

2021–2023 Mission Grants Paid in Full!

Lutheran Women in Mission praises God for faithful givers who, by the grace of God, have made possible the complete funding of all Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Mission Grants for the 2021–2023 biennium. We give all thanks and praise to God for the bountiful mite offerings that have been received to help spread the Gospel message of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. View and download for printing the newly updated [Mission Grant Distribution Flyer](#) and please continue to pray for the mission and service work of each mission grant.



Final Mission Grant Payments Made to Grateful Recipients

LWML Mission Grant #19 — Lutheran Braille Workers

After a full tour of the Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) headquarters in Yucaipa, California, Michelle Jenks, LWML Strategic Plan Facilitator, presented the \$100,000 mission grant check to the staff and volunteers at LBW.

There were smiles all around as the staff shared that this grant would be used to support the printing of Spanish Bibles for Central and South America.* LBW is the only organization in the world that prints free Braille Bibles in Spanish and there is 10 years' worth of orders for these Bibles which will amount to the production of 440,000 books.

* The original grant proposal was for Sharing Jesus' Love in India. After receiving a request from LBW, at the October 2022 LWML Board of Directors (BOD) meeting the BOD approved reallocating the distribution of the \$100,000 from India to Central and South America. It is our prayer that God's Word will be shared in India one day soon.



From left to right: Deanna Cobb (Donor Relations); Cynthia Keh (Large Print Coordinator); Michelle Jenks (LWML Strategic Plan Facilitator); Daniel Jenkins (President); Nate Paredes (Vice President of Finance); Sky Ervin (Production Specialist); Joanna Ervin (Volunteer); Phillip Ervin (Volunteer)

LWML Mission Grant #9 — Propelling the Gospel

MaryBeth Heikkinen, LWML Michigan District President, had the opportunity to present the grant check to Rev. Dr. Steve Schave, Executive Director at Lutheran Association of Missionary Pilots (LAMP) Ministry, when they met at the Michigan Lutheran Leaders and Ministry Meeting in Grand Blanc, Michigan in January. This is a wonderful event hosted by the Michigan District LCMS where many Lutheran leaders throughout the state attend to network and share ministry experiences. Pastor Schave cleverly stated as MaryBeth presented him with the check that truly we are the wind beneath their wings!

Rev. Dr. Steve Schave from LAMP will be one of the Mites in Action speakers in Milwaukee.



MaryBeth Heikkinen, LWML Michigan District President, presents check to Rev. Dr. Steve Schave, Executive Director at LAMP

More Payments Made in March

The final payment of \$25,000 was made to Lutheran Heritage Foundation for LWML Mission Grant #3 Thirst to Learn: Bible Books for Africa's Children on March 6th. Rev. Dr. Matthew Heise said "Thank you so much, ladies, for your Gospel partnership!"

The final payment of \$25,000 was made to LWML Mission Grant #18 "Ends of the Earth" Scholarships – MOST Ministries in March. Watch for some mission trip stories to follow in the near future.

The final payment of \$50,000 was made to LWML Mission Grant #24 Reaching the Homebound with God's Word – Worship Anew. Matthew Leighty, Executive Director, said "Thank you for all of your support!" Julie Beers added, "We are so thankful for you wonderful LWML ladies."

Vice President of Gospel Outreach Karen Morrison, stated "I think I might have the most exciting job in LWML. Taking the mite monies and seeing them delivered to the mission grant recipients for the furthering of God's Kingdom is amazing."

LWML Mission Grant #7 — Training Pastors to Serve the Church in Russia

Even as international conflict persists, LWML mites were sent to the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society in Ft. Wayne, Indiana in support of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Novosibirsk, Siberia. Novosibirsk is far from the battle lines, but the impact of the conflict is being felt as inflation rises, young men are being drafted into military service, and people's anxiety over the future increases. Even so, the seminary is still working to prepare future pastors to proclaim the Gospel to people in Siberia and other parts of Russia, as well as people in Kazakhstan and Ukraine, including seminarians looking to the seminary in Novosibirsk for their pastoral education. Professors have become adept at conducting some of their classes online, a necessity during the pandemic and now critical for reaching students who are close to the conflict.

Please continue to pray for the professors and seminary students in Siberia as they work to further God's Kingdom in the midst of these difficult times.



Robert Kiefer, Treasurer, Deaconess Dawn Pasche, SLMS administrator, and Rev. Dr. Timothy Quill, Campaign Director, announce payment after the Sunday worship service at St Paul's in Fort Wayne, IN.

Video Message for Our Deaf and Hard of Hearing Sisters

Jennifer Ceyanes, an LWML Special Ministries Task Force member, has prepared two video messages using American Sign Language (ASL). One video invites deaf and hard-of-hearing women to attend the LWML Convention in Milwaukee, June 22–25, 2023. The video explains what happens at an LWML convention and how they can participate. The second video explains more about the convention registration process and different elements of the program where the deaf sisters will have an opportunity to gather together in friendship and support of one another.

Share these videos and encourage the attendance of deaf and hard-of-hearing sisters at the LWML Convention this summer in Milwaukee.

LWML Convention Information Video



LWML Convention Registration Video



LWML Hosts Dinner at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

Lutheran Women in Mission were delighted to host the annual dinner for 2nd year students going out on vicarage or internships. Beginning at 5 p.m. on March 24, the students were invited to relax with their fellow students during the reception. As they entered, they were encouraged to guess the amount in the Mite Box.

At 6 p.m. student Matthew Kinne led the group in prayer and the doxology before the dinner buffet. At the end of the dinner, LWML Public Relations Director Susan Donnelly showed a short PowerPoint presentation about Lutheran Women in Mission and the resources they provide for church workers. Following the presentation, she gave away several LWML hats, ties, and umbrellas to the students as door prizes. At the end of the night Nicholas Sinatra, another student led the group in a closing prayer.

Attending from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW) were Dr. Ryan Tietz, Dean of Students and Professor Of Exegetical Theology, Deaconess Amy Rast, Associate Director of the Deaconess Formation Program, and Deaconess Katherine Rittner, Director of the Food and Clothing Co-op. Many thanks to the students who attended who are in our prayers for the ministries to which God has called them.



Cody Schrepferman and Jesse Brubaker



Photo above: A wonderful group of past LWML District Presidents from the Indiana District. From left to right Past LWML Indiana District President Emily Rogers, LWML Public Relations Director Susan Donnelly; Deaconess Katherine Rittner (CTSFW Food & Clothing Co-op director); Past LWML Indiana District President Ruth Thomas and LWML Convention Exhibits Coordinator and Past District President Vivian Ernst.



Photo left: Ted Fischer , Alexander Hinojosa, Susan Donnelly, Abbey Hinojosa, Melissa Pflug



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