



Helping Churches Reach an Ethnic Group Different from Their Own

Missionaries to America Project Mission Nation Publishing — \$88,000

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\$88,000

Mission Nation Publishing wants to help churches reach out to ethnic groups in their community. North America is now an international mission field. Missionaries are coming here to share Jesus. The Missionaries to America Project will help members of Lutheran churches in America see themselves as missionaries and help churches understand that they are a mission base. The project hopes to accomplish this by creating and resourcing a growing network of churches that are enthusiastic and equipped to reach ethnic groups within their communities.

For there is

no distinction

between Jew

and Greek;

for the same Lord is

Lord of all,

bestowing his

riches on all

who call on him.

(Romans 10:12)

The face of America is changing, and the face of the church also needs to change. Demographic studies tell us that young millennials are more attracted to an ethnically diverse church, like the picture John paints in Revelation 7:9, *After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.*

Funds from the grant will be used by Mission Nation Publishing to develop a process that will help churches reach different ethnic groups. The project will equip women and men of diverse backgrounds to become new missionaries.

Mission Nation plans to develop multi-ethnic groups of clergy and laity from around the country to work to uncover stories of churches and missionaries that have been successfully sharing Jesus with a new ethnic group and then create ways of sharing this information with teams from other congregations. Partnerships are being developed with various Synodical organizations, such as the LWML Heart to Heart—Sisters of all Nations program, the Chinese Mission Society, the Oromo Mission Society, and the LCMS Office of National Mission, as well as others, to share insights in the development of programs.

The programs developed will equip women and men, old and young, of diverse ethnic backgrounds to see new ethnic groups and new missionaries to America as gifts God is giving to the church. Could every LWML member and every member of LCMS congregations see themselves as a missionary, and work like missionaries overseas but now on a mission field called America? Former LWML President Virginia Von Seggern said *“Reaching women of various ethnicities has also been the work of the LWML. Heart to Heart Sisters was the beginning (2001) of a very deliberate outreach to women of all ethnicities, and cultures, including some native to the United States. This Grant Application has far-reaching capabilities into the future.”*

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