCMS ministries at colleges and universities where Bible study is essential in bringing Christ to international students. Bible classes are usually conducted in English, and they are greatly enhanced when students can use bi-lingual Bibles. This enables the students to more fully comprehend an account by looking at a Bible passage in their native language. It also enables international students to read the Bible outside of class. One international scholar said it in these words: "I learned much information about Jesus and the Bible in English, but I learned to *love* Him when I read about Him in Chinese." ISM Inc. is an LCMS mission society that works in partnership with LCMS World Mission to enable, assist, and fund volunteer ministries among international students. A \$12,000 grant from NID would provide Bibles for international students.

### **3. ST. PHILIP FOOD PANTRY**

**\$12,000**

Since August of 2004, over 200 families have been served monthly by the St. Philip food pantry on South Eberhart in Chicago. The program provides a one-on-one lay ministry as well as nutrition counseling by LaRabida dieticians. The clients of the food pantry include a large proportion of single-parent families, as well as low-income families, senior citizens, and homeless people. Food donations are received from the Chicagoland Food depository. St. Philips has the potential for greater outreach and service if a suitable room for storage and sharing would be available. The present room needs structural repair, new electrical system and flooring as well as shelving and storage bins for food. A grant of \$12,000 would permit the sharing of necessary food as well as the necessary word of the Gospel.

#### **4. LCMS WORLD RELIEF –**

##### **HIV/AIDS MEDICAL & BIBLICAL CARE-KENYA**

**\$7,750**

The Lutheran World Relief and Human Care grant proposal addresses the tragic HIV/Aids pandemic in Kenya. The aid to the affected persons stresses a faith-based HIV/AIDS medical intervention for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya that advocates a God-pleasing lifestyle with respect to the sanctity of marriage and life while applying the healing balm of the Gospel and the healing balm of the God-given gifts of the medical arts and sciences. The request for \$7,750 will assist in training HIV/AIDS counselors within the ELCK in southern Kenya. It will also provide counseling, education/advocacy, blood tests and access to antiretroviral therapy as required by each patient.

#### **5. ZION SUMMER STARS**

**\$12,000**

The residents of the Beverly Community in Chicago have been concerned about the drugs and violence gaining ground in their neighborhood. A group of community leaders met at Zion Lutheran Church to discuss the problems and formed a plan to offer a two-day per week program in the months of June, July and August in 2007. Through the year, the program will provide academic tutoring, and Arts/Crafts classes free to families. Zion will use this program as a springboard to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the children and their parents. They will recruit young people for the youth group and choirs. Zion plans to offer a healthy lunch and snacks to the participants and will use the \$12,000 grant for this purpose.

#### **6. LUTHERAN BLIND MISSION**

**\$10,000**

More than 55 million people in the world are blind. 12 million of those reside in the United States and 95% are unchurched. In 1923 Lutheran Blind Mission was formed and began supplying Luther's Small Catechism and two magazines in Braille. LBM has been operating 34 outreach centers for the past six years and has observed that most of these people are either under the age of 65 or have lost their sight when they were under the age of 55. The goal of this program is to test, try, and develop ways a congregation can minister to and support seniors with vision loss. A grant of \$10,000 would assist in implementing this project in developing materials, brochures, training and to form a new understanding and new ways of reaching people with vision loss with the Good News of the Gospel.

#### **7. LCFC – LUTHERBOOK**

**\$10,000**

Lutheran Child and Family Services has initiated a Spiritual Care Program to proclaim the Gospel to the children and staff of Lutherbrook Child and Adolescent Center and Collins group Home. The program seeks to incorporate spiritual growth in its therapeutic treatment. Individual Bibles, curriculum and study texts for participants are needed along with funds for outside Christian speakers to present their faith. These speakers would also function as critical,

Christian role models for Lutherbrook residents. Adequate training resources for program volunteers are necessary to provide training on the issues that face residents, including severe abuse and neglect. A \$10,000 grant would provide these services.

#### **8. NEW URBAN TEACHER SERIES**

**\$9,550**

Today 50% of all first-year teachers in inner-city schools leave their classrooms within five years. The New Urban Teacher Series will provide orientation and training for first year teachers entering NID inner-city schools to better equip them for the urban teaching ministry. Three intensive all-day workshops will be held prior to the start of each school year. Five additional workshops will be held after school throughout the year to reinforce principles and practical applications of the curriculum. The series was developed and partially funded by Concordia University River Forest and Chicagoland Lutheran Educational Foundation. LWML is requested to partner in funding in the form of a grant for \$9,550.

#### **9. LBT – DHIMBA NEW TESTAMENT TRANSLATION**

**\$8,500**

Lutheran Bible Translators is the only Lutheran organization whose primary focus is Bible translation, literacy work and Scripture use. The Dhimba project will extend the mission of the Word by bringing God's Word, the message of love, hope and eternal life to those who do not yet have it in their own heart language. The books of Mark, Luke John and Acts have been printed and checked by Mother-tongue speakers. The 30,000 Dhimba people will no longer have to rely on an interpreter. Many of these people live in Angola where restrictions exist and such a translation project cannot be carried out. They would also be served by the \$8,500 grant from LWML.

#### **10. LUTHERAN MINISTRIES MEDIA**

**\$12,000**

The Gospel message is shared, especially to the aged, in thousands of homes in the NID through the weekly, 30 minute television program "Worship for Shut-Ins". Each program is closed captioned so as to reach the hearing impaired as well as enabling viewers to sing along with the choirs. Volunteer LCMS ministers and choirs provide the sermons and music. Weekly cost of air time for three television outlets in the Northern Illinois District is \$885. A grant of \$12,000 from NID LWML will support the air time for broadcasting "Worship for Shut-Ins" for 13 weeks.

#### **11. ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAM**

**AT SAN PABLO, AURORA, IL**

**\$12,000**

Chartered by the LCMS in 2005, Iglesia Evangelica Luterana San Pablo ministers in the near east side of Aurora, Il, an area which is low income, over 40% unaffiliated with a church, and 70% Hispanic. In order to meet a critical need in the neighborhood, San Pablo provides English as a second language (ESL) classes for adults, and childcare/recreation using a bible school model for their children. Funding is needed to continue this ministry which brings Jesus

Christ to the community by meeting the basic human need for communication. San Pablo was recently awarded the prestigious Fred E. Lietz Mission Project Award which recognizes outstanding efforts of a mission project associated with the Missouri Synod. A grant for \$12,000 from LWML would provide curriculum materials, childcare, public relations supplies, and visual equipment.

#### **14. LUTHER EAST HIGH SCHOOL BUS**

**\$6,000**

Luther East High School, Lansing, IL has provided quality Christian education for 27 years to students from the south side of Chicago and suburbs. The school began in an old public school building and has required much repair to keep it in good condition. Land has been donated and a campaign is underway to build a new school. Luther East has struggled to maintain a well-rounded, extra-curricular program so important to attracting students. The school finds it cost prohibitive to charter a bus to transport students to school academic and athletic activities. A grant of \$6,000 would be used to maintain a used bus/mini-coach to continue these important activities.

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69<sup>th</sup> NID LWML Convention The Peace that Passes Understanding Philippians 4:7  
October 18, 2008 Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace IL 60181  
Keynote Speaker: Mrs. Kristi Roegner, Missionary  
President: Sherrie Smith

*Historian's Note: Due to a change voted on in this convention, the fiscal year was changed to July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>, shortening this fiscal year's intake by 2 months. Also in the minutes was the following information: New procedure for funding mission grants was adopted to bring it in line with the procedure that the national LWML uses. While the mission grants would be put in rank order for purposes of deciding which grants would be funded in the biennium, the grants would now be paid out according the receipts received each month and as mite money becomes available. The grants would have until the end of the biennium to submit receipts but would only be funded if the mite money was sufficiently collected. The Executive Committee decided to honor the grants not completely funded in the previous biennium and make them the 1<sup>st</sup> three grants of this biennium.*

## **MISSION GRANTS FUNDED IN THE 2008-2010 BIENNIUM**

### **1. ARABIC MINISTRY – DR. NAEEM**

**\$10,000**

Dr. Naeem, a Lutheran pastor, was born in Egypt and worked for many years as a medical physician. He grew up among Muslims and understands Islam. The center of his mission is to bring Jesus Christ to the Muslim world. He is spreading the Gospel through radio messages, the internet, lectures, and mailings and is supported by the Rocky Mountain District of the LCMS. Dr. Naeem has formed an international seminary, teaching Lutheran doctrine with a faculty of 5 volunteer professors and a current enrollment of 100 applicants. The internet broadcasting and the costs for computers, software and expenses are not funded by his salary. A grant of \$10,000 would support the outreach to Arab-speaking persons for the Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission.

### **2. DU PAGE ASIAN INDIAN GOSPEL OUTREACH**

**\$10,000**

Trinity Lutheran Church, Lisle, IL seeks to ignite the start of new Asian Indian mission stations in Chicagoland, together with Center for Asian Missions and Evangelism (CAME) and the NID LCMS. Over 90% of the 200,000 Asian Indian people living in the NID are unchurched. A strategy of identifying, recruiting, mentoring and assessing Indian missionaries (lay and clergy) will be employed. An Asian Indian missionary will be recruited to lead this mission effort. CAME will also work with other congregations in the Chicago area to coordinate outreach and encourage them to open their doors to host and support Indian outreach. A grant of \$10,000 will support this mission.

### **3. PLANTING NEW CONGREGATION – SALTA CITY, ARGENTINA**

**\$7,393**

Funds for this project will go toward planting a new Lutheran congregation in Salta City. The sixth largest city in Argentina, it has a population of 600,000 and 90% are Roman Catholic. There are few Protestant churches in the country. A group of 15 people are meeting regularly and are preparing a constitution to start a new Lutheran congregation. It is estimated that between July 2006 and June 2007 the congregation membership should reach 70. Rev. Claudio Herber, the shepherd of this new congregation estimates an additional 4,000 contacts can come from sharing Christ with the parents of two nearby schools and through men and women who respond to Christ for all Nations radio spots. With limited income from local families, this congregation would have difficulty starting. LCMS feels this project is of high priority and requests a grant of \$10,000 towards establishing a new congregation in Salta City, Argentina.

#### **4. CONCORDIA SEMINARY ST. LOUIS FOOD BANK \$12,000**

The Seminary's residential students benefit significantly from the Food Bank. Nearly four hundred men study on campus each academic year. More than fifty percent of these students are married, with the majority having children. Some of the 100 students on vicarage are serving near St. Louis. In its sixth year, the deaconess studies program equips women of all ages for mercy ministry. Many of these students utilize the Food Bank for a majority of their monthly groceries. It would be far more challenging to prepare for future service in God's mission field if the Food Bank did not exist. This grant would cover about two thirds of the Food Bank's monthly budget.

#### **5. LUTHERAN ORPHANAGE IN JEREMIE, HAITI \$12,000**

The children of Jeremie, Haiti are surrounded by the pervasive practice of voodoo and the Church of Haiti is compelled to raise children with the freeing knowledge of the Word of God. Pastor and Mrs. Isaac, Haitian Nationals, have taken into their home orphaned children and need help to feed, educate, and spiritually guide the children. There is extreme poverty in Haiti, and shared resources can help to spread the word of God with less fortunate people in Jeremie, Haiti. At the Meeting of the Haiti Lutheran Mission Society in Fort Wayne Indiana in 2004, the Illinois District was asked to be a sister church with the Lutheran Church in Jeremie. The \$12,000 combined with the funds already raised would enable them to build an orphanage for the orphaned children under the care of the Lutheran Church in Jeremie, Haiti.

#### **6. MUSLIM OUTREACH AND CHURCH PLANTING – CHICAGO \$12,000**

There are as many as 400,000 Muslims living in the Chicago area. Assisting immigrants with their needs while witnessing about God's love, developing relationships, and teaching God's Word through small group Bible studies are some of the ways by which Muslims and others are coming to faith in Christ and fellowship within the church. This grant would help the NID missionary, Hicham Chehab, to take steps towards planting a new multi-ethnic congregation such as the one currently using the facilities of Peace Lutheran Church in Lombard.

#### **7. DISASTER RESPONSE TRAILER \$12,000**

The prompt responses by Lutheran Church Charities to the destruction caused by tornadoes in Pierce City, Missouri and Utica, Illinois as well as the ongoing response to the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina have educated this agency as to what is needed to help a devastated community. LCC is eager to provide adequate training and appropriate tools for volunteer teams. The grant would assist in funding the completion of the Disaster Relief Trailer and training of its use so that dedicated volunteers may be better able to serve their Lord by serving people in need.

## **8. LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION IN NID**

**\$10,000**

Children with special learning needs are often denied access to Christian schools due to the problems posed by their special learning needs. Nationally 20% of the public school population has special learning needs. The law guarantees these youth an education – a public education where Jesus is not taught. But LSEM believes that parents of children with special learning needs should have the opportunity to send their children to Christian schools. For those youth whose families value a Christ-centered education, LSEM stands eager to join in partnership with LCMS schools to make this a reality. The need for our ministry in Northern Illinois is great. LSEM has been helping children in the Northern Illinois area since 1984. Last year, our ministry provided special education programs in 15 LCMS schools helping 218 children. Five years ago there were more than 30 schools with special education services. The proposal submitted for your consideration is to help LSEM keep fees as low as possible so that Lutheran schools in Northern Illinois are able to maintain and grow special education programs and services. As a result, more children with special learning needs will be served and more importantly these children will learn about Jesus and will lead fulfilling lives.

## **9. AFRICAN IMMIGRANT MINISTRY IN NID**

**\$12,000**

The uniqueness of this project is that it is conceived by the African leaders themselves for the purpose of serving their own people. Those served are refugees and immigrants from Africa and Haiti. These groups represent some of the minority populations of our country and often have spiritual and physical needs that not many churches and organizations can serve. Language is often the main barrier between the immigrants and the rest of the community. By providing the worship services in French at Zion, in Ewe at Christ the King, and in Amharic at St. Peter, the leaders of these ministries have created an environment where people can worship in their own language and also build relationships, and share information and resources. The proposed grant will allow the three ministries to the African Immigrants to provide worship materials such as bibles in the specific Languages, worship books, CDs with French sermons, musical instruments, and also outreach materials such as welcome packs and fellowship dinners.

## **10. EXTRA MILE CRISIS RESPONSE MINISTRY**

**\$12,000**

The Extra Mile Ministries is a Lutheran Ministry based out of San Diego California, with an office in Biloxi, Ms. The goal of this ministry is to respond to churches facing crisis and or disaster. The ministry also has developed a national response team that arrives at a crisis/disaster with trained Christians to help victims emotionally and spiritually. A unique part of this ministry is the use of K9 Comfort dogs that provide touch therapy. The warmth of these dogs provides a calming effect for those traumatized by tragedy. To continue this important

Gospel healing ministry the team needs funding to help support travel costs, housing and day to day expenses while at the disaster site. Also, the grant would help with important brochures and devotional literature to be used as handouts.

# **11. CAMBODIA – BATTEMBANG SCHOOL AND OUTREACH \$10,750**

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is working with Trinity Lutheran in Battembang, Cambodia, which is the first Lutheran church in the country to reach out to the community. With the average pastor’s age being 24 years old, the church leadership is very young, and they are reaching out to the other young people of the country. Less than one percent of the population is Christian, and the pastors and other young Christians reach out to non-Christians through English as a Foreign Language class, where non-Christian students study Christian doctrine and hear the Gospel. The grant would provide Bible studies, teaching aids and electricity for worship services, Sunday school and an English as a Foreign Language (EFL) school to tutor local students.

# **12. ACADEMIC TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLIES FOR THEMBA GIRLS Partial Funding \$2,192**

The Themba Trust of Dirkiesdorp, South Africa Girls High School is a cooperative partnership ministry of the Lutheran Church in South Africa, the Free Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Africa, and the Selbstandige Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche of Germany. They seek to educate and catechize young South African Zulu women for a life of service to their Lord. All the girls receive assistances to attend. By providing academic textbooks and supplies, LCMS Lutheran World Relief can provide more scholarships for the girls to attend.

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**70<sup>th</sup> LWML NID Convention The King Reigns 2 Corinthians 2:14**  
 October 23, 2010 Held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Mount Prospect, IL  
 Keynote Speaker: Dr. Rich Bimler  
 President: Sherrie Smith

## **MISSION GRANTS FUNDED IN THE 2010-2012 BIENNIUM**

### **1. VOICE OF HOPE BEHIND THE WALL \$15,000**

The NID has been involved in prison ministry at Stateville Prison since the 1930’s. Deaconess Lori Wilbert has been in ministry for the past 23 years as a Lutheran Deaconess, and 21 of those have been behind the wall. It has been a privilege for Deaconess Wilbert to journey with men,



women and youth as they serve their sentences. Ministry is a two way street, we know we are in the ministry God has called us to when the passion and commitment remain steadfast as God uses those we serve to teach us to become the people God would have us become. Stateville Prison is located in Joliet, IL. The Reception & Classification Center is a new facility located just outside the wall of Stateville and is considered part of the prison. The total census at both facilities is 3,000 men. Deaconess Lori Wilbert spends much of her time teaching classes called The Houses of Healing which have been very popular. The curriculum includes: Anger/violence management, addictions & recovery, grief, forgiveness, restorative justice (making amends to your victim and taking responsibility for your actions), and spirituality – asking the question, “where is God in all this?” Deaconess Lori Wilbert does not receive any direct funding from the Northern Illinois District but relies on donations. A grant of \$15,000 would enable her to upgrade her office equipment, including a new computer, and purchase office supplies for her ongoing ministry.

## **2. CONCORDIA FORT WAYNE SEMINARY FOOD PANTRY \$15,000**

The Food and Clothing Co-op at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, plays a key role in helping students feed and clothe their families during their seminary years. Nearly 70 percent of the students are married, second career with families. When these students make the decision to quit their jobs and come to the seminary with their families, they no longer have the same financial flow of funds that they had before, but continue to have the same financial needs. For many families the spouse’s employment is marginalized because the employers know that they will only be here for two years. Therefore, the families are thrown into difficult financial positions. The seminary seeks to alleviate some of this financial burden by providing enrolled students access to a Food and Clothing Co-op, which is supported through the donations of individual donors, churches and other organizations. The Food Co-op area is currently able to supply between 75% and 85% of all food and household needs each month at no cost to the student. It operates as a cooperative with each family working a certain amount of time each month in either the food or the clothing area doing work that needs to be done for which they to receive points to redeem for grocery items. The student or family may spend their points in any way they choose on the items in the Food Co-op area. The students are allowed to shop in the Clothing Co-op at their own discretion and take whatever they please at no cost; no points are necessary in the clothing area. It is important that the seminary continue to raise funds to supply food for the Food Co-op, because the Co-op is such a vital part of the seminary students’ lives. A grant of \$15,000 would purchase three months of perishable items for the Food and Clothing Co-op of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

### **3. TRINITY/HOPE**

**\$5,000**

Trinity/HOPE currently provides a hot, nutritious meal daily for almost 10,000 students and teachers in 65 schools in Haiti. Many of these children suffer from severe malnutrition and 65% come from homes where Voodoo is practiced. Not only are these children physically fed, the food attracts others to our schools where they are all fed spiritually by the Good News of Jesus Christ. Trinity/HOPE has demonstrated that providing a noon meal for the hungry children in our Lutheran Schools in Haiti is a powerful witness used by the Holy Spirit to discredit the Voodoo teaching that God is unapproachable and non responsive to Haitians. Most of the children, many of their parents and sometimes even those in the community, become believers. Trinity/HOPE has demonstrated both by its ability to successfully run these feeding programs to their current level of over 9,500 children each school day in 65 schools. One of Trinity/HOPE's goals is to provide a feeding program for each of the 135 Lutheran Schools in Haiti. A grant of \$5,000.00 to partner with Trinity/HOPE and the local people would feed an average school of 100 children so they can be fed and FED.

### **4. VOICE OF CARE**

**\$20,491**

Voice of Care is a mission to provide spiritual care to persons with developmental disabilities. Chaplains serve every week in existing secular institutions, visiting 17 such sites and seeking to train church workers for such settings. The need is ongoing as residents there receive little if any spiritual care from other sources. Voice of Care also provides assistance to Northern Illinois LCMS churches in reaching people who are disabled. Its Camping Ministry, Caregiver Support, and Disability Ministry Training also work to serve disabled children and adults. Voice of Care is no longer supported financially by NID. In these difficult times, the need remains to serve our disabled neighbors. In support of this ministry, VOC is requesting from the LWML \$20,491 for help with office supplies, insurance, and gas necessary for this ministry.

### **5. FURNISHING GROUP HOMES IN ILLINOIS AND THE DOMICAN REPUBLIC**

**\$22,000**

Bethesda Lutheran Communities is committed to enhancing the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through services that share the good news of Jesus Christ. Through the formation of group homes, people can be lovingly cared for and be integrated into the community and the Body of Christ through Lutheran congregations. Bethesda desires to open group homes in Northern Illinois and the Dominican Republic, where work with the Dominican Lutheran Church has made way to open group homes for disabled children living in government orphanages. A grant of \$22,000 would help furnish new group homes in Illinois and the Dominican Republic in order to reach out in care and Jesus' love.

## **6. MORNING STAR MENTORING PROGRAM**

**\$10,000**

The mission of the Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots U.S. is to proclaim the Gospel among American Indians and Native Alaskans. Native American girls and young women of the Makah Tribe on the Olympic Peninsula are desperately in need of the Gospel for guidance and counsel as they grow up in a cultural setting that does little to foster and encourage their faith, self-esteem and personal development. The Morning Star Mentoring Program for young women 12 years of age and older, brings the transforming power of the Gospel to girls and young women who have expressed a desire and commitment to continue the study of God's Word and to hone their skills in sharing their faith, as well as in sewing, cooking, gardening, mission projects and community service projects. There is a great need for financial support to help Rosemary, the wife of the native LCMS pastor and local Christian women and key native elder women to teach the girls through regular meetings and field trips, and provide for materials and supplies that are required. A grant of \$10,000 to the Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots U.S. would provide supplies, materials, transportation and funding for field trip costs in support of this vital ministry of the Morning Star Mentoring Program.

## **7. TEXTBOOK ACQUISITION FOR SEMINARY STUDENTS**

**\$20,000**

The four years of seminary education consists of three years of academic and practical preparation and a one-year on-site vicarage that prepares the student through practical experience in an actual Church or institutional setting. Each academic year consists of three quarters of academic instruction with a fourth, usually optional, summer quarter. In addition to tuition and various administration fees, seminary students also incur costs for academic books and supplies over a three-year period as well as clerical clothing required for field work at congregations and practicum experiences at hospitals, retirement homes, etc. The average cost per student per year for academic books and supplies is: \$350 per quarter X three quarters per year X three years totaling \$3,150. The low end/ high end textbook expense range can vary between \$2,700 and \$3,600 over a three-year period. A grant of \$20,000 would help to acquire textbooks for seminary students preparing for the holy ministry at both Concordia Seminary-St. Louis and Concordia Theological Seminary-Ft. Wayne.

## **8. SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSROOM AND DIACONAL CENTER IN S. SUDAN \$8,900**

In South Sudan, long term civil war and a repressive dictatorship government have meant that people with disabilities in Sudan are even further marginalized with little or no means of support or hope for a future. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sudan is an orthodox, confessional and growing church body which desires to meet the needs both spiritually and physically of its 10,000 member body and in ministry outreach to other Christians in Sudan.

Hands of Mercy Training Center for People with Disabilities, Inc, is a partnership between Deaconess Pat Nuffer and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sudan (ELCS) to reach out to people with disabilities to meet spiritual and physical needs in the name of Jesus Christ. A permanent center, established August, 2009, after 3 years in a hut, has a classroom, shop, office and kitchen, where 20 people receive a hot meal as they work to make items for sale. They are building a small structure for educating children with disabilities, coupled with a classroom to train women of the ELCS in human care. A grant of \$8,900 will supply furnishings to this new building, scheduled to be completed in 2010.

## **9. HYMNALS FOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN KENYA**

**(Partial) \$8,409**

In spite of huge challenges, the Kenyan Lutheran Church is growing rapidly. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya lacks its own hymnal and the Bishop of the ELCK, Rev. Dr. Walter Obare, has identified this as a crucial need for his church and has asked the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and Concordia Theological Seminary – Fort Wayne to assist in developing and providing a hymnal. A hymnal is important in mission work for teaching and sustaining true faith and unifying the church. The Kenyan Hymnal Project has been established to meet this mission challenge and has no current funding available to print hymnals after they are developed. This project is being coordinated by an LWML member, Deaconess Intern Sandra Rhein, and is supported solely by donations. A grant of \$17,500 would cover the cost of printing 5000 Ibada Takatifu (Divine Worship) in Kenya, for the Kenyan Lutheran Church.

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71<sup>st</sup> LWML NID Convention 2012 Light up the World Acts 13:47

October 6, 2012 Held at Hilton Garden Inn, St. Charles, IL

Keynote speaker: Janice Wendorf, past LWML president

President: Janet Mauer

## **MISSION GRANTS FUNDED IN THE 2012-2014 BIENNIUM**

### **1. LCMS NATIONAL MISSION VETERANS OF THE CROSS \$2,000**

Provide financial assistance to LCMS ministers and their dependents who need mercy care.

Gifts and LCMS World Relief and Human Care are other sources of support for these workers.

**2. WALCAMP OUTDOOR MINISTRIES****\$19,000**

Repair and renovate the showers and bathrooms in the lodge at Walcamp by installing re-bath units for the safety of handicapped campers and installing needed new plumbing. All campers will benefit from the improved facilities and continue learning the love of Jesus in an outdoor setting.

**3. GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY****\$22,000**

Replace missing flagpole, refinish hardwood classroom floors, purchase new math and religion curricula, and improve afterschool program by offering classes in the arts and supervised tutoring. Grace is a Lutheran School which has no funding from a local congregation and is supported entirely by gifts and tuition—a mission near your home that teaches the love of Jesus to children.

**4. LUTHERAN MINISTRIES MEDIA****\$22,000**

Formally Worship for Shut-ins. Help defray the cost of television air time in Northern Illinois for the program: Worship for Shut-ins. The program currently is available twice on Sundays.

**5. LUTHERAN BLIND MISSION****\$6,000**

Partially fund the production design and distribution of an Audio Bible study to help blind and visually impaired people understand and apply God's Word.

**6. LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS****\$5,000**

Supplying household needs for a Missionary Family. LBT missionaries. Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) is an independent Lutheran mission organization dedicated to bringing people to faith in Jesus Christ. Missionaries work to translate the Bible into new languages and train native pastors, teachers, and deaconesses in teaching and witnessing.

**7. LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION****\$10,000**

Printing 2,000 Lutheran books in Swahili for pastors and missionaries to use in reaching out with the gospel in Eastern Africa. Churches in this part of Africa need books such as the catechism in their own language.

**8. WILLIAM GRIFFIN COMMUNITY CENTER,  
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, CHICAGO**

**\$20,000**

Partially fund structural repair of center, purchase refrigeration and storage units, and supply food for the food pantry. Zion congregation reaches out to the community through this center which is a springboard for gospel outreach.

**9. INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRY (ISM), INC.**

**\$10,000**

Provide funds for Bibles and Christ-centered Resources for International Students. ISM is a Christian organization which offers visitors to US universities and colleges friendship, hospitality and the Gospel message.

**10. TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL TINLEY PARK, IL**

**Partial Funding \$780**

Partially fund expansion of school and purchase of supplies and equipment for a growing Lutheran school. Trinity school has educated children for 100 years and wants to grow to meet the demand for Lutheran education.

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72<sup>nd</sup> LWML NID Convention A Time to Encourage  
Encourage One Another Daily Hebrews 3:13a  
September 27, 2014 Timber Creek Inn & Suites, Sandwich, IL  
Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor  
President: Janet Mauer

**MISSION GRANTS FUNDED IN THE 2014-2016 BIENNIUM**

**1. FEEDING THE HUNGRY AND HOMELESS AT ST. MATTHEW'S SOUP  
KITCHEN**

**\$22,000**

For over twenty years, St. Matthew Lutheran Church "El Comedor Popular" Soup Kitchen has been feeding the hungry and homeless IN Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood. Twice a week, volunteer cooks plan nutritious hot meals while Pastor Loza "feeds" the crowd spiritually with devotions and prayers. The Soup Kitchen receives no LCMS funding and relies solely on donations and gifts as well as volunteer time from its Christian friends. The Soup Kitchen needs air conditioning, painting, plastering, windows, roof repair, restroom remodeling, as well as new kitchen utensils. This grant will fund the necessary improvements needed to update the Soup Kitchen's site.

## **2. CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, FORT WAYNE, INDIANA \$10,000**

The Food and Clothing Co-op is vital to the livelihood of any of the seminary students, providing 80-85% of all the families' food and household needs. Seventy percent of the students are married, second career men and women with families, who come to the seminary to study for the pastoral and deaconess ministries. The seminary seeks to alleviate some of the financial burden with this coop which receives donations and grants. Each family works at the cooperative and in return receives food and clothing. A grant of \$10,000 will provide perishable foods for the Food and Clothing Co-Op of Concordia Theological Seminary.

## **3. VOICE OF HOPE BEHIND THE WALL – PRISON MINISTRY \$10,000**

Deaconess Lori Wilbert has ministered to those incarcerated at Stateville Prison in Crest Hill, Illinois for the past 28 years. Prior to the 2003 cutbacks, the NID had called Lori (1986) to minister at Stateville. Lori's ministry includes rounds to cell houses, two classes of "Houses of Healing," counseling inmates and prison staff, training volunteers, and working closely with the prison's clinical services and chaplaincy departments. In order to continue this ministry at Stateville Prison, a \$20,000 grant is requested for office expenses, purchasing class books, printing expenses, maintenance of the website, grant writing, and fund-raising for the ministry.

## **4. PHIL'S FRIENDS – CANCER CARE PACKAGES \$22,000**

Phil's Friends, a Christ-centered cancer organization, reaches out to patients and families of those dealing with cancer. Grant funding will be used to bring hope and the Gospel message by delivering care packages full of items that patients need and enjoy as well as Bibles. Care Packages are hand delivered in hospitals or sent in the mail in a decorated box after being packed with love. Weekly cards and prayers are sent through the duration of treatment by a large volunteer force. In 2013, Phil's Friends reached out to over 2,000 patients and families weekly.

## **5. VOICE OF CARE – SERVING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN THE CHURCH \$22,000**

Incorporated in 2003, Voice of Care continues a ministry which began over 35 years ago in the NID. Celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Voice of Care's mission is to equip the Church to nurture people with disabilities and their caregivers in their walk with Christ. While the chaplaincy staff, volunteer and paid, delivers spiritual care for 600 people in residential and training facilities each week, Voice of Care would like to spend more of its time training volunteers in congregations to deliver Christian education and spiritual care to people with disabilities in their own communities. This could take place within the church building or in a facility for people with disabilities. This LWML grant would supply some of the funds which undergird this outreach ministry.

**6. TRINITY/HOPE – FEEDING LUTHERAN SCHOOL  
CHILDREN IN HAITI**

**\$5,000**

Trinity/Hope provides a noon meal to children in Lutheran Schools in Haiti. Hungry students are fed so they are healthier, have more energy, and are more receptive to the Word of the Lord. Currently 86 schools receive the hot lunch at a cost of \$0.26 per meal. There are many additional Lutheran Schools in Haiti and more being established by Lutheran churches as they grow and expand. The goal is to have a feeding program in every school. A grant of \$5,000 in partnership with Trinity/Hope will feed one Lutheran school of approximately 100 students during the grant period.

**7. LUTHERAN INDIAN MINISTRIES OUTREACH TO NATIVE AMERICANS ON  
THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA IN WASHINGTON**

**\$3,050**

Cathy Benzler (Cherokee), first commissioned Native American deaconess in the LCMS, and her husband, Tom (Ioway), licensed deacon, work with elders on the Lower Elwha Reservation. They desire to reach out to other Native American tribes on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington through works of mercy, spiritual care and teaching of the Christian faith. Inroads for sharing the Gospel are being made. Funds for a storage shed for “Hope House Food Pantry,” transportation costs for visits and food delivery, hammer-and-nail projects to help the elderly, and a computer printer and tablet for assisting Cathy in ministry will facilitate this expansion.

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73rd LWML NID Convention Rejoice! Rejoice!  
September 24-25, 2016 Belvedere Events & Banquets, Elk Grove Village, IL  
Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Victor J. Belton  
President: Barb Belanski

**MISSION GRANTS FUNDED IN THE 2016-2018 BIENNIUM**

**1. BELIZE MISSION FEEDING PROGRAM**

**\$18,000**

We know that sharing the love of Jesus every day by providing a meal for hungry children is significant. The Belize Mission Society currently feeds 43 students lunch under the home of a local resident in Seine Bight Belize. The principal has identified the need for 150+ students to participate in the lunch program. Expanding the program to be held on school property and accommodate the larger need is an extension of Mercy outreach, as the LCMS works toward establishing the first Lutheran Church of Belize.



## **2. INTERPRETERS FOR MOST MINISTRIES**

**\$10,000**

Physical and spiritual needs of people are only met when interpreters can relate questions and/or messages of team members to them. Short term mission teams sent by MOST Ministries are the result of requests by the LCMS missionaries in the country being served. Physical needs include providing eyeglasses, education about hygiene, installing water filtration systems and providing medical care. Spiritual needs are met through sharing the gospel with adults and children. Providing \$10,000 to pay the cost for interpreters will continue to allow the Gospel to be spread and physical needs to be provided. Help teams spread Christ's love.

## **3. STEM EDUCATION EQUIPMENT, WALTHER LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL**

**\$16,315**

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education is of primary importance in today's world. Walther Christian Academy's grant request supports STEM education and focuses on our math and science departments. To make teaching more interactive and effective, support for the purchase of additional technology equipment is requested.

## **4. BIBLE STORYBOOKS FOR KENYA AND TANZANIA**

**\$10,000**

Imagine trying to teach Sunday school without a single Lutheran Bible storybook in your language. What would you do? This is the situation faced by Swahili-speaking Lutherans through East African countries like Kenya, Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Mission congregations and LCMS partner churches are in desperate need of children's teaching materials for Sunday school and for home devotions. With the help of the LWML NID, the Lutheran Heritage Foundation will translate and publish 10,000 copies of *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories* in Swahili, which will be given free to the families and churches that need them.

## **5. BEYOND THE WALLS – NID, LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES**

**\$14,850**

LSEM's Beyond the School Walls offers needed support to children with learning needs to become proficient readers and/or mathematicians. Being able to read proficiently provides accessibility to God's Word, the Bible. Northern Illinois District participants gain access to the project when they are identified as a child with learning needs in a LSEM Partnership Program, or when parents request help from LSEM's Resource Center. An online curriculum provides accessibility for the learner as well as other helpful LSEM resources: online instructional webinars and Parent eNewsletters featuring Christ-centered devotions and other beneficial information.

## **6. REACHING THE HOMEBOUND IN NID, LUTHERAN MINISTRIES MEDIA**

**\$15,000**

Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc.'s mission is to "share Christ's love through ministry and media" and does so by producing a weekly, 30-minute Lutheran broadcast worship service called *Worship for Shut-Ins*. The program has been around since 1965 and each service includes music, scripture readings, prayers, and a Lutheran pastor delivering a message that is designed to feel one-on-one to the viewer. Each program is closed captioned for the hearing impaired. Lutheran doctrine and Word and Sacrament remain central to every broadcast, pointing to Christ as our Savior and bringing the reality of that salvation to the hearts of viewers. *Worship for Shut-Ins* celebrated 50 years in 2015 and looks forward to many more years of sharing the Gospel with the homebound and unchurched of the world.

## **7. SPANISH LANGUAGE MATERIALS & OUTREACH**

**\$6,000**

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, West Chicago, is a 125+ year old LCMS congregation of the NID that is located in the center of a community that is more than 50% Hispanic. Since 2012, Trinity has been developing a Spanish language outreach mission and currently offers Divine Services in Spanish every Sunday followed by a 1-hour Bible study. The LCMS grant money would be used to further this mission through purchase of hymnals, CDs and other worship and study materials as well as a portion going toward musician salaries and further promotional efforts.

## **8. SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST WITH IMMIGRANTS IN DETENTION**

**\$10,000**

In one of his final lessons to the disciples before He was crucified, as Matthew 25:36 tells us, Jesus taught the importance of ministry to imprisoned people. Echoed in Paul's epistle to the Hebrews, He calls on us to serve those in prison as if they were Jesus himself. Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) seeks to live out that call with our Detention Ministry. Our goal is to offer healing and hope to immigrants imprisoned while they wait to make their case for relief through the court system. This will be done through providing Bibles to those immigrants in detention.

## **9. SHEPHERD'S CANYON RETREAT**

**\$3,500**

This grant extends the mission and ministry of the Word by serving the men and women of the LCMS who serve in various 'shepherd' capacities across the church body at large. This grant will assist Shepherd's Canyon in providing facilities, utilities, and food, enabling suffering pastors and other professional church workers, along with their spouses, to attend a 7-day healing retreat located outside Phoenix, Arizona. A grant of \$3500 will provide food and

utilities for three weeks of retreats. SCR is merely the tool. The Holy Spirit provides the healing every time!

#### **10. DR. WILLIAM H. GRIFFIN COMMUNITY CENTER FOOD PANTRY \$18,000**

The Dr. William H. Griffin Community Center, a ministry of Zion Lutheran Church (Winston), Chicago, was inaugurated in 2008 to serve the needs of the community and to be a bridge for Gospel outreach. Since that year, we have continuously added more services. The center serves approximately 300 individuals monthly through its weekly food pantry, clothing bank, weekly wellness and exercise program, college/career preparation and several outreach events organized throughout the year.

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74<sup>th</sup> LWML NID Convention Fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5:22-23.

September 22-23, 2018 Best Western Plus Chicago Hillside, IL

Key Note Speaker: Rev. John Nunes

President: Barbara Belanski

### **MISSION GRANTS FUNDED IN THE 2018-2020 BIENNIUM**

#### **1. VOICE OF CARE (EQUIPPING THE CHURCH TO REACH PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES)**

**\$17,474**

Voice of Care seeks to train respite companion volunteer trainers in each of the Northern Illinois District's four regions. Voice of Care, in partnership with REST (restprogram.org), will customize material to fit the specific needs of Lutheran churches providing Christ-centered respite care. REST is an accredited, evidence-based program; therefore, data tracking is essential. As respite care need increases and funding decreases, Voice of Care is raising a corps of trained volunteer respite companions in the Northern Illinois District. Through building relationships, Voice of Care-trained respite companion volunteers will seek to nurture care recipients and caregivers in their Christian walk. This grant from NID for \$17,474 will provide curriculum resources and personnel training to continue this outreach.

Due to pandemic only **\$13,848.66** was used.

#### **2. LIFE FOR ST. MATTHEW: SAVING A HISTORIC HOUSE OF WORSHIP, ST. MATTHEW, CHICAGO**

**\$18,000**

St. Matthew Lutheran Church (LCMS) located at 2108 in the Pilsen Community provides worship services in English and Spanish in a poverty-stricken community of mostly Latino families as well as the unemployed and homeless. St. Matthew was organized over 145 years ago by German immigrants who settled in Chicago but later lost most of these members when

they moved to the suburbs. The congregation presently serves a small but faithful number of members who have recently shown growth through new member classes and confirmation instruction. This historic house of worship is listed in the national register of historic places in Illinois. Recently, St. Matthew has been cited with seven building violations which need to be addressed with much needed repair in order for church to remain open. A grant from NID LWML will enable St. Matthew to begin the process of correcting and repairing the violations and bringing the building up to code, to breathe new life within its walls and allow the ministry of the church to continue for many years to come. **\$17,689 was used.**

**3. HAITIAN FEEDING PROGRAM, TRINITY/HOPE \$2,500**

The average child in Haiti comes from a home where voodoo is practiced and only is fed only 4-5 meals a week at home. We need to reach the children in our schools with the Word of God as well as nourish their bodies. They see the food as a powerful witness of Christ's love and evidence to the truth of the Good News being shared with them daily. Children in our Lutheran schools are coming to faith faster than any other population segment and often bring their families and neighbors to the Lord.

**4. LUTHERANS FOR LIFE (POST-ABORTION CRISIS  
HOTLINE EXPANSION) \$10,000**

The abortion hotline program of Lutherans for Life is the only Lutheran hotline in the nation. This grant will help reach more suffering souls through additional staff hours with a goal of having a director full time. In addition, LFL will launch concerted promotion in stages on a district by district basis and via targeted mailing, emails, district distribution of literature, etc. Lutherans for Life is seeking to partner with NID LWML to aid in staff expansion and promotion of the Word of Hope Post-Abortion Crisis Hotline to churches in the district, thereby having the opportunity to guide many more people into a relationship with the Trinity. **Unfortunately this grant was not viable due to the pandemic.**

**5. GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL/GRACE CHRISTIAN  
ACADEMY, CHICAGO \$18,000**

"The Mission of Grace Lutheran School is to prepare students for success in High School, College, and beyond, raising them up to be future Christian Leaders for service to God and their community." A grant of \$18,000 would extend the outreach of Grace in the "Little Village" neighborhood of Chicago with several improvements: a new oven for the lunch program – over 85% of students receive "free or reduced lunch"; an upgrade to the facility starting with wiring to add much needed air-conditioning, as well as stair tread to front and back stairs for safety reasons; improvement to student transportation with new tires and glass on the school bus; and the purchase of new video equipment to help spread the mission to students, parents, and the community.

**6. CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, FT. WAYNE,  
FOOD AND CLOTHING CO-OP \$10,000**

The Food and Clothing Co-op on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary plays a key role in helping students feed and clothe their families during their seminary years. Nearly 60 % of the students are married, second career with families. When the decision is made to leave their jobs and come to the seminary, the students no longer have the same financial flow of funds that they had, but continue to have the same financial needs. For many families the spouse does not find adequate employment in Fort Wayne, because employers know they will be available for only a short time. One of the ways the seminary seeks to reduce this financial burden is by providing access to a Food and Clothing Co-op, which is supported through individual donors, churches and other organizations. The Food co-op is currently able to supply between 80% and 85% of all food and household needs each month at no cost to the student. It operates as an actual cooperative with each family volunteering a certain amount of time each month in either the food or clothing area, for which they receive points in exchange, points redeemable each shopping day. Students can also shop at their own discretion in the clothing area during operating hours, and take whatever they need for free – no points, vouchers or money are necessary in the clothing area. \$10,000 will supply perishable food items for this vital part of the support of seminary students.

**7. WALCAMP EXTERIOR CABIN RENOVATIONS \$14,562.35**

Walcamp, in its 53rd year of running traditional outdoor camp programs for young people, provides a safe and healthy retreat into nature, built on 180 acres of forest and open fields. The facilities include two main cabins, Oak and Maple, built in 1971 and 1972. Each has 1700 sq feet and sleeps 28. Due to the location in the woods, the cabins have been very susceptible to woodpeckers. New T111 siding would continue the viability of the structures. This grant would fund the purchase of materials in order to re-side both cabins at the facility, allowing many more young people to experience moments in which God can change their lives as they grow in faith. **Even in the pandemic, Walcamp was able to use \$12,107.41 of the grant.**

**8. LUTHERAN INDIAN MINISTRIES (NATIVE AMERICAN  
YOUTH PROGRAM, WASHINGTON'S OLYMPIC  
PENINSULA \$18,000**

By providing a supportive environment for listening and building relationships, Ben Maxson, serving Makah Lutheran, desires to offer Native teens in Neah Bay, Washington, a safe place to grow and flourish, enjoy food and fun, participate in worship and learn from the Scriptures together. By offering what the community center doesn't, funds would be used to purchase games (shuffle board, dart boards, bocce ball, volley ball), musical instruments, a sound system and LCD projector to help furnish the new Cultural Arts Center, located on the grounds of Makah Lutheran church, for a growing youth program where Christ is the anchor. **\$13,566.91 of the grant money was used.**

**9. LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS (REACHING VISUALLY IMPAIRED INMATES WITH GOD’S LOVE      \$8,000**

Letters arrive weekly from visually impaired inmates for the Bible in large print. Due to the size of our Large Print Bible and the spiral bindings (which can be used as weapons) rarely are they permitted into the correctional institutes. Therefore, a grant from the Northern Illinois District Lutheran Women Missionary League will be used as seed money to purchase the necessary equipment to start up a new Work Center that will produce the 14-point APhont English Standard Version of the Bible for visually impaired inmates throughout the United States. These Bibles will be given free of charge. **Unfortunately the work center was not able to be set up due to the pandemic and thus the grant was not used.**

**10. HAITI LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY (Partial funding)      \$3,463.65**

The Haiti Lutheran Mission Society, USA is a long standing organization that provides ongoing support for spreading the Gospel of Jesus through the work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti, currently working through Pastor Thomas Bernard at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with churches and preaching stations at several locations in Haiti, along with support for the House of Love and Hope Orphanage. This grant would fund the building of walls, roof and floor on the newest Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Coraccess, the foundation in complete, which serves several hundred persons each Sunday in a temporary building. Funds would also help finish the second floor of House of Love and Hope Orphanage to accommodate addition children and provide recreational area for the children to play.

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75<sup>th</sup> LWML NID Convention Led by the Spirit

September 12, 2020 Held Virtually due to the COVID 19 Pandemic

No Keynote Speaker

President: Janice Gerzevske

NOTE: To protect the health and safety of our LWML convention attendees and comply with state and CDC guidelines, the LWML NID Executive Committee voted in May to hold a virtual event on Saturday, September 12, 2020 (instead of a live event on September 11 -12). Voting for officers, mission grants, and bylaws changes was completed on August 29/30 using Election Buddy so that the results could be announced during the virtual convention.

## **MISSION GRANTS FUNDED IN THE 2020-2022 BIENNIUM**

### **1. WORSHIP ANEW**

**\$17,600**

(Formerly Worship for Shut-Ins) Seeks to reach the rapidly aging and other unchurched people in the NID with the Gospel. This project will assist in funding their broadcast fees.

### **2. JACMEL LUTHERAN HOME and**

#### **CENTER OF REFUGE ORPHANAGE in Haiti**

**\$15,000**

Ministry in Mission, a LCMS Recognized Service Organization, will use this grant to staff and operate the Jacmel Lutheran Home for the elderly and provide food for the orphanage.

### **3. DR. WILLIAM H. GRIFFIN COMMUNITY**

#### **CENTER FOOD PANTRY**

**\$18,000**

Has been a ministry of Zion Lutheran Church on Chicago's south side since 2008. This mission serves about 300 people through its food bank, clothing bank, and several outreach events throughout the year. Due to lack of receipts they were funded \$15,159.88

### **4. PHIL'S FRIENDS**

**\$10,000**

Provides care packages for cancer patients in the Chicago area and around the U.S. This grant would allow Phil's Friends to purchase the spiritual items, including Bibles, which are included in those packages.

### **5. DORCAS PROJECT - LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR WOMEN IN GHANA**

**\$17,000**

This project will help educate women in Ghana so that they can share the Gospel with people in their communities and mentor other young women of the church in how to handle their finances.

### **6. LUTHERAN BOOKS FOR BUDDHIST SOUTHEAST ASIA**

**\$15,000**

The Lutheran Heritage Foundation has requested this funding to translate and publish several thousand books (like Luther's Small Catechism and Bible Stories in Pictures) in the languages of the people of Southeast Asia. The books will be given free to families and churches that need them.

## **7. SALAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP                      Partial funding of \$1,150**

Based at Peace Lutheran Church, Salam’s ongoing mission is focused on spreading the Gospel among Middle Eastern and North African Muslims and bringing them together into the “tribe” of Jesus Christ.

Total Mite Grants 1939 - 2022: \$ 3,251,166.89