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PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

Prayers for: Preparing Leaders for a Diverse World -
Concordia College, Selma, Alabama

PRAYER #1

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the passion of Your servant Rosa Young. She made Christian education a reality for many who would have been denied an education. Her legacy of encouraging church workers in diverse communities will continue with scholarships at Concordia College, Selma, Alabama, provided through mites. In Jesus name. Amen.

PRAYER #2

Gracious Lord, we ask You to supply Concordia College Alabama with students inspired by Your Word to study and become pastors, teachers, and leaders to serve in our country of diverse cultures. In Your name. Amen.

PRAYER #3

Father God, provider of all things, we ask You to bless the Concordia College Alabama scholarship endowments for church workers funded with mites from across this country. In Our Savior's name. Amen.

PRAYER #4

Loving Father, as the need for workers to serve in diverse communities grows, provide Concordia College Alabama with students who desire to serve You using the gifts You have given them, to fill the positions as pastors, deaconesses, educators who can bring the lost to saving knowledge of Your Son, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.

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MISSION GRANT STORY

PREPARING LEADERS FOR A DIVERSE WORLD - CONCORDIA COLLEGE, SELMA, ALABAMA \$50,000

Concordia College Alabama, was founded in Selma over 90 years ago by Lutheran Educator, Rosa Young. She had a passion for raising up leaders for the church and working with Lutheran Missionary, Reverend Nils Bakke. She founded over 20 Christ-centered church schools in rural Alabama. The students of these schools would otherwise have nowhere to receive an education. These church schools needed pastors and teachers, which led to the start of the training academy in Selma. That academy became Concordia College Alabama. Many black pastors and teachers serving in the The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) today or retired can trace their roots to Concordia College Alabama. It is the only black college in the Concordia University System and the only Lutheran historically black college in the nation. It's strong education program and deep Lutheran roots in the African-American community position it uniquely to raise up needed African-American leaders for the LCMS in its schools, daycare centers, parishes, and outreach ministries.

As communities across the nation become more diverse, it is important for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to begin preparing a diverse church workforce. Seminary classes are offered at Concordia College Alabama to raise up church workers with special abilities to serve the diverse cultural needs of the church. Concordia College Alabama's teacher graduates are much sought after for their excellence in the classroom. This mission grant will allow an endowed scholarship for pastors and deaconesses, as well as allow a deepening of Concordia College Alabama's teacher education program through partnerships with Lutheran parochial schools in Alabama, national and international recruitment, and scholarships to increase the number of students pursuing a Lutheran Teacher's Diploma and Early Childhood Education degree.

