

Summary of Mission Grant Proposals for 2024 LWML SWD Convention

THE FOLLOWING MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AT THE JUNE 15, 2024 CONVENTION OF THE LWML SWD. The list was compiled and based on the presumption that the LWML SWD 2024 convention delegates will approve the Executive Committee recommendation of a 2024-2026 MISSION GRANT GOAL OF \$220,000. Documentation of these grants can be shared with those who request it. Call LuAnn Roman, 414-380-2329 or email: vpspecialfocusministries@lwml-swd.org

1 Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs-WI \$21,000

There are 7 comfort dogs with host families/congregations/institutions in South Wisconsin. Often, they are called upon to deploy to disaster areas and this expense is “out of pocket” for those sponsoring the dogs. These funds would be equally distributed between the host dog entities to supplement their support/care/travel funds.

2 Reaching Visually Impaired Inmates/Prison Inmates with God’s Love \$10,000

Lutheran Braille Workers (RSO) is requesting this money specifically to help fund the production of Prison Ministry Bibles, Bibles studies, or other Christian materials at Ministry Production Centers in the US and utilize prison Braille transcription programs in Wisconsin or elsewhere in the US to transcribe new Christian materials into Braille, so inmates in prison will know Jesus as their Savior.

3 CTSFW, Fort Wayne, IN, Food Co-op \$15,000

The Food and Clothing Co-op at Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, works to encourage and financially support students through its programs. The request for \$15,000 is specifically to purchase perishable food items for the 2024-2026 biennium.

4 Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church Ministry Outreach \$14,000

Bethany Lutheran Church has a presence in inner city Milwaukee (N. 38th St) and has made it a priority to reach into the neighborhood offering both physical and spiritual care to the residents there. To continue what has begun, the church is looking for this money to supplement their current efforts over the next two years, along with the support of SWD and other churches.

5 Office Equipment and Supplies for Peace Valley Lutheran Church \$7,500

Peace Valley Lutheran Church is the new SWD church plant in Monticello, Wisconsin building an LCMS presence where none had been. They are renting a space for worship but could use help with office equipment and supplies to be able to do the communication piece necessary for their continued growth.

6 Orphan Grain Train - Wisconsin Branch **\$15,000**

While the Orphan Grain Train (RSO) continues to receive needed humanitarian supplies through donations which are then distributed both nationally and internationally, it requests funds to assist with the cost of shipping. Costs to ship a container may vary from \$6,000 to \$12,000 and they are on record for shipping at least 12 per year.

7 Teaching God's Children with Special Needs **\$50,000**

Journeys Lutheran School (formerly Lutheran Special School) continues to embrace students in grades 3-12 with special needs. Their programs facilitate the educational goals of individualized instruction and growth along with the sharing of the Gospel. This request is toward the purchase of 2 passenger vans which will be used to transport students to field trips and other opportunities supplementing what they currently do as well as use in the school to work program.

8 Life-Changing Care for People in the Dominican Republic Living with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities **\$18,000**

These funds will help to partially fund the cost of the care, education, rehabilitation, and spiritual life program of the residents of the Dominican Republic group home as well as outreach and care to others with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the communities where the 5 Dominican LCMS Lutheran congregations are located. Deaconess Danelle Putnam will be responsible for this grant requested by International Missions, LCMS.

9 Camp LuWiSoMo Camper Scholarships **\$20,000**

Camp LuWiSoMo in Wild Rose, WI works with families that cannot afford the full cost of camp for their children. This Scholarship Fund has been a vital part of assisting them to make it possible to pay the fee so that many children who otherwise would not be able to attend camp are able to do so. (RSO)

10 Theological Libraries and Resources for Africa **\$10,000**

The Office of International Missions is proposing the allocation of \$10,000 specifically "to help fund 'Theological Libraries and Resources - Africa' to support and expand theological training through seminaries in Africa under the direction of Rev. Shauen Trump."

11 SWD Church Worker Grant **\$30,000**

The South Wisconsin District office allocates scholarships to students enrolled in a Concordia University and intending to serve the church as a pastor, teacher, deaconess, etc. Over the next two years this money will be distributed to those who apply and qualify.

12 Hope Lutheran Church Outreach Ministries Fund **\$25,000**

Hope Lutheran Church, located at 35th and Highland in Milwaukee, has a number of neighborhood outreach programs. This allocation of money would be \$5,000 to each of the following programs: 1) Grief Share, 2) First Friday (children and youth), 3) Sunday School, Adult Bible Study and Summer Bible School, 4) Hope Lutheran Church Food Pantry, 5) Pastor's Lot Outreach (mercy ministry distribution of food, clothing)

13 Telling the Next Generation: Lutheran Books for Southeast Asians \$12,000

For years, the Lutheran Heritage Foundation has been printing and distributing books around the world in various languages. They are asking for this money to help print more than 2,000 Lutheran books in Southeast Asia as well as for immigrants here in Wisconsin and other parts of the US so the Word can go out in the language of the people. (RSO)

14 Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Milwaukee Restoration \$25,000

In 2018, historic Trinity Lutheran Church in Milwaukee was extensively damaged by a fire. Insurance covered 67% needed for reconstruction. Further funds are needed to refurbish the sanctuary so that the presence of Trinity stays strong in the downtown area.

15 The Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of WI Child Therapy Expansion - Mental Health Coverage \$25,000

With the counseling skills of the staff at LCFS and a vision of expansion to serve more youth, the goal is to expand the Child Outreach Therapy program that reaches children and their support networks and brings them to a better place in life through the message of the Gospel.

16 The Phoebe Initiative \$5,000

Concordia Seminary in St Louis has a Deaconess Studies program educating young women in the Scriptures and working to hone their skills for a work in a variety of fields after graduation. They are asking for the sum of \$5,000 “to provide vital support for Concordia Seminary’s Deaconess Studies programs.”

17 Youth Navigating in this World \$20,000

The final Whereas in this application reads: “having received its RSO status with the LCMS, is seeking to become a partnership hub for ministry among the congregations and schools of the city of Milwaukee, ...” The SOS Center is in the heart of Milwaukee where the need is great to witness to and strengthen the family. It is the goal of SOS to offer classes and activities to help youth become confident and focused members of society. They plan to do this through small group Bible study, music, public speaking, cooking and sewing classes, technology opportunities, grief share and peer support groups. This money will help with supplies and staff stipends.

18 Physical Wellness for At-Risk Children \$10,000

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch (RSO) exists to offer at-risk youth the knowledge and skills to succeed in the name of Christ. At this time, they are seeking funds specifically for the updating of the gym floor on its Minot campus.

19 Ministry Scholarships for Shepherd’s Canyon Retreats \$15,000

Shepherd’s Canyon Retreat is designed for and utilized by LCMS church workers in need of spiritual renewal and encouragement. It is an RSO and offers week-long counseling retreats in a comfortable, healing setting. They are seeking funds to be able to offer \$500 scholarships to pastors and ministry workers and their spouses to benefit from this experience and bring it back to the local level in renewed vigor for ministry.

20 A Place of Refuge - LCMS RSO**\$11,000**

This LCMS prolife ministry has been active in the Milwaukee area for a number of years. It sustains an advocacy program, housing for pregnant women and a resale store that generates funds for the ministry. At this time in history, some upgrades are needed. This \$11,000 will go toward recarpeting portions of Blessed Again Resale and for the purchase of a safe for important documents.

21 Christ Evangelical Lutheran School Playground**\$25,000**

Christ Lutheran School in West Bloomfield (Weyauwega area), desires to provide a safe and attractive place for their children to play and to be a witness to the community as well (the community does not have a public park). Not having sufficient funds on their own to undertake such a project, they are hoping that LWML can add to the success of their vision.

22 Teacher Training Workshop, Martin Luther Academy BO, Sierra Leone**\$5,000**

Lead a Child (an RSO) is active in Sierra Leone. With this grant request, they hope to host a teacher training workshop for educators serving at Martin Luther Academy in Bo, Sierra Leone. The goal is to raise up model teachers who are able to effectively teach and communicate the Gospel.

23 Lutheran Neighborhood Schools Initiative**\$50,000**

The SWD is rethinking how "school" looks. Micro schools in local areas will provide Lutheran Christian education to a wider population of students in the Milwaukee area with hopes to expand. These funds would be used, equally divided, for scholarships to ensure that every student can attend LNS and the other half to renovate new LNS sites to bring them into compliance with building codes.