

Whereas Statements

1. Mission Outreach for At-Risk Young Women in Africa

Lutheran Hour Ministries \$100,000

WHEREAS, the mission of Lutheran Hour Ministries, based on the clear teaching of Scripture, is Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Hour Ministries' ministry centers in Kenya and Cameroon, Africa, were established to carry out Gospel outreach to the millions of people in the region in culturally appropriate ways, and connect them to faith in Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Hour Ministries has developed outreach ministry programs to rescue and rehabilitate at-risk young women from a life on the streets or in prison, and to counsel and train them in a vocation, all from a Christian perspective; and

WHEREAS, Mission Outreach to At-Risk Young Women in Africa is sharing the vital message of salvation through a powerful Christian witness of love and forgiveness and changing the lives of women and youth, as well as the infants and children who are imprisoned or impoverished and impacted with their mothers; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$100,000 to help fund Mission Outreach to At-Risk Women in Africa.

2. Lutheran Secondary Education for Hispanics

Walther Christian Academy, Melrose Park, Illinois \$75,000

WHEREAS, Walther Christian Academy in Melrose Park, Illinois has as its mission to provide an excellent education which is Christ-centered for students in sixth through twelfth grade; and

WHEREAS, the demographic make-up of the neighborhood surrounding Walther Christian Academy has significantly changed over the past ten years to include more Hispanic families; and

WHEREAS, many of these families want their children in a strong Christian school but are unable to pay full tuition; and

WHEREAS, the majority of these students require additional financial and social/emotional support to successfully complete high school and be accepted into college; and

WHEREAS, a two year grant totaling \$75,000 is requested to fund admissions materials, student financial aid and a portion of bilingual admissions staff salaries to support these students and their families to ensure high school graduation and college acceptance; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$75,000 to help fund Lutheran Secondary Education for Hispanics.

3. Lights for Christ Scholarships

Divine Savior Lutheran Church, Zacapa, Guatemala \$95,000

WHEREAS, Christ teaches us to make disciples of all nations; and

WHEREAS, the people who live in the municipal landfill in Zacapa, Guatemala, have very limited means to support their children spiritually and physically; and

WHEREAS, the Lights for Christ Program offers spiritual and academic education and physical substance to the children of the municipal landfill and teaches the children to reach out into the community to spread the Gospel; and

WHEREAS, donations are currently inadequate to fund the Lights for Christ Program for children in grades 7-12; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$95,000 to help fund Lights for Christ Scholarships.

4. Music Outreach, Classes and Resources on the Border

Ysleta Lutheran Mission, El Paso, Texas \$ 98,400

WHEREAS, music reaches the heart and touches the soul of all and is a vital part of our praise and worship as Lutherans; and

WHEREAS, there is an ongoing need to train musicians for service in the church and community; and

WHEREAS, Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care has a longstanding history of excellence in outreach and music education on the border; and

WHEREAS, Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care is uniquely situated to meet this need but requires improved facilities and additional equipment to expand and enhance this important work; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$98,400 to help fund Music: Outreach, Classes and Resources on the Border.

5. Teach Me Too—Preschoolers with Learning Needs

Lutheran Special Education Ministries \$100,000

WHEREAS, in Luke 18:16 Jesus called children to him, saying, “*Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.*”; and

WHEREAS, national statistics indicate that one in five children in the United States has a learning need, one in 68 has autism, and that early intervention is shown as being key to long-term academic, social, and behavioral success; and

WHEREAS, reaching out to these children and their families in their time of need is an opportunity to witness to them of God's love and salvation for ALL his children; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Special Education Ministries' commitment to serving children, their families, schools, churches and the community has been evident for over 140 years; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$100,000 to help fund Teach Me Too - Preschoolers with Learning Needs.

6. Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families

Camp Restore Detroit \$100,000

WHEREAS, Christ has charged us in His Holy Word to share the Gospel and minister to the poor; and

WHEREAS, Detroit has experienced economic disaster, leading the nation with 57.3% of the children living in poverty without food or opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Camp Restore Detroit has found a need within the community to provide a safe, nurturing Christ Centered place for these children, their families, and other adults to come where children can learn about God's love as they participate in art, theater, and music classes, and receive homework help while receiving assistance with basic educational development, while parents and other adults will have additional opportunities to participate in classes on subjects such as parenting, finances, resume building as well as joining small groups; and

WHEREAS, with much renovation, there is an opportunity to use previously abandoned houses to fulfill this need; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$100,000 to help fund Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families.

7. Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building Construction

Office of International Mission \$50,000

WHEREAS, the LCMS has been active in Sri Lanka since 1927 and is evidenced by four congregations and seven preaching stations; and

WHEREAS, the need to train pastors and deacons is evidenced by interest and enrollment in pre-seminary classes founded by LCMS missionaries in January, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the local congregation and Sri Lankans in general do not have the financial means to establish and support such a building program (The average weekly pay for a worker is \$10); and

WHEREAS, the church in Sri Lanka has obtained the necessary permission from the Board of Directors of the LCMS to move forward with a building project that will include a new sanctuary for Immanuel Lutheran Church, room for seminary training and housing, office for the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church and a preschool (Total cost, \$350,000 for construction, not including furnishings); therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$50,000 to help fund Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building Construction.

8. Rooted, Celebrating, Growing

Camp Omega, Waterville, Minnesota \$50,000

WHEREAS, Camp Omega of Waterville, Minnesota celebrates more than a 50-year history of serving the youth of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Minnesota South District; and

WHEREAS, the boards of directors for both the Minnesota South District and Camp Omega have committed to expand this ministry to better serve adult, congregational, and professional growth ministries by building an Adult and Family Retreat Center; and

WHEREAS, a key function of this Adult and Family Retreat Center will be planning retreats, professional in-services, and informational in-services sponsored by the Minnesota South District and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; and

WHEREAS, this facility will best serve these educational and professional growth opportunities by being equipped with a Public Address system, electronic presentation system, and Wi Fi access installed in the meeting rooms; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$50,000 to help fund Rooted, Celebrating, Growing.

**9. Hope and Healing Hub of Downtown Lincoln
University Lutheran Chapel, Lincoln, Nebraska \$50,000**

WHEREAS, statistics show that suicide rates among young adults have tripled since the 1950's and 12 people aged 15-24 commit suicide each day; and

WHEREAS, salvation through Jesus Christ is the greatest hope the Church can give a hurting world; and

WHEREAS, partnerships between The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Nebraska District, GracePoint Institute for Relational Health, Concordia University Nebraska, and local LCMS congregations will provide staff and opportunities to share the love and hope of Jesus with the hurting people in the community; and

WHEREAS, renovations at the University Lutheran Chapel adjacent to the campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln are needed to make space for the ministry of the Hope and Healing Hub for the 32,000+ students and young adults in the area; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$50,000 to help fund Hope and Healing Hub of Downtown Lincoln.

10. God's Grace for This Generation

LAMP Ministry Inc. \$100,000

WHEREAS, there are nearly half a million indigenous children living in the remotest areas of northern Canada who have limited access to biblical education and Gospel proclamation unless LAMP sends volunteer missionaries; and

WHEREAS, LAMP Ministry Inc. is committed to recruiting, training, supporting, and sending volunteer missionaries to teach the Scriptures and proclaim the Gospel in remote northern communities (Equipping the Saints, Ephesians 4:12); and

WHEREAS, the sad reality is that unless LAMP goes into these northern communities to hold vacation Bible school, offer Bible studies, and provide one-on-one testimony to the hope they can have through faith in Jesus these indigenous children likely will not have any source of personal, organized, Christian education or witness to the Gospel; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$100,000 to help fund God's Grace for This Generation.

11. God's Word Changes Everything

Lutheran Bible Translators \$95,000

WHEREAS, The Great Commission of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, commands us to reach out to all at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, we have recently celebrated the 500th anniversary of Reformation and will soon be celebrating the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's translation of the New Testament into the German language, commonly spoken by his people; and

WHEREAS, Bible translation is a cornerstone of proclamation of the Gospel and inaugurates the arrival of the clear Gospel to communities throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Christians in Ethiopia, Tanzania, and elsewhere have requested us to work through Lutheran Bible Translators to assist with God's work to communicate the Gospel clearly to people to whom they are called to proclaim the mighty works of God; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$95,000 to help fund God's Word Changes Everything.

12. Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus for Guatemala

Lutheran Church of Guatemala and Child Beyond International \$100,000

WHEREAS, our Lord Jesus in His Holy Word has declared that whatever we do for the least of His brothers and sisters, we do for Him; and

WHEREAS, bringing spiritual and physical healing in His name to His desperately poor but beloved people of Guatemala honors His declaration and fulfills His Great Commission; and

WHEREAS, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hood River, Oregon's Guatemala mission non-profit organization, Immanuel Agape Ministries (doing business as Child Beyond International) is in mission partnership with the Lutheran Church of Guatemala (LCG) and has the full approval of this grant by the LCG Bishop, Rev. Abdiel Orozco, a medical doctor himself; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$100,000 to fund the Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus for Guatemala.

13. Touching the Living Word

Lutheran Braille Workers \$100,000

WHEREAS, the Bible declares, "*And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations ...*" (Matthew 24:14a), and He uses our hands to help share the Gospel; and
WHEREAS, Lutheran Braille Workers, one of the largest producers of the Bible in Braille throughout the world, is daily asked to send God's Word to people who are Blind or Visually impaired; and
WHEREAS, LBW has been sending Braille Bibles and other Christian materials in multiple languages to over 130 countries worldwide for free; and
WHEREAS, the number of requests for the Bible in Braille have only increased, along with the need for zinc plates in production of these materials; therefore be it
RESOLVED, That the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$100,000 to help fund touching the Living Word—Lutheran Braille Workers.

14. Teaching the Faith through Music

St. Paul's Conservatory, Council Bluffs, Iowa \$78,600

WHEREAS, Christ our Lord has called His Church to spread the Good News to every nation (Mt. 28:19-20, John 20:21-23); and
WHEREAS, God's gift of music is a most powerful tool through which to spread the Gospel to young and old in every nation or culture (Col 3:16, Ps 5:11, Ps 9:11, Ps 57:9); and
WHEREAS, domestic and foreign mission fields are both filled with opportunities to spread the Gospel through music, yet the LCMS has no specific music development agency actively supporting our workers in those fields as it relates to resource development, resource acquisition or programming; and
WHEREAS, St. Paul's Music Conservatory offers, not only a proven model for Gospel outreach through music, but is also creating music resources for use in parish based music conservatories around the world as well as providing strategic development services for those outreaches; therefore be it
RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$78,600 to help fund Teaching the Faith through Music.

15. Mission Outreach Among the Oromo

The LCMS Missouri District \$37,175.00

WHEREAS, the Ethiopian in the book of Acts was seeking to clearly understand the Word of the Lord, so too are today's Ethiopians of Kansas City, Missouri; and
WHEREAS, God provided both the messenger Phillip and means of water in the desert for a baptism, God has also found a native pastor for this new worshipping community and a host in Christ Lutheran Church of Platte Woods, Missouri; and
WHEREAS, this unexpected and blessed partnership between Christ Lutheran Church and the Oromo Evangelical Church is now a cause for celebration and an invitation to the LWML to walk with Pastor Abdi and the Oromo in these early years of ministry; therefore be it
RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$37,175.00 to help fund Mission Outreach Among the Oromo.

16. Making Jesus Known in United States Ethnic Communities

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri \$100,000

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is making important efforts to share the Gospel according to Lutheran tradition throughout U.S. immigrant and ethnic communities and embracing the rapidly increasing ethnic and cultural diversity of 21st-century America; and
WHEREAS, the theological education provided by Concordia Seminary's Center for Hispanic Studies (CHS) and Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT) programs enables highly devout, dedicated immigrant church workers to bring many people of different cultural backgrounds closer to Christ from the basis of a strong biblical foundation; and
WHEREAS, these ethnic church workers live with considerably strained financial circumstances and do not have nearly the resources to fund their education costs; and
WHEREAS, the congregations that these church workers serve, as well as their LCMS districts, often are unable to support these education costs due to their own financial constraints; therefore be it
RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$100,000.00 to help fund Making Jesus Known in the United States Ethnic Communities.

17. Expanding Broadcast of *Worship Anew*

Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc., Ft. Wayne, Indiana \$80,000

WHEREAS, The Great Commission moves us in Mark 16:15 to "*Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.*"; and

WHEREAS, *Worship Anew* (formerly known as *Worship for Shut-Ins*) is taking God's Word to a growing population of those who are aging and the un-churched; and

WHEREAS, *Worship Anew* seeks to share Christ's love via television ministry throughout the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, *Worship Anew* will reach millions of new homes through this vital broadcast expansion on a new nationwide station; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$80,000 to help fund Expanding Broadcast of *Worship Anew*.

18. Expanding Congolese and Arabic Refugee Work

Christian Friends of New Americans \$30,000

WHEREAS, Congolese and Arabic refugees living in low-income, crime-infested areas of the city struggle to care for their families, to learn English, to get medical help, to cope with trauma, and usually do not know Jesus, Christian Friends of New Americans (CFNA) is committed to expand work and witness among them; and

WHEREAS, CFNA seeks to follow Jesus' commission to teach and baptize, reaching out to many people of all nations, and recognizes that the time of transition is often when refugees are most open to new ideas when meeting Christ's ambassadors; and

WHEREAS, CFNA has been befriending and telling Bible stories of God's love to refugees and immigrants in the St. Louis area for 16 years, searching for effective opportunities to serve people, has well-established outreach programs that always include sharing Scripture and meet critical needs (Adult English Classes, After-School Tutoring, Health Screenings, LWML Heart to Heart Sisters, Bible Studies, Furniture and Supplies Distribution, Scholarships to Lutheran Schools, Drivers Ed, Teaching Job Skills and Swimming) and, by God's grace, is blessed with a sufficient number of caring Christian personnel (more than 250 volunteers giving 19,000 plus hours last year, 67 partner churches and organizations, a staff of 19 including 5 full-time); and

WHEREAS, the mission imperative of LCMS and LWML "for such a time as this" supports funding Gospel outreach and expanded services to vulnerable people such as these refugees; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama vote the sum of \$30,000 to help fund Expanding Congolese and Arabic Refugee Work.

19. Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kenya \$80,000

WHEREAS, the children in Kenya struggle to have water in their schools and often walk miles each day to gather water; and

WHEREAS, the pastors of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) would like to provide sound biblical teachings in their sponsored schools; and

WHEREAS, the ELCK is in fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; and

WHEREAS, the LWML has been blessed richly by our Lord, and has a duty to spread his love and gospel; therefore be it
RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$80,000 to help fund Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya.

20. Women's Witness and Mercy Asia

Mission Central \$100,000

WHEREAS, the Women in Mission of the LWML are eager to fulfill their mission statement to assist and enable every woman of the LCMS to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world; and

WHEREAS, women doing missionary work in Asia are "*ready and willing to give a reason for the hope they have ...*" (1 Peter 3:15) to the hungry souls lining up to receive hope and truth in Christ, and whose given talents in the field include nurses, managers, teachers, coordinators, and deaconesses; and

WHEREAS, the cost to support any missionary, let alone their projects of the heart is at least \$50,000 a year; and

WHEREAS, this gift will be used to support our sisters in their unique mission in Asia or to help keep them there or get them there; and

WHEREAS, Mission Central will correspond with these missionary women so they can do their very best for their Lord and Savior, Jesus, in Asia with help from LWML; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$100,000 to help fund Women's Witness and Mercy Asia.

21. Digital Media Development

Lutherans for Life \$30,000

WHEREAS, life issues such as abortion, embryo experimentation, and assisted suicide afflict millions of our neighbors with fear, grief, and guilt that drive them away from God's grace, and;

WHEREAS, digital avenues like internet, smartphones, and social media offer an open mission field to connect to these individuals, particularly the younger generations before they face such situations, but current online conversations surrounding life issues regularly become volatile, most of all for Christian advocates of life's sanctity, since our values and perspectives run counter both to fallen human nature and prevailing public opinion, and;

WHEREAS, Lutherans For Life, a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, has for forty years become familiar and effective in equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for life, declaring with courage how God's loving grace gives immeasurable importance to every human being, no matter what age, appearance, or ability, and demonstrating with compassion that His Word of forgiveness and resurrection in Christ Jesus brings a better way than death to address suffering and resolve difficulties, and;

WHEREAS, Lutherans For Life has the passion and expertise to translate these life-giving truths into digital content including images, video clips, webinars, and podcasts and to distribute them for Lutherans to use to respect and protect the least of these among us but lacks only sufficient financial resources for this initiative; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$30,000 to help fund Lutherans For Life Digital Media Development.

22. Holy Cross Lutheran Mission Plant

Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries \$100,000

WHEREAS, the Hazelwood neighborhood of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania has a shrinking Christian presence, creating the opportunity for Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries (PALM) to create connections and bring the saving Word through Holy Cross Lutheran Mission; and

WHEREAS, PALM and First Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Pittsburgh already support Several LCMS Campus Ministries in Pittsburgh, the Pittsburgh Lutheran Center for the Blind, First Trinity Homeless Ministry, and Pittsburgh Lutheran Deaf Ministry; and

WHEREAS, PALM and First Trinity jointly desire to staff Holy Cross Mission with a vicar but do not have the financial resources to do so; and

WHEREAS, PALM has contacted The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's Urban & Inner-City Mission for grant funding that is limited to \$10,000, causing the PALM Board of Directors to seek additional grant resources; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$100,000 to help fund Holy Cross Lutheran Mission Grant.

23. Ministry in Motion -

Trinity Lutheran Church, Mobile, Alabama \$58,000

WHEREAS, Christ has called us to be servants to one another, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. *"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."* (Mark 10:45). And *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* (Mark 12:31); and

WHEREAS, Trinity Lutheran Church and School, modeled after the ministry of Rosa J. Young, is serving an impoverished community with proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ and teaching with a Christ centered Gospel to educate children to prepare them for a brighter future; and

WHEREAS, Funds are needed to purchase a handicapped accessible sturdy and well-built church bus for elders, school children, neighbors and church members to participate in church and school ministries on and off campus; and

WHEREAS, our current vans are 15 years old and difficult for elders and children to safely board and ride, and the community we serve needs transportation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$58,000 to help fund Ministry in Motion.

24. Wind River Indian Reservation Transportation

Wind River Lutheran Mission \$40,000

WHEREAS, we are given the Great Commission of "*Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...*" (Matthew 28:19); and

WHEREAS, the people of the Wind River Indian Reservation are in need of the Good News of Christ; and

WHEREAS, the transportation needs of the people of the Wind River Indian Reservation are great and the Wind River Lutheran Mission is unable to finance the cost of reliable transportation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$40,000 to help fund Wind River Indian Reservation Transportation.

25. Sharing the Good News- Main Street Living Northland

\$53,200

WHEREAS, Believers are charged to preach the gospel to every creature, and that includes people who, for a variety of reasons, may be unable to attend a traditional service in a brick and mortar church; and

WHEREAS, Main Street Living Northland provides a weekly modified church service, including liturgy, Bible readings, sermon and hymns; and

WHEREAS, Main Street Living Northland television ministry has the involvement of 15 congregations of Missouri Synod Lutheran Churches but needs financial support to produce and broadcast this service to a potential 157,000 households; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$53,200 to help fund Sharing the Good News-Main Street Living.

26. Equipping Missionaries to be Reconcilers

LCMS Office of International Mission \$62,500

WHEREAS, 2 Corinthians 5:20, states, "*Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*"; and

WHEREAS, God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and entrusted to us and our missionaries the message of reconciliation and has made the message of reconciliation the central message our missionaries seek to share; and

WHEREAS, When reconciliation training has been made available to our missionary teams, it was described as a "life-changing application of the Gospel to everyday life" for both missionaries and the indigenous people they witness to; and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Office of International Mission by expanding the existing worker retreat program to include specialized training the missionaries can both maintain personal relationships in Christ and in turn, share this gift of reconciliation with those to whom they minister; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$62,500 to help fund Equipping Missionaries to be Reconcilers.

27. Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow

LCMS School Ministry \$80,000

WHEREAS, Lutheran schools are one of the Synod's premier agencies for Witness, Mercy and Life Together serving 220,000 students, many coming from families who are not connected with Christ through a church home; and

WHEREAS, The Holy Spirit working through the powerful integration of God's word by 21,748 teachers serving in 1,992 Lutheran schools results in the opportunity to change many lives being transformed as 51% of the student body has been identified as Non-Lutheran or unchurched; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran schools connect our congregation with their communities in unparalleled ways, whereby excellent school leadership is critical to the overall quality, effectiveness and sustainability of Lutheran schools; and

WHEREAS, between 2015 and 2020 it is projected that approximately 40 percent (40%) of Lutheran school administrators will retire from service in our schools causing a tremendous void in critical leadership; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$80,000 to help fund Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow.

28. LCMS Deaconess Ministry

LCMS Office of International Mission \$90,000

WHEREAS, Our Lord Jesus Christ bids us to make disciples, to Baptize and to catechize; and

WHEREAS, Our Lutheran Confessions tell us, "Love, care and be concerned for those in need, actions motivated by the Gospel; and

WHEREAS, Christ's mandate and example of love remains our supreme example for life in this world, caring for the needy, body and soul; and

WHEREAS, LCMS Deaconess Ministry works both domestically and internationally to form women who are theologically trained to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through acts of mercy, spiritual care and teaching the Christian faith; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$90,000 to help fund LCMS Deaconess Ministry.

29. Christ's Mercy in Russia

LCMS Office of International Mission \$70,000

WHEREAS, Jesus speaks to us through Matthew 25:40, "*Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.*", and;

WHEREAS, the LCMS is in fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia (ELCIR) and the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church (SELC), who provide mercy work with The Word and care for souls at the Pregnancy Counseling and Family Support Program in Novosibirsk, along with the Hope Center in St. Petersburg, Russia; and

WHEREAS, the abortion rate in Russia is currently about 480 abortions for every 1,000 live births; and

WHEREAS, the needs are tremendous to provide crisis pregnancy counseling, educational materials, ultrasound services, counseling for families struggling with additional and many types of Christian education; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$70,000 to help fund Christ's Mercy in Russia.

30. Christ for You, Anytime, Anywhere

KFUO Radio \$60,000

WHEREAS, Jesus speaks in Matthew 18:20, "*Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them,*" and in Romans 10:17, "*so faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ.*"; and

WHEREAS, KFUE is the longest continually operating Christian radio station in the United States and owned and operated by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; and

WHEREAS, KFUE.org continually provides on the radio, online, on-demand and mobile-app worship opportunities, bible studies, Christian education and conversation to those who many times are isolated around the world, in the military, prisons, nursing homes, or those frequently confined to their homes; and

WHEREAS, KFUE's programming includes Bible studies, theological and social commentary, and Lutheran sacred music, providing witness to all generations wherever located, included in countries where we do not have missionaries; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$60,000 to help fund Christ for You, Anytime, Anywhere.

31. Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers

Mission Training Center, Africa \$62,650

WHEREAS, in villages across Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, most local congregations are led by helpers or evangelists while some are led by seminary-trained and ordained pastors. Both groups - those who are pre-seminary and those who are post-seminary are eager for opportunities to study theology in a community to enable them to better serve the congregations God has entrusted to their care; and

WHEREAS, to enable those whom the church has called into service as lay leaders of congregations in Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, and Uganda to engage the work God has put before them with a foundation in theology through the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod Africa Mission Training Center program; and

WHEREAS, to provide continuing education opportunities for local pastors and their wives in Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia; and

WHEREAS, this program provides basic theological training for lay leaders of congregations who serve under a pastor who is responsible for between 5 and 15 congregations. The training material allows the local pastor to work through a total of 22 workbooks (over two years) with his lay leaders. Lay leaders gather with their pastor for 5 days once a month. The program provides limited financial assistance to offset the costs of food and transportation and often a small stipend for the church's national coordinator; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$62,650 to help fund Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for local church workers.