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Forward

Completed projects are history. The importance of this history is not to say, “See what the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League has done,” but to point toward a future of service. This concise *Mission Grants Resume* is meant to aid those involved in mission education to motivate further service. It presents a quick reference and source of information for working on displays, mission fairs, sketches, devotions, programs, and reports, etc. If you are traveling, you might wish to use this *Resume* as a guide to visit some of the past mission projects.

We encourage every LWML group to build and keep a complete library of the *Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly* and our LWML convention manuals. These two items serve as invaluable sources of information when preparing mission-education materials. If you do not have these resources in your local group, check with the historian or president of your zone or district.

Grant Description by Country

Afghanistan

RESPONDING TO NEW OPPORTUNITIES

2003–2005: \$100,000

Supplying seed money for a new mission-field startup, this grant provided educational helps, including translations of Luther's Small Catechism into the Persian language. Workers, the first Afghans the LCMS has been able to baptize, were sent back to their home country and stationed in a border town.

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Angola

AFRICA "IN THEIR HANDS AND UPON THEIR HEARTS" — LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS, ANGOLA, BOTSWANA, ETHIOPIA, AND NAMIBIA 2015–2017: \$50,000

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Argentina

HUERTA GRANDA MISSIONARY RETREAT HOME 1953–1955: \$60,000

(\$10,000 delegated for Argentina. See also entries for retreat homes in the Philippines and Japan, which are included in this grant.)

Rest and relaxation — two important ingredients for effective functioning of missionaries. An attempt to provide mission personnel with opportunities to recapture these "spent ingredients" was the intent of retreat homes. Argentina selected Huerta Granda in the Cordoba Mountain range as their site. Here, in a restful section of town, our mite monies purchased an 11-bedroom house in July 1955.

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- Summer 1967, p. 17ff., "Members Gave — Missions Grew"

OBERA MISSIONS PREPARATORY SCHOOL 1969–1971: \$50,000

Primitive buildings, classrooms without electricity and water, and all buildings sparsely furnished and equipped — this was Obara. Grant will furnish building scheduled for completion in February 1971. It houses classrooms, chapel, library, dining room, kitchen, and rest rooms. Entire amount disbursed by Sept. 30, 1970.

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CENTRAL/SOUTH AMERICA PROJECT JOEL — OUTREACH TO YOUTH

2011–2013: \$75,000

To reach out to children and young people in Argentina, Chile, Cuba, Guatemala, Panama, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Venezuela, with the message of salvation and equip them with practical information regarding drug and alcohol abuse, violence, and promiscuity.

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Austria

POSTWAR EUROPE CHILD REHABILITATION (TO ORPHANS AND ORPHANAGES)

1945–1949: \$73,262.33

Orphans and orphanages in postwar Europe received 10 percent of Mite Box funds during this double biennium — \$10,000 was allocated toward providing religious literature, primarily catechisms, songbooks, and children's prayer books, while \$50,000 equipped Synod-established orphanages. The remainder (\$13,262.33) supplied items such as fuel, cloth for bed linens, and food. By convention decision in 1947, this project was continued through a second biennium, terminating at the opening of the 1949 convention.

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Bahamas

NASSAU MINISTRY TO BAHAMIAN CHILDREN

1981–1983: \$35,000

The Lutheran Church of Nassau is the only Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod mission in the Bahamas. The future of the Bahamian Lutheran Church depends on developing an indigenous core of native workers. This grant paid the salary of a youth worker to develop and implement the ongoing ministry to Bahamian children, plus the purchase of a van, equipment, and supplies.

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- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 73
- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 97

Bangladesh

MUSLIM OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

2007–2009: \$75,000

To construct a school building in Beniarchar, Bangladesh, to educate Christian youth in rural areas, opening the door for equality in education and sharing the Gospel with Christian converts and their families.

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Convention Manual

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Belize

MERCY HOUSE BELIZE LUTHERAN CAMPUS — BELIZE MISSION SOCIETY

2021–2023: \$100,000

The Belize Mission Society (BMS) has a dental clinic in a multipurpose building that is located in the village. This grant money funded the building of a Mercy House next to the elementary school and Christ Lutheran Church. By bringing the dental clinic and other programs to the Lutheran campus, it led people to the Church and connected them with the missionaries. The BMS is intent on “strengthening their cord” (a reference to Ecclesiastes 4:12) with the Belize FORO (forum), the missionaries, and local residents. By building relationships with children, they reached their extended families with the Good News of their Savior, Jesus Christ. Mercy House — Belize Mission Campus furthered the mercy work and relationship-building of the BMS while providing a tangible connection to Christ Lutheran Church.

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Bolivia

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

1977–1979: \$30,000

More than a million Aymara and Quechua Indians live in isolated villages and have never heard of Jesus Christ. Though poor, many own radios and can be reached through Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones. The project would assist in the production, promotion, and distribution of Lutheran Hour programs in Bolivia, Ecuador, and Peru.

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Botswana

BOTSWANA, SIERRA LEONE, TOGO, LIBERIA, GHANA; NIGERIA — SOLAR POWER FOR MISSION STATIONS

1985–1987: \$68,000

Many countries in which we have missionaries are petroleum-scarce countries, causing the cost of gasoline and kerosene to be \$3 a gallon. Thirty-four mission stations can energy costs and providing more efficient ministries in these six areas.

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- 22nd Biennial Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987, p. 73

LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS (LBT) SPREAD

GOD’S WORD THROUGH PRINT AND AUDIO

2011–2013: \$97,344

To provide Bibles, audio Scriptures, and literacy materials to people in Ghana, Botswana, Namibia, and Nigeria in their own languages.

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Brazil

MISSIONARY RETREAT HOME

1953–1955: \$60,000

(\$20,000 designated for Brazil. See also entries for retreat homes in Argentina, the Philippines, and Japan.)

Brazil District Mission Board agreed that a rest home was not feasible because of the large area to be served. This grant was reallocated at the 1961 convention. See Taiwan (Formosa) Educational Buildings.

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Proceedings

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TEOFILO-OTONI HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND DORMITORY (GINASIO CONCORDIA)

1959–1961: \$75,000

Students desiring to attend preparatory school in Brazil must travel great distances. This high school was to serve the entire area of northern Brazil. The site was located near well-traveled Brasilia-Belem highway. Although initial plans called for classrooms and dormitory space, rising costs forced abandonment of the latter. This necessitated operation as a day school, which eliminated students living at any distance. Registration in 1969 was approximately seventy-two.

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REVOLVING FUND, BRAZIL DISTRICT JEEPS 1965–1967: \$30,000

Mud roads, in fact *no* roads lead to many Brazilian preaching stations. Seemingly insurmountable obstacles could often be overcome by using a Jeep in more remote areas. Also, using a Jeep increased an individual’s station outreach almost fourfold. This grant provided Jeeps for 13 parishes in five Brazilian states.

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Proceedings

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BRAZIL SCHOLARSHIP FUND 1969–1971: \$50,000

A severe shortage of workers exists in Brazil as evidenced by these figures: 130 pastors serving 919 congregations and preaching stations. Lack of funds prevents many young men from entering training; therefore, assistance is needed. Plans

are to invest the grant monies and use the interest for a continuing scholarship program.

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Proceedings

- 14th Biennial Convention, Louisville, Ky., 1971, p. 60

BELEM INGREJA EVANGELICA LUTERANA CRISTO SALVADOR MISSION

1971–1973: \$25,000

This poor Christian congregation could not raise funds to build a much-needed church. Lutherans in Germany provided a partial grant and the LWML grant provided the balance to purchase land and build a chapel and social center.

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PORTO ALEGRE CONCORDIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

1977: 35TH ANNIVERSARY OFFERING — \$49,349.71

One-half the total 35th Anniversary Thankoffering was given to this School for the Deaf in Porto Alegre.

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GUAIANASES, SAO PAULO INGREJA EVANGELICAL LUTERANA CRISTO REI 1979–1981: \$42,000

In expansion of parishes in the city of Sao Paulo, the Board of Missions established a new mission in a densely populated

lower-income region of the east side. This mission lacked its own worship center. Project adoption allowed for the construction and completion of this new facility.

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- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 75

Cambodia

PHILIPPINES AND SOUTHEAST ASIA STUDY MATERIALS

1981–1983: \$60,000

This was a two-part project — the first part to translate and produce simple teaching materials dealing with primary Christian beliefs in five Asian languages: Hmong, Thai, Laotian, Vietnamese, and Cambodian. The \$30,000 project, “Go, Therefore, and Make Disciples,” was completed in 1981 and was distributed through synodical headquarters.

The second part of the project to produce and distribute Moranao Muslim Scripture booklets in the Philippines was not able to be accomplished and the project was no longer feasible, so the \$30,000 was redirected to help finish and furnish an addition to the Lutheran Hospital, Abaton, Buguias, Philippines. The LWML Board of Directors reallocated the monies in February 1985.

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Cameroon

AFRICA MISSION OUTREACH FOR AT-RISK YOUNG WOMEN

2019–2021: \$100,000

Through its ministry centers, Lutheran Hour Ministries offers programs that provide a powerful force for physically and spiritually changing the lives of young women. These programs were able to disrupt the cycle of poverty and

prostitution by teaching income-producing trades for economic independence and success. They were a means for sharing the Gospel and connecting young women with the church. This grant identified young women in prisons after they had been arrested for prostitution or small crimes. The women were provided rehabilitation through counseling sessions and voluntary Bible studies for those who expressed a desire to reform, and they were then connected with the church.

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- 38th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Ala., 2019, p. 28
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Canada

TORONTO, ONT. UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL, STUDENT CENTER

1956–1957: \$70,000

The need for a chapel in this campus ministry was most evident after the first full-time pastor was installed in February 1955. Site was acquired and planning was nearly complete when word was received that original site on university ground must be relinquished. New site negotiated and chapel construction began in July 1958. Dedication: Feb. 8, 1959.

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- July 1962, p. 14ff., “20 Years of Glad Service”
- Summer 1967, p. 17ff., “Members Gave — Missions Grew”
- Winter 1987, p. 18, “Mission Projects in Canada”

MONTREAL, QUE. CHRIST MEMORIAL CHURCH SITE

1961–1963: 67,200

This congregation worshipped in local elementary school gym. Investigations had determined initial cost of the site, coupled with the cost for a modest church building, would be prohibitive. This grant enabled the congregation to acquire a well-located site for its church. With this “initial outlay”, the congregation proceeded to construct a split-level building with an educational unit. Dedication: May 23, 1965.

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- October 1963, p. 8, “A Letter from Pierre”
- October 1964, p. 9, “The President’s Page”
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- Winter 1987, p. 18, “Mission Projects in Canada”

LUTHERAN ASSOCIATION OF MISSIONARIES AND PILOTS (LAMP)
1971–1973: \$40,000

LAMP was organized to meet the needs of the sparsely settled areas of northern Canada. Since such remote communities and Indian villages could never support a church and pastor, LAMP pilots help Christians to live there by establishing Sunday schools, Bible classes, and adult instructions. It also sends lay workers (nurses, teachers, and laborers) to share both their skills *and* the Good News. The grant was used to purchase an airplane to extend LAMP’s services.

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- 15th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Ala., 1973, p. 85

CANADIAN MINISTRY CONCORDIA COLLEGE, EDMONTON, ALTA. CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONTREAL, QUE.
1979–1981: \$50,000

An influx of students from Canada and foreign lands created overcrowding at Concordia College, Edmonton. A fire added

to the need for expansion. \$35,000 was used to build additional education facilities. \$15,000 was used to train and recruit French-speaking Quebecois to support the French ministry in the greater Montreal area.

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Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 52, 55–56, 68–70

Quarterly

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- Summer 1983, p. 21 (picture)

Convention Manual

- 18th Biennial Convention, Omaha, Neb., 1979, p. 32
- 19th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wis., 1981, p. 73

CANADIAN MINISTRY CONCORDIA COLLEGE, LUTHERAN ASSOCIATION OF MISSIONARIES AND PILOTS (LAMP)
1977–1979: \$50,000

LAMP’s pastors/pilots bring the Gospel to isolated settlements of Canada’s North Country. Their Christian-in-Service program helps find and encourage lay people to move to isolated communities where they share their faith by word and example as they live and work in a settlement. There are still thousands of people LAMP cannot reach unless it adds planes and pastors/pilots.

This project provided a Cessna 185, which enabled LAMP to call a pastor/pilot for northern Manitoba.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 192, 200

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 52,

Quarterly

- Summer 1977, p. 13, “And Now, What’s Next?”
- Fall 1977, p. 23, “The Mission Goal”
- Winter 1977–78, pp. 16–17, “Grant to Provide Sixth Plane to LAMP”
- Fall 1978, p. 15, “The President’s Page”
- Spring 1979, p. 33, “LAMP Plane Now in Service”
- Summer 1979, p. 35, “Review of Current Mission Projects”
- Winter 1987, p. 19, “Mission Projects in Canada”

Convention Manual

- 17th Biennial Convention, Laramie, Wyo., 1977, p. 28
- 18th Biennial Convention, Omaha, Neb., 1979, p. 50

ST. CATHARINES, ONT. CONCORDIA SEMINARY — LIBRARY NEEDS
1981–1983: \$50,000

With the development of a seminary campus at St. Catharines, there was an immediate need for a theological library for the students. This grant purchased books and other vital library materials.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 222–223, 226.

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 52, 62–64

Quarterly

- Summer 1981, p. 30, “Where Will Our Mites Be Working 1981–83?”
- Fall 1981, p. 19, “Goal Set for a Thirsty World”

- Summer 1983, pp. 18–19, “Library Books for Canadian Seminary”

Convention Manual

- 19th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wis., 1981, p. 30
- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 73
- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 97

EDMONTON, ALTA. CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SEMINARY BOOKS AND LIBRARY NEEDS

1985–1987: \$50,000

Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Edmonton was organized in January 1984 and began its first academic year in September 1984. One of the greatest expenses was the establishment and operation of an adequate theological library. The present financial situation of the church cannot make funding of these needs feasible apart from special grants.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 249, 251

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 52, 58–59

Quarterly

- Spring 1985, p. 19, “Mission Projects on Ballot”
- Fall 1985, p. 31, “Mission Projects”
- Summer 1986, p. 44, “Books and Library Needs, Edmonton”
- Winter 1987, pp. 18–19, “Mission Projects in Canada”

Convention Manual

- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 39
- 22nd Biennial Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987, p. 73

ONTARIO DISTRICT ATLANTIC MISSIONS 1987–1989: \$75,000

Because of a shortage of funds, the LCMS has not established any missions or churches in the four Atlantic provinces of Canada. Four pastors recently canvassed Moncton, N.B. Of the 1,300 calls, which are 4 percent of the city of 100,500, they located 10 Lutheran families and 66 unchurched families. Plans developed to begin a full-time ministry in Moncton. Our grant went to purchase a facility for this new ministry.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 261, 279

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 52, 59–62

Quarterly

- Winter 1987, p. 19
- Winter 1988, p. 43

Convention Manual

- 22nd Biennial Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987, p. 33
- 23rd Biennial Convention, Rapid City, S.D., 1989, p. 75

EDMONTON, ALTA. NATIVE STUDENT BURSARY FUND CONCORDIA COLLEGE, BRAEMER CAMPUS 1989–1991: \$50,000

In 1985, Concordia College in Edmonton initiated the University and College Entrance Program, which is designed to prepare native students for higher education. Students, and families where necessary, are brought to the Edmonton campus. Many students suffer economic hardships, and in some cases, have had to drop out of the program to seek employment. Temporary assistance is needed to help pay rent, utilities during severe winter months, and emergency expenses. Each student is assigned a counselor who works

closely with the student (and family) regarding the academic program and the physical well-being of the families involved.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 265, 279

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 52, 56–58

Quarterly

- Summer 1989, p. 45, “Convention Ballot”
- Summer 1991, p. 47

Convention Manual

- 23rd Biennial Convention, Rapid City, S.D., 1989, p. 34
- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 90
- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 86

CANADA GOD’S GRACE FOR THIS GENERATION 2019–2021: \$100,000

LAMP Ministry, Inc. has ministered for nearly 50 years in northern Canada where many villages were reachable only by aircraft or seasonal roads. Nearly one million indigenous people lived in these isolated areas with approximately one-half of them under 14 years of age. The most alarming statistic was that over 15% of the children and youth would take their own life out of despair and hopelessness. When LAMP went into these communities with Vacation Bible School, Bible studies, and personal witnessing, these communities had access to Christian education for faith in Christ. To fulfill their mission of sharing the Gospel, LAMP expanded their staff of full-time missionary pilots to four or five. LAMP needed to recruit and train 100 to 200 more volunteer missionaries committed to serve at least 5 years. This mission grant assisted to fund LAMP reaching its goal.

Sources

Quarterly

- Summer 2019, p. 15, “Where Will Our Mite Offerings Go Next?”
- Fall 2019, p. 15, “Current Mission Grant Highlights”
- Spring, 2021, p. 14, “God’s Grace for This Generation LAMP Ministry, Inc.”

Convention Manual

- 38th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Ala., 2019, p. 29
- 39th Biennial Convention, Lexington, Ky., 2021, p. 50

PROPELLING THE GOSPEL — LAMP MINISTRY, INC.

2021–2023: \$65,000

Lutheran Association of Missionary Pilots (LAMP) Ministry, Inc. has been using small aircraft to take the Gospel message to the Indigenous people in the most remote areas of northern Canada. Each year, hundreds of volunteer missionaries from the United States travel to teach vacation Bible school to thousands of children in remote northern communities. LAMP’s ministry is highly dependent on the two aircrafts that they use in order to get their missionaries to these places so they can bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who so desperately need to hear the Good News. Aircraft has evolved over the years, and upgrades are necessary to ensure safety and the ability for LAMP’s missionaries and pilots to reach remote communities only accessible by air. Grant funds helped to purchase the needed upgrades for safety.

Sources

Quarterly

- Summer 2021, p. 15, “Where Will our Mite Offerings Go Next?”
- Fall 2021, p. 15, “2021–2023 Mission Grants”
- Summer 2022, p. 15 “Mission Grant Summaries”

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- 39th Biennial Convention, Lexington, Ky., 2021 p. 37
- 40th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wisc., 2023 p. 47

Chile

VINA DEL MAR HOLY GHOST CHAPEL, PARSONAGE, AND SCHOOL

1956–1957: \$20,000

Jam-packed indeed! Forty people crowded into one tiny room — for worship services. Building plans included a chapel located on the main level and quarters for the pastor and classroom space on the ground level. Project adoption allowed processing of plans, and construction, started in 1957, was completed and dedication held Dec. 25, 1958.

Sources

Women on a Mission, pp. 190–92

WINGS, p. 92

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 10, 24–25

Quarterly

- July 1956, p. 5, “The President’s Page”
- July 1956, p. 6ff., “Our New Projects”
- October 1958, p. 8, “The President’s Page”
- July 1962, p. 14ff., “20 Years of Glad Service”
- April 1964, p. 1 (cover picture of girl in Chile mission)
- April 1964, p. 14ff., “Finishing Touches for Chapel in Chile”
- April 1964, pp. 16–17, “Holy Ghost Chapel Offers ... Gospel” (pictures)
- Summer 1967, p. 17ff., “Members Gave — Missions Grew”

CENTRAL/SOUTH AMERICA PROJECT JOEL — OUTREACH TO YOUTH

2011–2013: \$75,000

To reach out to children and young people in Argentina, Chile, Cuba, Guatemala, Panama, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Venezuela, with the message of salvation and equip them with practical information regarding drug and alcohol abuse, violence, and promiscuity.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 9, 15–16

Dedicated!, p. 97

Quarterly

- Summer 2012, p. 15
- Fall 2013, p. 25.

Convention Manual

- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 33, 36
- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37

China

ILLU CHINA PROJECT — CASSETTE MINISTRY

1991–1993: \$75,000

To reproduce 40,000 tapes for distribution and to assist with furnishing a recording studio.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 112

God Gave the Increase, pp. 290, 291–294

Quarterly

- Summer 1991, p. 18, “Convention Ballot”
- Fall 1991, p. 18
- Spring 1992, p. 44

Convention Manual

- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 43
- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 83
- 26th Biennial Convention, Kansas City, Mo., 1995, p. 81

ENGLISH TEACHERS IN CHINA

1991–1993: \$72,000

To assist BFMS in sending eight English-language teachers to selected colleges and universities for personal witness and assistance to other Christians.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 112

God Gave the Increase, pp. 290, 294–295

Quarterly

- Summer 1991, p. 18, “Convention Ballot”
- Fall 1991, p. 18
- Fall 1992, p. 45

Convention Manual

- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 49
- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alberta Alta., 1993, p. 84
- 26th Biennial Convention, Kansas City, Mo., 1995, p. 81

ENGLISH TEACHERS IN CHINA/MONGOLIA

1995–1997: \$70,202.50

China has recently opened its doors to the Western world and is actively seeking highly skilled professionals to assist in the education of their population but will not grant mission visas. The LCMS provides teachers of English to the Chinese university system, which means Chinese will have Christians who live and witness to the Gospel. To maintain the momentum of this ministry and one of LCMS’s most strategic outreach projects, the allocation of this grant would enable the recruitment and placement of 20 dedicated LCMS English teachers.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 133

God Gave the Increase, pp. 290, 295–297

Quarterly

- Fall 1995, p. 25

Convention Manual

- 26th Biennial Convention, Kansas City, Mo., 1995, p. 42

TRAINING MULTINATIONAL MISSIONARY TEAMS FOR ASIA

1999–2001: \$80,000

Asian missionaries work more effectively with their own people groups. LCMS World Mission identifies, trains, and

sends these teams to unreached groups in Burma, China, Laos, and North Korea.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 158, 160

God Gave the Increase, pp. 330, 331–332

Convention Manual

- 29th Biennial Convention, San Jose, Calif., 2001, p. 46

CONCORDIA WELFARE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY — CHINA

2005–2007: \$100,000

Christ's love is shown in three key areas of people's lives, particularly women and children, by offering aid in traditional education, health and sanitation, and rural development in China, whereby law, evangelism is not allowed.

Sources

God Gave the Increase, pp. 290, 297–298

Dedicated!, p. 96

Convention Manual

- 31st Biennial Convention, Tampa, Fla., 2005, p. 36
- 32nd Biennial Convention, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2007, p. 50

Cote d'Ivoire

NEW MISSION WORK

1993–1995: \$100,000

In a timeframe of less than 18 months, during 1991–92, lay missionaries had opened a total of 23 new preaching stations. Approximately 2,000 people attend Lutheran church services on any given Sunday. The opportunities are great to expand the mission outreach through the calling of a new missionary to begin new work. The grant will go toward expanding the mission work in Cote d'Ivoire.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 112

God Gave the Increase, pp. 130–138

Dedicated!, p. 18

Quarterly

- Summer 1993, p. 15, "Convention Ballot"
- Fall 1993, p. 19
- Spring 1995, p. 47

Convention Manual

- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 37
- 26th Biennial Convention, Kansas City, Mo., 1995, p. 80

EVANGELISTIC TRAINING FOR WOMEN IN WEST AFRICA

1999–2001: \$50,000

Experiences in Ghana, Eritrea, and Cote d'Ivoire have shown the key role women play in sharing the Gospel in their communities. Special training in evangelism helps women minister effectively to other women.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

God Gave the Increase, pp. 164, 172–174

Convention Manual

- 29th Biennial Convention, San Jose, Calif., 2001, p. 45

Cuba

HAVANA REDEEMER CHURCH

1956–1957: \$50,000

Members of Holy Trinity Congregation, Isle of Pines, moved to Havana and started a congregation. Cramped worship facilities were two small front rooms of the parsonage. Improved worship area became a necessity. Suitable site was acquired, and construction began in August 1958. A two-level building along contemporary lines of architecture was dedicated Sept. 20, 1959, and the name Redeemer Church was adopted.

Sources

Women on a Mission, p. 192

WINGS, pp. 90–92

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 35, 49–51

Dedicated!, p. 5

Quarterly

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- July 1956, p. 6ff., "Our New Projects"
- July 1958, p. 10, "The President's Page"
- April 1959, p. 1 (cover picture)
- April 1959, p. 3ff., "A Paradise Lost — Can We Regain It?"
- April 1959, pp. 12–13, "Land between the Seas" (center picture spread)
- January 1960, p. 3ff., "Fulfillment of a Dream"
- July 1962, p. 14ff., "20 Years of Glad Service"
- October 1963, p. 1 (cover picture)
- Summer 1967, p. 17ff., "Members Gave — Missions Grew"

CENTRAL/SOUTH AMERICA PROJECT JOEL — OUTREACH TO YOUTH

2011–2013: \$75,000

To reach out to children and young people in Argentina, Chile, Cuba, Guatemala, Panama, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Venezuela, with the message of salvation and equip them with practical information regarding drug and alcohol abuse, violence, and promiscuity.

Sources

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Dedicated!, p. 97

Quarterly

- Summer 2012, p. 15
- Fall 2013, p. 25.

Convention Manual

- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 33, 36
- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37

Czech Republic

LIGHT OF CHRIST IN EASTERN EUROPE — MISSION CENTRAL

2021–2023: \$56,000

For decades, Christians in Germany and Czech Republic had to hide their faith. Churches that stood for centuries were closed and generations lived with no knowledge of the

Christian faith. The Lutheran Church is striving to meet the urgent need to bring the love and light of Christ to people who have been living in spiritual darkness. Recently, immigrants and refugees from the Middle East have settled in Europe, many in Germany. Our missionaries are meeting the additional challenge of reaching out to those of the Muslim faith with the message of the Triune God. Thousands of immigrants, and German and Czech citizens of all ages, need to hear the Gospel. This grant helped support eight missionaries working in Germany and the Czech Republic.

Sources

Quarterly

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- Fall 2021, p. 15, "2021–2023 Mission Grants"
- Summer 2022, p. 15 "Mission Grant Summaries"

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- 40th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wisc., 2023 p. 47

Dominican Republic

MISSION SUPPORT TO DISABLED CHILDREN—DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

2009–2011: \$50,000

To assist funding body and soul care for disabled children in the Dominican Republic.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 36, 48–49

Dedicated!, pp. 54, 68–69, 72, 97

Quarterly

- Fall 2009, pgs. 2–5 "Danelle: Happy to Be Working Herself Out of a Job"
- Winter 2010, p. 9

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention Manual, Portland, Ore., 2009; page 32.
- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 45

Children's Developmental Disabilities Group Home and Rehabilitation Center — Dominican Republic

2011–2013: \$100,000

To construct a group home and rehabilitation center and provide staffing and operational costs so that children and youth with developmental disabilities and their families can receive the spiritual and physical care they desperately need.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 36,

Dedicated!, pp. 68–69, 72, 98

Quarterly

- Winter 2011, p. 13.
- Spring 2013, p. 14.

Convention Manual

- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 34, 40
- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37

Ecuador

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

1977–1979: \$30,000

More than a million Aymara and Quechua Indians live in isolated villages and have never heard of Jesus Christ. Though poor, many own radios and can be reached through Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones. The project would assist in the production, promotion, and distribution of Lutheran Hour programs in Bolivia, Ecuador, and Peru.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 193, 200

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 9, 14–15

Quarterly

- Summer 1977, p. 14, "And Now, What's Next?"
- Fall 1977, pp. 22–23, "Delegates Pick Nine Projects"
- Summer 1978, p. 15, "Lutheran Hour"
- Summer 1979, p. 35, "Review of Current Mission Projects"

Convention Manual

- 17th Biennial Convention, Laramie, Wyo., 1977, p. 35
- 18th Biennial Convention, Omaha, Neb., 1979, p. 49
- 19th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wis., 1981, p. 76

SIoux CITY, IOWA PROVIDING FOOD AND THE GOSPEL TO STARVING CHILDREN — MERCY MEALS OF SIOUXLAND

2017–2019: \$40,000

Jesus gives the same command today, to feed the hungry, that He gave His disciples. Mercy Meals of Siouxland, a ministry of Faith Lutheran Church, Sioux City, Iowa, began packaging fortified rice/soy meals in 2012. Mercy Meals donates all packaged meals to Orphan Grain Train for transportation and delivery to Christian organizations in many countries, including India, Haiti, Romania, and Ecuador, as well as to Navajo reservations in the Southwest and Ysleta Mission in El Paso, Texas. The children and families received food and they heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This LWML grant was used to feed from 50,000 to 75,000 hungry children.

Sources

Dedicated!, p. 99

Quarterly

- Fall 2017, p. 15, "2017–2019 Mission Grants"
- Spring 2018, p. 15, "Current Mission Grants Highlighted in this Issue"
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Convention Manual

- 37th Biennial Convention, Albuquerque, N.M., 2017, p. 28

Egypt

EGYPT CHRISTIAN HOPE THROUGH MASS MEDIA IN EGYPT — LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

2017–2019: \$100,000

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) has over 60 years of experience proclaiming the Gospel via mass media in the Middle East. The stable political climate in Egypt provided a new opportunity to expand ministry in the region. Parts of the

Middle East experienced great turmoil and war with refugees, mainly women and children, fleeing to safety. The proclamation of the Gospel was expanded in these areas, especially in refugee camps in Lebanon, Jordan, and Turkey. LHM reached families, refugees, and citizens of the region through a new television program broadcast in Cairo, Egypt. This new television broadcast reached millions of people throughout the Middle East. Refugees and citizens alike, heard the message of faith and of the true love of Christ. A strong Christian voice and witness through Arabic satellite television was telecast.

Sources

Dedicated!, p. 99

Quarterly

- Summer 2017, p. 15, “LWML Convention 2017–2019 Mission Grants Ballot”
- Fall 2018, p. 15, “Current Mission Grant Highlights”

Convention Manual

- 37th Biennial Convention, Albuquerque, N.M., 2017, p. 28

Eritrea

WOMEN BUILDING FOR A FUTURE

1997–1999: \$75,000

Administered by LCMS World Relief, these funds helped women in Eritrea and Ghana gain greater economic opportunities.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 133

God Gave the Increase, pp. 164, 171–172

Convention Manual

- 28th Biennial Convention, Minneapolis, Minn., 1999, p. 43

EVANGELISTIC TRAINING FOR WOMEN IN WEST AFRICA

1999–2001: \$50,000

Experiences in Ghana, Eritrea, and Cote d’Ivoire have shown the key role women play in sharing the Gospel in their communities. Special training in evangelism helps women minister effectively to other women.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

God Gave the Increase, pp. 164, 172–174

Convention Manual

- 29th Biennial Convention, San Jose, Calif., 2001, p. 45

Estonia

PRINTING 1,500 OF THE NEW TRANSLATION OF LUTHER’S SMALL CATECHISM AND EXPLANATION IN RUSSIAN AND ESTONIAN (1991) WESCOTT CONVENTION OFFERING (1989): \$5,000

Along with other changes in the former Soviet Union, a resurgence of our Christian faith has fueled requests for Bibles and other Christian literature. The Confessional Lutheran Church of Finland (CLCF) finished a translation of Luther’s

Small Catechism and explanation in Finnish and then turned to the Lutheran Church—Canada (LCC) for financial support for additional translations. A modern translation was begun in Russian and Estonian, this being the first translation in Russian since 1917. The LCC has provided the funds to complete the initial goal. This grant will provide another 1,500 catechisms in Russian.

Sources

Convention Manual

- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio 1991, p. 94

Ethiopia

EXPAND MISSION WORK IN TANZANIA, KENYA, UGANDA, SUDAN, AND ETHIOPIA

2007–2009: \$104,500

To help develop and support Mission Training Centers to train teachers, evangelists, and pastors in Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Sudan, and Ethiopia.

Sources

God Gave the Increase, pp. 164, 177–179

Dedicated!, p. 96

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention, Portland, Ore., 2009, p. 44

AFRICA “IN THEIR HANDS AND UPON THEIR HEARTS” — LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS, ANGOLA, BOTSWANA, ETHIOPIA, AND NAMIBIA 2015–2017: \$50,000

Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) had been working hard to provide translations of the Bible for the past 50 years for people all over the world. They believe that one should not have to know a foreign language to engage with God and Christ through Scripture. They were looking to accelerate the accessibility of Scripture in mother tongue languages where LBT supported translation projects that had been ongoing or had been completed. This grant funded the printing and distribution of Scripture in the mother-tongue languages in Botswana, Ethiopia, Angola, and Namibia, Africa.

Sources

Dedicated!, p. 99

Quarterly

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- Fall 2015, p. 17, “2015–2017 New Mission Grants
- Summer 2016, p. 15, “Current Mission Grants Highlighted in This Issue”

Convention Manual

- 36th Biennial Convention, Des Moines, Iowa, 2015, p. 32

TANZANIA AND ETHIOPIA GOD’S WORD CHANGES EVERYTHING

2019–2021: \$95,000

Martin Luther wrote, “I wish that this book alone, in all languages, would live in the hands, eyes, ears, and hearts of all people.” When people have God’s Word, it changes their lives in ways they could not imagine. Lutheran Bible Translators trained people from churches in Ethiopia and Tanzania to translate the Bible into their own languages as a part of

seminary training. This was a four-year project with 15 trainees working each year. These grant funds were used to equip pastors and lay leaders in the translation of God's Word in the numerous local dialects to benefit Tanzanian and Ethiopian people in their everyday worship.

Sources

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- Fall, 2019, p. 17, "2019–2021 Mission Grants"
- Summer, 2020, p. 15, "2019–2021 Mission Grants"

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MINISTRY VEHICLE FUND, ETHIOPIA AND SIERRA LEONE — LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS

2021–2023: \$70,000

Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) uses literacy programs within the local language communities to give people the skills to read the newly translated Bible which results in a personal relationship with God. When they can read God's Word in their local or heart language, they know that God speaks their language and hears their prayers. Local personnel in Ethiopia and Sierra Leone, identified as partners with LBT, help teach their people. The long distances between the language communities have treacherous and hazardous terrain. The money from this grant helped purchase robust, reliable vehicles. Trainers were able to travel to God's people who were waiting for the opportunity to learn to read the saving words of the Gospel in their heart language. This impacted multiple language groups in both countries.

Sources

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Finland

POSTWAR EUROPE CHILD REHABILITATION (TO ORPHANS AND ORPHANAGES)

1945–1949: \$73,262.33

Orphans and orphanages in postwar Europe received 10 percent of Mite Box funds during this double biennium — \$10,000 was allocated toward providing religious literature, primarily catechisms, songbooks, and children's prayer books, while \$50,000 equipped Synod-established orphanages. The remainder (\$13,262.33) supplied items such as fuel, cloth for bed linens, and food. By convention decision in 1947, this project was continued through a second biennium, terminating at the opening of the 1949 convention.

Sources

Women on a Mission, pp. 155–57

WINGS, pp. 53, 56–60

God Gave the Increase, pp. 1–7

Dedicated!, pp. 3, 4

Quarterly

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- January 1945, p. 5ff., "The Role of Lutheran Women in Post-War Christian Service"
- January 1946, p. 3ff., "Of Such Is the Kingdom"
- January 1946, pp. 19–20, "What You Can Do"
- April 1946, p. 4, "The President's Page"
- April 1946, p. 9, "What We Have Done"
- July 1946, p. 14ff., "Our Relief Goods Are Being Shipped"
- July 1947, p. 3ff., "A Report of Our Relief Project"
- October 1947, p. 15, "The President's Page"
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- April 1953, p. 3ff., "10 Years — 7 Projects"
- July 1962, p. 14ff., "20 Years of Glad Service"
- Summer 1967, p. 17ff., "Members Gave — Missions Grew"

France

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Germany

POSTWAR EUROPE CHILD REHABILITATION (TO ORPHANS AND ORPHANAGES)

1945–1949: \$73,262.33

Orphans and orphanages in postwar Europe received 10 percent of Mite Box funds during this double biennium — \$10,000 was allocated toward providing religious literature, primarily catechisms, songbooks, and children’s prayer books, while \$50,000 equipped Synod-established orphanages. The remainder (\$13,262.33) supplied items such as fuel, cloth for bed linens, and food. By convention decision in 1947, this project was continued through a second biennium, terminating at the opening of the 1949 convention.

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- April 1953, p. 3ff., “10 Years — 7 Projects”
- July 1962, p. 14ff., “20 Years of Glad Service”
- Summer 1967, p. 17ff., “Members Gave — Missions Grew”

LIGHT OF CHRIST IN EASTERN EUROPE — MISSION CENTRAL

2021–2023: \$56,000

For decades, Christians in Germany and Czech Republic had to hide their faith. Churches that stood for centuries were closed and generations lived with no knowledge of the Christian faith. The Lutheran Church is striving to meet the urgent need to bring the love and light of Christ to people who have been living in spiritual darkness. Recently, immigrants and refugees from the Middle East have settled in Europe, many in Germany. Our missionaries are meeting the additional

challenge of reaching out to those of the Muslim faith with the message of the Triune God. Thousands of immigrants, and German and Czech citizens of all ages, need to hear the Gospel. This grant helped support eight missionaries working in Germany and the Czech Republic.

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Ghana

CHAPELS FUND

1961–1963: \$20,000

Work in Ghana began and centered in the capital city, Accra, and in the nearby seaport of Tema — both rapidly expanding cities. A chapel was needed to encourage members, so a request for a grant was made. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana used grant monies to establish a loan fund, requiring congregations to accumulate 10 percent of cost of proposed chapel before applying. Final disbursement of this grant was made in the fall of 1964.

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God Gave the Increase, pp. 94, 96–99

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KUMASI PICKUP TRUCK

1984: SPECIAL GRANT — \$20,000

The missionary in Kumasi, Ghana, needed the proper vehicle so new mission fields could be reached. Through misinformation at the 1983 convention, the project was not considered. The \$20,000 was paid with bequests. The Lord richly blessed, as it was then possible to purchase two vehicles instead of one.

Sources

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God Gave the Increase, pp. 94, 99–101

Convention Manual

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- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 97

BOTSWANA, SIERRA LEONE, TOGO, LIBERIA, GHANA; NIGERIA — SOLAR POWER FOR MISSION STATIONS

1985–1987: \$68,000

Many countries in which we have missionaries are petroleum-scarce countries, causing the cost of gasoline and kerosene to be \$3 a gallon. Thirty-four mission stations can energy costs and providing more efficient ministries in these six areas.

Sources

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COMPUTER PRODUCTION OF BRAILLE MATERIALS

1989–1991: \$75,000

With the use of a computer and a special printer called an embosser, it is possible to produce Braille materials much more efficiently than previously — printing is done five times faster, paper is less expensive, and can be embossed on both sides. These machines, used by both LCMS and Lutheran Braille Workers, are operating and have prepared materials such as the Gospel of John, *Luther’s Small Catechism*, and page 15 of *The Lutheran Hymnal* in Twi Braille for Missionaries in Ghana, West Africa.

Sources

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- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 88

WOMEN BUILDING FOR A FUTURE

1997–1999: \$75,000

Administered by LCMS World Relief, these funds helped women in Eritrea and Ghana gain greater economic opportunities.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 133

God Gave the Increase, pp. 164, 171–172

Convention Manual

- 28th Biennial Convention, Minneapolis, Minn., 1999, p. 43

ADULT BRAILLE CHRISTIAN LITERACY PROJECT 1997–1999: \$125,000

The Lutheran Church of Ghana continues the literacy program for the blind in Ghana. Students are presently learning Braille from a communistic booklet. This project will enable Christian materials such as the “Christian Braille” reader to be produced and used in the program.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 133

God Gave the Increase, pp. 94, 101–103

Dedicated!, p. 21

Convention Manual

- 28th Biennial Convention, Minneapolis, Minn., 1999, p. 42

CLERGY TRAINING IN GHANA

1997–1999: \$75,000

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ghana in its attempt to meet a growing demand for ordained pastors, has begun a special training program to prepare up to 24 men for ordination. The four-year course includes a year of practical fieldwork.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 133

God Gave the Increase, pp. 94, 104–108

Dedicated!, p. 21

Convention Manual

- 28th Biennial Convention, Minneapolis, Minn., 1999, p. 43

EVANGELISTIC TRAINING FOR WOMEN IN WEST AFRICA

1999–2001: \$50,000

Experiences in Ghana, Eritrea, and Cote d’Ivoire have shown the key role women play in sharing the Gospel in their communities. Special training in evangelism helps women minister effectively to other women.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

God Gave the Increase, pp. 164, 172–174

Convention Manual

- 29th Biennial Convention, San Jose, Calif., 2001, p. 45

SUPPORT OF NATIONAL MISSIONARIES IN AFRICA 2001–2003: \$75,000

Demand for missionaries in Africa has surpassed the supply available from LCMS World Mission. Support for missionaries from Ghana and Liberia, who have shown a remarkable ability to plant churches, was possible through this grant.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

God Gave the Increase, pp. 164, 174–175

Convention Manual

- 30th Biennial Convention, Oklahoma City, Okla., 2003, p. 47

GHANA TRANSLATION, SCRIPTURE USE, AND LITERACY MATERIALS

2001–2003: \$47,161.89

Konkomba lay preachers and members work with Lutheran Bible Translators to produce quality translations in the 60

different Ghana languages.

Sources

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SUPPORT OF SEMINARY STUDENTS’ FAMILIES — WEST AFRICA

2001–2003: \$75,000

Facilities in Nigeria, Ghana, Togo, and South Africa train pastors in West Africa, and students coming from troubled areas are concerned about their families back home. This grant brings their families with them, and training is also given to wives.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

God Gave the Increase, pp. 164, 175

Convention Manual

- 30th Biennial Convention, Oklahoma City, Okla., 2003, p. 46

KISWAHILI NEW TESTAMENT — BRAILLE 2005–2007: \$75,000

The New Testament is being produced in Kiswahili Braille for blind people in Kenya, Ghana, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Sources

God Gave the Increase, pp. 164, 170

Dedicated!, p. 96

Quarterly

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Convention Manual

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- 32nd Biennial Convention, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2007, p. 50

LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS (LBT) SPREAD GOD’S WORD THROUGH PRINT AND AUDIO 2011–2013: \$97,344

To provide Bibles, audio Scriptures, and literacy materials to people in Ghana, Botswana, Namibia, and Nigeria in their own languages.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 246, 263–265

Dedicated!, p. 97

Quarterly

- Spring 2013, p. 15

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- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 33, 35
- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37

AFRICA PRE- AND POST-SEMINARY TRAINING FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORKERS 2019–2021: \$62,650

In villages across Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, most local congregations are led by helpers, evangelists, or seminary-trained and ordained pastors. Both the before-seminary and after-seminary men were eager

for opportunities to study theology in a community that would enable them to better serve their congregations. To enable those to whom the church had called into service as lay leaders of these congregations, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Africa Mission Training Center provided continuing education opportunities for local pastors and their wives. The course was taught by a church leader, a local seminary professor, or a missionary engaged in the work God had given him. This grant provided basic theological training for lay leaders of congregations who served under a pastor responsible for between 5 and 15 congregations. The training material allowed the local pastor to work through a total of 22 workbooks (over 2 years) with his lay leaders. Lay leaders gathered with their pastor for 5 days once a month. The program provided limited financial assistance to offset the costs of food and transportation.

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- 39th Biennial Convention, Lexington, Ky., 2021, p. 50

Guatemala

ZACAPA SCHOOL

1956–1957: \$5,000

“Come!” This urgent request from a casket maker brought our church to Guatemala in 1947. Soon a school was started. Continued growth resulted in need for additional facilities. Grant assisted in paying for labor and materials that members could not provide themselves. A one-story, four-room school was completed in 1957.

Sources

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WINGS, p. 92

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- January 1963, p. 9, “Do You Know?”
- Summer 1967, p. 17ff., “Members Gave — Missions Grew”

MOTAGUA RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM

1977–1979: \$50,000

The Council of Lutheran Churches in Central America and Panama (CONCAP) formed a Christian medical team. CONCAP is ministering to the spiritual and physical needs of those affected by the 1976 earthquake in the Motagua River

Valley of Guatemala. The medical team has a program for community health centered on training “health promoters” to assist in a ministry of health and healing to the impoverished and underprivileged. The project assisted the program with funds for training, materials, medicines, a vehicle, and personnel.

Sources

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- 18th Biennial Convention, Omaha, Neb., 1979, p. 50
- 19th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wis., 1981, p. 76

NORTH-CENTRAL GUATEMALA PUBLIC HEALTH COMPONENT OF THE INTEGRATED COMMUNITY PROJECT AMONG THE USPANTECOS

1989–1991: \$50,000

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod began an integrated community project in north-central Guatemala that ministers to the whole person. The four components are Economic Development, Evangelism, Education, and Public Health. There will be 15 Uspantecos trained in all four components, so in five years they will be self-sufficient. A public-health promoter has been placed, and the project is proving to be successful.

Sources

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- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 90

GUATEMALA CITY MINISTRY TO IMPOVERISHED FAMILIES

2003–2005: \$100,000

The Servant’s Heart has helped many children living in or near the Guatemala City dump by providing a Lutheran Christian education and by offering hope — physically, mentally, and spiritually — through meals, academic training, and Bibles.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 164

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 10, 29–30

Dedicated!, p. 28

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CENTRAL/SOUTH AMERICA PROJECT JOEL — OUTREACH TO YOUTH

2011–2013: \$75,000

To reach out to children and young people in Argentina, Chile, Cuba, Guatemala, Panama, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Venezuela, with the message of salvation and equip them with practical information regarding drug and alcohol abuse, violence, and promiscuity.

Sources

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Quarterly

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- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37

MOBILE MEDICAL MERCY MISSION BUS FOR GUATEMALA

2019–2021: \$100,000

Although Guatemala was a beautiful country, many people suffered in extreme poverty. Over 50% of the children were malnourished and had no access to any form of medical or dental care. Most had no prenatal or postnatal care and often died from preventable diseases. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hood River, Oregon, and the Lutheran Church of Guatemala have partnered together to share God’s physical and spiritual healing with as many souls as possible. They have developed a network of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod partner churches to send medical professionals and mission teams to Guatemala on short-term medical mission trips. To reach these isolated villages, they needed the right tool, primarily a Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus. These grant funds were used to purchase and retrofit a bus with medical equipment. Bible school equipment was also purchased, enabling the teams to heal both the physical and spiritual needs of the Guatemalan children.

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LIGHTS FOR CHRIST SCHOLARSHIPS

2019–2021: \$95,000

The Lights for Christ Program developed by Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita, Kansas, and Divine Savior Lutheran Church in Zacapa, Guatemala, impacted 12 impoverished Guatemalan children and their families who lived in the Zacapa garbage dump. It offered the life-saving Gospel of Christ, food and clothing, health and sanitation care, and school transportation for “the poorest of the poor” with scholarships to attend Divine Savior Lutheran School. This education program covered most of their basic needs and equipped these children in grades 7 through 12 to reach out into their community with the Gospel. The grant funded 90% of the projected costs for these youth to continue their

education through high school. Since this scholarship program began, Guatemalan children and their families are worshipping at Divine Savior on a regular basis.

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Guinea

FEMALE MISSIONARY TO MUSLIM MANINKA IN GUINEA

2007–2009: \$100,000

To develop the work of a female missionary who will touch the lives of Maninka Muslim women, who cannot have conversations with men who are not their husbands or close relatives, by sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Sources

God Gave the Increase, pp. 158–163

Dedicated!, p. 96

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention, Portland, Ore., 2009, p. 43

Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

1993–1995: \$26,000

Ninety percent of Haitians practice voodoo. They are in great need of hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. A most effective way to reach a nation is to teach the children. First Evangelical Lutheran Church has a partially completed school in the worst slum in Port-au-Prince, called *Cite Soleil*. This grant will provide for the completion of the school, the enclosure of the school property, and the raising of the playground area above the flood level. The children will have a safe, healthy setting in which to hear the Good News of salvation and break away from the voodoo-dominated national religion.

Sources

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- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 43
- 26th Biennial Convention, Kansas City, Mo., 1995, p. 80

SUPPORT FOR LUTHERAN ORPHANAGES — HAITI

2011–2013: \$70,000

To provide operational costs on a long-term basis for at least four Lutheran orphanages in Haiti that provide housing, food, medical, and spiritual care to the homeless and orphaned children of Haiti.

Sources

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Dedicated!, p. 97

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- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37

REBUILDING NORD EST HAITI LUTHERAN SCHOOL

2013–2015: \$100,000

To construct the foundation, walls, and roof of a Lutheran primary school in Haiti, to meet current earthquake standards and serve the needs, both physical and spiritual, of Haitian children.

Sources

Dedicated!, pp. 73, 98

Convention Manual

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HAITI CHRISTIAN ELDERCARE HOME IN HAITI — MINISTRY IN MISSION

2017–2019: \$100,000

Haiti was a nation in need of special attention. Since the earthquake in 2010, Lutheran baptisms in Haiti multiplied beyond expectations and Lutheran church attendance increased. Physical and spiritual needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ were left unmet. A center for elderly people who had outlived their families, and some of whom were living in tents and deplorable conditions, was built on the same property where there was an orphanage constructed in 2014. With the children and elders in proximity, the children had grandparents and the elderly had children to make them smile. The center, built with funds supplied by this grant, resulted in a dwelling with clean water, suitable waste containment, beds, food, and care for these forgotten people. This grant helped Ministry in Mission to fulfill their desire to create a true community for Haitian Lutherans by providing a safe living environment for all Haitians in the surrounding area and particularly the forgotten elderly society.

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Hong Kong

HONG KONG SHARON LUTHERAN CHURCH 1971–1973: \$75,000

The congregation, with its new Lutheran school, has grown to capacity. It reaches out to the “boat people” in the area. The congregation needs a new multipurpose facility for worship, day care, Bible classes, and teen programs. With a loan from the Hong Kong Church Extension Fund, it will become a reality. The grant is for \$75,000 to the Church Extension Fund, designated for Sharon Lutheran Church. Due to circumstances, this church could not be built, and in 1977 the funds were reallocated to the Gertrude Simon Lutheran School project of the Lutheran Church of Hong Kong Synod for purchasing furnishings and equipment for the school.

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HONG KONG LUTHERAN CHURCH — HONG KONG SYNOD COMMUNITY CENTER

1979–1981: \$50,000

The Martha Boss Community Center was built in the Homantin Center of Hong Kong to provide social ministries such as day care, youth counseling, and services to the aged. This grant assisted in the construction costs.

Sources

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- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 75

HONG KONG LUI CHEUNG KWONG COLLEGE — LIBRARY BOOKS

1983–1985: \$20,000

This is one of five secondary schools operated by the Lutheran

Church — Hong Kong Synod. It was founded in September 1981 and dedicated in 1983. There are 24 classrooms and 10 special rooms, and each of them has Bible study included in the training program. This grant increases the opportunities for students to learn and grow as Christians.

Sources

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HONG KONG DEACONESS CAROL HALTER SUPPORT

1993–1995: \$100,000

Missionary Carol Halter has served for the past 11 years in Hong Kong. During this time, she has led Bible studies and evangelistic programs with an emphasis on bringing Christ to Chinese women and through them reach their families. She also continues dynamic outreach ministries to the unemployed, homeless, and youth. This grant will support Missionary Halter and her programs of outreach in Hong Kong for two years.

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LUTHERAN CHURCH — HONG KONG SYNOD SEMINARY AND LAY TRAINING

1997–1999: \$75,000

A lay-training program has been started to help the pastors of the Lutheran Church — Hong Kong Synod in the difficult work of training and educating leaders in their own congregations.

Sources

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ASIA WOMEN’S WITNESS AND MERCY ASIA 2019–2021: \$100,000

Asia is a harvest field ripe for the Gospel. Women in Mission realized that our grants to missionaries in the field brought God’s Word to a dying world. Asia was predominately secular with Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu, and other false religions.

Throughout Taiwan, Thailand, Hong Kong, Macau, and Southeast Asia, 10 women conducted various mission work, such as teaching, acts of mercy, and witnessing the Gospel. Some had husbands and families working alongside of them, whereas others worked with a team or alone. One missionary taught 242 students about Jesus in Taiwan, and another had served for 10 years planting seeds of mercy and witnessing in Southeast Asia. Whether teaching English as a second language in Thailand or building relationships to open doors for sharing the Gospel, each woman in the mission field helped in the growth of God's Kingdom. This grant helped support those women in their unique mission setting in Asia.

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India

AMBUR BETHESDA HOSPITAL

1951–1953: \$70,000

Two wards and two treatment rooms comprised the original hospital built in 1923. Only the most essential and rudimentary furniture and equipment were installed. Therefore, the 1951 convention voted to help provide not only much-needed buildings, but also to improve existing facilities. Additions included nearly complete remodeling of existing facilities, three new wards, which increased bed capacity from 38 to 125 (now up to 200), construction of a large outpatient department, X-ray wing, extension of nurses' home, five staff houses, diet kitchen and kitchen block for patients' relatives, isolation ward, etc. There was also provision of electric supply system with separate substation, a water supply system, and new operating and sterilizing rooms. After completion of this largest building program ever undertaken by Bethesda, dedication was held Jan. 28, 1955.

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- April 1953, p. 3ff., "10 Years — 7 Projects"
- July 1954, p. 1 (cover picture)
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- October 1955, pp. 10–11, "The President's Page"

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- April 1961, p. 5ff., "Ye Have Done It unto Me"
- July 1962, p. 14ff., "20 Years of Glad Service"
- Summer 1967, p. 17ff., "Members Gave — Missions Grew"

WANDOOR KARUNALAYA DISPENSARY/HOSPITAL

1961–1963: STAGES I–II — \$58,000

1963–1965: STAGE III — \$40,000

Karunahaya — "abode of mercy," our dispensary mission among the Muslims was not easily started. First location was a rented building in a bazaar, and occasionally it must have seemed more like a bizarre rental to the workers. Eventually, progress was made, patients increased, and additional facilities were needed. Stages I and II included purchasing site, erecting residences, and building and equipping a 22-bed hospital. Stage III planning expanded dispensary into a small hospital equipped with laboratory, X-ray, and operating facilities. Mite monies aided in all three stages.

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- January 1962, p. 1 (cover picture)
- January 1962, p. 3, "Wandoor Offers Word and Medical Help"
- January 1962, p. 13, "The President's Page"
- April 1962, p. 13, "The President's Page"
- July 1962, p. 14ff., "20 Years of Glad Service"
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- January 1964, p. 10ff., "Medicine for Muslims"
- January 1964, pp. 16–17, "Mission Projects Adopted" (center picture spread)
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FOREIGN MISSION CHAPEL FUND

1963–1965: \$25,000

Thatched roofs must be replaced each year, and for small congregations this could mean one-quarter to one-half of their budget. Many churches had no doors or windows and were not plastered — others had no walls or floors. Assistance was

made available through this grant. Congregations desiring a loan were to raise 10 percent of building costs before they received a grant. More than 18 chapels had already been near completion by July 1967.

Sources

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WINGS, pp. 128, 132

God Gave the Increase, pp. 201, 209–210

Quarterly

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- January 1964, p. 14ff., “Chapels for India”
- January 1964, pp. 16–17, “Mission Projects Adopted” (center picture spread)
- October 1964, p. 9, “The President’s Page”
- April 1966, p. 11, “The President’s Page”
- Summer 1967, p. 17ff., “Members Gave — Missions Grew”
- Fall 1967, p. 22, “Bought with Mites”

Proceedings

- 11th Biennial Convention, San Diego, Calif., 1965, p. 21

AMBUR BETHESDA HOSPITAL — LEPROSY TREATMENT

1965–1967: \$85,000

(\$40,000 delegated for Ambur, India. See also entries for Yahe, Nigeria, and Mambisanda, Papua New Guinea, which are included in this grant.)

Leprosy has long been a frightening disease, but it need not continue to be. For leprosy, detected and treated in early stages, is curable. With this grant, initial steps to provide this cure can be taken.

Sources

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Quarterly

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- Fall 1966, p. 3ff., “Unto These Hands”
- Summer 1967, p. 6, “4 of 6 Still Incomplete”
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AMBUR NURSES’ HOME

1967–1969: \$32,000

Deep fissures from floor to ceiling in walls, sagging foundations, white ants for house pets — this was the old nurses’ home that our grant monies replaced! New home provided rooms for 22 nurses, plus a new kitchen, and dining and lounge facilities. Construction began Aug. 16, 1967, and

the home was dedicated Nov. 2, 1968

Sources

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God Gave the Increase, pp. 201, 207–208

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- Winter 1967, p. 19, “Where Nurses Live”
- Spring 1968, p. 11, “The President’s Page”
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- Summer 1968, p. 19, “The President’s Page”
- Fall 1968, p. 16, “Briefly Stated”
- Fall 1968, p. 18, “Of Prayer, Projects, Performance”
- Spring 1969, p. 18ff., “Ambur Nurses’ Home Dedicated” (picture)
- Summer 1969, pp. 20–21, “A Biennium of Blessing” (center picture spread)

INDIA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

1969–1971: \$40,000

Training a national ministry is of prime concern since foreign mission workers can no longer obtain entry visas. But the average prospective ministerial student is unable to pay for his education. There is also mission opportunity in aiding witnessing Christian young people to become engineers, nurses, lawyers, etc. This \$40,000 grant will establish an ongoing scholarship program for needy Christian students. The India Evangelical Lutheran Church will administer the fund. Total amount was disbursed in the fall of 1970.

Sources

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- Winter 1969, p. 31ff., “Mites to Millions”
- Fall 1970, p. 15, “The President’s Page”
- Fall 1970, p. 26ff., “Mites Applied and Multiplied”
- Summer 1971, p. 13, “Building for Christ through People Projects”

Mites to Millions, pp. 5, 14–15

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- Proceedings
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MALAPPURAM MEDICAL MISSIONS

1975–1977: \$57,000

Needs for Christian medical service in India have always been great. Overcrowded medical facilities at the Christian Welfare Center at Malappuram were a concern of the India Evangelical Lutheran Church Medical Board. The \$57,000 project was used for the construction of an outpatient clinic, remodeling of a building into a 10-bed maternity ward, conversion of a mission bungalow into a 20-bed pediatric ward and construction of a laundry shed with communal kitchen.

Sources

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Quarterly

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- Fall 1975, p. 7, “Prayers for Projects”
- Spring 1976, p. 13, “The President’s Page”
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AMBUR BETHESDA HOSPITAL — INFANT CARE PROGRAM

1985–1987: \$32,000

It is estimated that one-third to one-half of all children born in India die before age 5 due to malnutrition, childhood disease, food taboos, superstitions, and unsanitary living conditions. The suffering is untold and often needless. Bethesda Hospital in Ambur has instituted an Infant Care Program to educate village women in childcare and to provide services for the poor. Funds are needed to pay for these services, which include immunizations, medicines, equipment, and transportation. This project was administered over a three-year period.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 249, 251

God Gave the Increase, pp. 201, 206–207

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DEACONESS EVANGELISTIC WORK AMONG WOMEN

1985–1987: \$36,000

Social interaction between men and women in South India is restricted by tradition and cultural patterns. The evangelistic work of the India Evangelical Lutheran Church among women can be most effective using women, particularly deaconesses. The congregations cannot financially support, house transport, and supply trained workers. Funds will be used by the IELC to support, outfit, and maintain five to eight deaconesses who will carry out evangelistic work among women over a three-year period.

Sources

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Program, India”

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TUTICORIN GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

1985–1987: \$45,000

1987: SPECIAL GRANT — \$7,000

Young people suffering deafness in India are deprived not only socially and economically but they are spiritually destitute as well. The India Evangelical Lutheran Church presently operates rented quarters that are inadequate to meet requirements for training the already-enrolled deaf children and incapable of expanding to reach the greater number not enrolled. Plans are to provide classroom and dormitory facilities in a three-stage construction program with these monies. Retired missionary Arnold Lutz, now serving deaf ministries in India, in cooperation with the Board for Missions, is supervising the growth and development of this institution. The Board of Directors voted at its June 1987 meeting to grant \$7,000 of interest monies to the School for the Deaf in Tuticorin to complete this project.

Sources

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- Fall 1985, p. 31, “Mission Projects”
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NURSE PROFESSOR — INDIA

1991–1993: \$40,000

To assist in the sponsorship of Velma Lubbert as a nurse-professor on the faculty of the Christian Medical College in Vellore, India.

Sources

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Quarterly

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- Fall 1991, p. 18
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LUTHERAN GIRLS’ HOME AMBUR, SOUTH INDIA

2001–2003: \$35,000

Monies provided permanent housing facilities so that girls do not have to travel daily to Ambur to attend Christian schools.

Sources

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God Gave the Increase, pp. 201, 208–209

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ASSISTING MEDICAL MISSION IN INDIA WITH PROSTHETIC DEVICES

2001–2003: \$46,100

Through a program supported by Lutheran World Relief, amputees are fitted with appropriate prosthetics, enabling them to become productive workers, care for their families, and to live in dignity.

Sources

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God Gave the Increase, pp. 201, 215–216

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BUILDING TEN CHURCHES IN INDIA

2007–2009: \$100,000

To help LCMS World Mission work in partnership with the India Evangelical Lutheran Church, purchase land, and provide start-up funding for 10 churches in India.

Sources

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- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 45

BODY AND SOUL CARE FOR CHILDREN IN INDIA

2009–2011: \$50,000

To provide residential education and caring for the needs of downtrodden children at the Missouri Evangelical Lutheran India Mission School, body and soul caring programs for school dropouts, and India Evangelical Lutheran Church tsunami rehabilitation for women and children.

Sources

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN– INDIA

2013–2015: \$85,000

To reach 20,000 elementary-aged children in India with the Gospel message through Christian educational resources, provided by Concordia Gospel Outreach.

Sources

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Quarterly

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SHARING JESUS' LOVE IN INDIA — LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS

2021–2023: \$100,000

Jesus said, “*I am the light of the world*” (John 9:5) and it is important to individuals who are blind or visually impaired as they seek to know the love and light of Christ. In India, this is especially true, where there are over 62.6 million people who are blind or visually impaired, and most do not know Jesus or have access to the Scriptures. Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) already produces Braille and specialized large print Bibles and other Christian materials in multiple languages used in India and has extensive experience distributing these materials with partner ministries and churches. This grant would help fund the formation of a Ministry Production Center in India to produce and distribute its materials and train workers on the equipment.

Reallocated to be used in Central and South America.

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Indonesia

SUMATRA PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF BIBLES AND OTHER RELIGIOUS MATERIALS 1985–1987: \$50,000

For the past 10 years, a lay evangelist has been heavily involved in the distribution of Bibles and other religious materials to hundreds of thousands of willing recipients in Indonesia. He used his own financial resources in cooperation with the Indonesian Bible Society. This subtle and positive witness and proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ will bear rich fruit by the power of the Holy Spirit, in an area where government law prohibits public evangelism. Funds are being used to purchase more Bibles and other religious materials for distribution. Monies are being administered in cooperation with the Board for Mission Services and supervised by the missionary-at-large in South Asia over a three-year period.

Sources

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LCMS DEACONESS MINISTRY

2019–2021: \$39,523

LCMS deaconesses are women who are full-time professional church workers, trained to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a ministry of works of mercy, spiritual care, and teaching the Christian faith. The LCMS Deaconess Ministry program provides LCMS students the opportunity to become a church professional, learning and training to understand the diaconal leadership and the work of deaconesses as applied to body and soul ministry. This grant provided educational and financial support to our partner churches who introduced deaconess training programs within their church bodies like the Philippines, Latvia, Liberia, Indonesia, Malaysia, and India.

Sources

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Israel

BRINGING THE GOSPEL TO THE LOST SHEEP OF ISRAEL

2015–2017: \$100,000

The recruiting, training, and deploying of indigenous leaders for mission work among the Lost Sheep of Israel through Apple of His Eye Mission Society in Israel was the purpose of this grant. These leaders were then able to share the Gospel with the 90 percent of the over 6 million Jewish people who do not confess Jesus as the Messiah.

Sources

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Japan

TOKYO LUTHERAN CENTER

1949–1951: \$35,000

Chaplains began mission work among the Japanese during the Armed Forces occupation. In the fall of 1948, the first regular missionary was commissioned to Japan. Discussion established the need for an all-purpose center that would contain a chapel, office space for professors, and meeting rooms. In March 1951, a suitable building — formerly housing the Union Theological Seminary — was purchased for \$76,000. Renovations were completed and the center was dedicated in September 1951.

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NOJIRI — HOKKAIDO MISSIONARY RETREAT HOMES

1953–1955: \$60,000

(\$15,000 designated for Japan. See also *Argentina, Brazil, and Philippines, which are included in this grant.*)

Rest and vacation homes for mission workers were in two widely separated areas to reduce travel time and distance. Two cottages, and later a third, were erected at Nojiri on the main island and two on the northern island of Hokkaido. Primarily for summer usage, these cottages were simply constructed and lightly furnished. Average cost of each was \$2,500. Project completed in 1956.

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- January 1956, p. 5, “Summer Homes in Japan” (pictures)
- July 1962, p. 14ff., “20 Years of Glad Service”
- Summer 1967, p. 17ff., “Members Gave — Missions Grew”

HANNO HOLY HOPE HIGH SCHOOL (SEIBO GAKUEN)

1959–1961: \$60,000

1967–1969: \$79,638.68

“Would you like a school?” *Would* we! Our church accepted this former agriculture school in 1951, named it “Seibo Gakuen” (Holy Hope), and started improvements in buildings, teaching staff, and curriculum. Enrollments increased from 140 to 350 in eight years. New structures became a necessity. The 1959 grant (\$60,000) provided a three-story concrete building containing six classrooms, a music room, and a faculty room. The dedication was held April 15, 1961. By 1967, enrollment had grown to 650 students. The chapel in which the students met daily was not only inadequate to accommodate this number, but it was also deemed structurally unsafe. A request for \$96,000 for a new chapel was in the project proposals for the 1967–69 biennium. Although this project was accepted, the 1967 convention could only allot \$65,000 plus an amount of the 25th Anniversary Thankoffering, amounting to a total of \$79,638.68 (see Venezuela Church Extension Fund Project, *Proceedings*, 12th Biennial Convention, Washington D.C., 1967, pp. 42–43).

The building was held up until Holy Hope School could find complete funds needed for the chapel. In the meantime, the Japan Evangelical Church began an appraisal of its entire church program and the building was postponed indefinitely until priority needs and direction of planning was completed. In 1970, the LCMS Mission Board requested that the funds be used for a much-needed building expansion at the second Holy Hope School at Urawa, Japan. The International LWML Board of Directors was polled by mail and voted to allow use of this fund for this purpose, with the stipulation that Synod replace the money when the chapel building at Hanno could proceed. The Urawa building was slated for dedication in early 1971.

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- Summer 1968, p. 19, “The President’s Page”
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SHIRONE CHURCH

1983–1985: \$50,000

In December 1983, a new church in Shirone was dedicated. The new church replaced a dilapidated structure lost in a crowded block of old shops and store buildings. This new church is the only Christian witness in an area of 25,000 people. A portion of this grant was used for the construction of the parsonage. Our support of the Japanese Lutheran Church gave them encouragement and strength to carry on their mission under difficult circumstances.

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Jordan

EGYPT CHRISTIAN HOPE THROUGH MASS MEDIA IN EGYPT — LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

2017–2019: \$100,000

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) has over 60 years of experience proclaiming the Gospel via mass media in the Middle East. The stable political climate in Egypt provided a new opportunity to expand ministry in the region. Parts of the Middle East experienced great turmoil and war with refugees, mainly women and children, fleeing to safety. The proclamation of the Gospel was expanded in these areas, especially in refugee camps in Lebanon, Jordan, and Turkey. LHM reached families, refugees, and citizens of the region through a new television program broadcast in Cairo, Egypt. This new television broadcast reached millions of people throughout the Middle East. Refugees and citizens alike, heard the message of faith and of the true love of Christ. A strong

Christian voice and witness through Arabic satellite television was telecast.

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Kazakhstan

OUTREACH MINISTRY TO THE CHILDREN OF KAZAKHSTAN

2001–2003: \$45,000

Outreach in this country has been blessed, and many congregations have been established. Work has begun in orphanages, as well as a special children’s ministry. This grant helped to continue efforts to introduce people to the Gospel with Bible study and fellowship.

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- 30th Biennial Convention, Oklahoma City, Okla., 2003, p. 46

PEOPLE OF GOD SEMINARY

2003–2005: \$60,000

Nationals were trained to bring the Gospel to their own people by attending the People of God Seminary. Translations, materials, printing, and other costs to bring these people to the school were funded by this grant.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 164

God Gave the Increase, pp. 317, 320–321

Dedicated!, p. 28

Convention Manual

- 31st Biennial Convention, Tampa, Fla., 2005, p. 48

HUMANITARIAN CARE OUTREACH IN KAZAKHSTAN

2009–2011: \$ 90,000

To bring hope to the hopeless through a transitional home for orphans, blind and deaf outreach, encouraging Lutherans, and sharing the Gospel through English classes in Kazakhstan.

Sources

God Gave the Increase, pp. 317, 324–328

Dedicated!, pp. 54, 97

Quarterly

- Spring 2011, p. 13.

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention Manual, Portland, Ore., 2009; page 31.
- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 45

Kenya

RESPONDING TO HIV/AIDS AMONG CONGREGATIONS IN KENYA

2005–2007: \$51,000

Through Lutheran World Relief, the physical, psychological, and spiritual needs of people affected by, and living with, HIV/AIDS are being supported by providing training for caregivers and guardians of orphans; educational materials; and counseling through established Lutheran congregations.

Sources

God Gave the Increase, pp. 153–157

Dedicated!, pp. 33, 96

Convention Manual

- 31st Biennial Convention, Tampa, Fla., 2005, p. 35
- 32nd Biennial Convention, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2007, p. 49

KISWAHILI NEW TESTAMENT — BRAILLE 2005–2007: \$75,000

The New Testament is being produced in Kiswahili Braille for blind people in Kenya, Ghana, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Sources

God Gave the Increase, pp. 164, 170

Dedicated!, p. 96

Quarterly

- Winter 2006, p. 20, “grants@work”

Convention Manual

- 31st Biennial Convention, Tampa, Fla., 2005, p. 35
- 32nd Biennial Convention, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2007, p. 50

EXPAND MISSION WORK IN TANZANIA, KENYA, UGANDA, SUDAN, AND ETHIOPIA

2007–2009: \$104,500

To help develop and support Mission Training Centers to train teachers, evangelists, and pastors in Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Sudan, and Ethiopia.

Sources

God Gave the Increase, pp. 164, 177–179

Dedicated!, p. 96

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention, Portland, Ore., 2009, p. 44

The Lutheran Malaria Initiative — Kenya, East Africa 2011–2013: \$100,000

To support the Lutheran cooperative effort to educate, empower healthcare providers, treat the most vulnerable, children and pregnant mothers, and support Kenya’s commitment to eradicate malaria, all integrated with Word and Sacrament ministries.

Sources

Dedicated!, pp. 72, 97

Quarterly

- Spring 2012, p. 15.
- Winter 2013, p. 12
- Convention Manual
- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 34, 40
- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37

KENYA WATER AND THE WORD FOR RURAL SCHOOLS IN KENYA

2019–2021: \$80,000

In 2008, a man from Nebraska traveling in East Africa saw the need for clean water and sought a way to help. Through contact with a social worker and educator in Nakuru, Kenya, he devised a system of installing water-harvesting equipment (rain gutters and tanks), filters, handwashing stations, and clean water storage to be installed in schools in Kenya. In 2016, members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod from Nebraska took over the management of the project. They visit Kenya every year, traveling to schools to assess their water needs. This grant helped the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) to extend their ministry of Word and Sacrament by expanding the clean water project for their schools and orphanages.

Sources

Quarterly

- Summer 2019, p. 15, “Where Will Our Mite Offerings Go Next?”
- Fall 2019, p. 17, “2019–2021 Mission Grants”
- Summer, 2020, p. 15, “2019–2021 Mission Grants”

Convention Manual

- 38th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Ala., 2019, p. 31
- 39th Biennial Convention, Lexington, Ky., 2021, p. 50

AFRICA PRE- AND POST-SEMINARY TRAINING FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORKERS

2019–2021: \$62,650

In villages across Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, most local congregations are led by helpers, evangelists, or seminary-trained and ordained pastors. Both the before-seminary and after-seminary men were eager for opportunities to study theology in a community that would enable them to better serve their congregations. To enable those to whom the church had called into service as lay leaders of these congregations, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Africa Mission Training Center provided continuing education opportunities for local pastors and their wives. The course was taught by a church leader, a local seminary professor, or a missionary engaged in the work God had given him. This grant provided basic theological training for lay leaders of congregations who served under a pastor responsible for between 5 and 15 congregations. The training material allowed the local pastor to work through a total of 22 workbooks (over 2 years) with his lay leaders. Lay leaders gathered with their pastor for 5 days once a month. The program provided limited financial assistance to offset the costs of food and transportation.

Sources

Quarterly

- Summer 2019, p. 15, “Where Will Our Mite Offerings Go Next?”
- Fall 2019, p. 17, “2019–2021 Mission Grants”

Convention Manual

- 38th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Ala., 2019, p. 33
- 39th Biennial Convention, Lexington, Ky., 2021, p. 50

EDUCATING PASTORS IN AFRICA — MISSION CENTRAL

2021–2023: \$100,000

God is calling African men to become pastors. These men of faith know the culture and how best to share God’s truth and the love of Christ in their native country. Matongo Lutheran Theological College, Kenya, East Africa, is a confessional Lutheran college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK), which is in Altar and Pulpit Fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). This theological college needed support funding. Grant funds were used for pastoral education projects, including scholarships and seminary needs in Kenya, Togo West Africa, and Uganda, as well as general support of six missionaries — five pastors and one layman.

Sources

Quarterly

- Summer 2021, p. 15, “Where Will our Mite Offerings Go Next?”
- Fall 2021, p. 15, “2021–2023 Mission Grants”
- Summer 2022, p. 15 “Mission Grant Summaries”

Convention Manual

- 39th Biennial Convention, Lexington, Ky., 2021 p. 33
- 40th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wisc., 2023 p. 47

Kyrgyzstan

NEW MISSION FIELD USING MEDICAL TRAILER AS OUTREACH

1999–2001: \$100,000

LCMS missionaries are reaching people who visit a medical trailer and ask about the Lutheran Church, which provides the trailer and the medical assistance. A church has been formed from this small start.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

God Gave the Increase, pp. 305, 308–310

Dedicated!, p. 23

Convention Manual

- 29th Biennial Convention, San Jose, Calif., 2001, p. 45

PRENATAL/POSTNATAL/WELL-BABY CLINIC AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

2001–2003: \$37,000

Quality of life for pregnant women, new mothers, and their infants is greatly improved through health and nutritional training, parenting-skills training, and postnatal well-baby care. Classes are offered and visits to the clinic provide opportunities to tell the Good News.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

God Gave the Increase, pp. 305, 310–314

Convention Manual

- 30th Biennial Convention, Oklahoma City, Okla., 2003, p. 46

KYRGYZSTAN LOCALS TRAINED FOR EVANGELISM

2009–2011: \$100,000

To equip local leaders to bring the Gospel message to the people of Kyrgyzstan, most being Muslim, bringing God’s

peace and comfort to a country still struggling after gaining independence from the Soviet Union.

Sources

God Gave the Increase, pp. 305, 315–316

Dedicated!, p. 97

Quarterly

- Winter 2009, p. 8.

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention Manual, Portland, Ore., 2009; page 31.
- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 45

Laos

TRAINING MULTINATIONAL MISSIONARY TEAMS FOR ASIA

1999–2001: \$80,000

Asian missionaries work more effectively with their own people groups. LCMS World Mission identifies, trains, and sends these teams to unreached groups in Burma, China, Laos, and North Korea.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 158, 160

God Gave the Increase, pp. 330, 331–332

Convention Manual

- 29th Biennial Convention, San Jose, Calif., 2001, p. 46

Latvia

LATVIA SEMINARY EQUIPMENT AND REPAIRS

1997–1999: \$25,000

The seminary has undergone much needed repairs and serves interested laymen, who enroll and take courses. These students work during the day to support their families, study at night, and attend seminary on weekends.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 133

God Gave the Increase, pp. 29, 30–33

Dedicated!, p. 21

Convention Manual

- 28th Biennial Convention, Minneapolis, Minn., 1999; p. 43

SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

2003–2005: \$60,000

Funds enabled the offer of education and training to abandoned women in four locations in Latvia, providing these women with practical social and spiritual support through local Lutheran congregations.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 164

God Gave the Increase, pp. 29, 33–36

Dedicated!, p. 28

Convention Manual

- 31st Biennial Convention, Tampa, Fla., 2005, p. 47

LATVIA AND LITHUANIA HUMAN CARE AND PASTORAL MINISTRIES DEVELOPED

2009–2011: \$ 87,500

To support Lutherans in Latvia and Lithuania as they reach out to post-communist society through humanitarian projects and mission outreach.

Sources

God Gave the Increase, pp. 29, 36–42, 50

Dedicated!, p. 97

Quarterly

- Spring 2010, p. 12.

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention, Portland, Ore., 2009; page 31.
- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 45

LCMS DEACONESS MINISTRY

2019–2021: \$39,523

LCMS deaconesses are women who are full-time professional church workers, trained to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a ministry of works of mercy, spiritual care, and teaching the Christian faith. The LCMS Deaconess Ministry program provides LCMS students the opportunity to become a church professional, learning and training to understand the diaconal leadership and the work of deaconesses as applied to body and soul ministry. This grant provided educational and financial support to our partner churches who introduced deaconess training programs within their church bodies like the Philippines, Latvia, Liberia, Indonesia, Malaysia, and India.

Sources

Quarterly

- Summer 2019, p. 15, “Where Will Our Mite Offerings Go Next?”
- Fall 2019, p. 17, “2019–2021 Mission Grants”
- Winter, 2020, p. 28, “Deaconess Ministry: Demonstrating the Compassion of Christ”

Convention Manual

- 38th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Ala., 2019, p. 33
- 39th Biennial Convention, Lexington, Ky., 2021, p. 50

Lebanon

LEBANON OUTREACH IN REFUGEE CAMPS

2015–2017: \$72,000

The Word of God was brought to Lebanon through Lutheran Hour Ministries — Lebanon, known locally as Middle East Lutheran Ministry (MELM). The ministry began in Beirut in 1950. This grant was an outreach to 15,000 at-risk women and children with humanitarian supplies; trucking, storage, and distribution of those items; and it funded printed materials and support staff. This was coordinated locally through the Middle East Lutheran Ministry Center in Lebanon where they reached out to camps throughout the Bekaa Valley region of eastern Lebanon.

Sources

Dedicated!, pp. 80, 90, 98

Quarterly

- Summer 2015, p. 17, “LWML Convention 2015–2017 Mission Grants Ballot”

- Fall 2015, p. 17, “2015–2017 New Mission Grants”
- Winter 2015, p. 15, “2015–2017 New Mission Grants”
- Fall 2016, p. 15, “Current Mission Grants Highlighted in This Issue”

Convention Manual

- 36th Biennial Convention, Des Moines, Iowa, 2015, p. 31

Liberia

BOTSWANA, SIERRA LEONE, TOGO, LIBERIA, GHANA; NIGERIA — SOLAR POWER FOR MISSION STATIONS

1985–1987: \$68,000

Many countries in which we have missionaries are petroleum-scarce countries, causing the cost of gasoline and kerosene to be \$3 a gallon. Thirty-four mission stations can energy costs and providing more efficient ministries in these six areas.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 249, 251

God Gave the Increase, pp. 164, 166–169

Dedicated!, p. 34

Quarterly

- Spring 1985, p. 19, “Mission Projects on Ballot”
- Fall 1985, p. 31, “Mission Projects”
- Summer 1987, p. 46, “Solar Power Units — Africa”

Convention Manual

- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, pp. 45–46
- 22nd Biennial Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987, p. 73

SUPPORT OF NATIONAL MISSIONARIES IN AFRICA 2001–2003: \$75,000

Demand for missionaries in Africa has surpassed the supply available from LCMS World Mission. Support for missionaries from Ghana and Liberia, who have shown a remarkable ability to plant churches, was possible through this grant.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

God Gave the Increase, pp. 164, 174–175

Convention Manual

- 30th Biennial Convention, Oklahoma City, Okla., 2003, p. 47

LIBERIA — RAISING PASTORS AND DEACONESS 2017–2019: \$97,000

Prior to the civil conflict of 1990, there were several Bible colleges/seminaries across the country of Liberia. Some were yet to be opened and none were Lutheran. The civil war increased the level of economic hardship in the country, making it difficult for those who may want to study outside of Liberia. In addition, fees charged by other colleges and seminaries outside of Liberia were extremely high. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia decided to build a Lutheran Bible College for its 137 congregations and for those from neighboring Sierra Leone and Guinea. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia believed strongly in the need to witness by our Lutheran confession in a nation that

predominately preached and practiced work righteousness over and against justification by grace through faith alone. This grant provided all the necessary funds to build the college/seminary with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia supplying the labor. Funds were reallocated, January 2019:

LeadAChild — \$30,000

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis — \$40,000

Liberian Deaconess Ministry — \$7,000

Sierra Leone Seminary — \$25,000

Sources

Dedicated!, p. 99

Quarterly

- Summer 2017, p. 15
- Fall 2017, p. 19, “2017–2019 Mission Grants”
- Summer 2019, p. 15, “Current Mission Grant Highlights”

Convention Manual

- 37th Biennial Convention, Albuquerque, N.M., 2017, p. 31
- 39th Biennial Convention, Lexington, Ky., 2021, p. 50

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- 38th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Ala., 2019, p. 33
- 39th Biennial Convention, Lexington, Ky., 2021, p. 50

Lithuania

LATVIA AND LITHUANIA HUMAN CARE AND PASTORAL MINISTRIES DEVELOPED

2009–2011: \$ 87,500

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Sources

God Gave the Increase, pp. 29, 36–42, 50

Dedicated!, p. 97

Quarterly

- Spring 2010, p. 12.

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention, Portland, Ore., 2009; page 31.
- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 45

Lutheran Indian Ministries

AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY

1969–1971: \$50,000

American Indians are victims of inadequate everything (housing, schooling, employment opportunities, etc.). Children of a heritage that must have understanding, not pity, they need assistance to enable them to help themselves, not *another* handout. The grant is being used in a ministry program that will include scholarship aid and provide Indian workers to work in liaison with the church and Indian people to feed spiritual, educational, and economic needs.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 136, 153

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 99, 103–104

Quarterly

- Summer 1969, p. 16, “12 Projects on Ballot”
- Fall 1969, p. 6ff., “Blasting Off a New Biennium”
- Winter 1969, p. 31ff., “Mites to Millions”
- Spring 1970, p. 26ff., “We Need Understanding”
- Winter 1970, p. 15, “The President’s Page”

Mites to Millions, pp. 2, 10–11

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- 13th Biennial Convention, Houston, Texas, 1969, p. 60
- 15th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Ala., 1973, p. 86
- 16th Biennial Convention, St. Paul, Minn., 1975, p. 66

Proceedings

- 14th Biennial Convention, Louisville, Ky., 1971, p. 60

NAVAJO, N.M. NAVAJO INDIAN MINISTRY — EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

1979–1981: \$60,000

The grant to the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission will help expand its mission and ministry to the Navajo Indians. Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church is one of three mission stations serving the Navajo people on the Navajo reservations in Arizona, Utah, and New Mexico. A new education building built from these monies helped expand the ministry at this fast-growing congregation.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 218, 226

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 99, 118–119

Dedicated!, p. 12

Quarterly

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- Winter 1980, p. 16, “VBS Begins Navajo Outreach”
- Summer 1981, p. 16, “Review of Current Mission Projects”
- Spring 1984, p. 48, “Bulletin Board — Praise the Lord”

Convention Manual

- 18th Biennial Convention, Omaha, Neb., 1979, p. 39
- 19th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wis., 1981, p. 74
- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 75

- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 98

NEAH BAY, WASH. MAKAH LUTHERAN CHURCH 1983–1985: \$25,000

The Makah Lutheran Church began in 1974 when Rev. Don Johnson, from the Makah Tribe, was ordained and commissioned to return to Neah Bay. Since this time, the congregation has moved from a building with no electricity and a leaky roof to a trailer and, in 1982, a new church building. Our grant was given to assist with the church debt and to encourage the faith in these people who live in an area where unemployment is 50 percent. A satellite ministry has been established in the Quileute Indian community of La Push. Neah Bay is on the Olympic Peninsula, 40 miles west of downtown Seattle.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 245, 251

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 99, 104–105

Quarterly

- Spring 1983, p. 23, “Delegates to Select 1983–85 Mite Box Projects”
- Fall 1984, pp. 36–37, “Makah Lutheran Church”

Convention Manual

- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 35
- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 95

AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENT AID — LCMS 1985–1987: \$50,000

To assist American Indian students to become trained for work in the ministry of the church, funds from LWML are administered by the secretary for American Indian Ministries. These funds help to meet the financial, social, and spiritual needs of the American Indian students preparing themselves for the professional ministry of the church — lay minister, pastor, teacher, director of Christian education.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 249, 251

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 99, 105–106

Quarterly

- Spring 1985, p. 19, “Mission Projects on Ballot”
- Fall 1985, p. 31, “Mission Projects”
- Fall 1986, pp. 45–46, “American Indian Student Aid — LCMS”

Convention Manual

- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, pp. 46–47
- 22nd Biennial Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987, p. 72
- 23rd Biennial Convention, Rapid City, S.D., 1989, p. 76

MONTANA NEW INDIAN MINISTRY STARTS 1987–1989: \$42,000

The ministry to Native American people in Montana is unique in that the LCMS establishes relationships and waits for the door to ministry to be opened by the Indian people. For four years, they have supported a missionary to the Cheyenne people in Lama Deer. A second missionary has recently been invited by the Indian reservation, which asked for LCMS teachers to serve in a high school for dropouts. This would necessitate that the Concordia Plans be paid to keep them on Synod’s roster. Although committed to this ministry, the Montana District is unable to meet all the needs of this

mission field. This mission grant supported new Indian ministry work in Montana.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 259–260, 279

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 99, 106–107

Quarterly

- Summer 1987, p. 17, “Convention Ballot”
- Winter 1987, pp. 35–36

Convention Manual

- 22nd Biennial Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987, p. 40
- 23rd Biennial Convention, Rapid City, S.D., 1989, p. 74
- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 91

WYOMING WIND RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION 1991: LWML 50TH ANNIVERSARY THANKOFFERING \$50,000

The Wyoming District is purchasing land to establish a permanent mission among the Arapaho Indians and desires to call a missionary this summer (1991). The district requests assistance for development of the site and housing for a second missionary on the Wind River Reservation in central Wyoming.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 106

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 99, 112–113

Quarterly

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- Fall 1991, p. 19
- Winter 1991, pp. 45–46

Convention Manual

- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 16
- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 88

NEBRASKA WINNEBAGO YOUTH MISSION PROJECT

1993–1995: \$90,000

The Winnebago Indian Tribe of Nebraska, through its tribal council, has invited the LCMS to provide and fund a youth counselor for their Youth Development/Prevention Center. This youth counselor has also been invited to share his faith with the Winnebago people on the reservation. The tribe will make available a mobile-home lot, rent free, for use by the worker. This grant will be used to purchase a mobile home for the youth counselor and help support his ministry among the Winnebago people in northeast Nebraska.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 112

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 99, 115–117

Quarterly

- Summer 1993, p. 15, “Convention Ballot”
- Fall 1993, p. 19
- Fall 1994, p. 36

Convention Manual

- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 40
- 26th Biennial Convention, Kansas City, Mo., 1995, p. 81

CHEYENNE RESERVATION, MONT. CIRCLE OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH 1993–1995: \$100,000

Ten years ago, the Northern Cheyenne people made a request to the LCMS Montana District to place a Lutheran pastor on the reservation. In 1982, Rev. Dennis Bauer was called to work and live in Muddy Cluster, where a congregation was established. Today, Muddy Cluster is growing in numbers. Circle of Life Congregation is the only Christian presence. This area is made of diverse groups of Indian people, and there is no sense of community or any central place for community to happen. This mission grant will help build a church that will not only serve the congregation, but in time will become a gathering place where the people can become “community” and, prayerfully, believers in Jesus Christ.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 112

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 99, 113–115

Dedicated, p. 18

Quarterly

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- Fall 1993, p. 19
- Spring 1994, p. 41

Convention Manual

- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, pp. 34–35
- 26th Biennial Convention, Kansas City, Mo., 1995, p. 80

CLAIMING GROWTH OF AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRIES

1995–1997: \$70,000

In response to the urgent need for more American Indian people to hear the saving Gospel message and to experience the caring outreach of Lutheran Christian people, the Council for Lutheran American Indian Ministries (CLAIM) seeks to assist the church to identify new mission opportunities. CLAIM is determined, with God’s blessing, to be a ready resource within the church in establishing a new ministry training program for Native American students at Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn.

(Two workers and their families have begun work on the urban Indian project in Minnesota, serving on the Fond du Lac Reservation and the Leech Lake Reservation.)

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 133

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 100, 110–111

Quarterly

- Fall 1995, p. 25

Convention Manual

- 26th Biennial Convention, Kansas City, Mo., 1995, p. 36
- 27th Biennial Convention, Charlotte, N.C., 1997, p. 48

LODGE GRASS, MONT. CROW LUTHERAN MISSION MINISTRY HOUSE

1995–1997: \$20,437.50

This grant will purchase land and cover the cost of materials and construction for a 24’ x 24’ frame building. This Ministry House will provide a permanent, safe, and neutral place for the Crow people of Lodge Grass to meet for Bible study and worship. The maintenance and support of this building is mainly monthly utilities, which the Crow Lutheran Mission can meet itself. (Groups of children numbering 30 or more use this facility. Missionary Dan Jacobs is encouraged as more

parents bring their children to participate in Bible-based programs.)

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 133

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 99, 108–110

Quarterly

- Fall 1995, p. 25

Convention Manual

- 26th Biennial Convention, Kansas City, Mo., 1995, p. 45
- 27th Biennial Convention, Charlotte, N.C., 1997, p. 48

SUPPORT FOR A LAY WORKER TO NATIVE AMERICANS

1997–1999: \$40,000

This provided a lay worker, Sheila Peterson, to work with American Indian people on the Fond du Lac Reservation of northern Minnesota. Through a vacation Bible school, doors have been opened in the community.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 133

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 100, 111–112

Convention Manual

- 28th Biennial Convention, Minneapolis, Minn., 1999, p. 43
- 29th Biennial Convention, San Jose, Calif., 2001, p. 45

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH ON THE OMAHA RESERVATION

1997–1999: \$62,500

Serving the reservation as chaplain, assistant to the director in the nursing home, and providing spiritual care for those in the alcohol treatment program, Pastor Jeffrey Warner lived in a home purchased with this grant.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 133

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 100, 117–118

Convention Manual

- 28th Biennial Convention, Minneapolis, Minn., 1999, p. 43

NAVAJO, N. MEX. MISSION OUTREACH TO THE NAVAJO NATION

2001–2003: \$30,000

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Navajo, N. M., operates in members' homes in sites scattered over 200 miles. Deaconess Louis Lee, a native Navajo, ministers in support groups to them.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 100, 119–120

Convention Manual

- 30th Biennial Convention, Oklahoma City, Okla., 2003, 45

LAWRENCE, KAN. LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY AT HASKELL INDIAN NATIONS UNIVERSITY

2007–2009: \$95,000

To implement a culturally relevant outreach program for the Haskell students which includes Bible study, Christian workshops, and recruitment for professional church work.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 100, 120–122

Dedicated!, pp. 44, 72, 96

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention, Portland, Ore., 2009, p. 44

MONTANA CROW INDIAN MINISTRY

2011–2013: \$69,999.64

To continue the outreach of spreading the Gospel of Christ among the Crow Indians in Montana through Bible study, Sunday school, youth programs, and worship.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 100, 108

Dedicated!, p. 97

Quarterly

- Fall 2012, p. 15.

Convention Manual

- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 33, 36
- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37

LAWRENCE, KAN. HASKELL INDIAN NATIONS UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY EXPANSION

2011–2013: \$100,000

To fund the expanding Lutheran Campus Ministry at Haskell Indian Nations University to equip students who will be trained for professional church work vocations and others who will be witnesses to the Gospel as they return to their Native American communities.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 100, 123–124

Dedicated!, p. 98

Quarterly

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- Fall 2012, p. 5.
- Fall 2012, p. 14.

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- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37

NEBRASKA JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOLS–WINNEBAGO TRIBE

2013–2015: \$8,550

To reach hearts for Jesus by funding two part-time Native American instructional assistants and purchasing curriculum needed for students of the Winnebago Tribe in Nebraska.

Sources

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UNITED STATES HOPE AND HEALING TO THE NAVAJO PEOPLE

2015–2017: \$75,000

The Navajo Nation has continued to be the largest Native American group in the United States. Over the years, the LWML Rocky Mountain District and the LWML have reached out to the Navajo people. This LWML mission grant

implemented Gospel-oriented programs for Navajo men, women, and youth which empowered and equipped them to live victoriously in the midst of their circumstances and enabled them to make better choices for a brighter future. Programs included: youth camps, after-school enrichment programs, Boys/Girls clubs, trips to share faith with other Native people, men's Bible group, abused women's support group, and women's health education.

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HAWAII RESTORATION PROGRAMS FOR NATIVE HAWAIIANS/RESTORATIVE PROGRAMS FOR NATIVE AMERICANS IN ARIZONA (REPURPOSED TO LUTHERAN INDIAN MINISTRIES)

2017–2019: \$75,000

Most people thought of Hawaii as paradise, but to Native Hawaiians, Kanaka, it was quite a different place. The number of homeless people in Hawaii had grown. With poverty increasing, it left few people in the middle class. Most of the ministry work was done in urban areas by non-Kanaka men and women to non-Kanaka people. To successfully engage the Kanaka people in the Christian faith and to provide the support and assistance that Kanaka people needed to begin to overcome the serious social issues that plagued them, missionaries had to embrace the Kanaka culture. Clarence DeLude III (Kanaka), who was on staff with Lutheran Indian Ministries, was enrolled in the Cross-Cultural Ministry Center Program at Concordia University, Irvine, Calif., which lead to ordination. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, Clarence, a Native Hawaiian, was God's instrument in bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to his fellow Kanaka people. Grant funds were used for scholarships for Clarence, a vacation Bible study/teen camp, an on-going Bible study, and Sexual Abuse and Leadership Training (SALT) seminars.

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- Fall, 2017, p. 19 "2017–2019 Mission Grants"
- Spring, 2019, p. 15 "Current Mission Grant Highlights"

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- 37th Biennial Convention, Albuquerque, N.M., 2017, p. 30

WYOMING WIND RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION TRANSPORTATION

2019–2021: \$40,000

Wind River Lutheran Mission (WRLM) works with the Shoshone and Arapaho tribes and was the only existing full-time mission with a pastor living on site. In that high poverty area, the Native American children received little or no support when it came to Christian education. A large part of

the ministry focused on outreach to the children of the Wind River Reservation. Very few children could acquire transportation to attend Bible classes at Fort Washakie and Crowheart. Parents allowed WRLM staff to pick up their children and take them to Sunday school or vacation Bible school. In most instances, this was the only opportunity to share the Gospel of Christ with the children living on the reservation. The suitable vehicle purchased with this grant money, enabled the children to continue the approximately 88-mile round trip for Sunday school at Fort Washakie and the 60-mile round trip for "Monday" school at Crowheart.

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- 39th Biennial Convention, Lexington, Ky., 2021, p. 50

Macau

ASIA WOMEN'S WITNESS AND MERCY ASIA

2019–2021: \$100,000

Asia is a harvest field ripe for the Gospel. Women in Mission realized that our grants to missionaries in the field brought God's Word to a dying world. Asia was predominately secular with Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu, and other false religions. Throughout Taiwan, Thailand, Hong Kong, Macau, and Southeast Asia, 10 women conducted various mission work, such as teaching, acts of mercy, and witnessing the Gospel. Some had husbands and families working alongside of them, whereas others worked with a team or alone. One missionary taught 242 students about Jesus in Taiwan, and another had served for 10 years planting seeds of mercy and witnessing in Southeast Asia. Whether teaching English as a second language in Thailand or building relationships to open doors for sharing the Gospel, each woman in the mission field helped in the growth of God's Kingdom. This grant helped support those women in their unique mission setting in Asia.

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- 38th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Ala., 2019, p. 31
- 39th Biennial Convention, Lexington, Ky., 2021, p. 50

Madagascar

MADAGASCAR NURSING STUDENTS SERVING WITH MERCY MEDICAL TEAM — LCMS OFFICE

OF INTERNATIONAL MISSION

2017–2019: \$25,000

Nursing students in the Concordia University System expanded their educational exposure by participating in a short-term mission trip to Madagascar with a Mercy Medical Mission Team. The service opportunity for students to work with medical professionals in providing medical and/or spiritual care to the under-served was invaluable. This grant helped defray some of the costs for the volunteer student members of the Medical Missionary Team.

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- 38th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Ala., 2019, p. 7

Malaysia

MALAYSIA, SOUTHEAST ASIA PREGNANCY CENTER: NEWBORN PROTECTION

2011–2013: \$54,500

To provide and renovate a facility for counseling, care, and bringing the Gospel message to pregnant women as they make God-pleasing decisions to keep and nurture their babies.

Sources

Dedicated!, p. 97

Quarterly

- Summer 2012, p. 15

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- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 34, 39
- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37

LCMS DEACONESS MINISTRY

2019–2021: \$39,523

LCMS deaconesses are women who are full-time professional church workers, trained to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a ministry of works of mercy, spiritual care, and teaching the Christian faith. The LCMS Deaconess Ministry program provides LCMS students the opportunity to become a church professional, learning and training to understand the diaconal leadership and the work of deaconesses as applied to body and soul ministry. This grant provided educational and financial support to our partner churches who introduced deaconess training programs within their church bodies like the Philippines, Latvia, Liberia, Indonesia, Malaysia, and India.

Sources

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- Fall 2019, p. 17, “2019–2021 Mission Grants”
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Malawi

AFRICA PRE- AND POST-SEMINARY TRAINING FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORKERS

2019–2021: \$62,650

In villages across Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, most local congregations are led by helpers, evangelists, or seminary-trained and ordained pastors. Both the before-seminary and after-seminary men were eager for opportunities to study theology in a community that would enable them to better serve their congregations. To enable those to whom the church had called into service as lay leaders of these congregations, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Africa Mission Training Center provided continuing education opportunities for local pastors and their wives. The course was taught by a church leader, a local seminary professor, or a missionary engaged in the work God had given him. This grant provided basic theological training for lay leaders of congregations who served under a pastor responsible for between 5 and 15 congregations. The training material allowed the local pastor to work through a total of 22 workbooks (over 2 years) with his lay leaders. Lay leaders gathered with their pastor for 5 days once a month. The program provided limited financial assistance to offset the costs of food and transportation.

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Mexico

MONTERREY SANTA CRUZ (HOLY CROSS) LUTHERAN CHURCH

1947–1949: \$30,000

Work began in Monterrey in 1941, but due to lack of facilities, growth was extremely slow. Although this project was voted in 1947, obtaining the necessary building permit delayed construction until late 1949. Plans included a worship center, seminary classroom space, day school and Sunday school space, and a clinic. Dedication: Nov. 12, 1950.

Sources

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Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 35, 39–40

Quarterly

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- April 1956, pp. 12–13, “Know Your Missionaries” (center picture spread)
- July 1962, p. 14ff., “20 Years of Glad Service”
- April 1963, p. 10ff., “The Land of Manana Becomes the Land of Tomorrow”
- Summer 1967, p. 17ff., “Members Gave — Missions Grew”

TIJUANA CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHAPEL MEXICALI CASA DE CAPACITACION

1967–1969: \$50,000

Both locations showed rapid growth in underprivileged poverty areas. Mexicali struggled for six years to build a small chapel but needed help to furnish and equip the building. Grant provided \$10,000 for this. Dedication was held Oct. 26, 1968. Tijuana acquired a site. \$40,000 in mites aided in construction of multipurpose building, including a worship center, parsonage, and small medical dispensary. Dedication: Sept. 21, 1969.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 137, 153.

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 35, 40–41, 79–81

Dedicated!, p. 8

Quarterly

- Summer 1967, p. 7, “Where Shall Our Mites Go Next?”
- Winter 1967, p. 16, “Our Mites Bring Christ’s Love — Where Poverty Is Endless”
- Fall, 1968, p. 17, “The President’s Page”
- Fall, 1968, p. 18, “Of Prayer, Projects, Performance”
- Winter 1968, p. 12ff., “And YOU Gave an Assist”
- Spring 1969, p. 15, “The President’s Page Spring 1969, p. 36, “Mexicali Multipurpose Building Dedicated: League Represented”
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JUAREZ CRISTO REY LUTHERAN CHURCH 1973–1975: \$65,000

A two-part project: (1) Provide funds (\$40,000) for in-service training in language and culture to full-time church workers in Missouri Synod Hispanic congregations — six vicars and two deaconesses received training through this grant. (2) The \$25,000 grant for Cristo Rey Lutheran Church was reallocated because the needs were met through other sources. In 1977, the \$25,000 was reallocated to the Lutheran Synod of Mexico for the purchase of land and construction of a chapel in Guasave, Mexico and for land in Culiacan.

Sources

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- 17th Biennial Convention, Laramie, Wyo., 1977, pp. 45–46
- 18th Biennial Convention, Omaha, Neb., 1979, p. 52

LUTHERAN BAJA CALIFORNIA MISSION 1975–1977: \$50,000

This independent, inter-Lutheran agency depends on contributions to help the 1 million needy in Tijuana and Mexicali — two of the fastest-growing and economically depressed areas of the world. The school, built with LWML funds in 1969, is utilized to capacity by youth and adults. This grant of \$50,000 provides for building costs (\$30,000) of a worship and education center, and the remainder (\$20,000) for a separate clinic offering medical and dental services and providing space for clothing distribution and nutritional education classes to a growing number of families.

Sources

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- 17th Biennial Convention, Laramie, Wyo., 1977, p. 43
- 18th Biennial Convention, Omaha, Neb., 1979, p. 52
- 19th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wis., 1981, p. 77

CHIHUAHUA EL DIVINE SALVADOR 1981–1983: \$40,000

This new mission was unable to finance the cost of construction of a church building and pastoral home. Our mites were used to help with construction of these facilities.

Sources

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Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 35,

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- 19th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wis., 1979, p. 29
- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 73

MISSION OUTREACH 1999–2001: \$76,430

Four new mission churches established to serve as worship centers. Also, Mexican music CD produced to spread the Gospel. Reallocation of this grant was made at the February 2001 LMWL Board of Directors' meeting.

Sources

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Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 35, 42–43

Convention Manual

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OUTREACH TO YOUTH

2011–2013: \$75,000

To reach out to children and young people in Argentina, Chile, Cuba, Guatemala, Panama, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Venezuela, with the message of salvation and equip them with practical information regarding drug and alcohol abuse, violence, and promiscuity.

Sources

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- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37

Mongolia

ENGLISH TEACHERS IN CHINA/MONGOLIA

1995–1997: \$70,202.50

China has recently opened its doors to the Western world and is actively seeking highly skilled professionals to assist in the education of their population but will not grant mission visas. The LCMS provides teachers of English to the Chinese university system, which means Chinese will have Christians who live and witness to the Gospel. To maintain the momentum of this ministry and one of LCMS's most strategic outreach projects, the allocation of this grant would enable the recruitment and placement of 20 dedicated LCMS English teachers.

Sources

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God Gave the Increase, pp. 290, 295–297

Quarterly

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Convention Manual

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GOSPEL OUTREACH TO WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN MONGOLIA — LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

2021–2023: \$100,000

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) had an opportunity to expand its mission outreach of the Gospel to the Kazakh women and children in Mongolia, a non-Christian country. The Kazakh people are nominally Muslim, and the country of Mongolia is largely Buddhist with a less than one percent Christian population. Through widely accepted Women's Listener groups, religious broadcasts, and Christian resources

in the Kazakh language, family members and relatives have been impacted by the Gospel in their homes. LHM has used their media expertise to ensure the Gospel message has been brought to a region where the populations have not heard the Gospel. Christian resources have been distributed, including Bible studies and booklets translated into the Kazakh language, as well as into Mongolian, the main language of the region.

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- 40th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wisc., 2023 p. 47

Myanmar

CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL MISSIONS FOR KAREN REFUGEES IN THAILAND

1987–1989: \$75,000

Civil war in Burma [now Myanmar] has led more and more Karen people to flee to safety in Thailand. The Thai government has not been able to serve these people's many needs because of overwhelming numbers. A significant portion of the tribe is Christian; the great concern of these people is to strengthen the faith of tribal members as they are academically educated and vocationally trained. The LCMS Board for Missions has responded to this need and has called two teachers, living in primitive conditions among the people, to serve the Karen. Our grant supported buildings and educational materials, focusing on a strong evangelistic program.

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God Gave the Increase, pp. 278, 279–280

Quarterly

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- Spring, 1989, pp. 46–47

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- 23rd Biennial Convention, Rapid City, S.D., 1989, p. 75
- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 91

TRAINING MULTINATIONAL MISSIONARY TEAMS FOR ASIA

1999–2001: \$80,000

Asian missionaries work more effectively with their own people groups. LCMS World Mission identifies, trains, and sends these teams to unreached groups in Burma, China, Laos, and North Korea.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

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God Gave the Increase, pp. 330, 331–332

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Namibia

LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS (LBT) SPREAD GOD'S WORD THROUGH PRINT AND AUDIO

2011–2013: \$97,344

To provide Bibles, audio Scriptures, and literacy materials to people in Ghana, Botswana, Namibia, and Nigeria in their own languages.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 246, 263–265

Dedicated!, p. 97

Quarterly

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AFRICA “IN THEIR HANDS AND UPON THEIR HEARTS” — LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS, ANGOLA, BOTSWANA, ETHIOPIA, AND NAMIBIA

2015–2017: \$50,000

Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) had been working hard to provide translations of the Bible for the past 50 years for people all over the world. They believe that one should not have to know a foreign language to engage with God and Christ through Scripture. They were looking to accelerate the accessibility of Scripture in mother tongue languages where LBT supported translation projects that had been ongoing or had been completed. This grant funded the printing and distribution of Scripture in the mother-tongue languages in Botswana, Ethiopia, Angola, and Namibia, Africa.

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Nicaragua

CENTRAL/SOUTH AMERICA PROJECT JOEL — OUTREACH TO YOUTH

2011–2013: \$75,000

To reach out to children and young people in Argentina, Chile, Cuba, Guatemala, Panama, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Venezuela, with the message of salvation and equip them with practical information regarding drug and alcohol abuse, violence, and promiscuity.

Sources

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Nigeria

BIBLE INSTITUTE AND CHAPELS BIBLE INSTITUTES, OGOJA CHAPELS AND A TRAINING CENTER, OGOJA PROVINCE CHAPEL FOR HOSPITAL AT EKET E.L.M. HOUSE, JOS

1957–1959: \$55,000

Ogoja Bible Institutes were planning to offer two years of intensive training to Nigerians desiring to become evangelists. Designated to provide administration, classroom, and dormitory facilities for these institutes was \$25,000; \$15,000 assisted in building chapels and a training center in Ogoja Province. Much labor and materials were provided by members themselves. An additional \$15,000 erected a chapel for Eket Hospital. Unused balance remaining for this grant (\$22,400) was applied to purchasing E.L.M. House, Jos — a school for mission workers' children.

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God Gave the Increase, pp. 47, 49–60

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- April 1958, p. 7ff., “News from the Ogoja Province
- April 1958, pp. 12–13, “Scenes from Nigeria”, (picture spread)
- July 1961, p. 6, “God and the Word of His Grace — in Nigeria”
- July 1962, p. 14ff., “20 Years of Glad Service”
- April 1964, p. 10ff., “Visiting Africa with Dr. Mayer”
- April 1964, p. 30, “Briefly Stated”
- April 1966, p. 13, “More for Our Money: E.L.M. House”
- Summer 1967, p. 17, “Members Gave — Missions Grew”
- Fall 1967, p. 22, “Bought with Mites”
- Spring 1968, p. 8, “Why Did God Let This Happen?”
- Summer 1969, p. 30, “Briefly Stated”

YAHE, OGOJA PROVINCE IMMANUEL MEDICAL DISPENSARY/CENTER

1961–1963: MEDICAL MISSIONS — \$14,000

1965–1967: MEDICAL EQUIPMENT — \$30,000

Evangelistic work had barely started in this area and need for a dispensary was evident. Plans were to surround centrally equipped hospital with dispensaries located 15 to 25 miles distant. Grant made possible building and equipping one dispensary in 1963. In 1965, additional equipment was provided. Final payment (\$8,000) purchased oxygen equipment and left a small balance. Equipment installed in

Eket hospital since Yahe Medical Center was closed due to civil strife. Plans then were to use remaining funds to re-equip the Yahe laboratory.

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- April 1964, p. 30, “Briefly Stated”
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- Fall 1966, p. 18, “She Retired to Work — for Missions”
- Summer 1967, p. 6, “4 of 6 Still Incomplete”
- Summer 1967, p. 17ff., “Members Gave — Missions Grew”
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NUNG UDOE MODERN III GIRLS’ SCHOOL — RENAMED LUTHERAN GIRLS’ TRADE SCHOOL 1965–1967: \$35,000

Rising national education standards had rapidly outdated the two-year program in Modern II Girls’ School. A third year was planned, but existing facilities were already overcrowded. Request for assistance was answered by this grant, which provided additional classroom and kitchen areas to existing buildings and erected a dormitory for 180 students. Dedicatory services were held Oct. 28, 1966. In 1967, the name was changed to Lutheran Girls’ Trade School. As a result of Nigerian civil conflict, buildings are being used to house orphans. Nutrition and medication are featured in the health program.

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- Fall 1967, p. 22, “Briefly Stated”
- Summer 1969, p. 30, “Briefly Stated”

ENUGU LINGUISTIC CENTER WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS

1965–1967: \$100,000

“Christians must reduce their language to writing, teach the people to read, and give them the written Word of God in their own tongue” (Rev. Morris Watkins, *Quarterly*, January 1966, p. 4). In hope of doing just that, this project was adopted. Many delays because of civil strife slowed progress on this grant; however, negotiations continued with the Nigerian government to permit Wycliffe to construct this center.

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- 16th Biennial Convention, St. Paul, Minn., 1975, p. 66

YAHE IMMANUEL MEDICAL CENTER — LEPROSY TREATMENT

1965–1967: \$85,000

(\$15,000 designated for Yahe, Nigeria. See also entries on Ambur, India, and Mambisanda, Papua New Guinea, which are included in this grant).

Severely restricted budgeting had prevented leprosy work in West Africa. Step 1 in the Nigerian program was to find specialized training for leprosy staff. Grant of \$15,000 was disbursed to All-African Leprosy and Rehabilitation Training Center (ALERT) at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where training took place.

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God Gave the Increase, pp. 47, 164, 165–166

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- Summer 1967, p. 6, “4 of 6 Still Incomplete”

- Summer 1967, p. 17ff., “Members Gave — Missions Grew”
- Fall 1967, p. 33, “Report on Projects — April 30, 1967”
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- 13th Biennial Convention, Houston, Texas, 1969, p. 29
- 14th Biennial Convention, Louisville, Ky., 1971, p. 63

EKET AND YAHE MEDICAL SPECIALTY INSTRUMENTS

1967–1969: \$8,000 EKET — UROLOGY EQUIPMENT, \$2,750 EKET — ANESTHESIOLOGY EQUIPMENT, \$2,000 YAHE — FLUORESCENT MICROSCOPY, \$2,500

Original request made because three doctors had received special training in their fields and none of the specialty instruments required were available at their mission sites. Civil war forced the closing of Yahe Medical Center and gave the management of Eket Hospital to International Union for Child Welfare. Clinic at Yahe was reopened and the Lutheran Church of Nigeria was anxious to reassume management responsibility of Eket Hospital. The grant had not been disbursed as of Jan. 31, 1971.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 138, 142, 153

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- Spring 1968, p. 8ff., “Why Did God Let This Happen?”
- Fall 1968, p. 18, “Of Prayer, Projects, Performance”
- Fall 1968, p. 31, “Report on Projects — April 30, 1968”
- Summer 1969, pp. 20–21, “A Biennium of Blessing”

Reports and Memorials

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Proceeding

- 13th Biennial Convention, Houston, Texas, 1969, p. 31
- 14th Biennial Convention, Louisville, Ky., 1971, p. 62

NIGERIA REHABILITATION

1969–1971: \$75,000

Assistance in rebuilding a war-torn life and land is being provided by this grant. This aid is provided in the form of equipment and seeds to reestablish disrupted agricultural systems; self-help projects to aid in repairing and developing destroyed communities, and emergency relief and medical supplies for those still lost, hurt, or ill. This project was completed by June 1971.

Sources

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Quarterly

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- Winter 1970, p. 15, “The President’s Page”
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- Mites to Millions, pp. 7, 17–18

Reports and Memorials

- 13th Biennial Convention, Houston, Texas, 1969, p. 58

Proceedings

- 14th Biennial Convention, Louisville, Ky., 1971, p. 60

NEW FRONTIERS IN MEDICAL MISSIONS 1973–1975: \$70,000

A three-part project:

1. The purchase of an X-ray unit for Immanuel Medical Center at Yahe — \$25,000
2. To provide graduate training for medical missionaries and national Christian workers so Christian medical service can be visible witness of Christ’s love — \$37,000
3. To provide a model outpatient “village” adjacent to the medical center at Yahe. The “village” accommodates patients and families where they can be cared for by medical staff, taught nutrition, sanitation, and general hygiene as a preventive measure for better community health. The \$8,000 grant built a maternity unit.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 160, 176

God Gave the Increase, pp. 47, 77–78

Quarterly

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- Fall 1973, p. 26, “Our Challenge”
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- 16th Biennial Convention, St. Paul, Minn., 1975, p. 63

Convention Manual

- 17th Biennial Convention, Laramie, Wyo., 1977, p. 45

LAND FOR CHAPELS

1975–1977: \$50,000

The Lutheran Church of Nigeria recognized her responsibilities in serving Lutherans moving into urban areas for work. The high cost of land prevented purchase of permanent places of worship, holding back full growth potential. The \$50,000 grant assured the purchase of property for the expansion of urban ministry in the Lutheran Church of Nigeria.

Sources

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God Gave the Increase, pp. 47, 64–65

Quarterly

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- Fall 1975, p. 7, "Prayers for Projects"
- Summer 1976, p. 26ff., "40 Years — and Still Strangers in the Cities"
- Summer 1977, p. 11, "Projects in Review"

Convention Manual

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- 17th Biennial Convention, Laramie, Wyo., 1977, p. 42

OBOT IDIM LUTHERAN SEMINARY

1977–1979: \$75,000

A two-part project:

1. \$25,000 for the purchase of sorely needed books and educational equipment — Bibles, reference books, and equipment to build the seminary library.
2. \$50,000 for the innovative new program of Theological Education by Extension (TEE). Dedicated laymen, who support themselves and their families by another occupation, serve many Nigerian congregations. They need and want more theological training but cannot attend the four-year course at the seminar. TEE brings the seminary to them. The program will bring growth to the church and expand the number of pastors.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 193–194, 200

God Gave the Increase, pp. 47, 81–83

Quarterly

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- Fall 1977, pp. 22–23, "Delegates Pick Nine Projects"
- Spring 1979, pp. 36–37, "\$75,000 Grant Assists Nigerian Lay Ministry"
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- Winter 1979–80, p. 46, "TEE Program Does a Great Job"

Convention Manual

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- 18th Biennial Convention, Omaha, Neb., 1979, p. 50
- 19th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wis., 1981, p. 75

BOTSWANA, SIERRA LEONE, TOGO, LIBERIA, GHANA; NIGERIA — SOLAR POWER FOR MISSION STATIONS

1985–1987: \$68,000

Many countries in which we have missionaries are petroleum-scarce countries, causing the cost of gasoline and kerosene to be \$3 a gallon. Thirty-four mission stations can energy costs and providing more efficient ministries in these six areas.

Sources

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God Gave the Increase, pp. 164, 166–169

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Quarterly

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- Fall 1985, p. 31, "Mission Projects"
- Summer 1987, p. 46, "Solar Power Units — Africa"

Convention Manual

- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, pp. 45–46
- 22nd Biennial Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987, p. 73

ASSISTING IN THE COMPLETION OF NEW CHAPELS

1985–1987: \$30,000

The Lutheran Church of Nigeria requires permanent worship facilities for several new preaching stations. The members of the preaching stations will be responsible for the construction of their church buildings, but they need assistance for the purchase of roofing materials.

The project will be funded in several stages with the goal of completing 15 buildings by 1988.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 249, 251

God Gave the Increase, pp. 47, 65–67

Quarterly

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- Fall 1985, p. 31, "Mission Projects"
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Convention Manual

- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 44
- 22nd Biennial Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987, p. 72

MBE TRANSLATION PROJECT (LCMS TRANSLATORS)

1987–1989: \$40,000

Twenty-five years of work by the Lutheran Church of Nigeria among the Mbe people has resulted in a membership of 3,000. To grow spiritually, the young indigenous church needs the Scriptures in its native language. A native pastor is capable of proceeding with translation work under an experienced Board of Missions missionary. Our grant helped support the national translator and provided for printing Mbe literacy materials and the publication of the Mbe New Testament.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 262, 279

God Gave the Increase, pp. 47, 79–81

Quarterly

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Convention Manual

- 22nd Biennial Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987, p. 31
- 23rd Biennial Convention, Rapid City, S.D., 1989, p. 75
- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 91

OBOT IDIM LUTHERAN SEMINARY

1987–1989: \$72,000

The Lord has opened many doors of mission opportunity, making it possible for our church to expand work in Africa from ministry to seven nations, or people's groups, in 1977 to 29 nations in 1986. New congregations and preaching stations are being established at a rapidly increasing rate and adequately trained national leaders and evangelists are needed to help minister to the new missions. The Lutheran Seminary at Obot Idim has an excellent two-year program for training evangelists. Our grant provided training for three men from Liberia and six men from Ghana. This will insure continued growth of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia and Ghana.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 260, 279

God Gave the Increase, pp. 47, 83–84

Quarterly

- Summer 1987, p. 17, “Convention Ballot”
- Summer 1988, pp. 38–39

Convention Manual

- 22nd Biennial Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987, p. 33
- 23rd Biennial Convention, Rapid City, S.D., 1989, p. 74

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NIGERIA LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROJECT

1989–1991: \$60,000

The Lutheran Church of Nigeria (LCN) ministers to a country of more than 100 million people. Many preaching stations have been established during the past six years, but the limitations of personnel are an obstacle to greater expansion. The Nigerian government recently lowered the retirement age of civil servants, many of whom are mature Lutheran laymen. Having received a solid education in Lutheran schools, a number have indicated interest in full-time ministry in the church.

Twenty laymen can receive both academic residential training and practical experience in a three- year program under the supervision of the LCN seminary.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 265, 279

God Gave the Increase, pp. 47, 85–86

Quarterly

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Convention Manual

- 23rd Biennial Convention, Rapid City, S.D., 1989, p. 32
- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 90

RENOVATION OF SEMINARY BUILDINGS

1991–1993: \$72,000

To provide the improvements necessary to increase the facilities for training pastors and lay evangelists.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 112

God Gave the Increase, pp. 47, 86–88

Quarterly

- Summer 1991, p. 18, “Convention Ballot”
- Fall 1991, p. 18
- Summer 1993, pp. 45–46

Convention Manual

- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 48
- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 85

SUPPORT OF SEMINARY STUDENTS’ FAMILIES — WEST AFRICA

2001–2003: \$75,000

Facilities in Nigeria, Ghana, Togo, and South Africa train pastors in West Africa, and students coming from troubled areas are concerned about their families back home. This grant brings their families with them, and training is also given to wives.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

God Gave the Increase, pp. 164, 175

Convention Manual

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p. 46

LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS (LBT) SPREAD GOD’S WORD THROUGH PRINT AND AUDIO 2011–2013: \$97,344

To provide Bibles, audio Scriptures, and literacy materials to people in Ghana, Botswana, Namibia, and Nigeria in their own languages.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 246, 263–265

Dedicated!, p. 97

Quarterly

- Spring 2013, p. 15

Convention Manual

- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 33, 35
- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37

NIGERIA RENOVATION OF JEM SEMINARY BUILDINGS

2015–2017: \$120,000

Nigeria was the most populated country in Africa and the Lutheran Church in Nigeria (LCN), has continued to be LCMS’s oldest partner church there. The Jonathan Ekong Memorial (JEM) Seminary in Obot Idim, was an important place of training for Gospel proclamation and the preparation of young men for the ministry in the LCN. To accommodate the record-high number of students that had enrolled in JEM, the existing dormitories needed renovation — fixing roof structures and repairing the buildings from termite damage. Without renovation work, the buildings had become dangerous to the students, if not useless. The LWML grant money helped pay for some of the renovations providing a safe and serviceable space for the continued training of pastors to carry the message of salvation to people of various languages and cultures in their respective homelands.

Sources

Dedicated!, p. 98

Quarterly

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Convention Manual

- 36th Biennial Convention, Des Moines, Iowa, 2015, p. 33

North Korea

TRAINING MULTINATIONAL MISSIONARY TEAMS FOR ASIA

1999–2001: \$80,000

Asian missionaries work more effectively with their own people groups. LCMS World Mission identifies, trains, and sends these teams to unreached groups in Burma, China, Laos, and North Korea.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 158, 160

God Gave the Increase, pp. 330, 331–332
Convention Manual

- 29th Biennial Convention, San Jose, Calif., 2001, p. 46

HUMANITARIAN AID OPENS MISSION FIELD IN NORTH KOREA

2009–2011: \$82,482

To begin new mission work in North Korea so that LCMS World Mission can share the love of Christ with thousands of North Koreans, both physically and spiritually.

In October 2020, the LWML Board of Directors approved a reallocation request from the LCMS Office of International Mission for the remaining amount of \$21,683 to “Raising Up Pastors in Asia.”

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- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 45
- 39th Biennial Convention, Lexington, Ky., 2021, p. 50

Pakistan

LUTHERAN LEADERS TRAINING INSTITUTE

2005–2007: \$75,000

A secure facility is being constructed in Pakistan for workers from the Middle East who will train men and women national church leaders, professors, pastors, and deaconesses, who will serve in their own countries.

Sources

God Gave the Increase, pp. 330, 337–339

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Quarterly

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Convention Manual

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- 32nd Biennial Convention, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2007, p. 50

Panama

ASSISTANCE FOR PANAMA MINISTRIES

1991–1993: \$65,000

To support a missionary nurse in a health-education program and the training of Panamanians as church workers through the Lutheran Bible Institute.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 112

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 10, 30–31

Quarterly

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- Fall 1991, p. 18
- Spring 1992, p. 47
- Winter 1992, pp. 45–46

Convention Manual

- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 46
- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 84

CENTRAL/SOUTH AMERICA PROJECT JOEL — OUTREACH TO YOUTH

2011–2013: \$75,000

To reach out to children and young people in Argentina, Chile, Cuba, Guatemala, Panama, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Venezuela, with the message of salvation and equip them with practical information regarding drug and alcohol abuse, violence, and promiscuity.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 9, 15–16

Dedicated!, p. 97

Quarterly

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- Fall 2013, p. 25.

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- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37

Papua New Guinea

AMAPYOKA HIGHLAND SCHOOL (FOR MISSIONARIES’ CHILDREN)

1957–1959: \$60,000

This grant furnished and equipped a two-classroom school and dormitory. In addition, a teacher’s residence was erected, and a diesel-electric power plant installed. Dedication was held in February 1960.

Sources

Women on a Mission, pp. 192–93

WINGS, pp. 86–87, 92

God Gave the Increase, pp. 233, 238

Quarterly

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- January 1959, p. 1 (cover picture)
- April 1960, p. 11, “Amapyoka School Is in Retreat Scene”
- October 1960, p. 8, “Little Ones in New Guinea Anticipate School”
- October 1960, pp. 16–17, “Highland Lutheran School in New Guinea” (pictures)
- April 1961, p. 11, “The President’s Page”
- July 1962, p. 14ff., “20 Years of Glad Service”
- Summer 1967, p. 17ff., “Members Gave — Missions Grew”

RADIO TRANSCIVERS

1961–1963: \$10,800

Radio transceivers for stations in remote areas of New Guinea were supplied through this grant. Usage includes emergency medical advice, requests for supplies and communications, and message interchanges between stations. This grant was completed within the biennium.

Sources

Women on a Mission, pp. 220–21

WINGS, 101,104, 111

God Gave the Increase, pp. 233, 235–237

Quarterly

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- January 1962, p. 12, “Radio Communications Serve New Guinea”
- July 1962, p. 14ff., “20 Years of Glad Service”
- Summer 1967, p. 17ff., “Members Gave — Missions Grew”

Proceedings

- 10th Biennial Convention, Kansas City, Mo., 1963, p. 16

MAMBISANDA IMMANUEL HOSPITAL — LEPROSY TREATMENT

1965–1967: \$85,000

(\$30,000 designated for Mambisanda, New Guinea. See also *Yahe, Nigeria, and Ambur, India, which are included in this grant.*)

Leprosy is still a major problem in the mission field. Little has been done because initial program costs are expensive. This grant constructed a special leprosy ward, physiotherapy department, and provided living quarters for staff — \$14,000 was spent in training a physiotherapist. This grant was completed in 1967.

Sources

God Gave the Increase, pp. 47, 233, 237

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- Winter 1967, p. 18, “Mites Bring Christ’s Love — Where Doctors Serve”
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- Fall 1968, p. 18, “Of Prayers, Projects, Performance”
- Fall 1968, p. 31, “Report on Projects — April 30, 1968”
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- 13th Biennial Convention, Houston, Texas, 1969, p. 31
- 14th Biennial Convention, Louisville, Ky., 1971, p. 62

PAUSA SCHOLARSHIP FUND ST. PAUL LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

1971–1973: \$35,000

Scholarships to graduates of this high school will help train New Guineans in teaching, nursing, mechanics, and other professions so they can fulfill duties in the Wabag Lutheran Church and provide Christian input to the total building of New Guinea.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 162, 176

God Gave the Increase, pp. 233, 240

Quarterly

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- 15th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Ala., 1973, p. 85
- 16th Biennial Convention, St. Paul, Minn., 1975, p. 65

RADIOS WABAG LUTHERAN CHURCH PAPUA NEW GUINEA

1977–1979: \$20,000

The government of Papua New Guinea required that single sideband radios must be replaced by all short-wave radios. Missionaries and medical personnel rely on radio contact for help in emergencies. This project enabled the church to review its radio system to conform to government regulations.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 192, 200

God Gave the Increase, pp. 233,235–237

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- Summer 1978, pp. 16–17, “Radios — Link to Survival in Papua New Guinea”
- Summer 1979, p. 35, “Review of Current Mission Projects”

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- 17th Biennial Convention, Laramie, Wyo., 1977, p. 28
- 18th Biennial Convention, Omaha, Neb., 1979, p. 50
- 19th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wis., 1981, p. 76

Paraguay

CENTRAL/SOUTH AMERICA PROJECT JOEL — OUTREACH TO YOUTH

2011–2013: \$75,000

To reach out to children and young people in Argentina, Chile, Cuba, Guatemala, Panama, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Venezuela, with the message of salvation and equip them with practical information regarding drug and alcohol abuse, violence, and promiscuity.

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- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 33, 36
- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37

Peru

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

1977–1979: \$30,000

More than a million Aymara and Quechua Indians live in isolated villages and have never heard of Jesus Christ.

Though poor, many own radios and can be reached through Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones. The project would assist in the production, promotion, and distribution of Lutheran Hour programs in Bolivia, Ecuador, and Peru.

Sources

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Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 9, 14–15

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- Summer 1978, p. 15, “Lutheran Hour”
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- 17th Biennial Convention, Laramie, Wyo., 1977, p. 35
- 18th Biennial Convention, Omaha, Neb., 1979, p. 49
- 19th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wis., 1981, p. 76

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF AID AND CHURCH PLANTS IN PERU

2009–2011: \$100,000

To help LCMS World Mission reach out with God’s love in the forgotten earthquake-stricken part of Peru through humanitarian aid and church planting.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 9, 31–32

Dedicated!, pp. 54, 97

Quarterly

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Convention Manual

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SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL FOOD FOR CHILDREN OF PERU — LA MISION LUTERANA DEL PERU

2021–2023: \$56,750

Castillo Forte (Mighty Fortress) Mercy House is an outreach of the LCMS Missions in Latin America and the Caribbean and was started in 2013. The people of Lima were unable to fully finance the work of the Mercy House, and the work of our missionaries, who feed souls with the Word of God and show the love of Christ by feeding the parents and children’s stomachs. Families came to receive food for their physical bodies, and they stayed because of Jesus’ love for them as He feeds them the spiritual food which sustains their souls. The healing power of Christ’s love and redemption shine into the broken lives of the families making them whole. This grant partnered with La Mision Luterana and Castillo Forte to work together to care for the children and families of Lima, Peru, by providing for the needs of body and soul.

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- 39th Biennial Convention, Lexington, Ky., 2021 p. 38
- 40th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wisc., 2023 p. 47

BAGUIO CITY MISSIONARY RETREAT HOMES 1953–1955: \$60,000

(\$15,000 designated for the Philippines. See also entries for retreat homes in Argentina, Brazil, and Japan, which are included in this grant.)

Vacations are necessary for those who labor, and pleasant, quiet surroundings are most conducive to revitalization. The Philippine retreat home was prepared with these thoughts in mind. Baguio City, a cool mountain town, was chosen. On a large lot in a quiet residential section, our mites constructed a two-family apartment house — each apartment having its own kitchen, dining room, and bath, plus three small bedrooms. Completion was achieved in 1955.

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- July 1955, p. 3ff., “Homes for Rest and Relaxation”
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BAGUIO, LUZON ISLAND LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

1959–1961: \$80,000

Imperative to every mission field is training a national ministry. “Large steps in small boots” were taken in beginning this seminary in the basements of instructors’ homes! Later, rental quarters were used which soon proved inadequate as growth developed. After much searching, a two-acre estate near Baguio was purchased. Four estate buildings were converted into a dormitory, dean’s residence, library, and classroom area. Grant provided for purchase and renovations.

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WINGS, pp. 100–101

God Gave the Increase, pp. 222, 223–225

Dedicated!, p. 69

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Philippines

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PHILIPPINE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

1969–1971: \$10,000

With the Philippine rise in nationalism, it is expedient to plan for education and training of future church leaders. This grant will be added to other funds gathered to establish a scholarship trust fund. This will be an ongoing program since only interest money will be used for scholarship grants. An average of 30 students will receive assistance annually.

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Proceedings

- 14th Biennial Convention, Louisville, Ky., 1971, p. 61

BAGUIO HELP OUR PEOPLE EDUCATIONALLY (PROJECT HOPE)

1975–1977: \$51,000

The Lutheran Church of the Philippines maintains a student dormitory in Baguio for youth attending school away from home. The church looks to educate young people to propagate God’s Word to future generations. The \$51,000 project helped fund the building of the Student Service Facility in Baguio.

Sources

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MORANAO MUSLIM SCRIPTURE BOOKLETS THE PHILIPPINES AND SOUTHEAST ASIA STUDY MATERIALS

1981–1983: \$60,000

This was a two-part project — the first part to translate and produce simple teaching materials dealing with primary Christian beliefs in five Asian languages: Hmong, Thai, Laotian, Vietnamese, and Cambodian. The \$30,000 project, “Go, Therefore, and Make Disciples,” was completed in 1981

and was distributed through synodical headquarters.

The second part of the project to produce and distribute Moranao Muslim Scripture booklets in the Philippines was not able to be accomplished and the project was no longer feasible, so the \$30,000 was redirected to help finish and furnish an addition to the Lutheran Hospital, Abaton, Buguias, Philippines. The LWML Board of Directors reallocated the monies in February 1985.

Sources

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God Gave the Increase, pp. 222, 229

Quarterly

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Convention Manual

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- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 74
- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 98

BALAKBAK, BENQUET CHRISTIAN STUDENT DORMITORY

1987–1989: \$56,370

Duntug Kalbaryu Lutheran Church in Balakbak, Benquet, Philippines, founded in 1954, is in one of the greatest concentrations of Lutherans in the Philippines. Ten new congregations have a membership of more than 3,000. The government has a vocational high school here. Of the 600 students in the school, about 100 are Lutheran or Reformed. Most students live four to five in small seven feet by seven feet rooms and cook there, a most undesirable situation. The church is concerned for its young people and has undertaken to construct an urgently needed dormitory to provide their Lutheran students with a Christian atmosphere and bring Christ to those who do not yet know Him by means of Bible classes and devotions in the dormitory. This project tied with the Gospel Center, Concordia Middle School, Taiwan, in the balloting at the convention. Later in the biennium, Concordia Middle School agreed to give its share of the grant to this project, and upon Board of Directors’ approval, the entire grant went to this project.

Sources

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God Gave the Increase, pp. 222, 228

Quarterly

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- 23rd Biennial Convention, Rapid City, S.D., 1989, p. 76

TRAINING PASTORS IN HIGH-RISK AREAS — SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES

2003–2005: \$70,000

Because of terrorist activity in the southern Philippines, U.S. missionaries are in danger. This grant brought nonresident missionaries to safe places in the Philippines,

providing training of the Tagakaulo people to plant and nurture churches throughout their country.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 164

God Gave the Increase, pp. 222, 229–230

Dedicated!, pp. 28, 57

Convention Manual

- 31st Biennial Convention, Tampa, Fla., 2005, p. 48

LCMS DEACONESS MINISTRY

2019–2021: \$39,523

LCMS deaconesses are women who are full-time professional church workers, trained to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a ministry of works of mercy, spiritual care, and teaching the Christian faith. The LCMS Deaconess Ministry program provides LCMS students the opportunity to become a church professional, learning and training to understand the diaconal leadership and the work of deaconesses as applied to body and soul ministry. This grant provided educational and financial support to our partner churches who introduced deaconess training programs within their church bodies like the Philippines, Latvia, Liberia, Indonesia, Malaysia, and India.

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Convention Manual

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Poland

POSTWAR EUROPE CHILD REHABILITATION (TO ORPHANS AND ORPHANAGES)

1945–1949: \$73,262.33

Orphans and orphanages in postwar Europe received 10 percent of Mite Box funds during this double biennium — \$10,000 was allocated toward providing religious literature, primarily catechisms, songbooks, and children’s prayer books, while \$50,000 equipped Synod-established orphanages. The remainder (\$13,262.33) supplied items such as fuel, cloth for bed linens, and food. By convention decision in 1947, this project was continued through a second biennium, terminating at the opening of the 1949 convention.

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God Gave the Increase, pp. 1–7

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- July 1946, p. 14ff., “Our Relief Goods Are Being Shipped”
- July 1947, p. 3ff., “A Report of Our Relief Project”
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- April 1953, p. 3ff., “10 Years — 7 Projects”
- July 1962, p. 14ff., “20 Years of Glad Service”
- Summer 1967, p. 17ff., “Members Gave — Missions Grew”

Romania

SIOUX CITY, IOWA PROVIDING FOOD AND THE GOSPEL TO STARVING CHILDREN — MERCY MEALS OF SIOUXLAND

2017–2019: \$40,000

Jesus gives the same command today, to feed the hungry, that He gave His disciples. Mercy Meals of Siouxland, a ministry of Faith Lutheran Church, Sioux City, Iowa, began packaging fortified rice/soy meals in 2012. Mercy Meals donates all packaged meals to Orphan Grain Train for transportation and delivery to Christian organizations in many countries, including India, Haiti, Romania, and Ecuador, as well as to Navajo reservations in the Southwest and Ysleta Mission in El Paso, Texas. The children and families received food and they heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This LWML grant was used to feed from 50,000 to 75,000 hungry children.

Sources

Dedicated!, p. 99

Quarterly

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- Spring 2018, p. 15, “Current Mission Grants Highlighted in this Issue”
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Convention Manual

- 37th Biennial Convention, Albuquerque, N.M., 2017, p. 28

Russia

ENGLISH/SECOND LANGUAGE COORDINATOR, RUSSIA

1993–1995: \$100,000

The Lord has opened many doors in Russia. Teaching English as a second language (ESL) is an important part of this ministry, with an enormous demand in Russia for English teachers. LCMS World Mission has placed six teachers in St. Petersburg with plans to place 20 more. A person who possesses the qualifications necessary and is fluent in Russian will guide the program. This grant enables World Missions to provide a full-time coordinator for the ESL ministry in Russia.

Sources

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- Winter 1994, p. 45

Convention Manual

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- 26th Biennial Convention, Kansas City, Mo. 1995, p. 80

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

1999–2001: \$30,000

With the fall of the Soviet Union, outreach to children is now encouraged. Missionaries are working in orphanages; older children are being taught the Bible by deaconesses, and Bible stories are shared with homeless children.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

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Convention Manual

- 29th Biennial Convention, San Jose, Calif., 2001, p. 45

SHIPPING ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN CONTAINERS TO AFRICA AND RUSSIA

2005–2007: \$30,000

Containers are being shipped, filled with humanitarian aid such as quilts, health kits, medical supplies, and religious materials such as Bibles and *Portals of Prayer*, for distribution by the Lutheran churches in Africa and Russia.

Sources

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God Gave the Increase, pp. 164, 175–177

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Quarterly

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HOPE CHRISTIAN FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER — ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

2007–2009: \$36,000

To help the HOPE Center, St. Petersburg, Russia, in its ministry through pro-life support and counseling, pregnancy testing, computer job skills training, and Bible study.

Sources

Dedicated!, p. 96

Convention Manual

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Rwanda

AFRICA PRE- AND POST-SEMINARY TRAINING FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORKERS

2019–2021: \$62,650

In villages across Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, most local congregations are led by helpers, evangelists, or seminary-trained and ordained pastors. Both the before-seminary and after-seminary men were eager

for opportunities to study theology in a community that would enable them to better serve their congregations. To enable those to whom the church had called into service as lay leaders of these congregations, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Africa Mission Training Center provided continuing education opportunities for local pastors and their wives. The course was taught by a church leader, a local seminary professor, or a missionary engaged in the work God had given him. This grant provided basic theological training for lay leaders of congregations who served under a pastor responsible for between 5 and 15 congregations. The training material allowed the local pastor to work through a total of 22 workbooks (over 2 years) with his lay leaders. Lay leaders gathered with their pastor for 5 days once a month. The program provided limited financial assistance to offset the costs of food and transportation.

Sources

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- Fall 2019, p. 17, “2019–2021 Mission Grants”

Convention Manual

- 38th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Ala., 2019, p. 33
- 39th Biennial Convention, Lexington, Ky., 2021, p. 50

Siberia

SIBERIA EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH

2001–2003: \$75,000

The goal of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria (Russia) is to plant 10 to 15 new churches in Siberia. This grant was used to translate Christian literature and train leaders for this goal.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

God Gave the Increase, pp. 8, 19–21

Dedicated!, p. 25

Quarterly

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TRAINING PASTORS TO SERVE THE CHURCH IN RUSSIA— LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, NOVOSIBIRSK, SIBERIA

2021–2023: \$100,000

Through the efforts of the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church and the pastoral training provided by the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia, the Word and Sacraments are making their way to the long repressed Russian people. With this grant, Lutheran Women’s Missionary League partnered in training pastors and deaconesses and in helping the seminary continue its efforts to restore the Lutheran Church in Russia. The Novosibirsk seminary’s goal is to prepare workers to spread the true Word of God to the Russian people. This grant funded some of the operational expenses of the seminary and allowed it to

continue providing a solid theological education to those seeking to serve as pastors and deaconesses within the Siberian Lutheran Church.

Sources

Quarterly

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Convention Manual

- 39th Biennial Convention, Lexington, Ky., 2021 p. 44
- 40th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wisc., 2023 p. 47

Sierra Leone

NEW MISSION FIELD

1983: 40TH ANNIVERSARY THANKOFFERING — \$100,000

More than \$100,000 was finally given for the opening of a new mission field in Sierra Leone by Missionary David Londenberg. The monies were used for salary, transportation, education of children, pre-field training, benefits, and other start-up costs. Forward in Remembrance will continue the funding.

Sources

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Women in League with the Lord, p. 57

God Gave the Increase, pp. 120, 121–126

Dedicated!, p. 12

Convention Manual

- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 97

BOTSWANA, SIERRA LEONE, TOGO, LIBERIA, GHANA; NIGERIA — SOLAR POWER FOR MISSION STATIONS

1985–1987: \$68,000

Many countries in which we have missionaries are petroleum-scarce countries, causing the cost of gasoline and kerosene to be \$3 a gallon. Thirty-four mission stations can energy costs and providing more efficient ministries in these six areas.

Sources

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God Gave the Increase, pp. 164, 166–169

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Convention Manual

- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, pp. 45–46
- 22nd Biennial Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987, p. 73

LUTHERAN TEACHERS

2005–2007 \$84,000

Funding helps meet the urgent need for Lutheran teachers who

will help erase the literacy void in this impoverished, war-torn country, and teach Christian values and God’s love.

Sources

God Gave the Increase, pp. 120, 127–129

Dedicated!, pp. 33, 96

Quarterly

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Convention Manual

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- 32nd Biennial Convention, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2007, p. 50

LIBERIA — RAISING PASTORS AND DEACONESSES 2017–2019: \$97,000

Prior to the civil conflict of 1990, there were several Bible colleges/seminaries across the country of Liberia. Some were yet to be opened and none were Lutheran. The civil war increased the level of economic hardship in the country, making it difficult for those who may want to study outside of Liberia. In addition, fees charged by other colleges and seminaries outside of Liberia were extremely high. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia decided to build a Lutheran Bible College for its 137 congregations and for those from neighboring Sierra Leone and Guinea. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia believed strongly in the need to witness by our Lutheran confession in a nation that predominately preached and practiced work righteousness over and against justification by grace through faith alone. This grant provided all the necessary funds to build the college/seminary with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia supplying the labor. Funds were reallocated, January 2019:

LeadAChild — \$30,000

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis — \$40,000

Liberian Deaconess Ministry — \$7,000

Sierra Leone Seminary — \$25,000

Sources

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MINISTRY VEHICLE FUND, ETHIOPIA AND SIERRA LEONE — LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS

2021–2023: \$70,000 NOTE: This MG was also listed on p. 17

Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) uses literacy programs within the local language communities to give people the skills to read the newly translated Bible which results in a personal relationship with God. When they can read God’s Word in their local or heart language, they know that God speaks their language and hears their prayers. Local personnel in Ethiopia and Sierra Leone, identified as partners with LBT, help teach their people. The long distances between the language communities have treacherous and hazardous terrain. The money from this grant helped purchase robust, reliable

vehicles. Trainers were able to travel to God's people who were waiting for the opportunity to learn to read the saving words of the Gospel in their heart language. This impacted multiple language groups in both countries.

Sources

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- Fall 2021, p. 15, "2021–2023 Mission Grants"

Convention Manual

- 39th Biennial Convention, Lexington, Ky., 2021 p. 38
- 40th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wisc., 2023 p. 47

South Africa

SUPPORT OF SEMINARY STUDENTS' FAMILIES — WEST AFRICA

2001–2003: \$75,000

Facilities in Nigeria, Ghana, Togo, and South Africa train pastors in West Africa, and students coming from troubled areas are concerned about their families back home. This grant brings their families with them, and training is also given to wives.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

God Gave the Increase, pp. 164, 175

Convention Manual

- 30th Biennial Convention, Oklahoma City, Okla., 2003, p. 46

South Korea

SEOUL, KOREA LUTHERAN MULTIMINISTRY CENTER

1971–1973: \$15,000

Partial funding for this project gives seed money for first-phase construction of a multi-ministry center. The center is to be used, not only for worship, but also for leadership training, vocational training, and arts and drama — and for a Christian place to go in the greater Seoul area.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 163, 176

God Gave the Increase, pp. 264, 266–267

Dedicated!, p. 9

Quarterly

- Summer 1971, p. 14, "Projects on Ballot"
- Fall 1971, p. 29, "To So Many People Needing His Love"
- Summer 1972, p. 56, "A Place to Go in Korea"
- Summer 1973, p. 10, "Mission Possible"
- Summer 1976, p. 28, "Seoul Multi-ministry Center Dedicated"
- Fall 1987, p. 16, "Past Project Update"

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Proceeding

- 16th Biennial Convention, St. Paul, Minn., 1975, p. 14
- Convention Manual*
- 17th Biennial Convention, Laramie, Wyo., 1977, p. 45

SHIN GAL CHURCH SITE

1983–1985: \$42,000

Through God's grace, the growth of the Lutheran Church in Korea over the last 25 years has been slow and steady. Land is at a premium, and it is often harder to obtain the land than it is to build a church. The LCMS and the Lutheran Church in Korea have a plan for obtaining land on a matching fund basis — 70 percent comes from the United States, and 30 percent comes from the Korean Church. The United States portion for obtaining a piece of land for a church near the new Korean Seminary was made possible by this grant.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 245, 251

God Gave the Increase, pp. 264, 267–268

Quarterly

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- Spring 1984, p. 36, "Church Site, Korea"
- Fall 1987, p. 16, "Past Project Update"

Convention Manual

- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 36
- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 95

SHIN GAL SEMINARY DORMITORY

1985: SPECIAL GRANT — \$200,000

This special grant from bequest and interest monies helped build much-needed dormitories for the seminary in Shin Gal. Forward in Remembrance funds provided the remaining monies. The Board of Directors approved this project in February 1985.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 244, 251

God Gave the Increase, pp. 264, 272–273

Quarterly

- Fall 1987, p. 16, "Past Project Update"

Convention Manual

- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 97

SUPPORT FOR TWO OVERSEAS MISSIONARIES

1983–1985: \$60,000

\$30,000 was given to support two missionaries for one biennium through the Personalized Missionary Support Program (PMSP) of the LCMS. Rev. David Londenberg and his family served in Sierra Leone, a new mission field, that was opened with \$100,000 from the 40th Anniversary Thankoffering. Rev. Richard Pfaff and family served in Seoul, Korea. Through the PMSP, regular contact is attempted between the support person and the missionary to promote a feeling of working together in the mission field.

Sources

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Women in League with the Lord, p. 57

God Gave the Increase, pp. 120, 121–126, 264, 268

Dedicated!, p. 12

Quarterly

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- Fall 1984, p. 35, “Support of Overseas Missionaries”

Convention Manual

- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 35
- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 95

SCHOLARSHIPS — LUTHER SEMINARY

1991–1993: \$100,000

To assist full-time church-work students who need financial aid and at the same time to give encouragement to this young, dynamic church body.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 112

God Gave the Increase, pp. 264, 273–274

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Convention Manual

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- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 84

Sri Lanka

SRI LANKA MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

2019–2021: \$50,000

The Lutheran Church had operated in Sri Lanka since the 1920s. Over the years, Lutherans in Sri Lanka had suffered numerous tests and trials. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod had four active congregations and seven preaching stations. There were three pastors for the 11 congregations. The need to train pastors was evident by the interest and enrollment in pre-seminary classes. For many years, the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sri Lanka had needed a sanctuary for Immanuel Lutheran Church, a central administrative office, and facilities to offer the theological classes for future pastors, which provided a permanent Lutheran seminary. Plans for a building to house the sanctuary, administrative offices, and theological classrooms had been designed. This grant assisted in funding the construction of the Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building.

Sources

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- Fall 2019, p. 17, “2019–2021 Mission Grants”

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- 38th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Ala., 2019, p. 29
- 39th Biennial Convention, Lexington, Ky., 2021, p. 50

Sudan

HEALTH CARE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN 2001–2003: \$50,000

Women and children especially vulnerable to diseases are not receiving proper medical treatment. St. Paul Lutheran Clinic responds to their needs with holistic ministry, aiding both soul

and body.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

God Gave the Increase, pp. 146, 149–149

Dedicated!, p. 25

Convention Manual

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EXPAND MISSION WORK IN TANZANIA, KENYA, UGANDA, SUDAN, AND ETHIOPIA

2007–2009: \$104,500

To help develop and support Mission Training Centers to train teachers, evangelists, and pastors in Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Sudan, and Ethiopia.

Sources

God Gave the Increase, pp. 164, 177–179

Dedicated!, p. 96

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention, Portland, Ore., 2009, p. 44

PORTABLE MEDICAL CLINICS FOR THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SUDAN

2007–2009: \$70,000

To provide the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sudan with two portable medical clinics, to be retrofitted and stocked by volunteer teams, and staffed with volunteer medical mission teams to serve the people in Gaguga and Malakal.

Sources

God Gave the Increase, pp. 146, 150–152

Dedicated!, pp. 44, 96

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention, Portland, Ore., 2009, p. 43

Taiwan

TEN EDUCATIONAL BUILDINGS

1961: \$20,000

(Original allocation — Brazilian retreat home, 1953. Reallocated funds/Olive Gruen Memorial.)

Strengthening young congregations can most effectively be accomplished through Christian educational means. This grant enabled 10 congregations to erect “activities buildings” containing kindergarten space, meeting areas, and educational facilities costing \$2,000 each.

(Note: This money became available through the return of a previously disbursed allocation. See “Missionary Retreat Home,” Brazil, 1953–55.)

Sources

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WINGS, p. 92, 111

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- Summer 1967, p. 17ff., “Members Gave — Missions Grew”

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- 9th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1961, pp. 23, 54

Proceedings

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CHIAYI CONCORDIA MIDDLE SCHOOL

1979–1981: \$45,000

With a growing interest in the Christian faith, the Concordia Middle School was used as an evangelism tool of the Lutheran Church in Taiwan. It used every opportunity to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to its students and families. New programs such as kindergarten and vocational training were introduced.

Additional construction, equipment, furniture, and machines were purchased with this grant.

Sources

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CHRISTIAN SALVATION SERVICES

1985–87: \$48,000

The social stigma attached to illegitimacy in Chinese society is perhaps more pervasive and severe than in any other country in the world. The Christian Salvation Service is a social welfare and relief agency sponsored primarily by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and the Wheat Ridge Foundation. The ministry of the agency to counsel and assist unwed pregnant girls and their families has been successful as the Spirit leads precious souls of both mother and child to the Lord. Funds provide for support and maintenance of a home for unwed mothers, a counseling program, and a children’s shelter and nursery.

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CONCORDIA MIDDLE SCHOOL — GOSPEL CENTER **1989–1991: \$100,000**

Concordia Middle School has been operated by the China Evangelical Lutheran Church for many years and currently provides education to about 1,900 students, most from Buddhist backgrounds. The Gospel Center on the campus is

needed to provide offices, Bible study and counseling rooms, a library, a fellowship area, and perhaps a small chapel to this growing ministry. With the involvement of the staff and Volunteer Youth Ministers, several young people from the school have been baptized. This center will be a witness to the community of the high priority placed on Christian education.

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- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 88

ASIA WOMEN’S WITNESS AND MERCY ASIA

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Tanzania

SWAHILI LARGE-PRINT BIBLICAL BOOKS

1995–1997: \$100,000

Paid on a monthly basis, work on the books is continuous. Dr. Albert Mongi, general secretary of the Bible Society of Tanzania, will receive the finished volumes in Tanzania, where they will be distributed.

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God Gave the Increase, pp. 139, 141–142

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KISWAHILI NEW TESTAMENT — BRAILLE 2005–2007: \$75,000

The New Testament is being produced in Kiswahili Braille for blind people in Kenya, Ghana, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Sources

God Gave the Increase, pp. 164, 170

Dedicated!, p. 96

Quarterly

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Convention Manual

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- 32nd Biennial Convention, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2007, p. 50

EXPAND MISSION WORK IN TANZANIA, KENYA, UGANDA, SUDAN, AND ETHIOPIA 2007–2009: \$104,500

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Sources

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Dedicated!, p. 96

Convention Manual

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TEN CHAPELS, TRANSPORTATION, AND PASTORAL TRAINING IN TANZANIA 2009–2011: \$88,000

To purchase 10 chapel roofs, motorcycles for pastors, bicycles for evangelists, and prepare five men for pastoral ministry in Tanzania.

Sources

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Quarterly

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TANZANIAN SEWING CENTER — EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN TANZANIA (ELCT) 2017–2019: \$25,000

In southeastern Tanzania, many young women from villages did not attend school or have jobs, and so they sought unskilled jobs in larger towns, and often ended up involved in prostitution. Some ended up with AIDS or unexpected pregnancies, with no means of supporting themselves. The ELCT established the Bishop Makala Sewing Center which taught young women sewing, life skills, and the Gospel. The ELCT goal was to build classrooms with a 50-student capacity, along with a dormitory. Within one year of training, the sewing skills enable the women to have pocket money, purchase a sewing machine, and buy materials to create sewn items to sell for income.

Sources

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AFRICA PRE- AND POST-SEMINARY TRAINING FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORKERS 2019–2021: \$62,650

In villages across Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, most local congregations are led by helpers, evangelists, or seminary-trained and ordained pastors. Both the before-seminary and after-seminary men were eager for opportunities to study theology in a community that would enable them to better serve their congregations. To enable those to whom the church had called into service as lay leaders of these congregations, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Africa Mission Training Center provided continuing education opportunities for local pastors and their wives. The course was taught by a church leader, a local seminary professor, or a missionary engaged in the work God had given him. This grant provided basic theological training for lay leaders of congregations who served under a pastor responsible for between 5 and 15 congregations. The training material allowed the local pastor to work through a total of 22 workbooks (over 2 years) with his lay leaders. Lay leaders gathered with their pastor for 5 days once a month. The program provided limited financial assistance to offset the costs of food and transportation.

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- 39th Biennial Convention, Lexington, Ky., 2021, p. 50

TANZANIA AND ETHIOPIA GOD’S WORD CHANGES EVERYTHING 2019–2021: \$95,000

Martin Luther wrote, “I wish that this book alone, in all languages, would live in the hands, eyes, ears, and hearts of all people.” When people have God’s Word, it changes their lives in ways they could not imagine. Lutheran Bible Translators trained people from churches in Ethiopia and Tanzania to translate the Bible into their own languages as a part of seminary training. This was a four-year project with 15 trainees working each year. These grant funds were used to equip pastors and lay leaders in the translation of God’s Word in the numerous local dialects to benefit Tanzanian and Ethiopian people in their everyday worship.

Sources

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- 39th Biennial Convention, Lexington, Ky., 2021, p. 50

MERCY MEDICAL CARE FOR TANZANIA — MWADUI LUTHERAN SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY 2021–2023: \$68,182

Mwadui Lutheran School in Shinyanga, Tanzania, has become one of the leading schools in the region with enrollment increasing from 40 to over 200 students. It educates many new pastors, teachers, and professionals from all over western Tanzania using a curriculum with a Christian world view and daily chapel. This educational facility has become a valuable Christian outreach ministry to the community and region. However, malaria and other health issues continue to be a vexing problem for the students, teachers, staff, and community. The next step in enhancing this educational facility is starting a medical clinic. This grant purchased medical equipment, medical supplies, and medicine to treat the various illnesses of the student community in the Southeast of Lake Victoria Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Tanzania (SELVD-ELCT).

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- 40th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wisc., 2023 p. 47

Thailand

CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL MISSIONS FOR KAREN REFUGEES IN THAILAND

1987–1989: \$75,000

Civil war in Burma [now Myanmar] has led more and more Karen people to flee to safety in Thailand. The Thai government has not been able to serve these people’s many needs because of overwhelming numbers. A significant portion of the tribe is Christian; the great concern of these people is to strengthen the faith of tribal members as they are academically educated and vocationally trained. The LCMS Board for Missions has responded to this need and has called two teachers, living in primitive conditions among the people, to serve the Karen. Our grant supported buildings and educational materials, focusing on a strong evangelistic program.

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- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 91

BANGKOK PROJECT RAHAB 1989–1991: \$70,000

Close to 1 million women in Thailand are involved in prostitution, most brought into the system in their mid-teens. Out of economic necessity they remain in this profession until they become ill or no longer meet the requirements. A deaconess has been placed, and in cooperation with the Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation, will be working with girls in a halfway house setting. Here they will receive training in skills along with the message of salvation. It is expected that the girls will be able to have a new life because of this environment.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 265, 279

God Gave the Increase, pp. 278, 282–287

Quarterly

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- Spring, 1991, p. 46

Convention Manual

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- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 89

PRINTING THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE KAREN BIBLE (1991)

WESCOTT CONVENTION OFFERING (1989) \$17, 170

The Karen people, estimated at more than four million, have attempted to live on land that lies on the Burma [now Myanmar]-Thailand border. Many live as refugees in Thailand. Christianity was introduced in the early 1800s, but no foreign missionaries have been allowed to work in Burma since 1960. In 1978, Dennis Denow, an LCMS educator, began work in Thailand just across the Burma border from the Karens, where he found many Christians. The Bible is important to them, as it is the only book in their own language. However, they have only an old translation, and with changes in the language since it was translated, it is used little. A group of Karen Christian volunteers has completed the translation. There are restrictions on the quantity of Christian materials that may be printed in Burma, so this will be done in Chiang Mai, Thailand. It is estimated that the first copies will be printed before the end of 1991.

Sources

God Gave the Increase, pp. 278, 280–281

Convention Manual

- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 94

BANGKOK CONCORDIA DAYCARE CENTER 2003–2005: \$54,000

Funds were used to share Jesus’ love through this support facility, a haven that reaches underprivileged children and families with Christian education and care.

Sources

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WOMEN’S WITNESS AND MERCY ASIA 2019–2021: \$100,000

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Togo

BOTSWANA, SIERRA LEONE, TOGO, LIBERIA, GHANA; NIGERIA — SOLAR POWER FOR MISSION STATIONS

1985–1987: \$68,000

Many countries in which we have missionaries are petroleum-scarce countries, causing the cost of gasoline and kerosene to be \$3 a gallon. Thirty-four mission stations can energy costs and providing more efficient ministries in these six areas.

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SUPPORT OF SEMINARY STUDENTS' FAMILIES — WEST AFRICA

2001–2003: \$75,000

Facilities in Nigeria, Ghana, Togo, and South Africa train pastors in West Africa, and students coming from troubled areas are concerned about their families back home. This grant brings their families with them, and training is also given to

wives.

Sources

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Convention Manual

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EDUCATING PASTORS IN AFRICA — MISSION CENTRAL

2021–2023: \$100,000 NOTE: This MG was also listed on p. 31 & 60

God is calling African men to become pastors. These men of faith know the culture and how best to share God's truth and the love of Christ in their native country. Matongo Lutheran Theological College, Kenya, East Africa, is a confessional Lutheran college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK), which is in Altar and Pulpit Fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). This theological college needed support funding. Grant funds were used for pastoral education projects, including scholarships and seminary needs in Kenya, Togo West Africa, and Uganda, as well as general support of six missionaries — five pastors and one layman.

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Turkey

EGYPT CHRISTIAN HOPE THROUGH MASS MEDIA IN EGYPT — LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

2017–2019: \$100,000

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) has over 60 years of experience proclaiming the Gospel via mass media in the Middle East. The stable political climate in Egypt provided a new opportunity to expand ministry in the region. Parts of the Middle East experienced great turmoil and war with refugees, mainly women and children, fleeing to safety. The proclamation of the Gospel was expanded in these areas, especially in refugee camps in Lebanon, Jordan, and Turkey. LHM reached families, refugees, and citizens of the region through a new television program broadcast in Cairo, Egypt. This new television broadcast reached millions of people throughout the Middle East. Refugees and citizens alike, heard the message of faith and of the true love of Christ. A strong Christian voice and witness through Arabic satellite television was telecast.

Sources

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Uganda

KAGANDO HOSPITAL — MEDICAL MINISTRY

1981–1983: \$50,000

Kagando Hospital serves the Bakonjo people of the Rivenzori Mountains. This grant helped build a maternity ward and malnutrition treatment village, helping to alleviate the overcrowding in the hospital facilities.

Sources

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Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention, Portland, Ore., 2009, p. 44

UGANDA OPPORTUNITIES IN UGANDA

2015–2017: \$ 100,000

The Lutheran Church Mission in Uganda (LCMU) was started in 1993 and registered in Uganda in April 1995. Its vision as “A Christ-centered church body, growing in grace and committed to the Great Commission ...” has helped to plant

over 110 Lutheran congregations with over 25,000 members. This grant assisted in the completion of the final phase of the seminary in Uganda, which the seminary, allowed pastors and lay leaders the opportunity to study closer to home. The grant also provided \$20,000 for 100 women to attend Women of the Pearl conferences.

Sources

Dedicated!, pp. 80, 99

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UGANDA COMPLETION OF LUKONDA LUTHERAN SCHOOL BUILDINGS, UGANDA — LUTHERAN CHURCH UGANDA

2017–2019: \$48,000

This grant completed the Phase II construction of two schools in Kayunga District, Uganda. Between 100 and 200 children, ages four to 12, were educated in these schools. The villages of Kakiika and Lukonda provided bricks and land for the school and Resurrection Lutheran Church and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Southeastern District covered the remaining costs of labor and materials for Phase One. This grant enabled the completion of the school building complex that was begun in 2012. Each of the two completed school buildings had four classrooms. Two of the classrooms in one building were used for weekly Lutheran worship services.

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EXPANDING GOD’S LOVE IN UGANDA — LCMS OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL MISSION, AFRICA REGION

2021–2023: \$92,000

The Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCU) a steadily growing church body in eastern Africa, requested LCMS assistance to locally train deaconesses so they could assist the small number of Lutheran pastors throughout Uganda to teach the faith, provide spiritual care, and show mercy to the communities. Providing local training was a huge benefit to qualified women who could not travel to Kenya for a two-year program, and to the church. The grant funds were used to purchase land attached to the established Lutheran Theological College Uganda, purchase fencing, and to build a small dormitory for the women.

Sources

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United Kingdom

POSTWAR EUROPE CHILD REHABILITATION (TO ORPHANS AND ORPHANAGES)

1945–1949: \$73,262.33

Orphans and orphanages in postwar Europe received 10 percent of Mite Box funds during this double biennium — \$10,000 was allocated toward providing religious literature, primarily catechisms, songbooks, and children’s prayer books, while \$50,000 equipped Synod-established orphanages. The remainder (\$13,262.33) supplied items such as fuel, cloth for bed linens, and food. By convention decision in 1947, this project was continued through a second biennium, terminating at the opening of the 1949 convention.

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United States

CLEVELAND, OHIO CHRIST CHURCH, CHAPEL FOR THE DEAF

1943–1945: \$15,000

Suggestion that this chapel be a project was made in the League's LWML's organizational convention in July 1942. Official adoption occurred at the 1943 convention, but disbursement of funds was to be delayed pending repayment of organizational loans. \$15,000 was specified in 1945 when funds became available. Wartime shortages caused another delay, but on Oct. 10, 1948, groundbreaking ceremonies were held, and the chapel was dedicated on June 26, 1949. This chapel enabled members to hold regular services and auxiliary meetings, contributing to congregational growth and development.

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Quarterly

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HONOLULU, HAWAII OUR REDEEMER CHURCH 1949–1951: \$30,000

Servicemen stationed in the “Islands” during World War II noted need for God’s Word in this area. First resident missionary was called in 1944, but government regulations prevented arrival until June 1945. Planning for construction of a church and two classrooms began immediately upon approval of this grant at the 1949 convention. Groundbreaking was held in December 1949. This new edifice was dedicated to the glory of God in September 1950.

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- October 1950, pp. 11, 14, “Beautiful Savior for Beautiful Hawaii”
- October 1950, pp. 12–13, “Converting Missionary Mites into Missionary Might — in Honolulu”
- April 1953, p. 3ff., “10 Years — 7 Projects”
- April 1954, p. 1 (cover picture)
- April 1954, p. 7ff., “The Life of the Land”
- October 1957, p. 7, “The President’s Page”
- October 1957, pp. 12–13, “Our Church in Hawaii”

(center picture spread)

- July 1960, p. 1 (cover picture)
- July 1960, p. 9, “New Christians Witness”
- July 1960, pp. 16–17, “Hawaii, Playground of the World” (picture spread)
- July 1962, p. 14ff., “20 Years of Glad Service”
- Summer 1967, p. 17ff., “Members Gave — Missions Grew”

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y. TRUE LIGHT CHINESE CHURCH

1951–1953: \$75,000

Rapid growth but limited facilities and resources had been a problem for this group since 1904. Order to vacate premises and lack of available rental space forced the congregation to build (a disguised blessing!). New structure included prayer room, gymnasium facilities, auxiliary meeting rooms, and classrooms — in addition to the chapel. LWML grant enabled congregation to liquidate a major portion of indebtedness incurred in construction.

Sources

Women on a Mission, p. 186

WINGS, p. 76

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 189, 192–195

Quarterly

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- January 1949, p. 14, “True Light in Atlantic District”
- April 1951, p. 14, “Know Your Missionaries in New York City” (pictures)
- January 1952, p. 3ff., “The True Light of Chinatown, New York City”
- October 1952, pp. 12–13, “Know Your Missionaries” (center picture spread)
- April 1953, p. 3ff., “10 Years — 7 Projects”
- October 1960, p. 1 (cover picture)
- October 1960, p. 3ff., “Guild of True Light Church Has Interesting Membership”
- October 1960, p. 4ff., “Joyous Children’s Voices Tell of Jesus’ Love”
- October 1960, p. 9, “Personal Work Wins Chinese for Savior”
- October 1960, pp. 16–17, “True Light Lutheran Church” (picture spread)
- July 1962, p. 14ff., “20 Years of Glad Service”
- Summer 1967, p. 17ff., “Members Gave — Missions Grew”

VALPARAISO, IND. DEACONESS CHAPTER HOUSE 1953–1955: \$60,000

Though requests for deaconesses steadily increased, facilities for their housing during training were extremely inadequate — already 14 of 40 students had to be housed in rented rooms in the vicinity. Grant would help provide suitable accommodations for 74 students.

Delays occurred while additional funds were sought (total amount needed, \$350,000). By June 2, 1957, sufficient funding was available to begin work, and the cornerstone was laid. Dedication of this three-story building was held on Dec. 12, 1958.

Sources

Women on a Mission, p. 188

WINGS, pp. 90, 92

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 214, 216–217

Quarterly

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- April 1954, p. 3ff., “Deaconesses Say, ‘Thanks, LWML’”
- April 1954, pp. 12–13, “Deaconesses at Work” (center picture spread)
- October 1954, p. 9, “The President’s Page”
- January 1955, p. 7ff., “Building for Christ”
- October 1955, p. 10ff., “The President’s Page”
- October 1957, p. 7, “The President’s Page”
- April 1958, p. 10, “The President’s Page”
- April 1960, p. 1 (cover picture)
- April 1960, p. 3ff., “Deaconesses are Missionaries”
- April 1960, pp. 16–17, “Completed to the Glory of God” (picture spread)
- July 1962, p. 14ff., “20 Years of Glad Service”
- July 1966, p. 6ff., “God Granted the Growth”
- Summer 1967, p. 17ff., “Members Gave — Missions Grew”
- Summer 1987, p. 16, “Deaconess Hall, Valparaiso University”

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. LA SANTA CRUZ (THE HOLY CROSS) CHURCH “LITTLE MEXICO”

1953–1955: \$60,000

93,000 Mexican Americans inhabited an area in Los Angeles County five miles wide by 10 miles long known as “Little Mexico.” Realizing there was no LCMS church ministering to this vast humanity, a group of Lutheran women began canvassing — which resulted in establishing a Sunday school, and finally a congregation. Adequate facilities were lacking; therefore, an appeal for assistance was made, and this project was adopted. A structure designed along lines of the early missions of the area was dedicated on May 19, 1957.

Sources

Women on a Mission, pp. 196–97

WINGS, pp. 86, 92

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 74, 76–78

Quarterly

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- October 1954, p. 9, “The President’s Page”
- July 1955, p. 9, “The President’s Page”
- April 1956, p. 3ff., “Progress in ‘Little Mexico’”
- April 1956, p. 1 (cover picture)
- October 1957, p. 1 (cover picture)
- October 1957, p. 3ff., “‘Little Mexico’ Dedicates”
- October 1957, p. 7, “The President’s Page”
- July 1962, p. 14ff., “20 Years of Glad Service”
- July 1965, p. 7, “Visitors Always Welcome”
- Summer 1967, p. 17ff., “Members Gave — Missions Grew”

SELMA, ALA. ROSA YOUNG DORMITORY FOR GIRLS

1957–1959: \$85,000

Need for a girls’ dorm to house young women training as future teachers was critical. Unfortunately, delay was suffered because of withdrawal of one member of joint owners (Synodical Conference). Eventually, LCMS acquired school, established location on 60-acre tract in Selma. Cornerstone-laying ceremonies finally held in November 1964; dedication

May 16, 1965. Building provided facilities for 68 women and housemother.

Sources

Women on a Mission, pp. 193, 214–15

WINGS, pp. 86–90, 92, 125

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 214, 217–220

Dedicated!, p. 7

Quarterly

- July 1957, p. 8, “The President’s Page”
- October 1957, pp. 8–9, “New Projects Adopted”
- July 1958, p. 7ff., “And Still They Come”
- July 1958, p. 10, “The President’s Page”
- October 1960, p. 28, “Delegates Favor Academy at Selma”
- July 1962, p. 14ff., “20 Years of Glad Service”
- July 1964, p. 9, “The President’s Page”
- January 1965, p. 14ff., “Rosa Young Hall Nears Completion”
- October 1965, pp. 16–17, “Our Mites and Members Make News” (picture spread)
- Summer 1967, p. 12ff., “Members Gave — Missions Grew”

ST. LOUIS, MO. MISSION HOUSE

1963–1965: \$125,000

Inadequate! Deteriorated! Dangerous! (The latter after a portion of the ceiling in one bedroom collapsed!) These were the words used to describe the building used to house missionary families on furlough. Grant provided a building with four family units, each unit with living room, kitchen, three bedrooms, and bath. Delays in starting and construction strikes prevented dedication until Oct. 27, 1966.

Sources

Women on a Mission, pp. 222–23

WINGS, pp. 128, 132

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 157, 162–164

Quarterly

- January 1964, p. 15ff., “Welcome-Housing Arranged”
- January 1964, pp. 16–17, “Mission Projects Adopted” (center picture spread)
- April 1965, p. 8, “Mission House Site Ready”
- January 1966, p. 10 (artist’s sketch)
- July 1966, p. 13, “The President’s Page”
- Winter 1966, p. 21, “The President’s Page”
- Winter 1966, p. 38ff., “Rare Privilege”
- Summer 1967, p. 17ff., “Members Gave — Missions Grew”
- Winter 1970, p. 36, “Likes Mission House”

ALABAMA RURAL PARISH DEVELOPMENT

1963–1965: \$75,000

Exodus of labor force to job areas left many congregations too small to operate adequately. Adoption as project allowed some 25 to 27 small congregations to merge into five larger parishes and relocate near well-established roads. Each relocation includes a church building, “multi-room” school, parsonage, and apartments for teachers. School buses provided transportation to worship services and school.

Sources

Women on a Mission, pp. 221–22

WINGS, pp. 128, 132

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 350, 351–352

Quarterly

- January 1964, p. 10ff., “Help Comes to Alabama”
- January 1964, pp. 16–17, “Mission Projects Adopted” (center picture spread)
- April 1966, p. 11, “The President’s Page”
- Summer 1967, pp. 17ff., “Members Gave — Missions Grew”

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (CHINATOWN PARISH CENTER) **1967: 25th ANNIVERSARY THANKOFFERING \$100,000**

A portion of the LWML Silver Anniversary Thank offering money provided enlarged multipurpose facilities for this congregation, which had been paying \$440 a month for a small chapel. New acquisition allowed sufficient room to include offices and equipment for Cantonese Lutheran Hour. This redecorated three-story building, located in an apartment building section of Chinatown, was dedicated on Nov. 30, 1969.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 122, 132

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 189, 195–197

Dedicated!, p. 8

Quarterly

- Summer 1967, p. 7, “Where Shall Our Mites Go Next?”
- Fall 1967, p. 5, “Thank God: There Was Enough for Two”
- Winter 1967, p. 15, “Thankoffering Tops \$132,000!”
- Spring 1968, p. 3ff., “Gift Puts New Heart in Chinatown”
- Fall 1968, p. 18, “Of Prayer, Projects, Performance”
- Fall 1968, p. 31, “Report on Projects”
- Spring 1969, p. 15, “The President’s Page”
- Summer 1969, pp. 20–21, “A Biennium of Blessing” (center picture spread)
- Spring 1970, p. 14, “San Francisco’s Chinese Give Thanks”
- Spring 1970, p. 15, “The President’s Page”

WASHINGTON, D.C. GALLAUDET COLLEGE FOR THE DEAF

1967–1969: \$10,000

Lutherans compose about 10 percent of the student body in the world’s only college for deaf people located here. Worship facilities consisted of a classroom with a bed-sheeted table serving as an altar, while the chaplain’s counseling area was in a small, sparsely furnished cubicle in the basement of the Student Union. Grant provided for altar hangings, Communion service, Bibles and other books, visual-aids equipment, filmstrips, projector, and multiple-carrier vehicle for student transport to church activities.

Sources

WINGS, p. 138

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 308, 312–313

Quarterly

- Summer 1967, p. 7, “Where Shall Our Mites Go Next?”
- Winter 1967, p. 3, “Where Students Are Deaf”
- Spring 1968, p. 38, “And More Thanks”
- Summer 1968, p. 19, “The President’s Page”
- Summer 1968, p. 20ff., “Where a Picture Is Worth More Than 1,000 Words”
- Fall 1968, p. 17, “The President’s Page”

- Fall 1968, p. 18, “Of Prayer, Projects, Performance”
- Summer 1969, pp. 20–21, “A Biennium of Blessing” (center picture spread)
- Winter 1970, p. 15, “The President’s Page”

Proceedings

- 14th Biennial Convention, Louisville, Ky., 1971, p. 62

KENAI, ALASKA STAR OF THE NORTH LUTHERAN CHAPEL

1967–1969: \$85,000

Oil! Gas! Discovery of these two natural resources brought many people to the Kenai area, but there were no Lutheran worship facilities! Project permitted acquisition of a two and one-half-acre site on which a parsonage and an extra-large garage were erected, where Sunday school and worship services were held while church was under construction. Dedication: June 1, 1969.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 138, 153

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 189, 203–206

Dedicated!, p. 8

Quarterly

- Summer 1967, p. 7, “Where Shall Our Mites Go Next?”
- Winter 1967, p. 17, “Where Oil Has Built a Boomtown”
- Spring 1968, p. 37, “Plans in Hopper”
- Spring 1968, p. 38, “Thrilled”
- Fall 1968, p. 18, “Of Prayer, Projects, Performance”
- Winter 1968, p. 15, “The President’s Page”
- Spring 1969, p. 17, “Project Progress — Star of the North”
- Summer 1969, pp. 20–21, “A Biennium of Blessing” (picture spread)
- Fall 1969, p. 13, “The President’s Page”

SPANISH RELIGIOUS TV SERIES — “ESTA ES LA VIDA”

1969–1971: \$32,000

“Esta Es la Vida” is the Spanish title of television’s “This Is the Life” series. Ten copies of each of 13 episodes of this series, with Spanish lip synchronization, are being produced by this grant. Lip synchronizing is a method of using existing picture portions of film, subtracting the English words, and replacing them with Spanish. Total amount has been disbursed as of Jan. 31, 1971. This series was slated to begin with a Christmas episode, 1970.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 136–137, 153

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 274, 275–278

Quarterly

- Summer 1969, p. 16, “12 Projects on Ballot”
- Fall 1969, p. 6ff., “Blasting Off a New Biennium”
- Winter 1969, p. 31ff., “Mites to Millions”
- Winter 1970, p. 15, “The President’s Page”
- Winter 1970, p. 24ff., “Esta Es la Vida”
- Winter 1970, p. 36, “Spanish Stations?”

Mites to Millions, pp. 9, 20

Reports and Memorials

- 13th Biennial Convention, Houston, Tex., 1969, p. 57

Proceedings

- 14th Biennial Convention, Louisville, Ky., 1971, p. 61

HONOLULU, HAWAII PRESCHOOL, DAYCARE, TEEN CENTER

1971–1973: \$60,000

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, a small congregation, is in a heavily populated area of Honolulu. There are more than 10,000 children from all ethnic groups, many from poor families, who need to hear the Good News. The Daycare and Teen Center will help Good Shepherd minister to the young people and their families. By meeting the needs of the community, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church believes it can bring Christ to the young people of the area and through them reach the parents. Eighty percent of the mothers must work — Hawaii has a remarkably high cost of living — and long waiting lists exist for childcare facilities. The project provides such a Christian facility.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 162, 176

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 331, 332–333

Quarterly

- Summer 1971, p. 14, “Projects on Ballot”
- Fall 1971, p. 29, “To So Many People Needing His Love”
- Spring 1972, p. 26, “Building and Rebuilding Young Lives in Honolulu”
- Summer 1973, p. 11, “Mission Possible”

Reports and Memorials

- 14th Biennial Convention, Louisville, Ky., 1971, p. 54
- 15th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Ala., 1973, p. 84
- 16th Biennial Convention, St. Paul, Minn., 1975, p. 65

ST. LOUIS, MO. TELEVISION EVANGELISM FOR CHILDREN

1971–1973: \$35,000

Television is where children are. By high school graduation, a child has logged 15,000 hours in front of the TV compared with 10,500 hours in the classroom. These young viewers need to find the Good News of Jesus when they turn on their TV sets. This grant will provide five television messages for children produced by Lutheran Television.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 161, 176

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 274, 278–280

Quarterly

- Summer 1971, p. 14, “Projects on Ballot”
- Fall 1971, p. 28, “To So Many People Needing His Love”
- Fall 1972, p. 19, “Modern Pied Piper to Tell of Christ”
- Summer 1973, p. 11, “Mission Possible”

Reports and Memorials

- 14th Biennial Convention, Louisville, Ky., 1971, pp. 54–55
- 15th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Ala., 1973, p. 86
- 16th Biennial Convention, St. Paul, Minn., 1975, p. 65

CHICAGO, ILL. ST. STEPHEN’S CHURCH

1971–1973: \$50,000

Founded in 1889 as the first missionary outreach to the city’s German community, this church is now in a 99 percent Black neighborhood. The 42-year-old parish hall, where daycare and fringe teen programs bring Christ to the community, is

structurally sound but needs renovation desperately to continue to bring a firm witness for the Gospel to the inner-city community. The LWML was organized at this church in 1942. This project provides for renovations.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 162, 176

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 189, 199–202

Dedicated!, p. 10

Quarterly

- Summer 1971, p. 14, “Projects on Ballot”
- Fall 1971, p. 28, “To So Many People Needing His Love”
- Spring 1973, p. 14, “Are They ONLY Plumbing and Plaster Mites?”
- Summer 1973, p. 10, “Mission Possible”

Reports and Memorials

- 14th Biennial Convention, Louisville, Ky., 1971, p. 49
- 15th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Ala., 1973, p. 84

ST. LOUIS, MO. CAPTIONED FILMS FOR THE DEAF 1971–1973: \$15,000

There are more than 200,000 deaf in the United States and Canada, but their films require captions to relay the Gospel message. This grant will provide “seed money” for reproducing “This Is the Life” films with captions. The demand for such movies is unlimited, offering great mission potential.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 163, 176

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 308, 313–314

Quarterly

- Summer 1971, p. 14, 39, “Projects on Ballot”
- Fall 1971, p. 29, “To So Many People Needing His Love”
- Fall 1972, p. 18, “‘Life’ for Those Who Hear with Eyes”
- Summer 1973, p. 11, “Mission Possible”

Reports and Memorials

- 14th Biennial Convention, Louisville, Ky., 1971, pp. 53–54
- 15th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Ala., 1973, p. 86
- 16th Biennial Convention, St. Paul, Minn., 1975, p. 66

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- 16th Biennial Convention, St. Paul, Minn., 1975, p. 14
- Convention Manual*
- 17th Biennial Convention, Laramie, Wyo., 1977, p. 45

ST. LOUIS, MO. TELEVISION, “EASTER IS”

1973–1975: \$50,000

A family special, “Easter Is” provides an opportunity to carry the Gospel into homes around the world. The animated family special was first shown in 1974 over 254 stations to spread the Good News of Christ’s resurrection. “Easter Is” continues to be shown.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 160, 176.

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 274, 283–288

Quarterly

- Summer 1973, p. 9, “For Which Project — “
- Fall 1973, pp. 26–27, “Our Challenge”
- Spring 1974, p. 14, “‘Easter Is’ — More Than a Nice

Warm Feeling”

- Summer 1975, p. 34, “Project Wrap-up”

Reports and Memorials

- 15th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Ala., 1973 p. 42
- 16 Biennial Convention, St. Paul, Minn., p. 62

ST. LOUIS, MO. WORLD MISSION INSTITUTE 1973–1975: \$50,000

National pastors and teachers are the most effective witnesses of the Gospel to their own people. Nationalism has increased the need for advanced study so training can be administered to other church leaders back home. This project provides scholarships for overseas bishops, theological professors, and other leaders. The training is obtained in both LCMS seminaries and several of our colleges.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 160, 176

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 157, 166–167

Quarterly

- Summer 1973, p. 8, “For Which Project —”
- Fall 1973, p. 27, “Our Challenge”
- Winter 1973, pp. 12–13, “Taking Christ through Closed Doors”
- Summer 1975, p. 34, “Project Wrap-up”

Reports and Memorials

- 15th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Ala., 1973, p. 38
- 16th Biennial Convention, St. Paul, Minn., 1975, p. 63

Proceedings

- 16th Biennial Convention, St. Paul, Minn., 1975, p. 13

Convention Manual

- 17th Biennial Convention, Laramie, Wyo., 1977, p. 45

SELMA, ALA. ALABAMA LUTHERAN ACADEMY AND COLLEGE 1973–1975: \$60,000

Synod’s Alabama Lutheran Academy and College is a junior college and high school serving the southeastern part of the United States and is extending its ministry of education to the Black population of that area. To help provide financial resources, this grant was designated for the following purposes:

Reading Center and Theological Laboratory	\$10,000
Scholarships	\$25,000
Establish a Home Economics Department	\$10,000
Furnishings for the Boys’ Dormitory	\$10,000
Band and Athletic Programs	\$ 5,000

Sources

WINGS, pp. 160, 176

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 214, 217–218, 220–221

Quarterly

- Summer 1973, p. 9, “For Which Project —”
- Fall 1973, p. 27, “Our Challenge”
- Fall 1974, p. 14, “Sewing Machines, Scholarships, and Sinks”
- Summer 1975, p. 34, “Project Wrap-up”

Reports and Memorials

- 15th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Ala., 1973, p. 44
- 16th Biennial Convention, St. Paul, Minn., 1975, p. 64

Proceedings

- 16th Biennial Convention, St. Paul, Minn., 1975, p. 14

Convention Manual

- 17th Biennial Convention, Laramie, Wyo. 1977, p. 45

PALMER, ALASKA ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH 1973–1975: \$75,000

The grant helped erect a new chapel for St. John Lutheran Church in Palmer. The members of this growing congregation used an old second-hand structure that was rapidly deteriorating until financial assistance made it possible to build a new chapel in 1975.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 160, 176

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 189, 206–209

Quarterly

- Summer 1973, p. 9, “For Which Project —”
- Fall 1973, p. 27, “Our Challenge”
- Fall 1974, pp. 14–15, “A Church of Ups and Downs”
- Summer 1975, p. 34, “Project Wrap-up”

Reports and Memorials

- 15th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Ala., 1973, p. 43
- 16th Biennial Convention, St. Paul, Minn., 1975, p. 64

Convention Manual

- 17th Biennial Convention, Laramie, Wyo., 1977, p. 45

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MINORITY STUDENTS 1973–1975: \$10,000

This grant for a Leadership Program for Minority People was administered by the Board for Social Ministry to several students from various minority groups.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 161, 176

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 214, 224–225

Quarterly

- Summer 1973, p. 9, “For Which Project —”
- Fall 1973, p. 27, “Our Challenge”
- Fall 1974, p. 15, “Small Project — Big Potential”
- Summer 1975, p. 34, “Project Wrap-up”

Reports and Memorials

- 15th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Ala., 1973, p. 43
- 16th Biennial Convention, St. Paul, Minn., 1975, p. 64

HISPANIC/AMERICAN MINISTRIES 1973–1975: \$40,000

This \$40,000 grant was a portion of a two-part, \$65,000 project to provide funds for in-service training in language and culture to full-time church workers in Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Hispanic congregations and a contribution to Cristo Rey Lutheran Church in Juarez, Mexico. Six vicars and two deaconesses received training through this grant.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 161, 176

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 74, 78–79

Quarterly

- Summer 1973, p. 9, “For Which Project —”
- Fall 1973, p. 27, “Our Challenge”
- Winter 1974, pp. 14–15, “South of the Border — and North Too”
- Summer 1975, p. 34, “Project Wrap-up”
- Fall 1977, p. 46, “Grants Reallocated”

Reports and Memorials

- 15th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Ala., 1973, p. 41
- 16th Biennial Convention, St. Paul, Minn., 1975, pp. 62–63

Proceedings

- 16th Biennial Convention, St. Paul, Minn., 1975, p. 13

Convention Manual

- 17th Biennial Convention, Laramie, Wyo., 1977, pp. 45–46
- 18th Biennial Convention, Omaha, Neb., 1979, p. 52

SOUTH CAROLINA — A MISSION FRONTIER

1975–1977: \$57,000

A portion of the grant for this project provided the down payment on five advance sites for new congregations in South Carolina. The remaining \$32,000 was used to establish a Lutheran Early-Childhood Development Center at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Columbia.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 183, 200

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 157, 167–168

Quarterly

- Summer 1975, p. 37ff., “Projects — the Choice Is Yours”
- Fall 1975, p. 7, “Prayers for Projects”
- Summer 1977, pp. 4–5, “Mission Opens First School in State”
- Summer 1977, p. 12, “Projects in Review”

Reports and Memorials

- 16th Biennial Convention, St. Paul, Minn., 1975, p. 60

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- 17th Biennial Convention, Laramie, Wyo., 1977, p. 44

CHICAGO, ILL. CHICAGO UPTOWN MINISTRY

1975–1977: \$40,000

Limited-income residents of uptown Chicago were helped with this grant through emergency loans, rental of a storefront building used as a worship center with group-sharing rooms, and two-year salaries for two community women to serve as a clothing manager and food pantry supervisor for the clothing bank and food pantry.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 183, 200

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 350, 352–355

Quarterly

- Summer 1975, p. 37, “Projects — the Choice Is Yours”
- Fall 1975, p. 8, “Prayers for Projects”
- Winter 1976, p. 18ff., “From Bake Sales to Caring and Sharing”
- Summer 1977, p. 12, “Projects in Review”

Reports and Memorials

- 16th Biennial Convention, St. Paul, Minn., 1975, pp. 57–58

Convention Manual

- 17th Biennial Convention, Laramie, Wyo., 1977, p. 42

ELMHURST, N.Y. BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH — TRILINGUAL MINISTRY

1975: SPECIAL GRANT — \$10,000

1978: SPECIAL GRANT — \$14,000

Under the theme, “Unity in Christ, Diversity in Culture,” mission-minded members of Bethany seized the opportunity for outreach when their community had a tremendous change in ethnic and racial population — the makeup being Chinese, Spanish, and Anglo. This congregation recognized the needs for a ministry to those groups. This project assisted with

salaries and specific programs in Chinese and Spanish. The total project was partially funded with bequest funds.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 350, 355–356

Quarterly

- Summer 1975, p. 36, “Projects — the Choice Is Yours”
- Spring 1978, p. 16, “Halfway around the World”

Reports and Memorials

- 16th Biennial Convention, St. Paul, Minn., 1975, p. 54

Proceedings

- 16th Biennial Convention, St. Paul, Minn., 1975, pp. 21–22

Convention Manual

- 17th Biennial Convention, Laramie, Wyo., 1977, p. 44
- 18th Biennial Convention, Omaha, Neb., 1979, pp. 51, 55

CONCORDIA TRACT MISSION

1977–1979: \$40,000

Funded solely by voluntary contributions, Concordia Tract Mission supplies missionaries with free tracts, Sunday school pictures, etc. Many opportunities for sharing the Gospel have been opened in places not accessible to missionaries through native personnel who themselves are living testimony to the power of the Word through tracts. Urgently needed: reprints of 26 existing foreign-language tracts, production of 18 new tracts, and printing and shipping of 100,000 sets of Sunday school pictures.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 193, 200

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 245, 246–247

Quarterly

- Summer 1977, p. 13, “And Now, What’s Next”
- Fall 1977, pp. 22–23, “Delegates Pick Nine Projects”
- Winter 1978, p. 10ff., “Concordia Tract Mission — Mission of Faith Reaches 83 Countries”
- Summer 1979, p. 35, “Review of Current Mission Projects”

Convention Manual

- 17th Biennial Convention, Laramie, Wyo., 1977, p. 30
- 18th Biennial Convention, Omaha, Neb., 1979, p. 49
- 19th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wis., 1981, p. 46

LUTHERAN TELEVISION — FAMILY SPECIAL

1977–1979: \$70,000

1977: 35TH ANNIVERSARY THANKOFFERING \$49,349.71

Television reaches and motivates more families of the world than any other means of communication. A Christian influence in commercial television is vital. The original project for an animated special needed to be changed in 1979 because of the prohibitive costs. The non-animated family special, “The Stableboy’s Christmas,” was produced and telecast in 1979. One-half of the 35th Anniversary Thankoffering was given to help the Lutheran Television Ministry.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 194, 200

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 274, 289–297

Dedicated!, p. 11

Quarterly

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- Summer 1979, p. 35, “Review of Current Mission Projects”
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Convention Manual

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- 18th Biennial Convention, Omaha, Neb., 1979, pp. 51, 57
- 19th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wis., 1981, p. 77

SELMA, ALA. ALABAMA LUTHERAN COLLEGE 1977–1979: \$40,000

1978: SPECIAL GRANT — \$16,000

Increased enrollment and stringent accreditation requirements demand improvement in inadequate facilities and providing for a student life center. The project provides seed money to generate matching funds from foundations interested in funding remaining costs of building a library/student life center. The special grant from bequest monies was given for air conditioning and library books.

Sources

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Quarterly

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- Fall 1977, pp. 22–23, “Delegates Pick Nine Projects”
- Summer 1979, p. 35, “Review of Current Mission Projects”
- Summer 1983, p. 22, “We Thought You’d Like to Know”
- Summer 1985, p. 17, “Concordia College, Selma, AL”

Convention Manual

- 17th Biennial Convention, Laramie, Wyo., 1977, pp. 37–38
- 18th Biennial Convention, Omaha, Neb., 1979, p. 51
- 19th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wis., 1981, p. 76

WORLD RELIEF — LCMS

1978: SPECIAL GRANT — \$100,000

In 1978, the Board of Directors voted \$100,000 of accumulated interest monies for the disaster fund of World Relief — LCMS in four annual installments.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 158, 186–187

Quarterly

- Summer 1983, p. 22, “We Thought You’d Like to Know”

Convention Manual

- 18th Biennial Convention, Omaha, Neb., 1979, p. 51

TACOMA, WASH. TACOMA SEAMAN’S CENTER 1977–1979: \$35,000

A foreign mission field on our own coast — 40,000 seamen from 40 countries visit the Port of Tacoma annually. Tacoma Seaman’s Center, the only Christian organization ministering to their needs, has an LCMS pastor in its ministry. Expansion of program and facility is necessary. Four-part expansion program includes a “ship visitor team” program that trains

Christian volunteers for shipboard visits to share the Gospel with seafarers, rental of a larger facility to provide chapel space, purchase of foreign-language Bibles and Christian literature, and a 12-passenger van.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 193, 200

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 245, 252–256

Quarterly

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- Fall 1978, p. 12, “Waterfront Ministry Reaches International Seamen”
- Summer 1979, p. 36, “Review of Current Mission Projects”
- Winter 1980, p. 17, “League Receives Honor for Grant to Tacoma Seaman’s Center”

Convention Manual

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- 18th Biennial Convention, Omaha, Neb., 1979, p. 49
- 19th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wis., 1981, p. 76

AUSTIN, TEX. CONCORDIA COLLEGE OF TEXAS HISPANIC LAY MINISTRY BROOKLYN, N.Y. LAY MINISTRY PROGRAM 1979–1981: \$75,000

Hispanic ministry is a great challenge to our church. \$50,000 was used to provide scholarships and needed materials to train students for Hispanic lay ministry at Concordia College, Austin; \$25,000 was used to support the Hispanic lay ministry program in Brooklyn.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 74, 94–95

Quarterly

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- Summer 1981, p. 14, “Review of Current Mission Projects”
- Winter 1981, p. 37, “Hispanic Lay Ministry Receives Needed Boost”
- Convention Manual
- 18th Biennial Convention, Omaha, Neb., 1979, p. 33
- 19th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wis., 1981, p. 73
- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 74
- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 98

SEWARD, NEB. MICRONESIAN STUDENTS CONCORDIA COLLEGE 1979–1981: \$28,000

God works in mysterious ways; the Scripture tells us. Bringing 30 young Micronesian men and women to Concordia College, Seward, was His way of carrying the Christian faith back to the people of the Marshall and Carolina Islands. This grant assisted with their training in English and our culture.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 219, 226

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 214, 225–226

Quarterly

- Summer 1979, p. 37, “15 Mission Projects on Omaha Convention Ballot”
- Fall 1980, p. 20, “Micronesian Students at Seward”

- Summer 1981, p. 15, “Review of Current Mission Projects”

Convention Manual

- 18th Biennial Convention, Omaha, Neb., 1979, pp. 34–35
- 19th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wis., 1981, p. 74

CLEVELAND, OHIO CHATTANOOGA, TENN. MINORITY/POVERTY DEPRESSED ST. PAUL’S LUTHERAN CHURCH ST. PHILIP’S LUTHERAN CHURCH

1979–1981: \$50,000

Wanting to show the loving concern of Christ for the whole man, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Cleveland, Ohio trained a Black lay worker to do outreach ministry in their community — \$25,000 was used for this program. St. Philip’s Lutheran Church, Chattanooga, Tenn. was unable to finance a full-time ministry to 2,000 underprivileged children and youth in their community — \$25,000 was used for training and salary for a black lay worker.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 219, 226

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 350, 360–362

Quarterly

- Summer 1979, p. 38, “15 Mission Projects on Omaha Convention Ballot”
- Spring 1981, p. 13, “Gladys and Maggie Minister to Poverty-Depressed Minorities”
- Summer 1981, p. 15, “Review of Current Mission Projects”
- Fall 1982, p. 37, “Mustard Seed Store”

Convention Manual

- 18th Biennial Convention, Omaha, Neb., 1979, p. 36
- 19th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wis., 1981, p. 74
- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 75

ONGOING AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

1979–1981: \$25,000

Encouraging youth and young people in a program of Bible study, Christian growth, and fellowship is the ministry of Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ. This grant provided vans and training equipment to help increase this ministry to the youth of our church.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 219, 226

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 245, 267–269

Quarterly

- Summer 1979, p. 37, “15 Mission Projects on Omaha Convention Ballot”
- Spring 1981, p. 12, “Equipment and Vans Help OAF”
- Summer 1981, p. 15, “Review of Current Projects”
- Fall 1981, p. 35 (picture)

Convention Manual

- 18th Biennial Convention, Omaha, Neb., 1979, p. 34
- 19th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wis., 1981, p. 73
- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 75

MILWAUKEE, WIS. CONCORDIA COLLEGE — TRAINING OF LAY MINISTERS

1979–1981: \$25,000

There is a need for lay ministers to serve congregations in assisting pastors. Many students entering this ministry need

financial assistance to finish their studies. This grant helped to meet their needs.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 219, 226

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 214, 226–227

Quarterly

- Summer 1979, p. 40, “15 Mission Projects on Omaha Convention Ballot”
- Summer 1980, p. 31 (picture)
- Summer 1981, p. 16, “Review of Current Mission Projects”

Convention Manual

- 18th Biennial Convention, Omaha, Neb., 1979, p. 44
- 19th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wis., 1981, p. 75
- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 75

ST. LOUIS, MO. MISSION HOUSE REFURBISHING 1980: SPECIAL GRANT — \$25,000

The mission house in St. Louis, Mo. used by missionaries on furlough, needed refurbishing, so a special grant was given using accrued interest monies.

Sources

WINGS, p. 226

Quarterly

- Summer 1983, p. 22, “We Thought You’d Like to Know”

Convention Manual

- 19th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wis., 1981, p. 77
- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 75

PLANTING OF HISPANIC CHURCHES

1981–1983: \$50,000

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod committed the church body in convention in 1979 to start 50 new Hispanic missions during the 1980s. This grant helped the funding of new Hispanic mission starts.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 218, 224, 226

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 74, 81

Dedicated!, p. 12

Quarterly

- Summer 1981, p. 31, “Where Will Our Mites Be Working 1981–83?”
- Fall 1981, p. 19, “Goal Set for a Thirsty World”
- Spring 1983, p. 12, “LWML Mites Help Plant Four Hispanic Churches”

Convention Manual

- 19th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wis., 1981, p. 34
- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 74

NEW YORK, N.Y. THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RISEN CHRIST

1981–1983: \$50,000

The Church of the Risen Christ is in one of New York’s depressed areas. The congregation needed to expand its ministry to the community. This grant helped with the building of a six-classroom extension and acquiring a second building adjacent to the church’s property.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 223, 226

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 189, 202–203

Quarterly

- Summer 1981, p. 32, “Where Will Our Mites Be Working 1981–83?”
- Fall 1981, p. 19, “Goal Set for a Thirsty World”
- Spring 1982, pp. 14–15, 34, “First Project Already Completed!”

Convention Manual

- 19th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wis., 1981, p. 35
- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 74

THE BLIND MEDIA CENTER — LCMS

1981–1983: \$75,000

Tape recordings and large-print and Braille materials are a means of propagating His Word to the visually impaired. This grant helped fund materials needed to serve the blind and visually impaired of our church.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 223, 226

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 308, 320–321

Quarterly

- Summer 1981, p. 30, “Where Will Our Mites Be Working 1981–83?”
- Fall 1981, p. 19, “Goal Set for a Thirsty World”
- Summer 1983, p. 20, “Blind Media Center”
- Fall 1983, p. 47 (picture)

Convention Manual

- 19th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wis., 1981, p. 31
- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 73

PROJECT COMPASSION MOVIE

1981–1983: \$60,000

Promoting and training lay people to visit and serve in nursing homes was the ministry of Project Compassion. The movie depicting this ministry was filmed by the Lutheran Laymen’s League to focus attention on the need of this ministry. This mission grant provided the funding for this movie.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 222, 226.

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 274, 294–295

Quarterly

- Summer 1981, p. 30, “Where Will Our Mites Be Working 1981–83?”
- Fall 1981, p. 19, “Goal Set for a Thirsty World”
- Fall 1982, pp. 16–17, “A Dream Comes to Life”
- Winter 1982, p. 46, “Project Compassion Film Is a Dream Come True

Convention Manual

- 19th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wis., 1981, p. 32
- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, pp. 73–74

SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

1983: SPECIAL GRANT — \$100,000

The International LWML has an ongoing scholarship program. In early 1983, the Board of Directors allocated \$100,000 of accumulated interest to establish an endowment fund for seminary scholarships. Administered by Synod’s Board for Higher Education Services, only interest from the fund is used to aid selected students each year.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 214, 244

Quarterly

- Summer 1983, p. 48, “Bulletin Board — Project News”
- Summer 1983, p. 22, “We Thought You’d Like to Know”
- Summer 1987, p. 15, “Scholarships for Church Vocations”

FOUR NORTH AMERICAN MISSION STARTS 1983: 40TH ANNIVERSARY THANKOFFERING \$100,000

\$25,000 was given to four new mission starts chosen by LCMS district mission executives. Monies were given as requested by each new mission: (1) 100-Mile House, British Columbia, Canada, rural; (2) Peterborough, N.H., small town; (3) Snellville, Ga., growing suburb; (4) San Francisco (Sunset), Calif., Chinese community.

Sources

WINGS, p. 226

Women in League with the Lord, p. 57

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 157, 170

Dedicated!, pp. 12, 34

Quarterly

- Fall 1983, p. 48, “Bulletin Board”

Convention Manual

- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 97

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA NEW MISSION CHURCH 1983–1985: \$50,000

Population explosion! In 20 years, Anchorage has grown from 93,000 to 200,000 with 1,000 new residents arriving each month. Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church is the third LCMS congregation in this city. In 1979, land was purchased for Anchorage Lutheran Center to house Anchor Lutheran School, the Beautiful Savior congregation, and to be the center for LCMS activities. This grant helped to make available a facility that will be used seven days a week to proclaim the Gospel message.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 244–245, 251

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 189, 209–211

Quarterly

- Spring 1983, p. 23, “Delegates to Select 1983–85 Mite Box Projects”
- Spring 1985, p. 39, “Lutheran Center, Anchorage, Alaska”

Convention Manual

- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 37
- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 95

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

1983–1985: \$45,000

The often-neglected population in the church is the age group from 18 to 35. Young people from post-high school years to age 25 — and single adults to age 30 — fall into this group, called “young adults.” To help reach and include these people in the congregation, a four-part program was developed by the LCMS Board of Youth Services. With this mission grant, we assisted in sponsoring the initial planning meeting and developing a resource manual and a workshop to train area leaders. Other portions of the program were to develop a referral system to reach and incorporate young adults as they

move to new locations and to develop a support network in LCMS circuits.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 245, 251

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 331, 333–335

Quarterly

- Spring 1983, p. 23, “Delegates to Select 1983–85 Mite Box Projects”
- Summer 1984, p. 16, “Young Adult Ministry”

Convention Manual

- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 39
- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 95

BROOKLYN, N.Y. WARTBURG HOME FOR THE AGING

1983–1985: \$50,000

Wartburg Lutheran Home for the Aging (1875) was one of the first social service agencies founded by the LCMS. Because of urban decay in this neighborhood in Brooklyn, most institutions of government, business, social service, and religion have fled the community.

Wartburg chose to remain as a sign of Christian faith, hope, and charity. The historic chapel remains in the foreground and a new four-story, health-related building has been erected. Our funds helped make reconstruction possible.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 245, 251

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 331, 348–349

Quarterly

- Spring 1983, p. 23, “Delegates to Select 1983–85 Mite Box Projects”
- Winter 1983, p. 16, “Over a Century of Loving and Caring”

Convention Manual

- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 31
- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 95

SELMA, ALA. CONCORDIA COLLEGE — LIBRARY BOOKS

1983–1985: \$20,000

Concordia College in Selma, Ala., is the direct result of the efforts of dedicated pioneer Lutheran missionaries. A previous LWML project helped construct a girls’ dormitory on this campus. The current grant helped the college to become fully accredited by increasing the holdings in the library, which was completed in 1980.

Accreditation means students will be able to transfer credits to other colleges. Our help is an encouragement for young people to choose this Christian college.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 245, 251

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 214, 217–218,

Quarterly

- Spring 1983, p. 23, “Delegates to Select 1983–85 Mite Box Projects”
- Summer 1985, p. 17, “Concordia College, Selma, Ala.”

Convention Manual

- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 33
- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 96

SOUTHWEST HISPANIC MINISTRY

1983–1985: \$50,000

In the southwestern portion of the United States, many areas are predominantly Hispanic. A ministry using a mass mixed-media approach is one way of reaching many of these people with the Gospel. Taped 60-second radio spots geared toward needs (alcoholism, divorce), Bible studies, and lessons on prayer have been made available in conjunction with Lutheran Tape Ministry.

Bilingual Christian leaders have been trained to respond to the radio messages.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 245–246, 251

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 75, 81–83

Quarterly

- Spring 1983, p. 23, “Delegates to Select 1983–85 Mite Box Projects”
- Summer 1985, p. 16, “Southwest Border Ministry”

Convention Manual

- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 39
- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 96
- 22nd Biennial Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987, p. 75

NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY URBAN TEACHER TRAINING

1983–1985: \$44,000

At least 50 percent of the Lutheran elementary and secondary schools in the New York/New Jersey metropolitan area are in inner-city locations. This program is geared to equip teachers and staff personnel to deal with the emotional and spiritual difficulties common to children from these environments.

Over a three-year period, 125 educators, pastors, and school secretaries will receive 18 hours of intensive training through specially designed workshops. This mission grant has enabled this program to be implemented.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 246, 251

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 350, 364–365

Quarterly

- Spring 1983, p. 23, “Delegates to Select 1983–85 Mite Box Projects”
- Spring 1984, p. 35, “Urban Teacher Training”
- Convention Manual
- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983
- p. 36
- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 96

ST. LOUIS, MO. PORTALS OF PRAYER TELEPHONE MINISTRY

1983–1985: \$35,000

It has a new name, “Care+Line.” The program was initiated in St. Louis in 1981 as an independent ministry under the sponsorship of the Board for Evangelism, LCMS. Thirty-five “Good Samaritan” volunteers, man the phones in this person-to-person ministry to more than 500 callers each month.

Care+Line endeavors to care for the whole person — body, mind, and spirit, and usually refers callers to the pastor in their neighborhood. A goal for the program is to go nationwide.

This mission grant was to assist in that vision with our financial support.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 246, 251

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 158, 175–177

Quarterly

- Spring 1983, p. 23, “Delegates to Select 1983–85 Mite Box Projects”
- Winter 1984, p. 36, “Portals of Prayer Telephone Ministry”

Convention Manual

- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 34
- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 96

FORT WAYNE, IND. LUTHERAN OUTREACH

1983–1985: \$40,000

A caring organization was founded in 1976 to meet the needs of special groups of people in a nine-county radius of Fort Wayne. Four major areas of services are offered: a nursing home ombudsman, a disabled adult program, homebound visitation, and an inner-city childcare center. Of the monies allocated, almost \$30,000 went toward the homebound visitation project. \$10,000 was used to underwrite the first month’s operational expense for the adult daycare program, including the purchase of start-up equipment.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 246, 251

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 331, 345–346

Quarterly

- Spring 1983, p. 23, “Delegates to Select 1983–85 Mite Box Projects”
- Winter 1983, pp. 17–18, “Project Already Completed”

Convention Manual

- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 38
- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 96

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS UNITED STATES AND CANADA

1983–1985: \$50,000

In the 1980s, when doors to missionaries had been closed in many countries, God brought the mission fields to our doorstep. Thousands of international students and their families are attending colleges and universities, providing us the opportunity to offer friendship, support, and the sharing of the Gospel. The grant helped support an on-site consultant, establish student peer-ministry programs, hold training workshops, and place resources in the hands of all workers in this new and specialized ministry.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 246, 251

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 127, 128–130

Quarterly

- Spring 1983, p. 23, “Delegates to Select 1983–85 Mite Box Projects”
- Spring 1985, p. 40, “Campus Ministry for International Students”

Convention Manual

- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 35
- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 96
- 22nd Biennial Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987, p. 75

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL, MINN. ELEMENTARY STUDENT EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

1985–1987: \$30,000

Trinity First, Immanuel, and St. Stephanus Lutheran congregations have supported Christian day schools since the 1800s. In recent years, however, because of changes within the congregations and the restructuring of the areas in which these inner-city churches are located, there is a need to change from parochial-style to mission-outreach schools. Minority families, with low financial abilities, came into the areas — many of them not yet touched by the Gospel. Christian day school tuition precluded them from a Christian education. Funds will be used over a three-year period to reduce tuition of eligible families applying for financial support.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 249, 251

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 128, 135–137

Quarterly

- Spring 1985, p. 19, “Mission Projects on Ballot”
- Fall 1985, p. 31, “Mission Projects”
- Fall 1986, pp. 44–45, “Inner-City Elementary Education”

Convention Manual

- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 38
- 22nd Biennial Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987, p. 73
- 23rd Biennial Convention, Rapid City, S.D., 1989, p. 77

SEWARD, NEB. LUTHERAN EDUCATION CENTER ON AGING

1985–1987: \$40,000

Older Lutheran adults have important ministries that employ their skills and experiences to work with the less fortunate. These skills and experiences include evangelism ministries, mission projects, nursing-home visitation, hospice outreach, telephone reassurance, and widow-to-widow support. These funds would initiate efforts to provide training, leadership, and resources for equipping professional and lay people of the church to assist in mission and ministry among older adult Lutherans.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 250–251

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 331, 345–346

Quarterly

- Spring 1985, p. 19, “Mission Projects on Ballot”
- Fall 1985, p. 31, “Mission Projects”
- Winter 1986, p. 45, “Lutheran Center on Aging”

Convention Manual

- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 39
- 22nd Biennial Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987, p. 74

SERVANT EVENTS — BOARD FOR YOUTH SERVICES, LCMS

1985–1987: \$40,000

There is a growing need to provide the high-school-age people of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod with meaningful ministry opportunities during the summer months. Since 1982, Synod has sponsored a small number of servant events with positive results. These funds will help promote, encourage, select, and train youth to share their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ through work projects during the summer months. The Board for Youth Services will expand the Servant Events program, and local LWML groups could be directly involved in some areas.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 249, 251

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 331, 335–338

Quarterly

- Spring 1985, p. 19, “Mission Projects on Ballot”
- Fall 1985, p. 31, “Mission Projects”
- Winter 1986, p. 46, “Youth Servant Events”

Convention Manual

- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 42
- 22nd Biennial Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987, p. 73

**LATIN AMERICAN VICARAGE TRAINING
HISPANIC MINISTRY LCMS BOARD FOR MISSION
SERVICES**

1985–1987: \$75,000

Tens of thousands Hispanic people have entered the United States, many living in Florida, where a special vicarage training program is carried on by several full-time, called Hispanic workers. Support is needed by the Florida-Georgia District, as well as by other districts to provide training for additional workers. The Lord is bringing Cubans and other Hispanics to us, instead of us going there, where the doors are now closed.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 250–251

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 75, 84–85

Quarterly

- Spring 1985, p. 19, “Mission Projects on Ballot”
- Fall 1985, p. 31, “Mission Projects”
- Summer 1987, p. 45, “Latin American Vicarages”

Convention Manual

- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 41
- 22nd Biennial Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987, p. 74

**EL PASO, TEX. CENTRO CRISTIANO DE YSLETA
MISSION**

1985–1987: \$50,000

God has given this Lutheran Hispanic mission a tremendous location near the Texas/Mexico border, where more than 300,000 Hispanic-Americans live, with about 3,000 people living in a low-cost housing area adjacent to the mission. Formation of an evangelism team, using Mexican mariachi-type singers, would assist with promoting vacation Bible school, Sunday school, and worship services and would help to develop local resources. Monies will be used to purchase Bibles, New Testaments, films and brochures, and radio time, and for mailing thousands of pieces of literature. Special equipment is needed for developing and training evangelists and to develop a bilingual song and service booklet.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 250–251

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 75, 89–92

Quarterly

- Spring 1985, p. 19, “Mission Projects on Ballot”
- Fall 1985, p. 31, “Mission Projects”
- Winter 1985, p. 44, “Centro Cristiano de Ysleta”

Convention Manual

- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 43
- 22nd Biennial Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987, p.

**CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX. NUESTRO SALVADOR (OUR
SAVIOR) LUTHERAN CHURCH**

1987–1989: \$75,000

Nuestro Salvador Lutheran Church is our Synod’s fastest-growing Hispanic congregation. It has quadrupled its worship attendance in the last five years. Eighty percent of the adults attend Bible classes. This self-supporting congregation is working hard to meet the demands of their weekly budget, despite the general poverty and low income of the area. Their four-room facility for Sunday school is overflowing with an enrollment of 200. It is facing a major building project and relocation to handle this rapid growth. This mission grant helped purchase a 5.7-acre new-building site.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 260, 279

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 75, 92–94

Quarterly

- Summer 1987, p. 17, “Convention Ballot”
- Fall 1988, p. 44

Convention Manual

- 22nd Biennial Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987, pp. 29–30
- 23rd Biennial Convention, Rapid City, S.D., 1989, p. 74

NEW SPANISH LANGUAGE HYMNAL

1987–1989: \$75,000

The supply of Spanish hymnals was exhausted. Mission stations, congregations, and partner churches had been asking for a revision of the present hymnal or the publication of a new, more relevant one. With the LCMS adopting a goal to plant 120 new Hispanic congregations in the next three years and our partner churches in Central and South America growing rapidly in their ministries, the need was immediate.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 262, 279

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 75, 94

Quarterly

- Summer 1987, p. 17, “Convention Ballot”
- Spring 1989, p. 46

Convention Manual

- 22nd Biennial Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987, pp. 29, 34
- 23rd Biennial Convention, Rapid City, S.D., 1989, p. 76
- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 91
- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 87

**MISSION EDUCATION CURRICULUM MATERIALS
FOR LUTHERAN DAY SCHOOLS**

1987–1989: \$60,000

The primary mission of God’s people is to share the message of salvation with the entire world. It is important to develop a sense of God’s mission in our children, both in our homes and in Lutheran day schools, Sunday schools, and vacation Bible schools. There is a need for special mission education for both teachers and students. Material that will be developed and produced because of this grant will be “awareness pieces and involvement pieces.” The objectives are (1) to expand the vision of what God’s mission is; (2) to increase awareness of our own church’s involvement in that mission; and (3) to

encourage action to support this mission.

Sources

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Convention Manual

- 22nd Biennial Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987, pp. 24, 29
- 23rd Biennial Convention, Rapid City, S.D., 1989, p. 75

RIVERDALE, GA. HOLY CROSS RESETTLEMENT MINISTRY

1987–1989: \$60,000

For eight years, this congregation has provided every possible source of help for about 1,200 refugees who have come to its door from a radius of eight to 10 miles. The funds that have sustained the program are no longer available, and this small congregation was unable to assume the financial support. The refugees are an integral part of the congregation and often outnumbered native Georgians on Sunday morning. The Laotian lay minister was partly responsible for the 100 Laotians who were instructed and baptized into saving faith. There was an urgent need for a similar worker to minister to the 30 Cambodian families in the program. The program director stated that the opportunities for sharing the Gospel were unending as they came pleading for help, they also see what Christians do, that the care provided an opportunity to hear the Word. The grant provided financial assistance to continue to meet each new American with open arms and the wonderful message of Christ’s free gift to them.

Sources

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Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 127, 147–150

Quarterly

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- Fall 1988, pp. 45–46

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- 22nd Biennial Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987, pp. 29, 74
- 23rd Biennial Convention, Rapid City, S.D., 1989, p. 74

YOUTH MINISTRY IN THE URBAN SETTING

1987–1989: \$50,000

Young people in urban settings face unusually difficult situations as they attempt to live as children of God. They look to their families to provide support and encouragement and often see their congregation as a “second family.” These young people express a strong desire to be in ministry to serve others — the elderly, homeless, those with drug abuse problems, or others with needs. They firmly believe that things can be better, and they are willing to do what they can to make a difference. This mission grant to the Board for Youth Services established a program of youth ministry for LCMS congregations in Brooklyn, N.Y., which will serve as a model for youth ministry in other urban settings.

Sources

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Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 331, 338–340

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- Summer 1987, p. 17, “Convention Ballot”
- Summer 1989, p. 46

Convention Manual

- 22nd Biennial Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987, pp. 29, 38
- 23rd Biennial Convention, Rapid City, S.D., 1989, p. 75

SENDING MORE WORKERS INTO HIS HARVEST

1987–1989: \$50,000

Jesus said, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.” In our time, we too have few workers and pray daily that the Lord will send us enough workers.

Recruitment of full-time church workers is a priority for every member of our church body. Synod has already begun several new initiatives in this area of recruitment and nurture of people who dedicate their lives to Him. This mission grant supported a two-year program designed to develop and maintain a dynamic recruitment and nurture program for those called to full-time church work at the congregational level.

Sources

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Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 157, 170–171

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- Winter 1988, p. 45

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- 23rd Biennial Convention, Rapid City, S.D., 1989, p. 75
- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 91

LABORERS FOR CHRIST — LCMS

1987–1989: \$60,000

Laborers for Christ is a program of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod that enables mission congregations to save as much as \$100,000 in construction costs. This helps districts to realize savings in mission subsidy, releasing funds to establish additional mission congregations. Synod, at its 1986 convention, resolved to start 300 mission congregations per year for the next three years. This mission grant helped this program, distributing promotional materials and covering travel and other expenses. Laborers for Christ are mostly retired people who have committed themselves to serving in these construction projects.

Sources

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Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 245, 248–249

Quarterly

- Summer 1987, p. 17, “Convention Ballot”
- Summer 1988, pp. 37–38

Convention Manual

- 22nd Biennial Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987, pp. 29–30, 40
- 23rd Biennial Convention, Rapid City, S.D., 1989, p. 74

DENVER, COLO. MISSIONARY AND EVANGELISTIC TELEVISION OUTREACH FOR THE DEAF

1989–1991: \$16,000

About 2,200 of the deaf population in the greater Denver area participate in televised Bible classes taught by a Lutheran

pastor through a Christian television station. The series, which is available from the LCMS audiovisual library, has also been broadcast in the greater Kansas City area, and Detroit has expressed an interest. In addition to a Bible study, it also serves as a worship service and a sign-language class for beginners.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 263, 279

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 308, 314–315

Quarterly

- Summer 1989, p. 45, “Convention Ballot”
- Winter 1989, p. 37

Convention Manual

- 23rd Biennial Convention, Rapid City, S.D., 1989, p. 31
- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 88

MENTAL RETARDATION RESOURCES FOR COLLEGES SEMINARIES, AND DISTRICTS

1989–1991: \$25,000

There is a great need in the church for programs that will enable people to work with the mentally disabled in their own homes and communities. Bethesda Lutheran Home has developed educational videos that can help parishes learn about the needs of the mentally disabled and how congregations can best minister to them. These training materials are to be delivered to Lutheran colleges and seminaries, district and synodical offices in the United States and Canada, and to the ELCA and the Wisconsin Synod.

Sources

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Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 309, 327–328

Quarterly

- Summer 1989, p. 45, “Convention Ballot”
- Spring 1991, p. 46

Convention Manual

- 23rd Biennial Convention, Rapid City, S.D., 1989, p. 39
- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 89

EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH THROUGH LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

1989–1991: \$45,000

Almost 20,000 unchurched students are currently enrolled in LCMS preschools and elementary schools, and there are more with only a minimal relationship to a Christian congregation. The Center for Urban Education Ministry at Concordia College, Bronxville, N. Y. has developed a program that uses materials from the Board for Evangelism Services and the Board for Parish Services. This program includes the training of volunteers to provide evangelistic outreach in selected schools. Consultants have been trained, on-site evaluations of 27 congregations completed, materials coordinated, and the program is functioning with dramatic results.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 264, 279

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 215, 228–230

Quarterly

- Summer 1989, p. 45, “Convention Ballot”
- Spring 1991, p. 45

Convention Manual

- 23rd Biennial Convention, Rapid City, S.D., 1989, p. 40
- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 89

HAITIAN MINISTERIAL TRAINING

1989–1991: \$45,000

Outreach into the Haitian community in the Lake Worth area of Florida resulted in several men expressing a desire to enter the colloquy program at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. Five men have received their training from the seminary through Theological Education by Extension, and three are on vicarage in Florida. Funds also assisted with transportation costs while the men were serving on vicarage. Here is a great mission opportunity for the training of these men who will then minister to their own people.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 264, 279

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 36, 43–45

Quarterly

- Summer 1989, p. 45, “Convention Ballot”
- Summer 1990, p. 44

Convention Manual

- 23rd Biennial Convention, Rapid City, S.D., 1989, p. 35
- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 89

STRENGTHENING MISSION OUTREACH AMONG HISPANICS

1989–1991: \$60,000

A program to train Hispanics for future pastors and lay leaders is being carried on by the Hispanic Institute of Theology at River Forest and is supervised by Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. Students formerly moved to St. Louis, Mo. for the two-year period, but it has been found more successful to use the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) program, which delivers videotaped lectures to individual locations around the United States. The Board for Higher Education Services has enlarged the Hispanic Institute’s TEE program, making it possible for Hispanic students to live and work in their home environment while training as pastors and lay leaders.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 264, 279

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 75, 85–86

Quarterly

- Summer 1989, p. 45, “Convention Ballot”
- Summer 1990, p. 46

Convention Manual

- 23rd Biennial Convention, Rapid City, S.D., 1989, p. 32
- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 89
- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 86

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. SUNSET EXTENSION OF THE CHINESE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1989–1991: \$50,000

Begun as a storefront church in 1964, the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit received a portion of the ILWML 25th Anniversary Thankoffering in 1967 for the purchase of a building. This congregation ministers primarily to the Chinese community and has used its own resources to begin outreach in the Sunset District of San Francisco. Property has been purchased, and now with assistance, the building of this daughter congregation will become a reality.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 265, 279

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 189, 198–199

Dedicated!, p. 8

Quarterly

- Summer 1989, p. 45, “Convention Ballot”
- Summer 1991, p. 47

Convention Manual

- 23rd Biennial Convention, Rapid City, S.D., 1989, p. 31
- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 90
- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 86

MIAMI, FLA. MIAMI CARIBBEAN MINISTRY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CENTER — BAYSHORE LUTHERAN CHURCH

1989–1991: \$100,000

Bayshore Lutheran Church is in a culturally diverse neighborhood in northeast Miami. It counts 18 different cultures among its membership. Expansion of its existing facilities was necessary to meet the needs of this congregation’s desire to minister to the people in this area. The addition of a Christian Education Center provides classrooms and meeting space for Christian instruction of Caribbean, Latin, and other peoples. Programs include implementation of a preschool and English-language and other community-directed programs.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 264–265, 279

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 127, 143–146

Quarterly

- Summer 1989, p. 45, “Convention Ballot”
- Summer 1990, p. 46

Convention Manual

- 23rd Biennial Convention, Rapid City, S.D., 1989, p. 34
- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 90

EXPANSION OF YOUTH MINISTRY SERVANT EVENTS

1989–1991: \$7,935

A project from the 1985–1987 biennium made possible servant events across the United States and into Canada. Also, in 1987, international events were held in Venezuela and Guatemala. Portions of this grant provided funds for training events in Panama and construction materials for improving the existing church building in Chihuahua, Mexico. In addition, servant events are planned for Guatemala, Venezuela, and the Bahamas.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 266, 279

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 331, 335–338

Quarterly

- Summer 1989, p. 45, “Convention Ballot”
- Spring 1991, p. 47

Convention Manual

- 23rd Biennial Convention, Rapid City, S.D., 1989, p. 39
- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 90
- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 87

ASSISTING THE HOMELESS

**1991: LWML 50TH ANNIVERSARY THANKOFFERING
\$100,000**

There are more than three million homeless people in our

wealthy nation. LCMS World Relief will administer these funds. They will be made available to congregations of the LCMS and to Lutheran associations already operating programs to assist the homeless.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 105

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 158, 186–187

Quarterly

- Summer 1991, p. 19, “Convention Ballot”
- Fall 1991, p. 19
- Winter 1991, pp. 45–46
- Fall 1992, p. 46

Convention Manual

- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 16
- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 87

ENDOWMENT FUND TO ASSIST MARRIED SEMINARY STUDENTS WITH HOUSING EXPENSES 1991: LWML 50TH ANNIVERSARY THANKOFFERING \$300,000

Our seminaries are seeing an increase in the number of married students. Currently, 80 percent of the men at the seminaries are married, many with children to support. The cost of housing has always been a problem. This money would be distributed according to the formula currently applied.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 106

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 215, 244

Dedicated!, p. 18

Quarterly

- Summer 1991, p. 19, “Convention Ballot”
- Fall 1991, p. 19
- Winter 1991, pp. 45–46

Convention Manual

- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 16
- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 88

LWML SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO MISSIONARY WIVES 1991: LWML 50TH ANNIVERSARY THANKOFFERING \$20,000

This money would be used to implement a program for LWML women to receive financial assistance to visit missionaries’ wives, to give them encouragement and support. Missionary wives are often alone while their husbands go about their work. Both women could benefit from the experience. The LWML member would be encouraged to share her new knowledge upon her return, thus increasing mission awareness for many people.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, pp. 105–106

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 157, 164, 181–183

Dedicated!, p. 18

Quarterly

- Summer 1991, p. 19, “Convention Ballot”
- Fall 1991, p. 19
- Winter 1991, pp. 45–46
- Fall 1992, pp. 46–47

Convention Manual

- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 16
- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 88

JOINT SEMINARY FUND TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

1991: LWML 50TH ANNIVERSARY THANKOFFERING \$2,263.59

There continues to be a shortage of pastors. This amount will be divided among all our seminaries in the LCMS and LCC to assist and encourage men as they prepare for the pastoral ministry

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 215, 244

Quarterly

- Summer 1991, p. 19, “Convention Ballot”

Convention Manual

- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 17
- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 88

ALASKA RURAL MINISTRY

1991–1993: \$100,000

A completely equipped fifth-wheel camper and a truck were purchased as the home and office for the circuit rider on the remote highways in Alaska. The almost new fifth-wheel vehicle was in Connecticut and the truck from a factory in the Midwest. By May 1992, the new pastor and the vehicle purchased for this ministry will be in service. LWML mites have helped this new approach to ministry on the 1,500 miles of highway in Alaska become a reality.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 112

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 350, 365–367

Quarterly

- Summer 1991, p. 19, “Convention Ballot”
- Fall 1991, p. 18
- Spring 1993, pp. 47–48

Convention Manual

- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 41
- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 83

SELMA, ALA. CONCORDIA COLLEGE — SCHOLARSHIPS

1991–1993: \$75,000

This money was used to assist Black students at Concordia College in preparing for full-time church work.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 112

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 214, 217–218, 222–224

Quarterly

- Summer 1991, p. 18, “Convention Ballot”
- Fall 1991, p. 18
- Summer 1992, p. 46

Convention Manual

- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 44
- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 83

UPLIFTING PASTORS’ FAMILIES

1991–1993: \$93,000

This money was used to support, equip, and train pastors and spouses for family ministry in congregations and district seminars.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 112

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 157, 174–175

Quarterly

- Summer 1991, p. 18, “Convention Ballot”
- Fall 1991, p. 18
- Spring 1992, p. 48
- Summer 1992, p. 45

Convention Manual

- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 40
- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 83

KFUO SATELLITE MINISTRY

1991–1993: \$105,000

These funds made possible the purchase of time on the satellite link of this St. Louis-based Christian radio station broaden the outreach of this Christian ministry.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 112

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 274, 299–300

Quarterly

- Summer 1991, p. 18, “Convention Ballot”
- Fall 1991, p. 18
- Winter 1991, pp. 46–47

Convention Manual

- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 41
- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 84

TRAINING OF PARISH EVANGELISTS “LIVING THE MISSION”

1991–1993: \$21,481.59

This money enabled four people in each district, including two LWML members, to receive extensive training in evangelism.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 112

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 158, 180–181

Quarterly

- Summer 1991, p. 18, “Convention Ballot”
- Fall 1991, p. 18
- Summer 1992, p. 18
- Winter 1992, pp. 46–47

Convention Manual

- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 40
- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, pp. 85, 89

SELMA, ALA. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CONCORDIA COLLEGE

1993–1995: \$72,000

Established in 1922, Concordia College in Selma, Ala., with an enrollment of some 400 students, is the only historically Black Lutheran college in the United States. Many of its students come from families that have an annual income of less than \$6,000. The maximum federal grant available per student per year is \$2,400. This grant provided much-needed scholarship aid for Concordia students, some of whom will serve the Lord as future full-time workers in His church.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 112

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 214, 217–218, 222–224

Quarterly

- Summer 1993, p. 15, “Convention Ballot”
- Fall 1993, p. 19

- Summer 1995, p. 36

Convention Manual

- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 35
- 26th Biennial Convention, Kansas City, Mo., 1995, p. 80

IDAHO “FRIENDS IN CHRIST” MISSION

1993–1995: \$40,000

A majority of people living in southeast Idaho are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, i.e., Mormons. The members of Hope Lutheran Church, Soda Springs, Idaho and their lay minister, Rich Evans, are committed to sharing Jesus with their Mormon neighbors. This small church is not able to fully finance the cost of spreading the light of Christ in this mission area. Hope Lutheran Church has already started two preaching stations and wants to expand this outreach with at least three more preaching stations. This grant was used to help build a strong lay-assistant program in each station, advertise in local newspapers, help with phone bills, rent, music equipment, etc. The goal of this project is that Hope Lutheran Church will serve as the parent congregation and be a self-supporting “cluster” congregation with the preaching stations.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 112

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 158, 173–174

Quarterly

- Summer 1993, p. 15, “Convention Ballot”
- Fall 1993, p. 19
- Winter 1993, p. 45

Convention Manual

- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, pp. 40–41
- 26th Biennial Convention, Kansas City, Mo., 1995, p. 80

“THE DEAF BIBLE STUDY” SERIES

1993–1995: \$45,000

Hearing-impaired people are experiencing growth in their faith and growth in caring and sharing skills through small group Bible studies. There is an urgent need for materials suitable for hearing-impaired and lay people to lead Bible studies for hearing-impaired Bible students. Pastors working with deaf persons have volunteered to develop the Bible study lessons. This grant will cover the publishing, printing, and distribution of the master copies. Each group will then be able to duplicate the lessons as needed.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 112

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 308, 315–316

Quarterly

- Summer 1993, p. 15, “Convention Ballot”
- Fall 1993, p. 19
- Winter 1994, p. 46

Convention Manual

- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 38
- 26th Biennial Convention, Kansas City, Mo., 1995, p. 80

BATTERY PARK, MANHATTAN, NEW YORK CITY, N.Y. NEW MISSION FIELD

1993–1995: \$105,000

Battery Park is the fastest-growing area of New York City. It is a new area on the southern tip of Manhattan in a multiracial, multicultural area. There are only three LCMS congregations in Manhattan and none in Battery Park. This grant will enable the LCMS to open this mission field. It will be used to start a nursery, preschool, or daycare ministry as a way of reaching out to the community. The congregation will develop and grow around this child-care program.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 112

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 350, 356–360

Quarterly

- Summer 1993, p. 15, “Convention Ballot”
- Fall 1993, p. 19
- Summer 1994, p. 29

Convention Manual

- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 39
- 26th Biennial Convention, Kansas City, Mo., 1995, p. 81

LUTHERAN DAYCARE CHURCH-PLANTING INITIATIVE

1993–1995: \$100,000

Many congregations have seen the need for daycare or preschool programs in their communities and have opened their doors to Christ-centered programs, reaching out in service and mission to the community. The English District, with the Lord’s guidance, has been successful in planting new churches by establishing successful daycare centers. One of the main goals of the LCMS Board for Mission Services for the 1990s is planting new churches. The English District wants to provide critical expertise through a step-by-step resource of experience, guidance, and assistance to all within the Synod who undertake such ambitious mission-planting endeavors.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 112

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 331, 340–342

Quarterly

- Summer 1993, p. 15, “Convention Ballot”
- Fall 1993, p. 19
- Spring 1994, p. 42

Convention Manual

- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 33
- 26th Biennial Convention, Kansas City, Mo., 1995, p. 81

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. APPLE OF HIS EYE

1993–1995: \$22,788.92

The Apple of His Eye is a ministry of the LCMS to the Jewish people in the U.S., who number some seven million. A branch is already established in Queens, N.Y., and another branch is planned for Chicago, Ill. This new work in Los Angeles, Calif. will be under the direct supervision of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Beverly Hills, located in an area where 919,000 Jewish people live. God is concerned for the salvation of the Jews, who are, “the apple of his eye” (Zach. 2:8). Our support will help Pastor David Tengboom and his family in this ministry.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 112

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 245, 250–252

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Quarterly

- Summer 1993, p. 15, “Convention Ballot”
- Fall 1993, p. 19
- Spring 1995, p. 46

Convention Manual

- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, pp. 33, 34
- 26th Biennial Convention, Kansas City, Mo., 1995, p. 81

FAITH ALIVE CURRICULUM FOR LUTHERAN SCHOOLS IN NEED

1995–1997: \$70,000

The Faith Alive Curriculum for Lutheran schools is a vital tool for evangelism. As members move to the suburbs, but worship in the city, the schools reach out to the community — each school becomes a mission field. Statistics show that many of the students come from unchurched homes. This grant will assist economically disadvantaged schools to purchase the Teacher’s Kits for the *Concordia Faith Alive Curriculum*. (Sixty-three Lutheran schools in 18 districts have been blessed by this curriculum outreach.)

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 133

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 215, 230–231

Quarterly

- Fall 1995, p. 25

Convention Manual

- 26th Biennial Convention, Kansas City, Mo., 1995, p. 39
- 27th Biennial Convention, Charlotte, N.C., 1997, p. 47
- 28th Biennial Convention, Minneapolis, Minn., 1999, p. 42

DAILY DEVOTIONS IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE DEAF

1995–1997: \$65,000

Ninety-five percent of all deaf people continue to be unchurched because of the lack of God’s Word and other Christian materials being available in the language of the deaf, American Sign Language. A studio is already established to produce video devotional and worship services at Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf.

This grant will enable many other deaf ministries and their pastors to film devotions/studies and music they have prepared for signing. This will result in greater library use by the 8,000 deaf Lutherans and the additional four million deaf people that use American Sign Language.

(Pastor Moody, of Holy Cross Lutheran in St. Louis, coordinated this project. A total of 1,200 videotapes with 42 devotions, 21 signed songs, and 84 Bible questions were distributed.)

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 133

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 308, 316–317

Quarterly

- Fall 1995, p. 25

Convention Manual

- 26th Biennial Convention, Kansas City, Mo., 1995, p. 46

- Convention Manual

- 27th Biennial Convention, Charlotte, N.C., 1997, p. 47

“WOMAN TO WOMAN” RADIO PROGRAM

1995–1997: \$103,120

The “Woman to Woman” radio program encourages women to share their faith in Christ, while at the same time providing a source of information and advice on topics concerning women and their families. Lutheran Hour Ministries brings this program to listeners in more than 24 states through weekly radio programs, speaking engagements, and materials such as cassettes and Bible studies. Almost half of American women listen to Christian radio each month, making outreach to non-Christians possible. This grant will extend the outreach of this ministry.

(Phyllis Wallace hosts this program, aired weekly on 166 radio stations across the country. The program is number 15 among syndicated weekly radio programs.)

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 133

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 274, 300–307

Quarterly

- Fall 1995, p. 25

Convention Manual

- 26th Biennial Convention, Kansas City, Mo., 1995, p. 47
- 27th Biennial Convention, Charlotte, N.C., 1997, p. 47

EAST LANSING, MICH. INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP CENTER

1995–1997: \$125,000

Outreach to international students and their families began in 1992 in southern Michigan. Often international students and their families feel isolated and lonely because of cultural differences and long family separations. Only 20 percent are blessed with a Christian friend and personal Gospel witness. The purchase of an International Friendship Center will provide a central gathering place for Bible study, cultural exchange, conversational clusters, and worship groups. The grant will cover the cost and preparation of a facility to serve as an International Friendship Center at Michigan State University.

(Six congregations in three circuits have formed this mission society for international students. The Lord provided a building in a good location for the Friendship Center, where Christ is shared.)

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 133

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 127, 130–132

Quarterly

- Fall 1995, p. 25

Convention Manual

- 26th Biennial Convention, Kansas City, Mo., 1995, p. 38
- 27th Biennial Convention, Charlotte, N.C., 1997, p. 48

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK LUTHERAN OUTREACH MUSLIM EDUCATION

1995–1997: \$95,000

Islam is the fastest growing religion in North America. There are six million Muslims in the United States. The Metro Detroit area has the highest concentration of Arabs outside the Middle East, with 4,000 to 5,000 Arab immigrants arriving

each year. The greatest window for evangelizing the Muslims is when they first arrive in our land. This grant will provide a teacher to train area volunteers to teach English as a second language, develop a curriculum with resources, and provide scholarships for Muslim children to area Lutheran schools. (Operating as a storefront ministry, this facility has ESL [English as a second language] classrooms, worship space, Bible class, and Sunday school. The ministry reaches many people groups, including south Asian, Hispanic, Chinese, Korean, Albanian, and Arabic.)

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 133

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 127, 133–135

Quarterly

- Fall 1995, p. 25

Convention Manual

- 26th Biennial Convention, Kansas City, Mo., 1995, p. 45
- 27th Biennial Convention, Charlotte, N.C., 1997, p. 48

ALASKA MISSIONARY TRANSPORTATION

1997–1999: \$100,000

The Alaska Mission Committee has purchased a motor home and a houseboat to be used to transport missionaries as they work on this frontier. The ministry continues to grow and is a model for missions to other countries.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 133

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 350, 367–368

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- 28th Biennial Convention, Minneapolis, Minn., 1999, p. 42
- 29th Biennial Convention, San Jose, Calif., 2001, p. 45

BIBLE CLASS VIDEOS FOR DEAF CHILDREN IN SIGN LANGUAGE

1997–1999: \$55,000

Bethel Deaf Ministries has produced Bible stories on videos in American Sign Language to bring the Gospel to deaf children. Both testaments have been completed and are being used.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 133

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 308, 318–319

Convention Manual

- 28th Biennial Convention, Minneapolis, Minn., 1999, p. 42

FAMILY CONNECTION

1997–1999: \$95,000

The Family Connection listens to callers, prays with them, and supports them with resources to keep family members connected within the family, as well as to their Lord and the church.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 133

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 158, 178

Convention Manual

- 28th Biennial Convention, Minneapolis, Minn., 1999, p. 42

LMCS MISSIONARY TRAINING PROGRAM

1997–1999: \$100,000

“Pathways,” a three-step training process developed by LCMS World Mission is designed to bring to the missionary and his family strategies to proclaim Jesus. Sharing problems and joys with other missionaries and counselors is part of this training.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 133

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 157, 161

Dedicated!, p. 21

Convention Manual

- 28th Biennial Convention, Minneapolis, Minn., 1999, p. 43

CARE FOR RETURNING MISSIONARY CHILDREN

1997–1999: \$392.32

LCMS World Mission identified qualified missionaries (active and retired) to draft a strategy for missionary kids’ reentry and ongoing support. These advocates would be available for dialog, counsel, and support.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 133

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 158, 161–162

Convention Manual

- 28th Biennial Convention, Minneapolis, Minn., 1999, p. 43

NEW URBAN MISSIONARIES IN THE UNITED STATES

1999–2001: \$100,000

Successful mission starts have begun in four cities — Buffalo, N.Y.; Washington, District of Columbia; Chicago, Ill.; and Los Angeles Calif. — all challenging mission fields where poverty and multiculturalism prevail.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 350, 362

Convention Manual

- 29th Biennial Convention, San Jose, Calif., 2001, p. 45

INNER-CITY SCHOLARSHIPS PROJECT

1999–2001: \$100,000

Families in the inner city cannot afford tuition to Lutheran schools (an effective method of evangelism). This grant provided scholarships for 100 needy children to attend Lutheran schools and learn about Jesus and His love for them.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 215, 232–233

Convention Manual

- 29th Biennial Convention, San Jose, Calif., 2001, p. 45

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. TEACHING SPECIAL-NEEDS CHILDREN IN INNER-CITY

1999–2001: \$104,000

These children, living in a poor neighborhood, are enrolled in special-education programs. They are overcoming their disabilities and becoming secure in their walk with God. Families have also been touched by this experience of love.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 128, 137–138

Convention Manual

- 29th Biennial Convention, San Jose, Calif., 2001, p. 45

RURAL/SMALL TOWN GREAT COMMISSION LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES

1999–2001: \$40,000

Ten regional events were held, with 50 congregations each sending five people. The LCMS Board for Congregational Services helped participants understand their membership and acquire leadership skills, for both pastors and lay leaders.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 350, 371–373

Convention Manual

- 29th Biennial Convention, San Jose, Calif., 2001, p. 45

ST. LOUIS, MO. JEWISH MISSIONARY TRAINING CENTER

1999–2001: \$100,000

The training center, established in St. Louis, Mo. prepares missionaries to reach out to the six million Jewish people living in North America. Funding helped build the training library, set up video conferencing, and produce a training manual (print and CD).

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 127, 151–152

Dedicated!, p. 23

Convention Manual

- 29th Biennial Convention, San Jose, Calif., 2001, p. 46

ASSISTING STUDENTS SERVING IN SHORT-TERM EVANGELISTIC MISSIONS (ASSIST'EM)

1999–2001: \$50,000

Future pastors and teachers benefit from firsthand experiences with cross-cultural missions. This is a powerful influence toward a career as a missionary. Scholarships are given for short-term mission trips during school breaks.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 158, 172–173

Convention Manual

- 29th Biennial Convention, San Jose, Calif., 2001, p. 46

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRY (ISM) STARTUPS

1999–2001: \$100,000

International students attending United States schools come from more than 200 countries. ISM offers a Gospel-centered friendship ministry on seven more campuses. When students return to their homes, they become ambassadors for Christ.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 127, 132

Dedicated!, p. 23

Convention Manual

- 29th Biennial Convention, San Jose, Calif., 2001; p. 46

DETROIT, MICH. ARAB FAMILY MINISTRY CENTER

1999–2001: \$51,792.60

The Family Ministry Center in Detroit was created for Arab families to come to an environment of Christian love and acceptance, experiencing the love of Jesus in a holistic and culturally relevant way. The Arabic missionary support and resources were provided.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 127, 134–135

Convention Manual

- 29th Biennial Convention, San Jose, Calif., 2001; p. 46

FORTIFY AND STRENGTHEN BLACK FAMILY MISSION AND MINISTRY IN THE LCMS

2001–2003: \$100,000

Reaching and evangelizing Black families enabled new churches to be planted, and Lutheran schools with black population to reach out to the families.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 127, 153–154

Convention Manual

- 30th Biennial Convention, Oklahoma City, Okla., 2003, p. 46.

ALASKA EXPANSION TO NATIVE AMERICANS

2001–2003: \$75,000

Funding for local and long-distance education, transportation needs, and translations of 20 Arch Books into native languages to be used by 125 communities in Alaska were provided.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 100, 125

Convention Manual

- 30th Biennial Convention, Oklahoma City, Okla., 2003, p. 45

LCMS PRISON MINISTRY OUTREACH

2001–2003: \$ 61,000

Prison ministry training materials were developed and mailed to all districts and interested congregations. More direct mailing to prison inmates, as well as educational materials that promote a caring Christian spirit for victims of crime, were funded.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 158, 184–185

Dedicated!, p. 25

Convention Manual

- 30th Biennial Convention, Oklahoma City, Okla., 2003, p. 45

IRVINE, CALIF. ESTABLISHING TRAINING CENTER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

2001–2003: \$50,000

A Center for North American Mission Development at Concordia University, Irvine, Calif., was established. The center helps LCMS districts by providing resources and training so they can plant churches among various ethnic populations in the United States.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 233–234

Convention Manual

- 30th Biennial Convention, Oklahoma City, Okla., 2003, p. 46

REACHING NEW ETHNIC GROUPS THROUGH CHILDREN

2001–2003: \$75,000

Using children to reach parents for Jesus is a proven method of evangelism. This technique, successfully modeled first in Alaska, will be used in large United States urban areas.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, pp. 146, 155

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 127, 133

Convention Manual

- 30th Biennial Convention, Oklahoma City, Okla., 2003, p. 46

INTERACTIVE BILINGUAL CURRICULUM FOR THE HISPANIC INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY

2001–2003: \$50,000

The Hispanic Institute of Theology, in association with Concordia Theological Seminary, prepares men for ministry to the Hispanics. Bilingual curriculum materials include six audio CDs with Lutheran liturgies and 50 hymns to help in the training.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, pp. 146, 155

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 75, 85–86

Dedicated!, p. 25

Convention Manual

- 30th Biennial Convention, Oklahoma City, Okla., 2003, p. 46

IDAHO CIRCUIT-RIDER MINISTRY

2001–2003: \$100,000

Funds purchased and modified a truck employed as a mobile worship center and a community gathering place. The Circuit Rider ministry serves the sparsely settled communities of southern Idaho.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 350, 373–374

Quarterly

- Spring 2003, p. 43, “Tales from the Mission Field”

Convention Manual

- 30th Biennial Convention, Oklahoma City, Okla., 2003, p. 47

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLA. MESSIAH MIGRANT MINISTRY

2001–2003: \$40,000

A new truck was purchased, and repairs were completed on an old one. The truck delivers supplies to migrant workers while spreading the Good News wherever it goes.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 75, 86–87

Convention Manual and Memorials

- 30th Biennial Convention, Oklahoma City, Okla., 2003,

p. 47

DETROIT, MICH. ST. MATTHEW’S OUTREACH TO JAPANESE PEOPLE

2001–2003: \$50,000

The International Friends Ministry in the Detroit area serves more than 300 Japanese people weekly. The ministry employs 80 volunteers and two full-time staff. Additional staff to reach the waiting list of Japanese people was possible through this grant.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, pp. 146, 155

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 128, 152–153

Dedicated!, p. 25

Convention Manual and Memorials

- 30th Biennial Convention, Oklahoma City, Okla., 2003, p. 47

CARBONDALE ILL. GOSPEL OUTREACH TO CHINESE PEOPLE

2001–2003: \$40,000

This funding bought a computer and Chinese programs, copier, audiovisual equipment, and other supplies to help share Christ’s love at Southern Illinois University, which has a large concentration of international students.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, pp. 146, 155

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 128, 132

Dedicated!, p. 25

Quarterly

- Spring 2003, p. 43, “Tales from the Mission Field”

Convention Manual

- 30th Biennial Convention, Oklahoma City, Okla., 2003, p. 47

LUTHERAN ADOPTION NETWORK

2003–2005 \$75,000

Previously closed countries such as Russia and China have now opened the way for international adoption of children, and this grant enabled the Lutheran Adoption Network to expand its programs to take advantage of this opportunity and to place children in Christian homes.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 164

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 245, 258–259

Dedicated!, p. 28

Convention Manual

- 31st Biennial Convention, Tampa, Fla., 2005, p. 47

MISSION TO SOUTHEAST ALASKA (M/V CHRISTIAN)

2003–2005: \$100,000

Much-needed Coast Guard-mandated repairs were made to this mission vessel so that it could continue its vital outreach to youth and others through vacation Bible School and Bible studies in the remote regions of southeast Alaska.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 164

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 100, 125–126

Dedicated!, p. 28

Convention Manual

- 31st Biennial Convention, Tampa, Fla. 2005, p. 47

RESOURCES AND MATERIALS FOR LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION

2003–2005: \$75,000

This grant made possible the development, production, and distribution of special-education materials for pastors, teachers, and special-education staff, to give children with developmental disabilities hope and success.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 164

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 309, 329–330

Convention Manual

- 31st Biennial Convention, Tampa, Fla., 2005, p. 47

HEART TO HEART SISTERS — A CROSS-CULTURAL GATHERING FOR 2005

2003–2005: \$50,000

Intentionally identifying and training ethnic leaders to be active in the LWML and in LCMS congregations through pre-convention gatherings. Developing multi-language LWML information resulted in expansion of this effort to 40 ethnic women at the 2005 gathering.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, pp. 147, 158, 164

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 128, 155–156

Dedicated!, p. 32

Convention Manual

- 31st Biennial Convention, Tampa, Fla., 2005, p. 47

MICHIGAN IMMIGRANT AFGHANI WOMEN AND CHILDREN MINISTRIES

2003–2005: \$71,000

Working through POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach), Afghani immigrants, especially women and children, were assisted in everyday challenges, which afforded opportunities to reach out, not only to physical needs, but to spiritual ones as well.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 164

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 128, 135

Convention Manual

- 31st Biennial Convention, Tampa, Fla., 2005, p. 48

MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL, MINN. ETHNIC CHILDREN WITH PARTNERS IN MISSION

2003–2005: \$100,000

Funding supports the 10 area programs of Partners in Mission in metropolitan Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn. providing educational materials, Bibles, training, and other helps to reach out with Jesus' love to the children of this multiethnic community.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 164

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 128, 138–139

Dedicated!, p. 28

Convention Manual

- 31st Biennial Convention, Tampa, Fla., 2005, p. 48

NEW YORK BETH EL MESSIANIC CONGREGATION STOREFRONT MINISTRY

2003–2005: \$20,139.11

Advertising, radio spots, and evangelistic materials have been purchased to add to personal outreach about the Messiah to the Jewish neighborhood in metropolitan New York.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 164

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 189, 211–213

Dedicated!, p. 28

Convention Manual

- 31st Biennial Convention, Tampa, Fla., 2005, p. 48

ABLAZE! IMPLEMENTATION IN NORTH AMERICA 2005–2007: \$100,000

Training programs and materials are being developed for the involvement of LCMS' wide variety of membership to reach the North American *Ablaze!* Goal of reaching 50 million people by 2017.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 158, 181–182

Dedicated!, p. 96

Quarterly

- Summer 2007, p. 26, "grants@work"

Convention Manual

- 31st Biennial Convention, Tampa, Fla., 2005, p. 36

- 32nd Biennial Convention, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2007, p. 49

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL. URBAN, ETHNIC SCHOOL EXPANSION

2005–2007: \$75,000

Classroom space is being added, enabling more ethnic children, caught in the bleak circle of low achievement levels and fears, to learn of God's love, self-esteem, and academic and social skills found in a Lutheran school.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 215, 234–238

Dedicated!, pp. 33, 96

Convention Manual

- 31st Biennial Convention, Tampa, Fla., 2005, p. 35

- 32nd Biennial Convention, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2007, p. 49

CAME — REACHING ASIAN IMMIGRANTS 2005–2007: \$50,000

Asian missionaries and evangelists are being identified through the Center of Asian Mission and Evangelism (CAME) to reach out with the Gospel to the 97 percent unchurched Asians in North America.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 128, 146

Dedicated!, pp. 33, 96

Convention Manual

- 31st Biennial Convention, Tampa, Fla., 2005, p. 35

- 32nd Biennial Convention, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2007, p. 49

EXPANDING MINISTRIES TO YOUTH AND ADULTS IN SOUTHWEST ALASKA

2005–2007: \$75,000

Successful ministries in this remote region are being increased

by training leaders and mentors, establishing worshipping communities and initiating youth ministries with Bible studies, camps, and peer-ministry training.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 350, 368–369

Dedicated!, pp. 33, 96

Convention Manual

- 31st Biennial Convention, Tampa, Fla., 2005, p. 36
- 32nd Biennial Convention, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2007, p. 49

LUTHERAN BLIND MISSION OUTREACH PROGRAM

2005–2007: \$32,000

Supported an outreach conference and seminar for directors of blind centers, enabling them to learn from each other and improve strategies to show Jesus' love to blind and visually impaired people.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 308, 321–322

Dedicated!, pp. 33, 96

Quarterly

- Winter 2006, p. 20, “grants@work”

Convention Manual

- 31st Biennial Convention, Tampa, Fla., 2005, p. 35
- 32nd Biennial Convention, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2007, p. 50

GOSPEL OUTREACH AND CHURCH PLANTING WITH CHILDCARE

2005–2007: \$70,000

Funding helps establish LCMS Word and Sacrament churches and expands programs of outreach and nurture in existing congregations by assisting with the establishment of childcare ministries.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 158, 169–170

Dedicated!, p. 96

Convention Manual

- 31st Biennial Convention, Tampa, Fla., 2005, p. 35
- 32nd Biennial Convention, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2007, p. 50

INNER-CITY MISSION AND MINISTRY — BUFFALO, N.Y.

2005–2007: \$100,000

Funds are helping to renovate a warehouse into a multipurpose ministry-outreach and family-life center, provide pastoral support monies, Bibles, Sunday-school materials, and training for evangelism, thereby offering hope to this low-income, crime-infested area.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 351, 362–364

Dedicated!, p. 96

Convention Manual

- 31st Biennial Convention, Tampa, Fla., 2005, p. 36
- 32nd Biennial Convention, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2007, p. 50

EXPANSION OF MISSION OUTREACH TRAINING — USA

2005–2007: \$80,000

This grant helps fund the expansion of the Leadership Advancement Process (LAP) Word and service mission and outreach training program designed to educate, encourage, equip, and mobilize laymen and laywomen to reach the uncommitted people in North America.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 158, 183–184

Dedicated!, p. 96

Convention Manual

- 31st Biennial Convention, Tampa, Fla., 2005, p. 35
- 32nd Biennial Convention, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2007, p. 50

ETHNIC IMMIGRANT INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY DEACONESS TRAINING

2005–2007: \$100,000

Funding provides tuition assistance for 15–20 ethnic women students, development of five courses, support for a cross-cultural woman coordinator, and recruitment expenses

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 128, 154–155

Dedicated!, p. 96

Quarterly

- Spring 2007, p. 16, “grants@work”
- Summer 2012, p. 15

Convention Manual

- 31st Biennial Convention, Tampa, Fla., 2005, p. 36
- 32nd Biennial Convention, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2007, p. 50

HISPANIC OUTREACH — WEST HOUSTON, TEX.

2005–2007: \$17,089

This grant helps the burgeoning Hispanic population of West Houston, Texas, see Christ by using indigenous lay leadership, church planting, and community impact.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 75, 87

Dedicated!, p. 96

Convention Manual

- 31st Biennial Convention, Tampa, Fla., 2005, p. 35
- 32nd Biennial Convention, Sioux falls, S.D., 2007, p. 50

DEAF LAY AND CLERGY TRAINING — CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS, MO.

2007–2009: \$50,000

To continue the training of deaf pastors and lay leaders through the Deaf Institute of Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 308, 318–319

Dedicated!, p. 96

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention, Portland, Ore., 2009, p. 43

LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS' TRANSPORTATION

2007–2009: \$60,000

To help Lutheran Bible Translators provide safe and reliable means of transportation for its missionaries as they bring God's Word to people in the languages that reach their hearts.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 246, 263–265

Dedicated!, p. 96

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention, Portland, Ore., 2009, p. 43

EIGHT NEW LUTHERAN BLIND MISSION OUTREACH CENTERS

2007–2009: \$40,000

To help open eight new outreach centers for the blind and visually impaired throughout the United States and provide training for the new outreach center directors.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 308, 322–323

Dedicated!, p. 96

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention, Portland, Ore., 2009, p. 43

CIRCUIT RIDER FOR RURAL NORTHWEST SOUTH DAKOTA

2007–2009: \$65,000

To establish a circuit rider ministry to reach isolated families in northwest South Dakota, which will give them the opportunity for worship and Bible study in their homes on a regular basis.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 351, 374–376

Dedicated!, p. 96

Quarterly

- Summer 2012, p. 14.

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention, Portland, Ore., 2009, p. 43
- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 45

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL, MINN. INNER-CITY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

2007–2009: \$50,000

To help Partners in Mission minister to and embrace the children of inner-city Minneapolis and St. Paul by bringing them to God through providing the LCMS congregations in their neighborhoods with the necessary resources.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 128, 139–141

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention, Portland, Ore., 2009, p. 43

KFUO RADIO INTERNET STREAMING

2007–2009: \$50,000

To help provide the additional expansion of bandwidth needed for internet streaming of live and archived programming and Bible studies on the LCMS radio stations KFUE AM and FM.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 274, 295–298

Dedicated!, pp. 44, 96

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention, Portland, Ore., 2009, p. 44

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY — TEXAS ISAIAH 49 PROGRAM, PREPARING FOR SERVICE IN CHILD WELFARE

2007–2009: \$80,000

To help fund the Isaiah 49 Program which will create

opportunities for students across the Concordia University System to receive educational, spiritual, and vocational training, and internship experiences as they prepare for service to children in public agencies including those affiliated with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 215, 238–239

Dedicated!, p. 96

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention, Portland, Ore., 2009, p. 44
- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 45

DETROIT, MICH. OUTREACH MINISTRY TO THE HOMELESS AND ADDICTED

2007–2009: \$49,000

To assist Lutheran City Ministries in its outreach to the homeless and addicted, the unemployed and the poor, the mentally challenged, and otherwise forgotten people of southwest Detroit, Mich., by providing clothing, shelter, and food, and sharing the Gospel.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 351, 369–371

Dedicated!, pp. 44, 96

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention, Portland, Ore., 2009, p. 44
- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 45

CHICAGO, ILL. ST. MATTHEW'S "EL COMEDOR POPULAR" SOUP KITCHEN

2007–2009: \$33,000

To help fund St. Matthew's "El Comedor Popular" Soup Kitchen to feed the homeless, unemployed, seniors, and children of Chicago's Pilsen community.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 75, 95–97

Dedicated!, p. 96

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention, Portland, Ore., 2009, p. 44

REACHING ACROSS CULTURES THROUGH URBAN CHILDREN — OHIO

2007–2009: \$32,500

To help Building Hope in the City and its partnering congregations operate eight urban family centers offering evangelism activities for children, tutoring programs for youth and adults, and Gospel outreach ministry to Arab and African immigrants.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 128, 141–143

Dedicated!, pp. 57, 96

Quarterly

- Summer, 2012, p. 14.

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention, Portland, Ore., 2009, p. 44

ST. LOUIS, MO. CONCORDIA SEMINARY, FOOD BANK RELOCATION

2009–2011: \$ 50,000

To fund the relocation of Concordia Seminary's Food Bank to an improved and more efficient space within the Commons in Wartburg and Koburg Halls, with funds being matched by The

Charles E. Benidt Foundation for related expenses.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 215, 239–241

Dedicated!, pp. 54, 97

Quarterly

- Summer 2010, p. 12.

Convention Manual

- 33rd biennial convention manual, Portland, Ore., 2009; page 32.
- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 45

FLORIDA THE CARPENTER'S HANDS — YOUTH REFURBISH HOMES

2009–2011: \$26,000

To purchase tools and a used cargo van to enable the youth and their advisers of Grace Lutheran Church to refurbish homes in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 246, 249–250

Dedicated!, pp. 54, 97

Quarterly

- Winter 2009, p. 8.

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention Manual, Portland, Ore., 2009; page 31.
- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 45

PSALM 69:14 PROJECT — EMERGENCY DISASTER AID IN TEXAS, OKLAHOMA, LOUISIANA

2009–2011: \$50,000

To provide emergency aid to impoverished and needy persons affected by natural and other disasters, with aid taking the form of one-time hardship grants, averaging \$300, for shelter, medicine, and other urgent and critical needs not being met by any other resources.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 246, 271–273

Dedicated!, pp. 55, 97

Quarterly

- Fall 2010, p. 12.

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention Manual, Portland, Ore., 2009; page 32.
- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 45

CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, FT. WAYNE, IND. DIGITIZE CLASSES FOR SPECIFIC MINISTRY PASTOR PROGRAM

2009–2011: \$36,000

To purchase five workstations for the Specific Ministry Pastor Program, and one digitizing station for the library to make materials available electronically worldwide to teach and assist pastors, students, missionaries, and seminaries in going "into all the world."

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 215, 241–242

Dedicated!, pp. 55, 97

Quarterly

- Summer, 2010, p. 12.

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention Manual, Portland, Ore., 2009;

p. 32.

- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 45

LCMS PRISON MINISTRY PROVIDES DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS

2009–2011: \$50,000

To provide 5,000 copies of Lutheran devotional materials to reach United States prison inmates desiring to know their Lord and Savior.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 158, 184–185

Dedicated!, pp. 54, 97

Quarterly

- Spring 2011, p. 13.
- Winter 2013, p. 14.

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention Manual, Portland, Ore., 2009; page 32.
- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 45

OHIO THE HOPE CENTER FOR REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS

2009–2011: \$90,000

To help The Hope Center for Refugees and Immigrants bring glory to God through resettlement programs and ministry and help renew the ministries of many Lutheran congregations in Ohio.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 128,

Dedicated!, p. 97

Quarterly

- Winter 2010, p. 9.
- Spring 2012, p. 14.

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention Manual, Portland, Ore., 2009; p. 31.
- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 45
- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37

ST. LOUIS, MO. LIGHT OF CHRIST CHINESE LUTHERAN MISSION

2009–2011: \$75,000

To enable Light of Christ Mission to continue sharing the Good News of God's love with the Asian people in Olivette, Mo. in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 128, 150–151

Dedicated!, pp. 54, 57, 97

Quarterly

- Fall 2010, p. 12.

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention Manual, Portland, Ore., 2009; page 32.
- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 45

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRY PROVIDES BIBLES AND CHRIST-ORIENTED RESOURCES

2009–2011: \$30,000

To provide Bibles and Christ-oriented resources for international students and their families, so many more may read of Jesus Christ and the saving Gospel message.

Sources

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- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 45

NATIVE LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ETHNIC IMMIGRANT INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY (EIIT)

2009–2011: \$100,000

To provide five scholarships and ministry stipends to cover part of the expenses for the native men and women currently enrolled in the EIIT program.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 100, 123–125

Dedicated!, p. 97

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Convention Manual

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- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 45

DETROIT, MICH. OUTREACH TO AT-RISK CHILDREN

2011–2013: \$15,000

To enable Lutheran City Ministries, Inc., to continue its outreach ministry of teaching God's Word and showing His love to at-risk children and teens in Metro Detroit.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 331, 344–345

Dedicated!, p. 97

Quarterly

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- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 33, 36
- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37
- 36th Biennial Convention, Des Moines, Iowa, 2015, p. 35

CANCER CARE PACKAGE MINISTRY

2011–2013: \$100,000

To fund care packages containing Bibles, spiritual tracts, and practical and personal items to be given to cancer victims here in the United States, and through this ministry to open doors to a relationship with Christ.

Sources

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Quarterly

- Spring 2012, p. 15.

Convention Manual

- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 34, 41
- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37

TEXAS, LOUISIANA, OKLAHOMA EXODUS 2:6 PROJECT: SPIRITUAL CARE IN DISASTERS

2011–2013: \$50,000

To provide spiritual care through Lutheran Social Services of

the South to children and youth who have experienced the devastation of natural disasters.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 351, 377–378

Dedicated!, p. 97

Quarterly

- Winter 2011, p. 13.

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- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37
- 36th Biennial Convention, Des Moines, Iowa, 2015, p. 35

TWO GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL/MINORITY STUDENTS — CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS, MO.

2011–2013: \$50,000

To bring the Gospel of Jesus to the nations by assisting international/minority students with the cost of tuition and living expenses while training to become pastors in international partner churches.

Sources

Dedicated!, p. 97

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 215, 242–243

Quarterly

- Winter 2012, p. 29.

Convention Manual

- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 33, 37
- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37

GOSPEL OUTREACH THROUGH OPEN ARMS CHILD CARE

2011–2013: \$65,000

To expand and nurture childcare ministry programs in existing congregations and to support the development of Christian curriculum for full-time childcare ministry.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 331, 342–343

Dedicated!, p. 98

Quarterly

- Winter 2012, p. 29.

Convention Manual

- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 33, 35
- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR LCMS PRISON AND JAIL MINISTRY CONFERENCE

2011–2013: \$27,500

To help in underwriting the cost of the synod wide Prison and Jail Ministry Conference in 2012–2013 to make it affordable to clergy and lay volunteers interested in all types of prison and jail ministry.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 158, 184–185

Dedicated!, p. 98

Quarterly

- Winter 2013, p. 14.
- Spring 2013, p. 15.

Convention Manual

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- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37

PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT FOR THE IMPOVERISHED — UNITED STATES/MEXICO BORDER

2011–2013: \$27,970.36

To provide funds for Ysleta Lutheran Mission programs that feed those living in poverty along the United States/Mexico border while also ministering with Christ's Word and love to their spiritual needs.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 75,

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Quarterly

- Winter 2012, p. 28.

Convention Manual

- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 34, 43
- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37

TRAINING K-9 COMFORT DOGS FOR LCMS CHAPLAINS

2013–2015: \$30,000

To fund Lutheran Church Charities in their training of three K-9 Comfort Dogs which will be used to aid those who share the love of Jesus and help spread the Gospel to people who are hurting and in need.

Sources

Dedicated!, pp. 73, 75, 98

Quarterly

- Summer 2014, P. 14.

Convention Manual

- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013 p. 28, 32
- 36th Biennial Convention, Des Moines, Iowa, 2015, p. 35

I CAN — SERVING AT-RISK CHILDREN WITH LEARNING NEEDS

2013–2015: \$99,000

To bring the love of Christ to children who are at-risk or have special learning needs through Lutheran Special Education Ministries after school/summer programs.

Sources

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Quarterly

- Summer 2014, p. 15.

Convention Manual

- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 27, 30
- 36th Biennial Convention, Des Moines, Iowa, 2015, p. 35

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA NATIVE AMERICAN OUTREACH TRAINING CENTER

2013–2015: \$95,000

To grow a more robust volunteer program, create a mission center for natives coming in from the bush to receive theological instruction, and to develop partnerships with agencies addressing the needs of native people.

Sources

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Quarterly

- Fall 2014, p. 15.

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- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013 p. 28, 33
- 36th Biennial Convention, Des Moines, Iowa, 2015, p. 35

STRENGTHENING AND EXPANDING CAMPUS MINISTRY

2013–2015: \$100,000

To cultivate, through technology, a common direction for Lutheran campus ministry, and to connect and support all involved in campus ministry now and in the future.

Sources

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Quarterly

- Winter 2013, p. 15.

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- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 28, 33
- 36th Biennial Convention, Des Moines, Iowa, 2015, p. 35

WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS, LUTHERAN MINISTRIES MEDIA

2013–2015: \$80,000

To fund the production, marketing, and distribution of the weekly "Worship for Shut-ins" DVD program, produced by Lutheran Ministries Media, including free one-year subscriptions for 25 retirement and nursing care centers and other discounted subscriptions.

Sources

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Quarterly

- Winter 2014, p. 28–29.

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- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 27, 32
- 36th Biennial Convention, Des Moines, Iowa, 2015, p. 35

SELMA, ALA. PREPARING LEADERS FOR A DIVERSE WORLD– CONCORDIA COLLEGE

2013–2015: \$50,000

To provide funds for materials and recruitment of students for undergraduate and seminary classes, and to help in establishing the seminary program and expansion of the teacher education program that will serve the African American and other minority populations, preparing them for fulltime ministry and leadership in the church

Sources

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Quarterly

- Spring 2015, p. 15.

Convention Manual

- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 28, 35
- 36th Biennial Convention, Des Moines, Iowa, 2015, p. 35

VOICE OF CARE MINISTRY TO THE

DEVELOPMENTALLY CHALLENGED

2013–2015: \$50,600

To support the Director of Development, to create and produce informational materials, and to fund technology to tell the story of sharing the Gospel with the developmentally challenged.

Sources

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Quarterly

- Spring 2015, p. 14.

Convention Manual

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- 36th Biennial Convention, Des Moines, Iowa, 2015, p. 35

CHRIST-CENTERED TUTORING THROUGH REBECCA'S GARDEN OF HOPE (RGOH)

2013–2015: \$100,000

To support RGOH's faith-based, after-school tutoring and mentoring program and the training of congregations throughout the nation to implement similar programs, aimed at connecting at-risk children in urban communities with the love of Christ.

Sources

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Quarterly

- Spring 2015, p. 15.

Convention Manual

- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013 p. 27, 31
- 36th Biennial Convention, Des Moines, Iowa, 2015, p. 35

SUPPORT FOR LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO

2013–2015: \$40,000

To provide a part-time bookkeeper for Lutheran Public Radio, to allow the Director of Business Operations to devote more time to development, so that the radio and internet show "Issues, Etc." can continue to proclaim the Gospel and provide programming to serve church workers and draw listeners to the church.

Sources

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- 36th Biennial Convention, Des Moines, Iowa, 2015, p. 35

MISSION OUTREACH AT ST. PAUL COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH–PONTIAC, MICH.

2013–2015: \$67,767.41

To provide hope to the people in the city of Pontiac, Mich., and in the immediate community of St. Paul Community Lutheran Church, where 20 percent live below the poverty level with only this Lutheran presence to minister to them.

Sources

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Quarterly

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- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 28, 33
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UNITED STATES DISASTER RESPONSE TRAILERS

2015–2017: \$80,000

The last decade saw an unprecedented number of disasters. God had called us to be His hands which brought peace, hope, relief, and assistance to those who had suffered the devastation of natural and man-made disasters. The use of equipment trailers allowed groups of volunteers to quickly clean up the debris that followed the natural disasters. The trailers were not a burden to those affected, but rather were able to bring relief and comfort. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Disaster Response trailers provided a ministry of presence before, during, and after a disaster. This goal equipped twenty trailers to be used in twenty LCMS districts.

Sources

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UNITED STATES CANCER CARE PACKAGES — PHIL'S FRIENDS

2015–2017: \$50,000

Having gone through cancer once, then a second time, brought moments of hopelessness to Phil Zielke. He often would feel alone. He received care packages that showed him people were praying for him, while others sent cards of encouragement each week that included Bible verses. Using his illness and what he had learned through that journey, God equipped him to help others in similar situations. It was from Phil's hospital bed that the vision of Phil's Friends was born. This grant assisted Phil's Friends engage an army of volunteers that enabled the organization to support thousands of cancer patients every week across the United States through free care packages, weekly cards, and prayer.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 351, 378–379

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Quarterly

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- Winter 2015, p. 15, "Current Mission Grants Highlighted in This Issue"
- Spring 2016, p. 14, "Bringing Hope, Support, and Joy while Battling Cancer"

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SANFORD, FLA. REDEEMING LIFE MATERNITY HOME

2015–2017: \$100,000

Over 25 years ago, Rev. Edward DeWitt and his wife, Sheryl, dreamt of opening a maternity home for women who chose life for their unborn babies but lacked the resources to live independent, healthy lives. Redeeming Life Maternity Home (RLMH) became a reality in 2013, when it was started by Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. Since then, the Sanford, Fla. crisis pregnancy ministry has served as a home to many women and referred many more to other service agencies. At RLMH faith, family, and education have been upheld as keys to living a healthy, hope-filled life. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) grant supported the home's programs for educational and vocational learning, instruction in financial management, parenting skills, and life skills. Individual, group, and specialized counseling were also made available.

Sources

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NEBRASKA HEALTHY FAMILIES — LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES OF NEBRASKA

2015–2017: \$60,000

The Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, a Christ-based, not-for-profit, multi-service organization, sought to "express God's love for all people by providing quality human care services that built and strengthened individual, family and community life" for some of the most vulnerable and precious of human life — pregnant mothers, and infants and children under the age of five. Early childhood development services had proven to aid in reversing the cycles that had contributed to harm and destroy families and communities. The funds from this grant aided the Healthy Families mission of providing nurturing, loving, Christian homes for many children.

Sources

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- Summer 2015, p. 15, "LWML Convention 2015–2017 Mission Grants Ballot"
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CONCORDIA, MO. "WE ARE GOD'S WORKMANSHIP" — INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

SCHOLARSHIPS

2015–2017: \$32,500

This grant assisted in supplementing the expenses of six Saint Paul Lutheran High School (boarding school), Concordia, Mo. students from impoverished countries who intended to return to their homes as pastors, teachers, missionaries, or other areas of church work. (Ephesians 2:10)

Sources

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- Fall 2015, p. 17, "2015–2017 New Mission Grants"
- Winter 2016, p. 29, "Current Mission Grants Highlighted in this Issue"

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UNITED STATES HELPING HANDS INITIATIVE

2015–2017: \$100,000

These funds provided construction materials, tools, home repair allotment, Laborers for Christ fees, and financial literacy training for ten home projects for low income, disabled, and/or elderly residents near The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations. LCMS National Housing Support Corporation provided a way for congregations to reach out to their local communities through housing repair services.

Sources

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UNITED STATES LUTHERAN YOUNG ADULT CORPS

2015–2017: \$25,000

This grant provided scholarships for young Lutheran adults who had been selected as volunteers to serve in areas in which their talents and services were needed (in poverty/inner city areas, and areas that were disadvantaged and/or in long-term recovery). Lutheran Youth Corps members were especially trained to live and work and be identified with the people in the community. They used their skills and understanding to serve people in relation to their needs and to the skills and resources that were available, always being Christ's witness in acts of mercy for the church and the world.

Sources

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DETROIT, MICH. PROVIDING HOPE FOR DETROIT 2015–2017: \$100,000

LWML mites provided funds for an intentional undertaking of the churches in Detroit, Mich., through Acts 2 Enterprise, to reconnect with the communities, evangelizing and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ through a full range of programs.

Sources

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- Fall 2015, p. 17, “2015–2017 New Mission Grants”
- Winter 2016, p. 29, “Current Mission Grants Highlighted in this Issue”
- Summer 2017, p. 15, “Mission Grants”

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UNITED STATES ROSA YOUNG ACADEMY 2015–2017: \$25,000

The funds from this grant were used to vigorously collaborate with congregations in rural, urban, and inner-city communities which provided children with a safe environment for education and spiritual growth. Through these academies and after-school programs it afforded the children an opportunity to worship together and grow in God’s Word and witness to one another telling of God’s love, mercy, and grace.

Sources

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SIOUX CITY, IOWA PROVIDING FOOD AND THE GOSPEL TO STARVING CHILDREN — MERCY MEALS OF SIOUXLAND 2017–2019: \$40,000

Jesus gives the same command today, to feed the hungry, that He gave His disciples. Mercy Meals of Siouxland, a ministry of Faith Lutheran Church, Sioux City, Iowa, began packaging fortified rice/soy meals in 2012. Mercy Meals donates all packaged meals to Orphan Grain Train for transportation and delivery to Christian organizations in many countries, including India, Haiti, Romania, and Ecuador, as well as to Navajo reservations in the Southwest and Ysleta Mission in El Paso, Texas. The children and families received food and they heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This LWML grant was used to feed from 50,000 to 75,000 hungry children.

Sources

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- Fall 2017, p. 15, “2017–2019 Mission Grants”
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- Summer 2019, pp. 14–15, “Mercy Meals”

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FLINT, MICH. MERCY HOUSE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN –FRANKLIN AVENUE MISSION, FLINT, MICH.

2017–2019: \$100,000

The Franklin Avenue Mission in Flint, Mich., purchased a residence next door to the mission, and was seeking funds to redesign, renovate, refurbish, and furnish the residence. Named Mercy House for Women and Children, the facility housed six to eight homeless, pregnant, and/or abused women and their children. Located in one of the poorest cities in America, the home wanted to break the cycle of poverty and decrease the potential for abuse, by housing women and children in a safe, caring, Christian environment, where the best practices of parenting and relationship building were modeled and taught.

Sources

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- Fall 2017, p. 18, “Mercy House Serving the Underserved”
- Winter 2017, p. 15, “Current Mission Grants Highlighted in this Issue”
- Summer 2018, p. 15, “2017–2019 Mission Grants”

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CHRIST FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES - LCMS MINISTRY OF THE ARMED FORCES 2017–2019: \$27,750

Funds requested by the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) were utilized to host national training events for Operation Barnabas, an extension of MAF, which provided a network of care through trained congregations that wanted to reach out to members of the military, their families, and the veterans in their congregations and communities.

Sources

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- Winter 2017, p. 15, “Current Mission Grants Highlighted in this Issue”
- Summer 2018, p. 14, “Christ for Veterans and Their Families”
- Summer 2018, p. 15, “Current Mission Grants Highlighted in this Issue”
- Summer 2019, p. 15, “2017–2019 Mission Grants”

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NEW ORLEANS, LA. NOLA 4H: HEARTS FOR THE HUNGRY, HOMELESS, AND HURTING — CHRISTIAN FAMILIES UNITED FOR PROGRESS 2017–2019: \$100,000

Hurricane Katrina was the largest residential disaster in United States history. Twelve years later there was no more federal aid, and many inner-city communities were still hurting. New Orleans had the third highest homeless rate in the nation with 1,700 homeless people every night, much of this due to the

hurricane and loss of homes. Entire neighborhoods were wiped out. Many residents lost friends and family and suffered from loneliness and depression. Six inner-city LCMS churches, their pastors, leaders, and members came together to serve Christ by serving their neighbors and providing food and shelter. The NOLA 4H churches worked closely with other organizations to support various outreach ministries such as food banks, and supplied clothing, toiletries, Bibles, prayer books, counseling, and clinics. Funds from this grant supported these ministries and equipped each of the fellowship halls in the six churches to serve more people.

Sources

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- 37th Biennial Convention, Albuquerque, N.M., 2017, p. 31
- 38th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Ala., 2019, p. 6

EQUIPPING YOUTH TO WITNESS FOR LIFE — Y4LIFE — LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

2017–2019: \$100,000

Y4Life equips young people to be the voices for life in a culture that glorified the choice of death. This was especially true for teens, college students, and young adults who were bombarded with secular lifestyles that were contrary to God’s plan for life. The Y4Life program initially just served college campuses. This mission grant expanded the initiative to include Lutheran high school campuses. By training student leaders and providing ongoing mentorship and support for individual campus ministries, they raise their voices for life.

Sources

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- 38th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Ala., 2019, p. 5

UNITED STATES LABORERS OF LOVE — LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS

2017–2019: \$100,000

Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) has provided God’s Word to the visually impaired since 1943, utilizing the New International Version of the Bible for the past 25 years. With the use of the English Standard Version (ESV) by the LCMS, LBW desired to offer people with visual disability the opportunity to worship and study with the same translation of the Bible as sighted people of the Church. These funds assisted in the cost of the production of the zinc plates for each Braille Work Center along with producing the ESV Bible in

large print.

Sources

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- Winter 2019, p. 14, “Sharing the Good News Thanks to the LWML”

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UNITED STATES SHARING JESUS WITH PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES — BETHESDA LUTHERAN COMMUNITIES

2017–2019: \$100,000

Bethesda Lutheran Communities enhanced the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities with services that share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Bethesda operated at program locations across the United States. They provided homes and support, promoted awareness and advocacy for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Over 1,900 people at 300 program sites in 13 states were served. Travel was essential in achieving their mission. Costs were not subject to state reimbursement when faith supports were at the heart of the mission. Relying on the support of donors, Bethesda could nourish relationships and grow their network to support people of all abilities with their faith journey. Grant funds supported ministry consultant travel.

Sources

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- 37th Biennial Convention, Albuquerque, N.M., 2017, p. 29

UNITED STATES EDUCATION LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS — MINISTRY FOCUS

2017–2019: \$100,000

Through this grant 20 called church workers, each year of the biennium, received a grant of \$2,500 through Ministry Focus, an LCMS Recognized Service Organization (RSO), to assist in repayment of educational loans accrued in preparation for service to the Lord through the church. Since repayment of educational debt can be more difficult with the modest salaries of church workers this can influence recruitment, performance, and retention of church workers.

Sources

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TEXAS RECONNECT TO THE BODY OF CHRIST

2017–2019: \$50,000

The congregations of Texas District Circuit 28 had a great desire to work together as one group in training mission workers to share the Word and unite these congregations and communities. The Rio Grande Valley of Texas shares the border with Mexico and had a large Hispanic population, many of whom were among the poorest of poor, at risk, and unchurched. This district had developed a long-range plan to assist the struggling congregations in reaching out to the communities to bring the Word into the homes of hurting families. The next stage began by training leaders within the congregations in a mission and ministry model utilized by a local, thriving congregation. They were building campus relationships with the 50,000 students attending local colleges and conducting community mercy projects. These funds provided the project startup costs, training materials, transportation costs, scholarships, and other incurred expenses of the training program.

Sources

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- Fall, 2018, p. 14
- Winter, 2018, p. 29 “Current Mission Grant Highlights”

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UNITED STATES PRISON AND JAIL MINISTRY SYNOD-WIDE CONFERENCE IN 2018

2017–2019: \$36,500

One of the largest needs in Prison and Jail Ministry is not only the offering of Word and Sacrament ministry to those incarcerated but was also assisting the person when he or she returned to the community. The Prison and Jail Ministry Conference enabled over 200 lay and clergy participants from 30 LCMS districts to learn about the importance of prison and jail ministry as well as networking with one another for best practices and support of each other in a very difficult mission and ministry. A number of LCMS districts were already doing, or were starting up a Prison and Jail Ministry, and a Synod-wide conference allowed these to continue and expand as changes and new developments continued in the federal and state criminal justice systems. Grant funds have helped to pay for the expenses involved in hosting the conference.

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LIBERIA — RAISING PASTORS AND DEACONESSES

2017–2019: \$97,000

Prior to the civil conflict of 1990, there were several Bible colleges/seminaries across the country of Liberia. Some were yet to be opened and none were Lutheran. The civil war increased the level of economic hardship in the country, making it difficult for those who may want to study outside of Liberia. In addition, fees charged by other colleges and seminaries outside of Liberia were extremely high. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia decided to build a Lutheran Bible College for its 137 congregations and for those from neighboring Sierra Leone and Guinea. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia believed strongly in the need to witness by our Lutheran confession in a nation that predominately preached and practiced work righteousness over and against justification by grace through faith alone. This grant provided all the necessary funds to build the college/seminary with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia supplying the labor. Funds were reallocated, January 2019:

LeadAChild — \$30,000

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis — \$40,000

Liberian Deaconess Ministry — \$7,000

Sierra Leone Seminary — \$25,000

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UNITED STATES TEACH ME TOO — PRESCHOOLERS WITH LEARNING NEEDS

2019–2021: \$100,000

Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM) has seen a growing desire for early intervention support of children with learning needs. In 1976, LSEM began serving children with special learning needs in the Detroit, Mich. area and had since expanded programs and services to include a presence in Lutheran schools nationwide. Their pilot program was Let It Shine Academy at Bethany Lutheran Church, in Austin, Texas. This grant assisted Teach Me Too, to expand the Let It Shine Academy nationwide, which provided teacher training, and offered scholarship funding for children whose families could not afford the cost of the Let It Shine Program.

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DETROIT, MICH., RESTORING HOPE FOR DETROIT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

2019–2021: \$100,000

Detroit experienced economic disaster and led the nation with

57.3 percent of its children living in poverty without food or opportunity. Camp Restore Detroit provides a safe nurturing Christ-centered place for these children, their families, and other adults. This camp provided a place for the children to come and learn about God's love as they participated in art, theater, and music classes and received homework help while receiving assistance with basic educational and developmental skills. In addition, adults were offered parenting, finance, and résumé-building classes. This grant funded the renovation of two previously abandoned houses converting them into community outreach centers, along with the house furnishings and outreach materials.

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MOBILE, ALA., MINISTRY IN MOTION, TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

2019–2021: \$58,000

Trinity Lutheran School is modeled after the ministry of Rosa J. Young and remains a stronghold of Christ-centered education in a community that was dealing with intergenerational poverty and the challenges of urban living. Trinity serves 200 students, from infants through fifth grade, and reaches another 45 students daily from four public schools through its after-school program and Good News Bible Club. Daily prayer, chapel, and devotions help the children, many of whom were from unchurched homes, to know God loves them. Grant funds were used to purchase a handicapped-accessible church bus for school children, older adults, neighbors, and church members to participate in church and school ministries.

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DIGITAL MEDIA DEVELOPMENT, LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

2019–2021: \$30,000

The mission of Lutherans For Life (LFL) is to equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for life. Life issues, such as abortion, embryo experimentation, and physician-assisted suicide, were not political or personal choices but matters of the heart that affected people, neighbors, loved ones, and family. In America, some 30 million women had undergone abortions prior to 1973 of whom 54 percent identified themselves as Christians. Suicide rates nationwide were rising. Physician-assisted suicides were escalating. Digital media offered an open mission field to address these and other life

issues. Yet much online communication degenerated, disrespected, and devalued life. LFL believed our Savior was calling them to speak the truth in love. This grant funded infographics, memes (pop culture snapshots with captions), shareable video clips, webinars, and podcasts. This digital media initiative served as a visual witness and virtual conversation for Lutheran individuals and congregations engaged people using social networks such as YouTube, Facebook, iTunes, and Instagram.

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LINCOLN, NEB., HOPE AND HEALING HUB OF DOWNTOWN LINCOLN

2019–2021: \$50,000

God has used the ministries of the University Lutheran Chapel (ULC) to reach students with the Good News of Jesus Christ. The connection between ULC, international students, and young adults in the down-town community is an important one. Research showed young adults were especially susceptible to depression, which leads to suicide and makes it the second most common cause of death among college students. ULC sat on the very edge of the University of Nebraska campus in the heart of Lincoln. It was the hope of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Nebraska District, to use this building and its location as a hub of hope and healing for the students and young adults in the downtown community. It was their prayer that the students and community members who used the Hope and Healing Hub might be drawn into a relationship with Jesus, leading to faithful participation in the Word and Sacrament ministry offered there. The grant made the building more inviting while offering Christian counseling services through Grace Point Institute for Relational Health.

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UNITED STATES PREPARING LEADERS FOR TOMORROW

2019–2021: \$80,000

The need for well-trained leaders for our Lutheran schools is great and increasing. To address the critical shortage of school administrators, the School Leadership Development Program was redesigned to better equip educators with the tools needed to lead Lutheran schools in the 21st century. God's children were well served, and His kingdom was expanding with the help of knowledgeable educators. These grant funds provided training that equipped 30 qualified candidates for placement as

administrators in LCMS schools, directly affecting thousands of students, helping them grow as disciples of Christ.

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CHRIST FOR YOU, ANYTIME, ANYWHERE- KFUE RADIO

2019–2021: \$60,000

Since 1924, KFUE has been reaching people far and wide with the message of Jesus Christ by using the latest technology. In the last century, technology has advanced at an unprecedented rate and continues to develop with each new year. By incorporating the newest forms of communication methods into KFUE’s ministry, they more effectively reach the younger generation and the generations to come with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Even our nation’s military can listen wherever they are stationed. Aging family and friends confined to their homes can still be gathered to the Word through an iPad or similar device. Prison Ministry also uses KFUE as an effective way of sharing the Gospel. This grant assisted the station in sharing the Gospel and staying current in the digital age.

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MAKING JESUS KNOWN IN THE UNITED STATES ETHNIC COMMUNITIES

2019–2021: \$100,000

Throughout the United States, there are many devoted first-generation immigrants serving in full-time ministry. They reach out to their ethnic communities and share the Gospel. Many of these church workers are enrolled in either of two Concordia Seminary programs — the Center for Hispanic Studies (CHS) or the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT). Both share the mission to make Christ known in their respective ethnic communities. CHS has a four-year program taught in Spanish and includes students from many Hispanic-Latino cultures. The EIIT program already had students who had been working in Word and Sacrament ministry as part of their culture. These students often had strained financial circumstances that made it difficult to pay for the necessary education. Most held two and three jobs to make ends meet but were willing to go to great lengths in the service of Christ and His Gospel. It was vital that they have the Biblical foundation to go with their passion for ministry. This mission grant funded the education costs of these devoted students and church workers.

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EL PASO, TEXAS, MUSIC OUTREACH, CLASSES, AND SOURCES ON THE BORDER

2019–2021: \$ 98,400

The ministry of Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care (YLMHC) impacted the lives of 400 to 500 students with educational programs, classroom space, and equipment. For 17 years, YLMHC’s music ministry had proven successful in reaching out to the unchurched by witnessing to the mercy and grace of Christ. The Adelante Ministries offers music classes and leadership training to youth and adults while also providing service to the church and community. Through involvement in the music program, many students had come to faith in Christ. This grant enabled YLMHC to better equip their classroom and rehearsal space so they could serve and teach a greater number of students. It allowed them to adapt existing space for music instruction, purchase recording equipment, create video tutorials for online instruction, fund a music intern position, and purchase musical instruments for students unable to afford their own.

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DEACONESS MINISTRY DAKOTA BOYS AND GIRLS RANCH — DAKOTA BOYS AND GIRLS RANCH

2021–2023: \$81,680

Matthew 25:40 assures us that whenever we serve the “least of these brothers and sisters” of Christ, we are serving the Lord. The healing ministry of the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch creates an eternal, life-giving impact in the lives of children, ages 10–18, who face unimaginable abuse, neglect, and trauma — truly “the least of these.” This is especially true for female children who have been victimized by male figures, resulting in trust-related issues that are hopelessly difficult for a child to bridge. The specialized ministry of a deaconess bridges this gap with the transformational care of Christ, helping both young girls and boys.

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HEALING THE INVISIBLE WOUNDS OF WAR THROUGH HORSES — SPIRIT WARRIOR, CENTRAL MAINE

2021–2023: \$95,000

Maine is among the list of “least churching” states in the nation. It has only three LCMS churches in the entire state and has only five Veteran Administration Chaplains. Deaconess Kim Slinger was called to Hope Lutheran Church to reach out to the extensive veteran and military community in the Bangor area. Deaconess Kim is herself a disabled veteran, and the Spirit Warrior program is an extension of her ministry. Spirit Warrior is a program that addresses the need to provide pastoral/diaconal care using horses, to those who have stood in the face of evil and have returned. Current traditional therapy does not address the care of the spirit. Many veterans/service members want to connect with God and theological discussions take place while caring for the horses. This grant provided funding for 58 veterans to participate in the program.

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MAKING THE NEXT GENERATION OF DISCIPLES FOR LIFE — LCMS LIFE MINISTRY 2021–2023: \$92,000

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations” (Jeremiah 1:5). The sanctity of life created by God, and the family as God designed it, has been under attack by pro-choice organizations who are expanding their movement to reach children of younger ages, to attack chastity and promote promiscuity, and to influence our children causing devaluation of life, marriage, and the family. The continued development of “Life” curricula is one of the most frequent requests by LCMS schools. With this grant, LCMS Life Ministry built a set of developmentally appropriate resources and curriculum for early childhood, young children, and elementary-age children and their families.

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HELPING HANDS FOR LUTHERAN DEAF OUTREACH — LUTHERAN DEAF OUTREACH 2021–2023: \$50,000

Lutheran Deaf Outreach wants to help deaf people have a saving relationship with Christ by training deaf and hearing people to share Jesus with deaf people. They work through congregations to reach deaf people and families in their communities. There are over 500,000 deaf people, plus their families, in the United States. The need is great to equip more deaf leaders through Jesus Signs Training Workshops so they may effectively witness the saving message of Jesus Christ. This grant assisted in expanding training through the sharing of resources, by assisting pastors, and by instructing individuals to lead the workshops. It helped with workshop expenses to expand training and provide resources throughout the United States.

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HOPE OF CHRIST FOR CANCER PATIENTS — PHIL'S FRIENDS 2021–2023: \$70,000

As Christians, we are charged with sharing the message of the Gospel and the Word with all individuals. The mission of Phil’s Friends, an LCMS Recognized Service Organization (RSO), is to introduce and strengthen relationships with Christ by providing faith-based hope to those with cancer. The support includes a care package with practical, emotional, and spiritual items, including a Bible, a card sent monthly for 12 months, and a new program “Hope on Call,” in which Phil’s Friends’ trained volunteers meet virtually with the cancer patient to talk and pray. This grant funded Phil’s Friends Cancer Care Packages, Cards of Hope, and Hope on Call.

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REDEEMING LIFE MATERNITY HOME, ILLINOIS EXPANSION — REDEEMING LIFE OUTREACH MINISTRIES

2021–2023: \$100,000

Redeeming Life operates maternity and transitional homes in Central Florida for single pregnant women who are homeless,

abused, and/or at-risk of abortion. It is a proven model. This grant helped Redeeming Life support a called deaconess to serve in a new location in the Chicagoland area. Additionally, the funds helped offset the costs, during the first two years, of operating a safe and stable home (rent, utilities, food) and provided program services for the women to be served. Redeeming Life's goal is for their residents to learn to live independently and offers many opportunities for the women to understand that, in Christ, there is forgiveness, peace, and unconditional love.

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CARING FOR AND SHARING CHRIST WITH HURTING PEOPLE — CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS

2021–2023: \$100,000

Deaconesses have continually pointed those they serve toward the cross, shared the Gospel with them so they gain the wonderful gift of eternal life through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Concordia Seminary received, through this mission grant, much-needed scholarships for deaconess students and assistance with seminary costs to provide high-quality theological education. Enrollment in the new online Deaconess Studies Program increased and enabled the faculty to form more well-trained deaconesses and bring more people to Jesus and provide compassionate, Christ-centered help to those who are hurting and suffering — physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

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THE LITTLEST AND LEAST OF THESE, DALLAS, TEXAS — ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

2021–2023: \$42,000

St. Paul Lutheran Church and Christian Academy, located in a poor Dallas community of mostly unchurched families, offered the only Christ-centered preschool, before and after school care, and adult academic and Bible classes. The Academy uses Christian books, music, and Bible stories. They have regular devotional services, and families have been encouraged to attend worship. St. Paul outgrew their facility after a single year of operation. Going forward, more space was needed for the preschool, nursery, and after-school

educational enrichment. The kitchen serving meals needed to be upgraded to a commercial kitchen. The funds helped with these expenses and allowed the Academy to further expand their mission in the community and bring more to Christ.

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BRING THE INNER-CITY CHILDREN TO CAMP — LUTHERAN VALLEY RETREAT, COLORADO 2021–2023: \$25,000

Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR) shares both God's grace and the glory of His creation. Many families in metropolitan Denver were unable to fully finance camp tuition or provide transportation to LVR where their children would experience God's Word in daily devotions, singing, and worshipping around a campfire. The grant spanned two summers when LVR partnered with Lutheran churches in Denver to arrange sign-up, transportation, and scholarships for 50 children from the inner city, so they could have this mountain-top camp experience. Research shows that the challenges of camp activities are transformational, giving children tools to overcome real world challenges when they return home.

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MISSION & OUTREACH TO THE LEAST OF THESE — VICTORY LUTHERAN CHURCH, K. I. SAWYER COMMUNITY 2021–2023: \$51,356

Christ charged us in His Holy Word to share the Gospel and minister to the poor. Victory Lutheran Church is an inner-city church located in the unincorporated area of the K.I. Sawyer Community in Gwinn, Michigan. This inner-city church is a means of providing mercy ministries that spread His Word to all people, especially "the least of these." The purchase of a new and larger van will allow them to bring children to hear the love of Jesus and provide a safe place to learn. The church needs a safe haven for the congregation and the unchurched to attend worship and Bible study.

PARTIAL PAYMENT of \$34,000. Reallocated funds of \$8,156 paid to Christ-Centered Materials for Hmong Language School and Outreach — St. Paul Hmong Outreach Ministries to complete original proposal request. Additional

reallocated funds of \$9,200 rolled-over to 2023–2025 Mission Grant total.

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SHOWING GOD'S LOVE IN THE INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO — GOD CARES ABOUT YOU MISSION

2021–2023: \$98,000

Albuquerque’s International District is home to an ethnically diverse and disadvantaged population with a high crime rate. God Cares About You Mission, which is supported by nine area Lutheran churches, is transforming lives both now and for eternity. Their outreach includes a clothing bank, children’s ministry, food bank, back-to work program, Christian fellowship, meals, Bible studies, worship services, street evangelism, and counseling. With the funds from this grant, God Cares About You expanded their ministry and reached more with Christ’s love. They were able to expand their programs from 3 days to six days a week. Grant funds helped to support hiring a service director and kitchen manager.

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REACHING THE HOMEBOUND WITH GOD'S WORD — LUTHERAN MINISTRIES MEDIA, INC. (DBA WORSHIP ANEW)

2021–2023: \$100,000

Lutheran Ministries Media reaches the homebound and aging with the life-saving message of the Gospel through the weekly broadcast ministry of Worship Anew. With an aging population, the need exists to have accessibility to faithful teaching and understanding of the Bible as taught in our creeds and Lutheran confessions. Grant funds helped to expand their broadcast areas to New York, Georgia, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, and Iowa. Lutheran Ministries Media expanded their broadcast area by securing on-the air broadcast time on a new nationwide station and enhanced their online presence.

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MISSIONARIES TO AMERICA PROJECT — MISSION NATION PUBLISHING

2021–2023: \$88,000

The United States is populated by people from all corners of the world. The purpose of Mission Nation’s “Missionaries to America” project is to help the LCMS strengthen its capacity to share Jesus with people with whom we may be unable to relate because of cultural and language barriers. With this grant, Mission Nation Publishing provided opportunity and resources for each of us to be better witnesses for Jesus to ethnic groups other than our own, through the publication of the stories of missionaries, who now reside in the United States, and their respective journeys to faith.

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STRENGTHENING THE LUTHERAN MISSION TO KUNA, IDAHO — FRIENDSHIP CELEBRATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

2021–2023: \$100,000

Kuna, Idaho, is a rapidly growing urban/suburban area in the United States and is located near Boise and Meridian, Idaho. A new church was planted in Kuna and Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church, Boise, is its mother congregation. Kuna Lutheran was meeting for worship in the local high school cafeteria with up to 60 people in attendance. The congregation wanted to build their own sanctuary and other facilities from which to conduct growing congregational activities, but they first needed a parcel of land. The grant funds assisted in the purchase.

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CHRIST-CENTERED MATERIALS FOR HMONG LANGUAGE SCHOOL AND OUTREACH — ST. PAUL HMONG OUTREACH MINISTRIES

2021–2023: \$78,364

St. Paul Hmong Outreach Ministries in Merced, California, has been actively involved in outreach to Hmong communities in their native tongue for 15 years. In 2015 and 2018, Hmong language schools were founded and were connected with host churches, St. Paul Lutheran in Merced and Redeemer

Lutheran in Fresno, California. Through the schools and outreach at New Year's festivals, the Gospel is being heard and families are being baptized and confirmed. Funds were used to continue mission programs, develop new training modules, and support training implementation of Christ-centered educational materials in the Hmong language for use in the schools, for festival outreach, and shared with other LCMS churches and districts.

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Uruguay

CENTRAL/SOUTH AMERICA PROJECT JOEL — OUTREACH TO YOUTH

2011–2013: \$75,000

To reach out to children and young people in Argentina, Chile, Cuba, Guatemala, Panama, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Venezuela, with the message of salvation and equip them with practical information regarding drug and alcohol abuse, violence, and promiscuity.

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Venezuela

VENEZUELAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

1967–1969: \$50,000

1967: 25TH ANNIVERSARY THANKOFFERING — \$25,000

Capital loans were provided to congregations for purchasing sites and constructing multipurpose churches with this mite money. Money borrowed is returned with five percent interest. Four congregations have been helped as of the fall of 1970. The full amount of the grant was disbursed by the summer of 1968.

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- Spring 1968, p. 6, "Now Look Closer — at Venezuela"
- Fall 1968, p. 18, "Of Prayer, Projects, Performance"
- Summer 1969, pp. 20–21, "A Biennium of Blessing" (center picture spread)
- Fall 1970, p. 14, "Not All 'Recycling' is Ecological"

CENTRAL/SOUTH AMERICA PROJECT JOEL — OUTREACH TO YOUTH 2011–2013: \$75,000

To reach out to children and young people in Argentina, Chile, Cuba, Guatemala, Panama, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Venezuela, with the message of salvation and equip them with practical information regarding drug and alcohol abuse, violence, and promiscuity.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 9, 15–16

Dedicated!, p. 97

Quarterly

- Summer 2012, p. 15
- Fall 2013, p. 25.

Convention Manual

- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 33, 36
- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37

Vietnam

GAINING NGO (NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION) STATUS IN VIETNAM

1995–1997: \$50,000

Ninety-five percent of the people in Vietnam do not know Jesus as their Savior. Missionaries or evangelistic church groups are not allowed in Vietnam, but Christian agricultural assistance is welcome. One-on-one opportunities are possible while working on projects of humanitarian assistance. Once non-government organization (NGO) status is established, small groups of Christians will meet for Bible study and equipping for outreach to their own people.

(NGO status has been granted to the LCMS through the efforts of Ted and Jacqueline Engelbrecht. ESL [English as a second language] is not required — an open door for laying a foundation for sharing the Gospel.)

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 133

God Gave the Increase, pp. 299, 300–301

Quarterly

- Fall 1995, p. 25

Convention Manual

- 26th Biennial Convention, Kansas City, Mo., 1995, p. 40
- 28th Biennial Convention, Minneapolis, Minn., 1999, p. 42

HEALTH EDUCATION FOR VIETNAMESE WOMEN 1999–2001: \$50,000

Missionaries and trained volunteers will visit villages to teach

basic health information in areas of illiteracy, prenatal care, and postnatal care. The training will include the importance of home gardens, the care and raising of improved animal breeds, and monitoring children's health and growth.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 155

God Gave the Increase, pp. 299, 302

Dedicated!, p. 23

Convention Manual

- 29th Biennial Convention, San Jose, Calif., 2001.

CHILDREN'S NUTRITION AND CARE — VIETNAM 2011–2013: \$72,255

To show Christ's love for the people of Vietnam by providing English classes and humanitarian projects as LCMS World Mission builds and staffs an international school in Hanoi, under the permission recently granted for this school by the Vietnamese government.

Sources

Dedicated!, p. 97

Quarterly

- Fall 2012, p. 15

Convention Manual

- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 34, 41
- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37

Zambia

AFRICA PRE- AND POST-SEMINARY TRAINING FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORKERS

2019–2021: \$62,650

In villages across Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, most local congregations are led by helpers, evangelists, or seminary-trained and ordained pastors. Both the before-seminary and after-seminary men were eager for opportunities to study theology in a community that would enable them to better serve their congregations. To enable those to whom the church had called into service as lay leaders of these congregations, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Africa Mission Training Center provided continuing education opportunities for local pastors and their wives. The course was taught by a church leader, a local seminary professor, or a missionary engaged in the work God had given him. This grant provided basic theological training for lay leaders of congregations who served under a pastor responsible for between 5 and 15 congregations. The training material allowed the local pastor to work through a total of 22 workbooks (over 2 years) with his lay leaders. Lay leaders gathered with their pastor for 5 days once a month. The program provided limited financial assistance to offset the costs of food and transportation.

Sources

Quarterly

- Summer 2019, p. 15, "Where Will Our Mite Offerings Go Next?"
- Fall 2019, p. 17, "2019–2021 Mission Grants"

Convention Manual

- 38th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Ala., 2019, p. 33
- 39th Biennial Convention, Lexington, Ky., 2021, p. 50

Regional Mission Grants

Africa

SOLAR EQUIPMENT FOR MISSIONARIES IN 35 PREACHING STATIONS

1989–1991: \$70,000

(Africa — six countries. Asia — five countries.)

Electrical energy in developing countries is expensive and not always reliable. Solar equipment is a much more satisfactory alternative to using generators and makes life in the hot climates more comfortable. This results in higher morale and more productive work among the missionaries. At a cost of approximately \$2,000 per panel, 35 will be provided to new missionaries as they are called for service to six African and five Asian countries.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 265, 279

God Gave the Increase p. 164

Quarterly

- Summer 1989, p. 45, “Convention Ballot”
- Winter 1990, p. 46

Convention Manual

- 23rd Biennial Convention, Rapid City, S.D., 1989, p. 37
- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 88

WEST AFRICA EVANGELIST TRAINING

1991–1993: \$100,000

For training of national leaders to serve existing mission stations enabling missionaries to respond to the growing opportunities to open new stations.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 112

God Gave the Increase, pp. 164, 169–170

Quarterly

- Summer 1991, p. 18, “Convention Ballot”
- Fall 1991, p. 18
- Summer 1993, pp. 44–45

Convention Manual

- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 49
- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 84

LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS, INC. SWAHILI LARGE-PRINT BIBLICAL BOOKS

1995–1997: \$100,000

Many poor-vision people in the Swahili-speaking countries of eastern and central Africa need God’s Word in readable print in their language to come to faith in Jesus as their personal Savior. With the use of already available computer diskettes, Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc., and their many volunteers will produce, print, and assemble vast quantities of large-print books of the New Testament, Genesis, Exodus, and the Psalms in Swahili. The Bible Society of Tanzania will help to distribute the volumes. The grant will provide for their production and distribution.

Sources

Quarterly

- Fall 1995, p. 25

Convention Manual

- 26th Biennial Convention, Kansas City, Mo., 1995, p. 37

SHIPPING ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN CONTAINERS TO AFRICA AND RUSSIA

2005–2007: \$30,000

Containers are being shipped, filled with humanitarian aid such as quilts, health kits, medical supplies, and religious materials such as Bibles and *Portals of Prayer*, for distribution by the Lutheran churches in Africa and Russia.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 246, 269–271

God Gave the Increase, pp. 164, 175–177

Dedicated!, pp. 33, 96

Quarterly

- Summer 2007, p. 26, “grants@work”

Convention Manual

- 31st Biennial Convention, Tampa, Fla., 2005, p. 36
- 32nd Biennial Convention, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2007; p. 49

FEMALE MISSIONARY TO AFRICA FOR HUMAN RELIEF DEVELOPMENT

2007–2009: \$100,000

To help support the work of a female missionary who will touch the lives of hurting Africans through human relief development and ultimate healing through Jesus.

Sources

God Gave the Increase, pp. 179–181

Dedicated!, p. 96

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention, Portland, Ore., 2009, p. 44
- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 45

LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS PROVIDE ENGLISH BRAILLE BIBLES — AFRICA

2009–2011: \$100,000

To produce 13,700 volumes, at \$7.50 each, of either the International Children’s Bible, English Grade 1, or the New International Version Bible, English Grade 2 for advanced readers so blind persons will come to faith through God’s Word and become ablaze in winning souls for Christ on their continent.

Sources

God Gave the Increase, pp. 164, 171

Dedicated!, p. 97

Quarterly

- Spring 2011, p. 13.

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention Manual, Portland, Ore., 2009; page 32.
- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 45

AFRICA MISSION OUTREACH FOR AT-RISK YOUNG WOMEN

2019–2021: \$100,000

Through its ministry centers, Lutheran Hour Ministries offers programs that provide a powerful force for physically and spiritually changing the lives of young women. These programs were able to disrupt the cycle of poverty and prostitution by teaching income-producing trades for economic independence and success. They were a means for sharing the Gospel and connecting young women with the church. This grant identified young women in prisons after they had been arrested for prostitution or small crimes. The women were provided rehabilitation through counseling sessions and voluntary Bible studies for those who expressed a desire to reform, and they were then connected with the church.

Sources

Quarterly

- Summer 2019, p. 15, “Where Will Our Mite Offerings Go Next?”
- Fall 2019, p. 17, “2019–2021 Mission Grants”
- Summer, 2020, p. 14, “Teaching Skills and Hope through Christ”
- Fall, 2020, p. 15, “2019–2021 Mission Grants”

Convention Manual

- 38th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Ala., 2019, p. 28
- 39th Biennial Convention, Lexington, Ky., 2021, p. 50

THIRST TO LEARN: BIBLE BOOKS FOR AFRICA'S CHILDREN — LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION

2021–2023: \$100,000

Lutheran Heritage Foundation continues its work of translating, publishing, distributing, and introducing Lutheran materials throughout Africa where the population is more than 1.216 billion people. Sadly, over half those souls are still waiting to be introduced to the one true Savior, Jesus Christ. Islam has made huge inroads in the continent. But thanks be to God, Christian missionaries have been spreading the Light of the Gospel also. Economic and political conditions may force missionaries to leave a country, but the Lutheran books they leave behind stay — and teach — for generations. This grant funded the printing and distribution of 129,500 engaging, colorful books which introduce children to Jesus in their Lutheran schools, Sunday schools, and orphanages.

Sources

Quarterly

- Summer 2021, p. 15, “Where Will our Mite Offerings Go Next?”
- Fall 2021, p. 15, “2021–2023 Mission Grants”
- Winter 2021, p. 15, “201–2023 Mission Grant Summaries”

Convention Manual

- 39th Biennial Convention, Lexington, Ky., 2021 p. 42
- 40th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wisc., 2023 p. 47

Asia

LUTHERAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS FOR SOUTHEAST

ASIA

2013–2015: \$72,000

To print and distribute approximately 9,000 copies of *Luther's Small Catechism* and approximately 6,000 copies of *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories* in languages of Southeast Asia.

Sources

Dedicated!, pp. 73, 98

Quarterly

- Spring 2014, p. 15

Convention Manual

- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 27, 29
- 36th Biennial Convention, Des Moines, Iowa, 2015, p. 35

Central/South America

SHARING JESUS' LOVE IN INDIA — LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS

2021–2023: \$100,000 Jesus said, “*I am the light of the world*” (John 9:5) and it is important to individuals who are blind or visually impaired as they seek to know the love and light of Christ. In India, this is especially true, where there are over 62.6 million people who are blind or visually impaired, and most do not know Jesus or have access to the Scriptures. Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) already produces Braille and specialized large print Bibles and other Christian materials in multiple languages used in India and has extensive experience distributing these materials with partner ministries and churches. This grant would help fund the formation of a Ministry Production Center in India to produce and distribute its materials and train workers on the equipment.

Reallocated to be used in Central and South America.

Sources

Quarterly

- Summer 2021, p. 15, “Where Will our Mite Offerings Go Next?”
- Fall 2021, p. 15, “2021–2023 Mission Grants”
- Winter 2022, p.28, “Mission Grant Summaries”

Convention Manual

- 39th Biennial Convention, Lexington, Ky., 2021 p. 43
- 40th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wisc., 2023 p. 47

Europe

PRINTING 1,500 OF THE NEW TRANSLATION OF LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM AND EXPLANATION IN RUSSIAN AND ESTONIAN (1991) WESCOTT CONVENTION OFFERING (1989): \$5,000

Along with other changes in the former Soviet Union, a resurgence of our Christian faith has fueled requests for Bibles and other Christian literature. The Confessional Lutheran Church of Finland (CLCF) finished a translation of Luther's Small Catechism and explanation in Finnish and then turned to the Lutheran Church—Canada (LCC) for financial support for

additional translations. A modern translation was begun in Russian and Estonian, this being the first translation in Russian since 1917. The LCC has provided the funds to complete the initial goal. This grant will provide another 1,500 catechisms in Russian.

Sources

Convention Manual

- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio 1991, p. 94

**DISTRIBUTION OF BIBLES IN THE SOVIET UNION AND CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE
1991: LWML 50TH ANNIVERSARY THANKOFFERING \$50,000**

In August 1991, 1,500 Russian-language Bibles were sent to Bishop Kalinas in Riga, Latvia. In November 1991, 500 Estonian-language Bibles and 500 Russian-language children's Bibles were sent to the Rev. Markku Sarela, president of the Lutheran Church in Finland for distribution in Eastern Europe and Russia. In September 1992, 2,500 standard Russian Bibles, 2,500 "DeBeers" children's Bibles, and 1,500 children's Bibles (Good Shepherd) were sent to St. Petersburg. Realizing the need for good distribution methods, Bibles are shipped in lots of a few thousand even though millions can eventually be used.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 105

God Gave the Increase, pp. 43

Dedicated!, p. 18

Quarterly

- Summer 1991, p. 19, "Convention Ballot"
- Fall 1991, p. 19
- Winter 1991, pp. 45-46

Convention Manual

- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 15
- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 87

**DISTRIBUTION OF RELIGIOUS MATERIALS AND BIBLES IN EASTERN EUROPE
1991: LWML 50TH ANNIVERSARY THANKOFFERING \$5,000**

Rev. David Daniel requested these funds for Bibles and religious materials for his work in Czechoslovakia.

Sources

God Gave the Increase, pp. 43-44

Quarterly

- Summer 1991, p. 19, "Convention Ballot"

Convention Manual

- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 17
- 25th Biennial Convention, Edmonton, Alta., 1993, p. 88

Worldwide Mission Grants

LITERATURE FOR MISSIONS (LIT-LIT)

1961–1963: \$70,000

Words in print can often gain access where man cannot. The enlarged literature program (Lit-Lit) provided Christian literature for distribution to those who had not come into contact with God's Word. Most mission fields prepared their own literature — written, edited, and printed by trained nationals. Final disbursement of this grant was made in April 1964 (for itemized listing see *Quarterly*, July 1964, p. 24).

Sources

Women on a Mission, pp. 219–20

WINGS, pp. 104, 111

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 157, 158–159

Quarterly

- July 1960, p. 8, "This Tract in Ekit"
- July 1961, p. 14ff., "14 Projects Come before Convention"
- January 1962, p. 4, "Literature Will Bring Christ to Others"
- April 1962, p. 13, "The President's Page"
- July 1962, p. 14ff., "20 Years of Glad Service"
- July 1964, p. 24, "Project Completed"
- Summer 1967, p. 17ff., "Members Gave — Missions Grew"

RECRUITMENT FOR LINGUISTIC TRAINING MESSENGERS FOR CHRIST

1965–1967: \$10,000

Messengers of Christ was organized in 1964 to assist in recruiting workers to analyze unwritten languages, translate the Bible into these languages, and teach people to read their own language. Final payment for this project was forwarded in March 1967.

Sources

Women on a Mission, pp. 226–27

WINGS, pp. 129, 132

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 245, 262–263

Quarterly

- January 1966, p. 4, "The Key to Lasting Mission Work"
- Summer 1967, p. 6, "4 of 6 Still Incomplete"
- Summer 1967, p. 17ff., "Members Gave — Missions Grew"
- Fall 1968, p. 1 (cover picture)
- Fall 1968, p. 3ff., "Survival Hike"

LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS, INC.

1969–1971: \$20,000

Religious Braille publications are not normally produced by various government agencies, although secular publications are provided. Lutheran Braille Workers prepares materials in many different languages and has a distribution list that encompasses 76 countries. These newest areas of work include Spanish sight-saving print and working with the American Bible Society on foreign Braille. Entire grant disbursed by January 3, 1971.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 136, 153

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 309, 324–327

Quarterly

- Summer 1969, p. 16, "12 Projects on Ballot"
- Fall 1969, p. 6ff., "Blasting Off to a New Biennium"
- Winter 1968, p. 31ff., "Mites to Millions"
- Summer 1970, p. 11, "Joy When I Put My Fingers on the Words"
- Winter 1970, p. 37, "Braille Work Grows"

Mites to Millions, pp. 6, 16

Reports and Memorials

- 13th Biennial Convention, Houston, Texas, 1969, p. 56
- Proceedings
- 14th Biennial Convention, Louisville, Ky., 1971, p. 61

LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS — BRAILLE PAPER

1975–1977: \$45,000

For 40 years Lutheran Braille Workers has supplied religious Braille materials to the millions of blind people throughout the world. Thousands of reams of paper are needed to feed the constant demand for these materials. Paper is purchased by the carload, and the \$45,000 grant was utilized in making such purchases.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 136, 153, 182, 200

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 309, 324–327

Quarterly

- Spring 1975, p. 8ff., "What God Wants, Lola Gets"
- Summer 1975, p. 35, "Projects — the Choice Is Yours"
- Fall 1975, p. 7, "Prayers for Projects"
- Winter 1975–76, p. 16, "Bringing God's Word to the Sightless and the Sighted Blind"
- Summer 1977, p. 11, "Projects in Review"

Convention Manual

- 16th Biennial Convention, St. Paul, Minn., 1975, p. 52
- 17th Biennial Convention, Laramie, Wyo., 1977, p. 41

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY GOOD NEWS FOR NEW READERS

1975–1977: \$50,000

The American Bible Society launched a global campaign to help newly literate people gain normal reading skills in their own language through a unique series of some 40 "Good News Scripture Literacy Selections." These selections helped readers move from basic literacy to common language comprehension. These millions of new readers were in Latin America, Asia, Africa, and United States Indian areas. The grant assisted in the production and distribution of the "Good News for New Readers Literacy Selections."

Sources

WINGS, pp. 183, 200

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 245, 259–261

Quarterly

- Summer 1975, p. 35, "Projects — the Choice is Yours"
- Fall 1975, p. 7ff., "Prayers for Projects"

- Winter 1975–76, p. 17, “ABS — Good News for New Readers”
- Spring 1976, p. 16, “Talk of New York”
- Summer 1977, p. 11, “Projects in Review”

Convention Manual

- 16th Biennial Convention, St. Paul, Minn., 1975, p. 54
- 17th Biennial Convention, Laramie, Wyo., 1977, p. 43

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY BIBLE-READING RADIO BROADCASTS, CHINA

1981–1983: \$50,000

God opened the door to proclaim His Word in China through Bible-reading radio broadcasts. This grant provided the underwriting cost of one year’s broadcast.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 223, 226

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 245, 261–262

Dedicated!, p. 12

Quarterly

- Fall 1981, p. 19, “Goal Set for a Thirsty World”
- Summer 1981, p. 31, “Where Will Our Mites Be Working 1981–83”
- Spring 1982, pp. 16–17, “Reaching Behind the Wall”

Convention Manual

- 19th Biennial Convention, Milwaukee, Wis., 1981, p. 32
- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 74

LUTHERAN TAPE MINISTRY

1983–1985: \$24,176

This teaching/evangelism ministry reaches people in 50 countries and throughout the United States. Via taped messages, God’s Word uplifts and teaches the confined, isolated, and the elderly, as well as those using the Bible studies in groups or for their personal growth. Through this grant, Bible studies on contemporary concerns — marriage, divorce, parenting, teens, singles, aging, drugs, alcoholism, and abuse — were produced. Another new endeavor made possible with this grant was tapes for Hispanic people. These tapes deal with counseling, social ministry, the nature and function of the church, and liturgy and worship.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 246, 251

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 75, 83–84, 245, 265–266

Quarterly

- Spring 1983, p. 23, “Delegates to Select”
- Summer 1984, p. 17, “Lutheran Tape Ministry”

Convention Manual

- 20th Biennial Convention, Detroit, Mich., 1983, p. 32
- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 96

SPANISH LANGUAGE PORTALS OF PRAYER — LCMS

1985–1987: \$21,520

In 1982, an agreement was entered into by Concordia Publishing House and the mission department to grant permission for translation, printing, and distribution of *Portals of Prayer* in Spanish. Today, these devotional booklets are being shipped to congregations in the United States, Mexico, Guatemala, Panama, Venezuela, Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay. Since the *Portales de Oracion* is a self-supporting project of the Board for Mission Services, it can only offer a limited number of free copies. More and more congregations

are requesting and receiving free copies for wider distribution. Funds are being used to help the Board for Mission Services underwrite this mission project.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 250–251

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 75, 88–89

Quarterly

- Spring 1985, p. 19, “Mission Projects on Ballot”
- Fall 1985, p. 31, “Mission Projects”
- Winter 1985, pp. 45–46, “Portales de Oracion”

Convention Manual

- 21st Biennial Convention, Ames, Iowa, 1985, p. 46
- 22nd Biennial Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987, p. 74

OVERSEAS VOLUNTEER YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY 1987–1989: \$40,000

Overseas Volunteer Young Adult Ministry is a worker- priest ministry with partner churches of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in Japan and Taiwan. The volunteers are college graduates of LCMS schools, placed by the Boards of Youth and Mission Services, to serve in these areas for two and one-half-year terms. Volunteers teach English as a second language to earn funds to support themselves and their project, which is to witness to students in these classes and to work in their assigned parishes. Because many students graduate with large, unpaid loans and deferment of repayment is no longer possible, the financial burden is becoming a deterrent to their consideration of this type of service. The grant served as a basis for a loan repayment fund, covering the cost of yearly loan payments (up to \$1,000 each year) during the term of volunteer service.

Sources

WINGS, pp. 260, 279

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 157, 171–172

God Gave the Increase, pp. 242, 247–248

Quarterly

- Summer 1987, p. 17, “Convention Ballot”
- Winter 1987, p. 37

Convention Manual

- 22nd Biennial Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987, pp. 29, 38
- 23rd Biennial Convention, Rapid City, S.D., 1989, p. 76
- 24th Biennial Convention, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991, p. 91

SENDING NATIONAL MISSIONARIES

1995–1997: \$125,000

In the past 100 years we have seen 18 partner churches established who now have their own mission endeavors. This has resulted in indigenous missionaries who, in cooperation with LCMS World Missions, are reaching out to other countries. These national missionaries from partner churches are well received because they bridge cultural and language barriers easily. It is also more cost effective to use national missionaries than to send missionaries from the United States. This grant will help LCMS World Missions and LCMS partner churches equip indigenous people to preach the Gospel. (Indigenous people were trained to reach out to their own people as well as sending national missionaries to other countries. LCMS partner churches in Ghana, Brazil, and Korea are now “sending” churches.)

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 133

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 9, 13

Quarterly

- Fall 1995, p. 25

Convention Manual

- 26th Biennial Convention, Kansas City, Mo., 1995, p. 42
- 27th Biennial Convention, Charlotte, N.C., 1997, p. 48

LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS

1997–1999: \$95,220

Scholarships allow people to be trained as primary translators, literacy workers, and mission leaders in their own country.

The nationals will be leaders in the efforts to bring the Word of God to people in their own language.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 133

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 246, 263–265

Dedicated!, p. 21

Convention Manual

- 28th Biennial Convention, Minneapolis, Minn., 1999, p. 42

MOST MINISTRIES NEW CHRISTIANS PROJECT 2003–2005: \$47,000

Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST), expressing the love of Jesus in tangible ways, is able to reach new places where help is needed, as in India, where development of materials to prevent suicide in youth is now available to counselors.

Sources

Women in League with the Lord, p. 164

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 245, 256–258

Convention Manual

- 31st Biennial Convention, Tampa Fla., 2005; p. 48

LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS NATIONAL CO-WORKERS TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS

2005–2007: \$44,000

Scholarships are being provided to qualified nationals, both men and women, for the education and training needed to take leadership of Bible translation and literacy work.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 246, 263–265

Dedicated!, pp. 33, 96

Quarterly

- Spring 2006, p. 43, “grants@work”

Convention Manual

- 31st Biennial Convention, Tampa, Fla., 2005; p. 35
- 32nd Biennial Convention, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2007; p. 50

DEFRAY THE COST OF SHIPPING QUILTS BY LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

2009–2011: \$80,000

To deliver more than 100,000 Lutheran-made quilts as tools of God's service, into the lives of those in need around the world.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 246, 26–267

Dedicated!, p. 97

Quarterly

Convention Manual

- 33rd Biennial Convention Manual, Portland, Ore., 2009; page 31.
- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 45
- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37

LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS PLATE EMBOSSING DEVICE

2011–2013: \$100,000

To purchase a new plate embossing device to allow Lutheran Braille Workers to replace worn out zinc plates and create zinc plates for new Braille titles as they continue producing Braille Bibles and Christian materials so often requested by those in worldwide ministry to the blind.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 309, 324–327

Dedicated!, p. 97

Quarterly

- Spring 2013, p. 15

Convention Manual

- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 43
- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37

GRACE PLACE FOR LCMS INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARIES

2011–2013: \$75,000

To pay for health and wellness retreats in three foreign locations in the next three years so that LCMS missionaries in the field can take advantage of these services benefiting their work, their families, and their lives of service.

Sources

Wherever God Sends Us, pp. 351, 376–377

Dedicated!, p. 97

Quarterly

- Winter 2011, p. 13
- Summer 2013, p. 14

Convention Manual

- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 34, 40
- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37
- 36th Biennial Convention, Des Moines, Iowa, 2015, p. 35

MISSIONARY FAMILY CARE AND EDUCATION

2011–2013: \$100,000

To support LCMS “missionary kids” by meeting their educational needs in whatever form is deemed best for them, so that they may be lovingly nurtured to transition successfully between cultures with a well-prepared, positive, Christian education.

Sources

Dedicated!, p. 98

Quarterly

- Spring 2012, p. 15

Convention Manual

- 34th Biennial Convention, Peoria, Ill., 2011, p. 34, 41
- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 37

TRAINING INDIGENOUS PASTORS AND DEACONESSES– CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL

SEMINARY, FORT WAYNE, IND.

2013–2015: \$100,000

To provide scholarships to foreign students from our partner churches in developing countries, so that they can train others in their own countries to spread the Gospel message.

Sources

Dedicated!, pp. 73, 98

Quarterly

- Winter 2013, p. 15.
- Spring 2015, p. 15.

Convention Manual

- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 28, 34
- 36th Biennial Convention, Des Moines, Iowa, 2015, p. 35

BIBLE STORY BOOKS IN SIGN LANGUAGE AND WRITTEN TEXT

2013–2015: \$100,000

To reach children who are Deaf in places such as Kenya and India with Bible story books, so that they may come to know the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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- 35th Biennial Convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2013, p. 27,31
- 36th Biennial Convention, Des Moines, Iowa 2015, p. 35

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MOST MINISTRIES MISSION TRIPS

2013–2015: \$20,000

To provide scholarships to students of approximately 50% of the cost per trip, using \$10,000 per year for two years. This grant would serve approximately 15 students over a two-year period.

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- Spring 2014, p. 15

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- 36th Biennial Convention, Des Moines, Iowa, 2015, p. 35

CLEAN WATER AND EVANGELISM MINISTRY — MOST MINISTRIES

2015–2017: \$50,000

Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries has impacted the world for Jesus Christ through short term mission trips. MOST has worked in partnerships with congregations, mission organizations, LCMS missionaries, and LCMS partner churches. They have provided eyeglasses, medical and dental clinics, hospice care training, women's and children's ministry, construction ethics training for policemen and soldiers, and items and trainings for many other projects. The clean water program of MOST Ministries has worked with LCMS missionaries and national partner churches delivering lifesaving water and hygiene education. This program also provided the opportunity to proclaim the living water of Jesus

Christ, His forgiveness, and the eternal life through our Savior.

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- Summer 2015, p. 15, "LWML Convention 2015–2017 Mission Grants Ballot"
- Fall 2015, p. 17, "2015–2017 New Mission Grants"
- Winter 2015, p. 14, "Students from All Over...Serving All Over!"
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- 36th Biennial Convention, Des Moines, Iowa, 2015, p. 32

LCMS GLOBAL SEMINARY INITIATIVE — INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS 2015–2017: \$100,000

Theological education has been the most frequent request from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) partner churches worldwide. The Global Seminary Initiative (GSI) has provided scholarships for pastors, leaders, and students throughout the world for advanced degrees at LCMS seminaries. This grant provided scholarships for pastors from emerging and partner church bodies to obtain advanced degrees at the two LCMS seminaries. It also funded sending LCMS professors and qualified pastors to teach at regional seminaries around the world. Scholarships for students attending in-country seminaries, as well as funding for seminars and educational conferences, was provided.

Sources

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- Summer 2015, p. 15, "LWML Convention 2015–2017 Mission Grants Ballot"
- Summer 2016, p. 14 "How Are They Going to Hear Without Someone Preaching"
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- 36th Biennial Convention, Des Moines, Iowa, 2015, p. 33

TRAINING TEACHERS AND LEADERS CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS 2015–2017: \$100,000

Global Lutheran churches, partnering with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), had been seeking advanced theological study in a confessional Lutheran context for those who had been led to teach and lead in the years to come. Very few of these church bodies were able to support the cost of sending the best men and women they had to the LCMS for graduate study. This LWML grant assisted the global Lutheran churches in equipping those seeking advanced theological training who planned to return to their homeland and train countless others to proclaim Jesus boldly. The training of International Confessional Lutheran teachers and leaders was done through The Graduate School of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

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- Fall 2015, p. 17, “2015–2017 New Mission Grants”
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DEACONESS TRAINING

2015–2017: \$90,000

Mites provided educational and financial support through the LCMS to our international partner churches who have introduced deaconess training programs within their church bodies. It also promoted education to underprivileged women who have a passion to learn confessional theological studies and serve the church.

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- Summer 2016, p. 15, “Current Mission Grants Highlighted in this Issue”
- Summer 2017, p. 15, “Mission Grants”

CURRENT MISSIONARY NEED — LCMS

INTERNATIONAL MISSION

2017–2019: \$100,000

With fervent, sustained support of LCMS mission projects, Mission Central, located in Mapleton, Iowa, sought to serve as an avenue for continued support for missionaries throughout the world that proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This grant provided for a variety of necessary missionary supports such as orientation and training, language training, transportation to and in the country of service and on furlough, various types of insurance, housing, medical care, utilities, and education of missionary children.

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- 37th Biennial Convention, Albuquerque, N.M., 2017, p. 31

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- Fall 2017, p. 19, “Current Mission Grants Highlighted in this Issue”
- Summer 2019, p. 15, “2017–2019 Mission Grants”

LUTHERAN CHILDREN’S BOOKS FOR FAMILIES WORLDWIDE — LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION

2017–2019: \$100,000

Lutheran churches, missionaries, and new Christian families around the world were provided with Bible story books, that were translated into their native languages that teach children about Jesus. The brightly illustrated books, such as *A Child’s Garden of Bible Stories* and *Bible Stories in Pictures*, were given free of charge to the parents and missionaries who need them.

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- Summer 2017, p. 15, “LWML Convention 2017–2019 Mission Grants Ballot”
- Fall 2017, p. 19, “Current Mission Grant Highlights”

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QUILT AND KIT SHIPPING FUND — LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

2017–2019: \$80,000

Every year, many Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) groups and individuals join their hearts and hands in sewing mission quilts, making blankets, and assembling personal care, baby care, school, and fabric kits to be distributed to people in need through Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Delivering these materials to people in need is a long and sometimes complex process, involving trucking and rail transportation, warehousing, processing, and overseas shipping. The grant to LWR’s Quilt and Shipping Fund ensured the delivery of more than 35,500 quilts each year to our neighbors in need around the world and sustained the ministry that so many LWML members have been a part of for generations.

Sources

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- Fall 2017, p. 19, “2017–2019 Mission Grants”
- Winter 2018, p. 28, “Shipping Hope”

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FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SHORT TERM MISSION TRIPS — MOST MINISTRIES

2017–2019: \$60,000

MOST Ministries has been meeting the physical needs of people around the world as a way to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Through connections with LCMS missionaries and Lutheran church leaders, MOST builds churches and schools, provides health care, and teaches marketable skills, all the while sharing the love of Christ and the Gospel of our Lord. MOST believes it was important to recruit families into mission work, not only because of the positive impact it had on the lives of those they serve, but on the volunteer families themselves. Serving as a family opens the eyes of their children to see how other people live and gives them a perspective of how fortunate they are in the United States. We are all aware of the increasing costs of travel. This grant helped to offset the expenses of approximately 50 percent of a typical trip. When the families return, they share their experiences with their churches, communities, district, and the women of the LWML.

Sources

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- Summer, 2017, p. 15
- Fall, 2017, p. 19 “2017–2019 Mission Grants”
- Summer, 2019, p. 15 “Current Mission Grant”

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UNITED STATES AND MIDDLE EAST, TRAINING LUTHERAN MIDDLE EASTERN MISSIONARIES — BIBLICAL ORTHODOX LUTHERAN MISSION 2017–2019: \$93,000

The mission of the Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission (BOLM) is a ministry primarily to Arabic-speaking peoples and Muslims in particular. They brought the Good News of salvation through their teaching and by the power of the Holy Spirit. BOLM’s outreach impacted lives in the United States and in the Middle East. They educated and encouraged new believers and, as the Lord willed, commissioned them as missionaries. This mission grant supported the BOLM internet seminary for two years. They acquired Bibles in various languages and copies of Luther’s Small Catechism in Arabic for distribution.

Sources

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- Summer 2017, p. 15, “LWML Convention 2017–2019 Mission Grants Ballot”
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- 37th Biennial Convention, Albuquerque, N.M., 2017, p. 29

LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS TOUCHING THE LIVING WORD 2019–2021: \$100,000

Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) has been bringing the Gospel to blind and visually impaired people around the world since 1943. In its 76-year history, LBW has produced and distributed for free over 14 million volumes of Braille, large print, and audio materials. Many volunteers help produce these Bibles and other materials using zinc plates, Braille presses, specialized paper, covers, and spiral bindings. These materials were published in 11 languages and sent to over 130 countries. They have published over 220,000 volumes over the last 42 months as the demand kept increasing. This incredible volume of work took its toll on the production equipment since each page required separate zinc plates that were produced by a plate-embossing device. The primary challenge faced by LBW was their having the machines and technology available to produce the zinc plates. This grant enabled LBW to purchase a PUMA plate embossing device capable of creating the necessary number of zinc plates to meet production needs. It allowed the production of more plates in different languages, reaching a greater number of people with the Good News of Salvation.

Sources

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- Winter 2019, p. 14, “Sharing the Good News THANKS to LWML”

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- 39th Biennial Convention, Lexington, Ky., 2021, p. 50

“ENDS OF EARTH” SCHOLARSHIPS — MISSION OPPORTUNITIES SHORT TERM (MOST) MINISTRIES

2021–2023: \$50,000

MOST Ministries receives requests from LCMS missionaries and national church leaders to provide teams to go to the “ends of the earth” — places such as Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia, Ghana, South Africa, Thailand, Peru, and Sri Lanka to work side-by-side with missionaries, sharing the Gospel. The travel cost (up to \$5,050) of the short-term mission trips to these distant places was prohibitive and made it challenging for willing people to join a team. Team members are personally responsible for their total per person cost. They use personal funds, but they are encouraged to reach out to members of the body of Christ to participate in the mission with encouragements, prayers, and financial support. This grant offered financial support to cover up to one-half the cost of each participant, not to exceed \$2,000.

Sources

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- Fall 2021, p. 15, “2021–2023 Mission Grants”
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- Summer 2023, p. 14, “MOST Making a Difference to the Ends of the Earth”

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Mission Grants by Biennium

1943–1945 — Total \$15,000

1. Christ Chapel for the Deaf, Cleveland, Ohio

1945–1949 — Total \$73,262

1. Orphans and orphanages in postwar Europe. This included \$10,000 for religious literature, \$50,000 for equipment, and \$13,262 for special needs.

1947–1949 — Total \$30,000

1. Santa Cruz, Monterrey, Mexico

1949–1951 — Total \$65,000

1. Lutheran Center, Tokyo, Japan \$35,000
2. Our Redeemer, Honolulu, Hawaii \$30,000

1951–1953 — Total \$145,000

1. Bethesda Hospital, Ambur, India \$70,000
2. True Light Chinese Church, New York, N.Y. \$75,000

1953–1955 — Total \$180,000

1. La Santa Cruz ("Little Mexico"), Los Angeles, CA \$60,000
2. Deaconess Chapter House, Valparaiso, IN \$60,000
3. Missionary Retreat Homes Japan, \$15,000; Philippines, \$15,000; Argentina, \$10,000, and Brazil, \$20,000 (reallocated 1961: education buildings Taiwan, Olive Gruen Memorial)

1955–1957 — Total \$145,000

1. University Chapel and Student Center, Toronto, Ontario, Canada \$70,000
2. School, Zacapa, Guatemala \$5,000
3. Chapel, parsonage and school, Vina del Mar, Chile \$20,000
4. Redeemer Church, Havana, Cuba \$50,000

1957–1959 — Total \$200,000

1. Highland School, New Guinea \$60,000
2. Rosa Young Dormitory for Girls, Selma, AL \$85,000
3. Africa project, Nigeria: Bible institutes, Ogoja \$25,000 Chapels, Ogoja Province, \$15,000; Chapel and hospital, Eket, \$15,000

1959–1961 — Total \$215,000

1. High School, Hanno, Japan \$60,000
2. Seminary, Philippines \$80,000
3. Coeducational High School, Administration Building and Dormitory, Teofilo Otoni, Brazil \$75,000

1961–1963 — Total \$240,000

1. Medical Missions: Hospitals in Wandoor, India \$58,000 and Yahe, Ogoja, Nigeria \$14,000
2. Chapels in Ghana, Africa \$20,000
3. Radio transceivers in New Guinea \$10,800

4. Church site, Montreal, Quebec, Canada \$67,200
5. Literature for Missions: Concordia Tract Mission, India, Ceylon, Central America, England, Japan, Korea, Middle East, Finland, New Guinea and John of Beverly Workbook for Deaf \$70,000

1963–1965 — Total \$265,000

1. Rural Parish Development, Alabama, \$75,000
2. Wandoor, India, hospital, third unit, \$40,000
3. Foreign Mission Chapel Fund \$25,000
4. Mission House, St. Louis, Mo. \$125,000

1965–1967 — Total \$290,000

1. Jeeps, Brazil \$30,000
2. School, Nung Udoo, Nigeria \$35,000
3. Medical Equipment for Hospital, Yahe, Nigeria \$30,000
4. Nigeria Linguistic Center for Wycliffe Bible Translators, Nigeria \$100,000
5. Messengers of Christ, Recruitment for Linguistic Training \$10,000
6. Leprosy Treatment at Hospitals in India, Nigeria, and New Guinea \$85,000

1967 — 25th Anniversary \$125,000 Thankoffering

1. Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Chinatown, San Francisco, Calif. \$100,000
2. Venezuela — Church Extension Fund \$25,000

1967–1969 — Total \$314,638.68

1. Star of the North Lutheran Chapel, Kenai, Alaska \$85,000
2. Nurses' homes for hospital, Ambur, India \$32,000
3. Chapel-residence, Tijuana-Mexicali, Mexico \$50,000
4. Specialty instruments, medical missions \$8,000
5. Gallaudet College for the Deaf, Washington, District of Columbia \$10,000
6. High school chapel, Hanno, Japan 79,638.68
7. Venezuela — Church Extension Fund \$50,000

1969–1971 — Total \$327,000

1. Lutheran Ministries to American Indians \$50,000
2. Brazilian Scholarship Fund \$50,000
3. Nigeria Rehabilitation and Emergency Service \$75,000
4. Preparatory School, Obera, Argentina \$50,000
5. Scholarship Fund for Students in India \$40,000
6. Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc. \$20,000
7. Spanish Lip Synchronization of "This Is the Life" TV Series \$32,000
8. Philippine Scholarship Fund \$10,000

1971–1973 — \$350,000

1. Television evangelism for children
2. Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots (LAMP, Canada)

3. St. Stephen's Church renovation, Chicago, Ill.
4. Scholarships, St. Paul High School, Papua New Guinea
5. Chapel and education center, Belem, Brazil
6. Preschool, daycare, and teen center, Good Shepherd, Honolulu, Hawaii
7. Sharon Church, Hong Kong (reallocated to Gertrude Simon Lutheran School, Hong Kong)
8. Captioned films for the deaf
9. Korean Lutheran Multi-Ministry Center, Seoul

1973–1975 — \$380,000

1. New Frontiers in Medical Missions, Nigeria \$70,000
2. Television production, "Easter Is" \$50,000
3. World Mission Institute \$50,000
4. Cristo Rey, Juarez, Mexico (to Lutheran Synod of Mexico for chapel and land) \$25,000
5. Hispanic-American ministries \$40,000
6. St. John Church, Palmer, Alaska \$75,000
7. Alabama Lutheran Academy and College, Selma, Ala. \$60,000
8. Scholarships for minority students \$10,000

1973 — \$10,000

1. Special grant: Trilingual ministry, Bethany, Elmhurst, N.Y. \$10,000

1975–1977 — Total \$400,000

1. Braille paper, Lutheran Braille Workers \$45,000
2. Medical missions, Malapuram, India \$57,000
3. Land for chapels, India \$50,000
4. Good News for Readers (American Bible Society) \$50,000
5. South Carolina — A Mission Frontier \$57,000
6. Chicago Uptown Ministry \$40,000
7. Lutheran Baja California Mission \$50,000
8. HOPE (Help Our People Educationally), the Philippines \$51,000

1977 — \$49,349

1. 35th Anniversary Offering, Lutheran Television

1977 — \$49,349

1. 35th Anniversary Offering, Concordia School for the Deaf, Porto Alegre, Brazil

1977–1979 — Total \$410,000

1. Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots (LAMP), Canada \$50,000
2. Radios, Wabag Lutheran Church, Papua New Guinea \$20,000
3. Concordia Tract Mission \$40,000
4. Lutheran Television family special \$70,000
5. Community health program, Guatemala \$50,000
6. Lutheran Hour — Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru \$30,000
7. Lutheran Seminary, Obot Idem, Nigeria — theological education and extension, and library \$75,000
8. Alabama Lutheran College, Selma, Ala. — Library, Student Life Center \$40,000
9. Tacoma, Wash., Seaman's Center \$35,000

1978 — Total \$40,000

1. Special grants: Trilingual ministry — Bethany, Elmhurst, N.Y. \$14,000
2. Alabama Lutheran College, Selma, Ala. \$16,000

1978 — Total \$100,000

1. Special grant: World Relief — LCMS

1979–1981 — Total \$450,000

1. Canada ministry: Concordia College Edmonton, Alta. \$35,000, Christ Church, Montreal, Que. \$15,000
2. Hispanic Lay Ministry: Concordia College, Austin, Texas \$50,000 Hispanic Lay Ministry Program, Brooklyn, N.Y. \$25,000
3. Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ \$25,000
4. Micronesian Student Ministry, Concordia College, Seward, Neb. \$28,000
5. Minority, poverty-depressed area ministry: St. Paul's Church, Cleveland, Ohio \$25,000 St. Philip's of Chattanooga, Tenn. \$25,000
6. Navajo Indian Ministry, Shepherd of the Valley Church, Navajo, N. Mex. \$60,000
7. Lutheran Church — Hong Kong Synod, Martha Boss Community Center \$50,000
8. Concordia Middle School, Chiayi, Taiwan \$45,000
9. Ingreja Evangelical Luterana Cristo Rei, São Paulo, Brazil \$42,000
10. Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis., Lay Ministry Program \$25,000

1980 — \$25,000

1. Special grant: Mission house refurbishing

1981–1983 — \$520,000

1. Uganda Medical Ministry, Kagando Hospital \$50,000
2. El Divine Salvador, Chihuahua, Mexico, land and new church \$40,000
3. Concordia Seminary — St. Catharines, Ont.—library books and materials \$50,000
4. Ministry to Bahamian children, the Bahamas \$35,000
5. The Blind Media Center — LCMS \$75,000
6. Project Compassion movie \$60,000
7. Bible-reading radio broadcasts — China — ABS \$50,000
8. Planting Hispanic churches — North American Ministry \$50,000
9. Maranao Muslim Scripture booklets \$30,000 (\$30,000 reallocated to finish Lutheran Hospital, Abaton, Buguias, the Philippines)
10. Teaching Materials for Asians in the U.S. \$30,000
11. The Lutheran Church of the Risen Christ, Brooklyn, N.Y. \$50,000

1983 — \$200,000

1. 40th Anniversary Thankoffering: Sierra Leone mission field \$100,000
2. Four new North American mission starts \$100,000

1983 — \$100,000

1. Special grant: Scholarship Endowment Fund

1983 — 1985 — Total \$605,176

1. Support for two overseas missionaries \$60,000
2. New mission church — Anchorage, Alaska \$50,000
3. Shirone Church — Japan \$50,000
4. Young Adult Ministry — LCMS \$45,000
5. Makah Lutheran Church, Neah Bay, Wash. \$25,000
6. Wartburg Home for Aging — New York \$50,000
7. Church site — Shin Gal, Korea \$42,000
8. Library books: Hong Kong, Selma, Ala. \$40,000
9. Southwest Hispanic Ministry \$50,000
10. Urban teacher training \$44,000
11. Portals of Prayer telephone ministry, St. Louis, Mo. \$35,000
12. Lutheran outreach — Fort Wayne, Ind. \$40,000
13. International students, U.S. and Canada \$50,000
14. Lutheran Tape Ministry \$24,176

1984 — \$20,000

1. Special grant: Pickup for Kumasi, Ghana, Africa

1985 — \$200,000

1. Special grant: Seminary dormitory, Shin Gal, Korea

1985–1987 — \$665,250

1. Infant care program — Ambur, India \$32,000
2. American Indian Student Aid — LCMS \$50,000
3. Christian Salvation Service — Taiwan \$48,000
4. Deaconess work — India \$36,000
5. New chapel roofs — Nigeria \$30,000
6. Tuticorin Deaf School, India \$45,000
7. Concordia Seminary, Edmonton, Alta., books and library needs \$50,000
8. Elementary student education assistance St. Paul–Minneapolis, Minn. \$30,000
9. Lutheran Education Center on Aging Seward, Neb. \$40,000
10. Solar power units for mission stations in Africa \$68,000
11. Servant Events, Board for Youth Services, LCMS \$40,000
12. Latin American vicarage training, LCMS \$75,000
13. Bible and religious materials, Indonesia \$50,000
14. Centro Cristiano de Ysleta, El Paso, Texas \$50,000
15. Spanish language Portals of Prayer, LCMS \$21,250

1987 — \$7,000

1. Special grant: Tuticorin Deaf School, India

1987–1989 — Total \$830,370

1. New Indian ministry starts in Montana \$42,000
2. Nuestro Salvador Lutheran Church expansion program, Corpus Christi \$75,000
3. Training evangelists and lay preachers — Obot Idim, Nigeria \$72,000
4. Laborers for Christ \$60,000
5. Holy Cross Resettlement Ministry Riverdale, Ga. \$60,000
6. MBE New Testament Translation — Nigeria (LCMS) \$40,000
7. Sending More Workers into His Harvest (recruitment) \$50,000

8. Mission-education curriculum materials, day schools, Sunday schools, VBS \$60,000
9. Mission Facility, Moncton, N.B. \$75,000
10. Youth ministry in the urban setting \$50,000
11. Christian education mission program for Karen Refugees, Thailand \$75,000
12. Spanish language hymnals \$75,000
13. Overseas Volunteer Youth Ministry \$40,000
14. Student dormitory, Balakbak, Benquet, the Philippines \$56,370
15. Gospel Centre, Concordia Middle School, Taiwan (Grant transferred to Student dormitory, Balakbak, the Philippines) \$0

1989 — Total \$22,170.57**Westcott Convention Offering**

1. Printing the new translation of the Karen Bible \$17,170.57
2. Printing 1,500 copies of the new translation of Luther's Small Catechism and Explanation in Russian and Estonian \$5,000

1989–1991 — Total \$823,938.57

1. Missionary and evangelistic television outreach for the deaf \$16,000
2. Computer production of Braille materials \$75,000
3. Solar equipment for missionaries (LCMS) \$70,000
4. Gospel Center — Concordia Middle School, Taiwan \$100,000
5. Mental retardation resources for colleges, seminaries, and districts \$25,000
6. Evangelistic outreach through Lutheran schools \$45,000
7. Haitian ministerial training \$45,000
8. Project Rahab, Thailand \$70,000
9. Strengthening the mission outreach among Hispanics \$60,000
10. Public health component of the integrated community project among the Uspantecos \$50,000
11. Native Students Bursary Fund — Concordia College, Edmonton, Alta. \$50,000
12. Sunset extension of the Chinese Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, San Francisco, Calif. \$50,000
13. Leadership-training project, Lutheran Church of Nigeria \$60,000
14. Miami Caribbean Ministry Christian Education Center \$100,000
15. Expansion of Youth Ministry Servant Event programs \$7,938.57

1991 — Total \$567,263.59**50th Anniversary Thankoffering projects:**

1. Distribution of Bibles in the Soviet Union and Central and Eastern Europe \$50,000
2. Assisting the homeless \$100,000
3. Endowment fund to assist married seminary students with housing expenses \$300,000
4. LWML support and encouragement to missionary wives \$20,000
5. Wind River Indian Reservation, central Wyoming \$50,000
6. Distribution of religious materials and Bibles in

Eastern Europe \$5,000

7. Joint Seminary Fund to provide financial assistance \$ 2,263.59

1991–1993 — Total \$918,481.59

1. Alaska Rural Ministry Scholarship \$100,000
2. Concordia College, Selma, Ala. \$75,000
3. Uplifting Pastors' Families \$93,000
4. Nurse-professor — India \$40,000
5. ILLC China Project — cassette ministry \$75,000
6. Scholarships — Luther Seminary, Korea \$100,000
7. English teachers in China \$72,000
8. KFUCO satellite ministry \$105,000
9. West Africa evangelist training \$100,000
10. Assistance for Panama ministries \$65,000
11. Renovation of seminary buildings — Nigeria \$72,000
12. Training of parish evangelists \$21,481.59

1993–1995 — \$900,788.92

1. Circle of Life Lutheran Church, Cheyenne Reservation, Wyo. \$100,000
2. Lutheran School, Port-au-Prince, Haiti \$26,000
3. English/second language coordinator, Russia \$100,000
4. Scholarship: Concordia College, Selma, Ala. \$72,000
5. "Friends in Christ" mission, Idaho \$40,000
6. "The Deaf Bible Study" series \$45,000
7. Hong Kong: Deaconess Carol Halter support \$100,000
8. New mission work: Cote d'Ivoire \$100,000
9. Winnebago Youth Mission Project, Neb. \$90,000
10. New mission field: Battery Park, New York (Manhattan), N.Y. \$105,000
11. Lutheran daycare church-planting initiative \$100,000
12. Apple of His Eye, Los Angeles, Calif. \$22,788.92

1995–1997 — Total \$893,760.00

1. Faith Alive curriculum for Lutheran Schools in need \$70,000
2. Daily Devotions in the Language of the Deaf \$65,000
3. "Woman to Woman" radio program \$103,120
4. Ministry House in Lodge Grass, Mont.; Crow Lutheran Mission \$20,437.50
5. Sending national missionaries — LCMS World Missions \$125,000
6. CLAIMing Growth of American Indian Ministries \$70,000
7. International Friendship Center; East Lansing, Mich. \$125,000
8. People of the Book Lutheran Outreach — Muslim education \$95,000
9. Swahili large-print biblical books, Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc. \$100,000
10. Gaining NGO (Non-Government Organization) status in Vietnam \$50,000
11. English teachers in China/Mongolia \$70,202.50

1997–1999 — Total \$923,112.32

1. Adult Braille Christian literacy project \$125,000
2. Missionary transportation in Alaska \$100,000
3. Bible class videos in sign language for deaf children

\$55,000

4. Lutheran Bible Translators training scholarships \$95,220
5. Family Connection \$95,000
6. Building a future for women in Eritrea and Ghana \$75,000
7. Latvia Seminary equipment and repairs \$25,000
8. Lutheran Church — Hong Kong Synod seminary and lay training \$75,000
9. LCMS missionary training program, "Pathways" \$100,000
10. Clergy training — Ghana \$75,000
11. Christian outreach on Omaha Reservation \$62,500
12. Support for lay workers to native Americans (Minnesota) \$40,000
13. Care for returning missionary children \$392.32

1999–2001 — Total \$1,032,222.60

1. Children's ministry in Russia \$30,000
2. New urban missionaries in Buffalo, N.Y., Washington D.C., Chicago, Ill., and Los Angeles, Calif. \$100,000
3. Mission field in Kyrgyzstan \$100,000
4. Inner-city scholarships to Lutheran schools for 100 children \$100,000
5. Special education program in Minneapolis, Minn. \$104,000
6. Evangelistic training for women, West Africa \$50,000
7. 50 rural/small town congregations training for five lay leaders each \$40,000
8. Jewish missionary training center, St. Louis, Mo. \$100,000
9. Mission outreach establishing four new churches, Mexico \$76,430
10. Health education for Vietnamese women \$50,000
11. Training Asian missionaries for Burma, China, Laos, and North Korea \$80,000
12. Assisting students in short-term evangelistic missions (ASSIST'EM) \$50,000
13. International student-ministry start-ups on seven campuses \$100,000
14. Arab Family Ministry Center, Detroit, Mich. \$51,792.60

2001–2003 — Total \$1,156,261.89

1. Lutheran Girls' Home, Ambur, South India \$35,000
2. Expansion of ministry to Native Americans in Alaska \$75,000
3. LCMS prison ministry \$61,000
4. Mission outreach to the Navajo Nation \$30,000
5. Outreach ministry to the children of Kazakhstan \$45,000
6. Fortify and strengthen Black family mission and ministry in LCMS \$100,000
7. Health care for women and children in Sudan \$50,000
8. Establishing training center for North American missions \$50,000
9. Support of seminary students' families — West Africa \$75,000
10. Reaching new ethnic groups through children

\$75,000

11. Assisting medical mission in India with prosthetic devices \$46,100
12. Interactive, bilingual curriculum for the Hispanic Institute of Theology \$50,000
13. Prenatal/postnatal/well-baby clinic and educational services in Kyrgyzstan \$37,000
14. Idaho Circuit Rider Ministry Truck \$100,000
15. Messiah migrant ministry, Hillsborough County, Fla. \$40,000
16. Evangelistic outreach in Siberia \$75,000
17. Gospel outreach to Chinese people, Carbondale, Ill. \$40,000
18. St. Matthew's outreach to Japanese people \$50,000
19. Support of national missionaries in Africa \$75,000
20. Ghana translation, Scripture use, and literacy materials \$47,161.89

2003–2005 — Total \$982,139.11

1. Lutheran Adoption Network \$75,000
2. Mission SE Alaska (M/V Christian) \$100,000
3. Support for women and children in Latvia \$60,000
4. Ministry to impoverished families in Guatemala City \$100,000
5. Resources and materials for Lutheran special education \$75,000
6. Heart to Heart Sisters — a cross-cultural gathering for 2005 \$50,000
7. Responding to new opportunities in Afghanistan \$100,000
8. People of God Seminary in Kazakhstan \$60,000
9. Training pastors in high-risk areas — southern Philippines \$70,000
10. Immigrant Afghani women and children ministries \$71,000
11. Concordia Daycare Center, Bangkok, Thailand \$54,000
12. MOST Ministries NEW Christian Ministries \$47,000
13. Ethnic children with Partners in Mission \$100,000
14. Beth El Messianic Congregation storefront ministry, New York, N.Y. \$20,139.11

2005–2007 — Total \$1,137,500

1. Shipping Orphan Grain Train Containers to Africa and Russia \$30,000
2. Ablaze! Implementation in North America \$100,000
3. Responding to HIV/AIDS Among Congregations in Kenya \$51,000
4. Urban, Ethnic School Expansion — East St. Louis, Illinois \$75,000
5. CAME — Reaching Asian Immigrants \$50,000
6. Expanding Ministries to Youth and Adults in Southwest Alaska \$75,000
7. Lutheran Blind Mission Outreach Program \$32,000
8. Lutheran Teachers in Sierra Leone \$84,000
9. LBT National Co-Workers Training Scholarships \$44,000
10. Gospel Outreach and Church Planting with Childcare Ministry \$70,000
11. Inner City Mission and Ministry — Buffalo, New York \$100,000
12. Lutheran Leaders' Training Institute — Pakistan

\$75,000

13. Kiswahili New Testament — Braille \$54,411
14. Expansion of Mission Outreach Training — U.S. \$80,000
15. Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation — China \$100,000
16. Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology — Deaconess Training \$100,000
17. Hispanic Outreach — West Houston, Texas (partial payment) \$17,089

2007–2009 — Total \$1,190,000

1. Deaf Lay and Clergy Training — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis \$50,000
2. Portable Medical Clinics for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sudan \$70,000
3. Building Ten Churches in India \$100,000
4. Female Missionary to Muslim Maninka in Guinea \$100,000
5. Lutheran Bible Translators' Transportation \$60,000
6. Eight New Lutheran Blind Mission Outreach Centers \$40,000
7. Muslim Outreach and Education — Bangladesh \$75,000
8. Circuit Rider for Rural Northwest South Dakota \$65,000
9. Inner-City Children's Ministry — Minneapolis/St. Paul \$50,000
10. Female Missionary to Africa for Human Relief Development \$100,000
11. HOPE Christian Family Counseling Center — St. Petersburg, Russia \$36,000
12. Expand Mission Work in Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Sudan, and Ethiopia \$104,500
13. Lutheran Campus Ministry at Haskell Indian Nations University — Lawrence, Kansas \$95,000
14. KFUEO Radio Internet Streaming \$50,000
15. Isaiah 49 Program — Preparing for Service in Child Welfare — Concordia University, Texas \$80,000
16. Outreach Ministry to the Homeless and Addicted \$49,000
17. St. Matthew's "El Comedor" Popular Soup Kitchen — Chicago \$33,000
18. Reaching Across Cultures Through Urban Children — Ohio (partial funding) \$32,500

2009–2011 — Total \$1,334,982

1. Defray the Cost of Shipping Quilts by Lutheran World Relief \$80,000
2. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Food Bank Relocation \$50,000
3. The Carpenter's Hands — Youth Refurbish Homes in Florida \$26,000
4. Psalm 69:14 Project — Emergency Disaster Aid in Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana \$50,000
5. Digitize Classes for Specific Ministry Pastor Program — Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne \$36,000
6. Ten Chapels, Transportation, and Pastoral Training in Tanzania \$88,000
7. Body and Soul Care for Children in India \$50,000
8. LCMS Prison Ministry Provides Devotional

Materials \$50,000

9. Lutheran Braille Workers Provide English Braille Bibles — Africa \$100,000
10. Kyrgyzstan Locals Trained for Evangelism \$100,000
11. The Hope Center for Refugees and Immigrants — Ohio \$90,000
12. Human Care and Pastoral Ministries Developed in Latvia and Lithuania \$87,500
13. Mission Support to Disabled Children — Dominican Republic \$50,000
14. Native Leadership Scholarships for Students Enrolled in Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT) \$100,000
15. Humanitarian Care Outreach in Kazakhstan \$90,000
16. International Student Ministry Provides Bibles and Christ-Oriented Resources \$30,000
17. Earthquake Relief Aid and Church Plants in Peru \$100,000
18. Light of Christ Chinese Lutheran Mission — St. Louis \$75,000
19. Humanitarian Aid Opens Mission Field in North Korea (partially funded) \$82,482

2011–2013 — Total \$1,349,569

1. Support for Lutheran Orphanages — Haiti \$70,000
2. Lutheran Braille Workers Plate Embossing Device \$100,000
3. Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) Spread God's Word Through Print and Audio \$97,344
4. Outreach to At-Risk Children — Detroit, Michigan \$15,000
5. Cancer Care Package Ministry \$100,000
6. Crow Indian Ministry — Montana \$69,999.64 Exodus 2:6 Project: Spiritual Care in Disasters — Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma \$50,000
7. Children's Nutrition and Care — Vietnam \$72,255
8. Grace Place for LCMS International Missionaries \$75,000
9. Pregnancy Center: Newborn Protection — Malaysia, Southeast Asia \$54,500
10. The Lutheran Malaria Initiative — Kenya, East Africa \$100,000
11. Two Graduate Scholarships for International/Minority Students — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri \$50,000
12. Project JOEL — Outreach to Youth — Central/South America \$75,000
13. Children's Developmental Disabilities Group Home and Rehabilitation Center — Dominican Republic \$100,000
14. Missionary Family Care and Education \$100,000
15. Gospel Outreach Through Open Arms Child Care \$65,000
16. Haskell Indian Nations University Lutheran Campus Ministry Expansion — Lawrence, Kansas \$100,000
17. Financial Support for LCMS Prison and Jail Ministry Conference \$27,500
18. Physical and Spiritual Nourishment for the Impoverished — United States/Mexico Border (partially funded) \$27,970.36

2013–2015 — Total \$1,297,917.41

1. Training K-9 Comfort Dogs for LCMS Chaplains \$30,000
2. Lutheran Children's Books for Southeast Asia \$72,000
3. Training Indigenous Pastors and Deaconesses — Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana \$100,000
4. Rebuilding Nord Est Haiti Lutheran School \$100,000
5. Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Schools — Winnebago Tribe, Nebraska \$8,550
6. I CAN — Serving At-Risk Children with Learning Needs \$99,000
7. Bible Story Books in Sign Language and Written Text \$100,000
8. Native American Outreach Training Center — Fairbanks, Alaska \$95,000
9. Strengthening and Expanding Campus Ministry \$100,000
10. Worship for Shut-Ins – Lutheran Ministries Media, \$80,000
11. Preparing Leaders for a Diverse World — Concordia College, Selma, Alabama \$50,000
12. Voice of Care Ministry to the Developmentally Challenged \$50,600
13. Christ-Centered Tutoring Through Rebecca's Garden of Hope (RGOH) \$100,000
14. Student Scholarships for MOST Ministries Mission Trips \$20,000
15. Building Homes and Hope in Haiti — Reallocated by LWML Board of Directors June 2015 to LCMS Disaster Response — Latin America \$100,000
16. Support for Lutheran Public Radio \$40,000
17. Christian Educational Support for Children — India \$85,000
18. Mission Outreach at St. Paul Community Lutheran Church — Pontiac, Michigan \$67,767.41

2015–2017 — Total \$1,429,500

1. Clean Water and Evangelism Ministry — MOST Ministries \$50,000
2. Disaster Response Trailers — LCMS Disaster Response \$80,000
3. Cancer Care Packages — Phil's Friends \$50,000
4. Renovation of JEM Seminary Buildings — Nigeria \$120,000
5. Redeeming Life Maternity Home — Sanford, Florida \$100,000
6. Hope and Healing to the Navajo People — Rocky Mountain District \$75,000
7. Outreach in Refugee Camps — Lebanon \$72,000
8. Healthy Families — Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska \$60,000
9. LCMS Global Seminary Initiative — International Student Scholarships \$100,000
10. Training Teachers and Leaders — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis \$100,000
11. Opportunities in Uganda — Women of the Pearl and Seminary Completion \$100,000
12. "In Their Hands and Upon Their Hearts" — Lutheran Bible Translators, Angola, Botswana, Ethiopia, Namibia \$50,000
13. "We Are God's Workmanship" — International

- Student Scholarship at St. Paul High School, Concordia, Missouri \$32,500
14. Bringing the Gospel to the Lost Sheep of Israel — Apple of His Eye Mission Society Israel \$100,000
 15. Helping Hands Initiative — LCMS National Housing Support Corporation \$100,000
 16. Deaconess Training — LCMS support for International Partner Churches \$90,000
 17. Lutheran Young Adult Corps — Scholarships Lutheran Mercy Youth Corps \$25,000
 18. Providing Hope for Detroit — Acts 2 Enterprise \$100,000
 19. Rosa Young Academy — Rosa Young Projects Initiative \$25,000
- 2017–2019 — Total \$1,582,250**
1. Providing Food and the Gospel to Starving Children — Mercy Meals of Siouxland, Sioux City, Iowa \$40,000
 2. Mercy House for Women and Children Franklin Avenue Mission — Flint Mich. \$100,000
 3. Christ for Veterans and Their Families — LCMS Ministry of the Armed Forces \$27,750
 4. Tanzanian Sewing Center \$25,000
 5. Current Missionary Need — LCMS International Missions, Mission Central \$100,000
 6. Lutheran Children's Books for Families Worldwide, Lutheran Heritage Foundation \$100,000
 7. Christian Hope Through Mass Media in Egypt — Lutheran Hour Ministries \$100,000
 8. NOLA 4H: Hearts for the Hungry, Homeless, and Hurting — Christian Families United for Progress \$100,000
 9. Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund \$80,000
 10. Christian Eldercare Home in Haiti \$100,000
 11. Training Lutheran Middle Eastern Missionaries — Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission \$93,000
 12. Completion of Lukonda Lutheran School Buildings — Uganda \$48,000
 13. Equipping Youth to Witness for Life — Y4Life, Lutherans for Life \$25,000
 14. Laborers of Love — Lutheran Braille Workers \$100,000
 15. Sharing Jesus with People with Disabilities — Bethesda Lutheran Communities \$100,000
 16. Education Loan Repayment Assistance Grants — Ministry Focus \$100,000
 17. Nursing Students Serving with Mercy Medical Team — Madagascar \$25,000
 18. Restoration Programs for Native Hawaiians \$75,000
 19. RECONNECT to the Body of Christ — Circuit 28 Texas District \$50,000
 20. Prison and Jail Ministry Synod-wide Conference in 2018 \$36,500
 21. Family Scholarships for Short Term Mission Trips — MOST Ministries \$60,000
 22. Raising Pastors and Deaconesses — Liberia \$97,000
- 2019–2021 — Total \$1,638,573**
1. Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya — Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya \$80,000
 2. Teach Me Too — Preschoolers with Learning Needs — Lutheran Special Education Ministries \$100,000
 3. Mission Outreach for at-Risk Young Women in Africa — Lutheran Hour Ministries, \$100,000
 4. God's Grace for This Generation — LAMP Ministry, Inc. \$100,000
 5. God's Word Changes Everything — Tanzania and Ethiopia — Lutheran Bible Translators, \$95,000
 6. Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus for Guatemala — Lutheran Church of Guatemala and Child Beyond International \$100,000
 7. Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families — Camp Restore, Detroit, Michigan \$100,000
 8. Lights for Christ Scholarships — Divine Savior Lutheran Church, Zacapa, Guatemala \$95,000
 9. Wind River Indian Reservation Transportation — Wind River Lutheran Mission, Wyoming. \$40,000
 10. Ministry in Motion — Trinity Lutheran School, Mobile, Alabama \$58,000
 11. Touching the Living Word — Lutheran Braille Workers \$100,000
 12. Women's Witness and Mercy Asia — Mission Central, \$100,000
 13. Digital Media Development — Lutherans for Life, \$30,000
 14. Hope and Healing Hub of Downtown Lincoln — University Lutheran Chapel, Lincoln, Nebraska \$50,000
 15. Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers — Mission Training Center, Africa \$62,650
 16. Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow — LCMS School Ministries \$80,000
 17. Christ for You, Anytime, Anywhere — KFEO Radio, \$60,000
 18. Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building Construction — Office of International Missions \$50,000
 19. Making Jesus Known in the United States Ethnic Communities — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri \$100,000
 20. Music Outreach, Classes, and Resources on the Border — Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care, El Paso, Texas \$98,400,
 21. LCMS Deaconess Ministry — LCMS Office of International Ministry (partially funded) \$39,523
- 2021–2023 — Total \$2,229,332**
1. Deaconess Ministry Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch — Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, \$81,680
 2. Healing the Invisible Wounds of War through Horses — Spirit Warrior, Central Maine, \$95,000
 3. Thirst to Learn: Bible Books for Africa's Children — Lutheran Heritage Foundation, \$100,000
 4. Making the Next Generation of Disciples for Life — LCMS Life Ministry, \$92,000
 5. Helping Hands for Lutheran Deaf Outreach — Lutheran Deaf Outreach, \$50,000:
 6. Hope of Christ for Cancer Patients — Phil's Friends, \$70,000
 7. Training Pastors to Serve the Church in Russia — Lutheran Theological Seminary, Novosibirsk, Siberia, \$100,000
 8. Light of Christ in Eastern Europe — Mission Central,

- \$56,000
9. Propelling the Gospel — LAMP Ministry, Inc., \$65,000
10. Educating Pastors in Africa — Mission Central, \$100,000
11. Redeeming Life Maternity Home, Illinois Expansion — Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, \$100,000
12. Mercy Medical Care for Tanzania — Mwaui Lutheran School and Community, \$68,182
13. Gospel Outreach to Women and Children in Mongolia — Lutheran Hour Ministries, \$100,000
14. Caring for and Sharing Christ with Hurting People — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, \$100,000
15. The Littlest and Least of These, Dallas, Texas — St. Paul Lutheran Church and Christian Academy, \$42,000
16. Bring the Inner-City Children to Camp — Lutheran Valley Retreat, Colorado, \$25,000
17. Spiritual and Physical Food for Children of Peru — La Mision Luterana del Peru, \$56,750
18. “Ends of Earth” Scholarships — Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries, \$50,000
19. Sharing Jesus’ Love in India — Lutheran Braille Workers, \$100,000 Reallocated to be used in Central and South America.
20. Mission & Outreach to the Least of These — Victory Lutheran Church, K. I. Sawyer Community, \$51,356: PARTIAL PAYMENT of \$34,000. Remainder reallocated*
21. Mercy House Belize Lutheran Campus — Belize Mission Society, \$100,000
22. Ministry Vehicle Fund, Ethiopia and Sierra Leone — Lutheran Bible Translators, \$70,000
23. Showing God’s Love in the International District, Albuquerque, New Mexico — God Cares About You Mission, \$98,000
24. Reaching the Homebound with God’s Word — Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. (DBA Worship Anew), \$100,000 25
25. Missionaries to America Project — Mission Nation Publishing, \$88,000
26. Strengthening the Lutheran Mission to Kuna, Idaho — Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church, \$100,000
27. Expanding God’s Love in Uganda — LCMS Office of International Mission, Africa Region, \$92,000
28. Christ-Centered Materials for Hmong Language School and Outreach — St. Paul Hmong Outreach Ministries, \$78,364 *Reallocated funds of \$8,156 paid to complete original proposal request.

*Additional reallocated funds of \$9,200 rolled-over to 2023–2025 Mission Grant total.

Mission Grants by Country

Africa

1. Solar equipment for missionaries (see also Asia), 1989–1991, \$70,000
2. Evangelist training, West Africa, 1991–1993, \$100,000
3. Swahili large-print biblical books, Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc., 1995–1997, \$100,000
4. Shipping Orphan Grain Train containers to Africa and Russia, 2005–2007, \$30,000
5. Female missionary to Africa for human relief development, 2007–2009, \$100,000
6. Lutheran Braille Workers provide English Braille Bibles–Africa, 2009–2011, \$100,000
7. Mission Outreach for At-Risk Young Women in Africa — Lutheran Hour Ministries, 2019–2021, \$100,000
8. Thirst to Learn: Bible Books for Africa’s Children — Lutheran Heritage Foundation, 2021–2023, \$100,000

Angola

1. “In Their Hands and Upon Their Hearts” — Lutheran Bible Translators, Angola, Botswana, Ethiopia, Namibia, 2015–2017, \$50,000

Botswana

1. Solar power units for mission stations in Botswana, Sierra Leone, Togo, Liberia, Ghana, and Nigeria 1985–1987, \$68,000
2. Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) Spread God’s Word Through Print and Audio, 2011–2013, \$97,344
3. “In Their Hands and Upon Their Hearts” — Lutheran Bible Translators, Angola, Botswana, Ethiopia, Namibia, 2015–2017, \$50,000

Cote d’Ivoire

1. New mission work, 1993–1995, \$100,000
2. Evangelistic training for women, West Africa, 1999–2001, \$50,000

Egypt

1. Christian Hope Through Mass Media in Egypt — Lutheran Hour Ministries, 2017–2019, \$100,000

Eritrea

1. Women building for a future (economic opportunities, Eritrea, Ghana), 1997–1999, \$75,000
2. Evangelistic training for women, West Africa, 1999–2001, \$50,000

Ethiopia

1. Expand mission work in Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Sudan, and Ethiopia, 2007–2009, \$104,500
2. “In Their Hands and Upon Their Hearts” — Lutheran Bible Translators, Angola, Botswana, Ethiopia, Namibia, 2015–2017, \$50,000
3. Tanzania and Ethiopia God’s Word Changes Everything — Lutheran Bible Translators, 2019–2021, \$95,000
4. Ministry Vehicle Fund, Ethiopia and Sierra Leone — Lutheran Bible Translators, 2021–2023, \$70,000

Ghana

1. Chapels, 1961–1963, \$20,000
2. Pickup for Kumasi, 1984, \$20,000
3. Solar power units for mission stations in Botswana, Sierra Leone, Togo, Liberia, Ghana, and Nigeria 1985–1987, \$68,000
4. Computer production of Braille material, 1989–1991, \$75,000
5. Adult Braille Christian literacy project, 1997–1999, \$125,000
6. Clergy training, 1997–1999, \$75,000
7. Women building for a future (economic opportunities, Eritrea, Ghana), 1997–1999, \$75,000
8. Evangelistic training for women, West Africa, 1999–2001, \$50,000
9. Support of national missionaries, West Africa, 2001–2003, \$75,000
10. Support of seminary students’ families, West Africa, 2001–2003, \$75,000
11. Translation and Scripture use, literacy materials, 2001–2003, \$47,162
12. Kiswahili New Testament (East Africa) — Braille, 2005–2007, \$75,000
13. Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) Spread God’s Word Through Print and Audio, 2011–2013, \$97,344
14. Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers — Mission Training Center, Africa 2019–2021, \$62,650

Guinea

1. Female missionary to Muslim Maninka in Guinea, 2007–2009, \$100,000

Kenya

1. Responding to HIV/AIDS, 2005–2007, \$51,000
2. Kiswahili New Testament (East Africa) — Braille, 2005–2007, \$75,000
3. Expand mission work in Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Sudan, and Ethiopia, 2007–2009,

- \$104,500
 4. The Lutheran Malaria Initiative — Kenya, East Africa, 2011–2013, \$100,000
 5. Water and the Word for Rural Schools Kenya — Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya, 2019–2021, \$80,000
 6. Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers — Mission Training Center, Africa 2019–2021, \$62,650
 7. Educating Pastors in Africa — Mission Central, 2021–2023, \$100,000
- Liberia**
1. Support of national missionaries, West Africa, 2001–2003, \$75,000
 2. Deaconess Training — LCMS Support for International Partner Churches Philippines, Latvia, Liberia Indonesia, 2015–2017, \$90,000
- Madagascar**
1. Nursing Students Serving with Mercy Medical Team — LCMS Office of International Mission, 2017–2019, \$25,000
- Malawi**
1. Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers — Mission Training Center, Africa 2019–2021, \$62,650
- Namibia**
1. Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) Spread God’s Word Through Print and Audio, 2011–2013, \$97,344
 2. “In Their Hands and Upon Their Hearts” — Lutheran Bible Translators, Angola, Botswana, Ethiopia, Namibia, 2015–2017, \$50,000
- Nigeria**
1. Bible institutes and chapels, 1957–1959, \$55,000
 2. Medical missions, Yahe, Ogoja, 1961–1963, \$14,000
 3. Modern hospital equipment, Yahe, Ogoja, 1965–1967, \$30,000
 4. Modern III Girls’ School (Lutheran Girls’ Trade School), Nung Udoo, 1965–1967, \$35,000
 5. Linguistic Center, Enugu (Wycliffe Bible Translators), 1965–1967, \$100,000
 6. Leprosy treatment at hospitals (see also India, Papua New Guinea), 1965–1967, \$85,000
 7. Medical specialty instruments, 1967–1969, \$8,000
 8. Nigeria rehabilitation, 1969–1971, \$75,000
 9. New frontiers in medical missions, 1973–1975, \$70,000
 10. Land for chapels, 1975–1977, \$50,000
 11. Lutheran Seminary, Obot Idim, Nigeria theology education and extension library, 1977–1979, \$75,000
 12. Solar power units for mission stations in Botswana, Sierra Leone, Togo, Liberia, Ghana, and Nigeria 1985–1987, \$68,000
 13. New chapel roofs, 1985–1987, \$30,000
 14. Mbe translation project, LCMS, 1987–1989, \$40,000
 15. Lutheran Seminary, Obot Idim, 1987–1989, \$72,000
 16. Leadership-training project, 1989–1991, \$60,000
 17. Renovation of seminary buildings, 1991–1993, \$72,000
 18. Support of seminary students’ families, West Africa, 2001–2003, \$75,000
 19. Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) Spread God’s Word Through Print and Audio, 2011–2013, \$97,344
 20. Renovation of JEM Seminary Buildings — Nigeria, 2015–2017, \$120,000
- Rwanda**
1. Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers — Mission Training Center, Africa 2019–2021, \$62,650
- Sierra Leone**
1. Mission field, 1983, \$100,000
 2. Solar power units for mission stations in Botswana, Sierra Leone, Togo, Liberia, Ghana, and Nigeria 1985–1987, \$68,000
 3. Lutheran Teachers, 2005–2007, \$84,000
 4. Raising Pastors and Deaconesses Reallocated January 2019 to Sierra Leone Seminary, 2017–2019, \$20,000
 5. Ministry Vehicle Fund, Ethiopia and Sierra Leone — Lutheran Bible Translators, 2021–2023, \$70,000
- South Africa**
1. Support of seminary students’ families, West Africa, 2001–2003, \$75,000
- Sudan**
1. Health care for women and children, 2001–2003, \$50,000
 2. Expand mission work in Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Sudan, and Ethiopia, 2007–2009, \$104,500
 3. Portable medical clinics for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sudan, 2007–2009, \$70,000
- Tanzania**
1. Swahili large-print biblical books, 1993–1995, \$100,000
 2. Kiswahili New Testament (East Africa) — Braille, 2005–2007, \$75,000
 3. Expand mission work in Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Sudan, and Ethiopia, 2007–2009, \$104,500
 4. Ten Chapels, Transportation, and Pastoral Training, 2009–2011, \$88,000
 5. Tanzanian Sewing Center — Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT), 2017–2019, \$25,000
 6. Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers — Mission Training Center, Africa 2019–2021, \$62,650
 7. Tanzania and Ethiopia God’s Word Changes

Everything — Lutheran Bible Translators, 2019–2021, \$95,000

8. Mercy Medical Care for Tanzania — Mwadui Lutheran School and Community, 2021–2023, \$68,182

Togo

2. Solar power units for mission stations in Botswana, Sierra Leone, Togo, Liberia, Ghana, and Nigeria 1985–1987, \$68,000
3. Support of seminary students' families, West Africa, 2001–2003, \$75,000
4. Educating Pastors in Africa — Mission Central, 2021–2023, \$100,000

Uganda

1. Uganda medical ministry, Kagando Hospital, 1981–1983, \$50,000
2. Kiswahili New Testament (East Africa) — Braille, 2005–2007, \$75,000
3. Expand mission work in Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Sudan, and Ethiopia, 2007–2009, \$104,500
4. Opportunities in Uganda — Women of the Pearl and Seminary Completion, 2015–2017, \$100,000
5. Completion of Lukonda Lutheran School Buildings, Uganda — Lutheran Church Uganda, 2017–2019, \$48,000
6. Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers — Mission Training Center, Africa 2019–2021, \$62,650
7. Educating Pastors in Africa — Mission Central, 2021–2023, \$100,000
8. Expanding God's Love in Uganda — LCMS Office of International Mission, Africa Region, 2021–2023, \$92,000

Zambia

1. Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers — Mission Training Center, Africa 2019–2021, \$62,650

Asia

1. Lutheran Children's Books for Southeast Asia, 2013–2015, \$72,000

Afghanistan

1. Responding to new opportunities, 2003–2005, \$100,000

Bangladesh

1. Muslim outreach and education — Bangladesh, 2007–2009, \$75,000

China

1. ILLL China project — cassette ministry, 1991–1993, \$75,000
2. English teachers, 1991–1993, \$72,000
3. English teachers in China/Mongolia, 1993–1995, \$70,203
4. Training multinational missionary teams, 1999–2001, \$80,000

5. Concordia Welfare and Education Society, 2005–2007, \$100,000

Hong Kong

1. Sharon Lutheran Church, Hong Kong (reallocated), 1971–1973, \$75,000
2. Lutheran Church Hong Kong Synod, Martha Boss Community Center, 1979–1981, \$50,000
3. Library books for college in Hong Kong, 1983–1985, \$20,000
4. Hong Kong, deaconess Carol Halter support, 1993–1995, \$100,000
5. Lutheran Church–Hong Kong Synod Seminary and lay training, 1997–1999, \$75,000
6. Women's Witness and Mercy Asia — Mission Central, 2019–2021, \$100,000

India

1. Bethesda Hospital, Ambur, 1951–1953, \$70,000
2. Medical missions, Wandoor, 1961–1963, \$58,000
3. Foreign Mission Chapel Fund, 1963–1965, \$25,000
4. Hospital, third unit, Wandoor, 1963–1965, \$40,000
5. Leprosy treatment at hospitals (see also New Guinea, Nigeria), 1965–1967, \$85,000
6. Nurses' home, Ambur, 1967–1969, \$32,000
7. Scholarship Fund, 1969–1971, \$40,000
8. Medical missions, Malappuram, 1975–1977, \$57,000
9. Infant care program, Ambur, 1985–1987, \$32,000
10. Deaconess work, 1985–1987, \$36,000
11. Tuticorin Deaf School, 1985–1987, \$45,000
12. Tuticorin Deaf School, 1987, \$7,000
13. Nurse-professor, 1991–1993, \$40,000
14. Lutheran Girls' School, Ambur, 2001–2003, \$35,000
15. Assisting medical mission with prosthetic devices, 2001–2003, \$46,100
16. Building ten churches in India, 2007–2009, \$100,000
17. Body and Soul Care for Children, 2009–2011, \$50,000
18. Christian Educational Support for Children — India, 2013–2015, \$85,000
19. Deaconess Training — LCMS Support for International Partner Churches Philippines, Latvia, Liberia Indonesia, 2015–2017, \$90,000
20. Sharing Jesus' Love in India — Lutheran Braille Workers, 2021–2023, \$100,000 Reallocated to Central and South America

Indonesia

1. Bible and religious materials, 1985–1987, \$50,000
2. Deaconess Training — LCMS Support for International Partner Churches Philippines, Latvia, Liberia Indonesia, 2015–2017, \$90,000

Israel

1. Bringing the Gospel to the Lost Sheep of Israel

— Apple of His Eye Mission Society Israel, 2015–2017, \$100,000

Japan

1. Lutheran Center, Tokyo, 1949–1951, \$35,000
2. Missionary retreat homes (see also Argentina, Brazil, the Philippines), 1953–1955, \$15,000
3. Holy Hope High School, Hanno, 1959–1961, \$60,000
4. Holy Hope High School chapel, Hanno (redirected to Urawa, 1970), 1967–1969, \$79,639
5. Shirone Lutheran Church, Japan, 1983–1985, \$50,000

Laos

1. Training multinational missionary teams, 1999–2001, \$80,000

Lebanon

1. Outreach in Refugee Camps — Lebanon, 2015–2017, \$72,000

Kazakhstan

1. Outreach to children in orphanages and other ministry, 2001–2003, \$45,000
2. People of God Seminary, 2003–2005, \$60,000
3. Humanitarian Care Outreach in Kazakhstan, 2009–2011, \$90,000

Kyrgyzstan

1. New mission field using medical trailer as outreach, 1999–2001, \$100,000
2. Baby clinic and education in health and parenting, 2001–2003, \$37,000
3. Kyrgyzstan Locals Trained for Evangelism, 2009–2011, \$100,000

Macau

1. Women's Witness and Mercy Asia — Mission Central, 2019–2021, \$100,000

Malaysia

1. Pregnancy Center: Newborn Protection — Malaysia, Southeast Asia, 2011–2013, \$54,500
2. Deaconess Training — LCMS Support for International Partner Churches Philippines, Latvia, Liberia Indonesia, 2015–2017, \$90,000

Mongolia

1. English teachers in China/Mongolia, 1993–1995, \$70,203
2. Gospel Outreach to Women and Children in Mongolia — Lutheran Hour Ministries, 2021–2023, \$100,000

Myanmar

1. Christian education for Karen refugees, 1987–1989, \$75,000
2. Training multinational missionary teams, 1999–2001, \$80,000

North Korea

1. Training multinational missionary teams, 1999–2001, \$80,000
2. Humanitarian Aid Opens Mission Field in North Korea, 2009–2011, \$82,482

Pakistan

1. Lutheran Leaders Training Institute, 2005–2007, \$75,000

Papua New Guinea

1. Highland School, Amapyoka, 1957–1959, \$60,000
2. Radio transceivers, 1961–1963, \$10,800
3. Leprosy treatment at hospitals (see also India, Nigeria), 1965–1967, \$85,000
4. Scholarships, St. Paul Lutheran High School, Pausa, 1971–1973, \$35,000
5. Radios, Wabag Lutheran Church, 1977–1979, \$20,000

Philippines

1. Missionary retreat home (see also Argentina, Brazil, Japan), 1953–1955, \$15,000
2. Seminary, Baguio, 1959–1961, \$80,000
3. Scholarship Fund, 1969–1971, \$10,000
4. HOPE (Help Our People Educationally), 1975–1977, \$51,000
5. Maranao Muslim Scripture booklets (reallocated 1985; see Lutheran Hospital Abaton, below), 1981–1983, \$63,000
6. Lutheran Hospital, Abaton, Buguias, 1985, \$30,000
7. Christian student dormitory, Balakbak, 1987–1989, \$56,370
8. Training pastors in high-risk areas — southern Philippines, 2003–2005, \$70,000
9. Deaconess Training — LCMS Support for International Partner Churches Philippines, Latvia, Liberia Indonesia, 2015–2017, \$90,000

South Korea

1. Korea Lutheran Multi-Ministry Center, Seoul, 1971–1973, \$15,000
2. Church site, Shin Gal, 1983–1985, \$42,000
3. Support for two overseas missionaries, LCMS, 1983–1985, \$60,000
4. Seminary dormitory, Shin Gal, 1985, \$200,000
5. Scholarships — Luther Seminary, 1991–1993, \$100,000

Sri Lanka

1. Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building Construction — Office of International Ministry, 2019–2021, \$50,000

Taiwan

1. Ten educational buildings (reallocated from retreat home, Brazil, 1953–55), 1961, \$20,000
2. Concordia Middle School, Chiayi, 1979–1981, \$45,000
3. Christian Salvation Service, 1985–1987, \$48,000

4. Gospel Center — Concordia Middle School, 1989–1991, \$100,000
5. Women's Witness and Mercy Asia — Mission Central, 2019–2021, \$100,000

Thailand

1. Christian education for Karen refugees, 1987–1989, \$75,000
2. Project Rahab, 1989–1991, \$70,000
3. Printing the new translation of the Karen Bible, 1989, \$17,171
4. Concordia Daycare Center, Bangkok, 2003–2005, \$54,000
5. Women's Witness and Mercy Asia — Mission Central, 2019–2021, \$100,000

Vietnam

1. Gaining NGO (non-government organizational) status in Vietnam, 1995–1997, \$50,000
2. Training Vietnamese women in health issues, 1999–2001, \$50,000
3. Children's Nutrition and Care — Vietnam, 2011–2013, \$72,255

Europe

1. Printing 1,500 copies of the new translation of Luther's Small Catechism and Explanation in Russian and Estonian 1989, \$5,000
2. Distribution of Bibles in the Soviet Union and Central and Eastern Europe, 1991, \$50,000
3. Distribution of Religious Materials and Bibles in Eastern Europe, 1991, \$5,000

Austria

1. Child rehabilitation in postwar Europe, orphans and orphanages, 1945–1949, \$73,262

Czech Republic

1. Light of Christ in Eastern Europe — Mission Central, 2021–2023, \$56,000

Finland

1. Child rehabilitation in postwar Europe, orphans and orphanages, 1945–1949, \$73,262

France

1. Child rehabilitation in postwar Europe, orphans and orphanages, 1945–1949, \$73,262

Germany

1. Child rehabilitation in postwar Europe, orphans and orphanages, 1945–1949, \$73,262
2. Light of Christ in Eastern Europe — Mission Central, 2021–2023, \$56,000

Latvia

1. Seminary equipment and repairs, 1997–1999, \$25,000
2. Support for women and children, 2003–2005, \$60,000
3. Human Care and Pastoral Ministries

Development in Latvia and Lithuania, 2009–2011, \$87,500

4. Deaconess Training — LCMS Support for International Partner Churches Philippines, Latvia, Liberia Indonesia, 2015–2017, \$90,000

Poland

1. Child rehabilitation in postwar Europe, orphans and orphanages, 1945–1949, \$73,262

Russia

1. English as a second language coordinator, 1993–1995, \$100,000
2. Children's ministry, 1999–2001, \$30,000
3. Shipping Orphan Grain Train containers to Africa and Russia, 2005–2007, \$30,000
4. HOPE Christian Family Counseling Center — St. Petersburg, Russia, 2007–2009, \$36,000

Romania

1. Providing Food and the Gospel to Starving Children — Mercy Meals of Siouxland, Sioux City, Iowa \$40,000

Siberia

1. Evangelistic Outreach in Siberia, 2001–2003, \$75,000
2. Training Pastors to Serve the Church in Russia — Lutheran Theological Seminary, Novosibirsk, Siberia, 2021–2023, \$100,000

United Kingdom

1. Child rehabilitation in postwar Europe, orphans and orphanages, 1945–1949, \$73,262

North America

Bahamas

1. Ministry to Bahamian children, 1981–1983, \$35,000

Canada

1. University Chapel and Student Center, Toronto, 1956–1957, \$70,000
1. Christ Memorial Church site, Montreal, 1961–1963, \$67,200
2. Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots (LAMP), 1971–1973, \$40,000
3. Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots (LAMP), 1977–1979, \$50,000
4. Concordia College, Edmonton, 1979–1981, \$35,000
- Christ Church, Montreal, 1979–1981, \$15,000
5. Concordia Seminary, St. Catherines, 1981–1983, \$50,000
6. Concordia Seminary, Edmonton, for books and library needs, 1985–1987, \$50,000
7. Ontario District mission facility, Moncton, 1987–1989, \$75,000
8. Native Bursary Fund, Edmonton, 1989–1991, \$50,000

9. God's Grace for This Generation, LAMP Ministry, Inc., 2019–2021, \$100,000
10. Propelling the Gospel — LAMP Ministry, Inc., 2021–2023, \$65,000

Cuba

1. Redeemer Church, Havana, 1956–1957, \$50,000
2. Project JOEL — Outreach to Youth — Central/South America, 2011–2013, \$75,000

Dominican Republic

1. Mission Support to Disabled Children, 2009–2011, \$50,000
2. Children's Developmental Disabilities Group Home and Rehabilitation Center — Dominican Republic, 2011–2013, \$100,000

Guatemala

1. School, Zacapa, 1956–1957, \$5,000
2. Community health program, 1977–1979, \$50,000
3. Public health component of the Integrated Community Project among the Uspantecos, 1989–1991, \$50,000
4. Ministry to impoverished families, Guatemala City, 2003–2005, \$100,000
5. Project JOEL — Outreach to Youth — Central/South America, 2011–2013, \$75,000
6. Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus for Guatemala, 2019–2021, \$100,000
7. Lights for Christ Scholarships — Divine Savior Lutheran Church, Zacapa, Guatemala, 2019–2021, \$95,000

Haiti

1. Lutheran school, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 1993–1995, \$26,000
2. Support for Lutheran Orphanages — Haiti, 2011–2013, \$70,000
3. Rebuilding Nord Est Haiti Lutheran School, 2013–2015, \$100,000
4. Christian Eldercare Home in Haiti — Ministry in Motion, 2017–2019, \$100,000

Lutheran Indian Ministries

1. American Indian ministry, 1969–1971, \$50,000
2. American Indian Student Aid, LCMS, 1985–1987, \$50,000
3. Navajo Indian ministry, Navajo, N.M., 1979–1981, \$60,000
4. Makah Lutheran Church, Neah Bay, Wash., 1983–1985, \$25,000
5. New Indian ministry starts in Montana, 1987–1989, \$42,000
6. Wind River Indian Reservation, Wyo., 1991, \$50,000
7. Circle of Life Lutheran Church, Cheyenne Reservation, Wyo., 1993–1995, \$100,000
8. Winnebago youth mission project, Nebraska, 1993–1995, \$90,000
9. CLAIMing growth of American Indian Ministries, 1995–1997, \$70,000

10. Ministry House in Lodge Grass, Mont.; Crow Lutheran Mission, 1995–1997, \$20,438
11. Christian outreach on Omaha Reservation, 1997–1999, \$62,500
12. Support for lay-worker to Native Americans, Minnesota, 1997–1999, \$40,000
13. Mission outreach to Navajo nation, 2001–2003, \$30,000
14. Lutheran Campus Ministry at Haskell Indian Nations University — Lawrence, Kan., 2007–2009, \$95,000
15. Crow Indian Ministry — Montana, 2011–2013, \$70,000
16. Haskell Indian Nations University Lutheran Campus Ministry Expansion — Lawrence, Kan., 2011–2013, \$100,000
17. Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Schools–Winnebago Tribe, Nebraska, 2013–2015, \$8,550
18. Hope and Healing to the Navajo People — Rocky Mountain District, 2015–2017, \$75,000
19. Restoration Programs for Native Hawaiians/Restorative Programs for Native Americans in Arizona (Partially repurposed July 2019) — Lutheran Indian Ministries, 2017–2019, \$75,000
20. Wind River Indian Reservation Transportation — Wind River Lutheran Mission, Wyoming, 2019–2021, \$40,000

Mexico

1. Santa Cruz Church, Monterrey, 1947–1949, \$30,000
2. Chapel-residence, Tijuana-Mexicali, 1967–1969, \$50,000
3. Cristo Rey, Juarez (reallocated), 1973–1975, \$25,000
4. Lutheran Baja California Mission, 1975–1977, \$50,000
5. El Divine Salvador, Chihuahua, 1981–1983, \$40,000
6. Mission outreach establishing four new churches, 1999–2001, \$76,430
7. Project JOEL — Outreach to Youth — Central/South America, 2011–2013, \$75,000

Nicaragua

1. Project JOEL — Outreach to Youth — Central/South America, 2011–2013, \$75,000

Panama

1. Assistance for Panama ministries, 1991–1993, \$65,000
2. Project JOEL — Outreach to Youth — Central/South America, 2011–2013, \$75,000

United States

1. Christ Chapel for the Deaf, Cleveland, Ohio, 1943–1945, \$15,000
2. Our Redeemer Church, Honolulu, Hawaii, 1949–1951, \$30,000
3. True Light Chinese Church, New York, N.Y., 1951–1953, \$75,000

4. Deaconess Chapter House, Valparaiso, Ind., 1953–1955, \$60,000
5. La Santa Cruz “Little Mexico,” Los Angeles, Calif., 1953–1955, \$60,000
6. Rosa Young Dormitory for Girls, Selma, Ala., 1957–1959, \$85,000
7. Mission house, St. Louis, Mo., 1963–1965, \$125,000
8. Rural parish development, Ala., 1963–1965, \$75,000
9. Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit (Chinatown Parish Center), San Francisco, Calif., 1967, \$100,000
10. Gallaudet College for the Deaf, Washington, District of Columbia, 1967–1969, \$10,000
11. Star of the North Lutheran Chapel, Kenai, Alaska, 1967–1969, \$85,000
12. Spanish religious TV series, 1969–1971, \$32,000
13. Preschool, daycare, teen center, Honolulu, Hawaii, 1971–1973, \$60,000
14. Television evangelism for children, 1971–1973, \$35,000
15. St. Stephen’s Church renovation, Chicago, Ill., 1971–1973, \$50,000
16. Captioned films for the deaf, 1971–1973, \$15,000
17. Television, “Easter Is”, 1973–1975, \$50,000
18. World Mission Institute, 1973–1975, \$50,000
19. Alabama Lutheran Academy and College, Selma, Ala., 1973–1975, \$60,000
20. St. John’s Church, Palmer, Alaska, 1973–1975, \$75,000
21. Scholarships for minority students, 1973–1975, \$10,000
22. Hispanic-American ministries, 1973–1975, \$40,000
23. A Mission Frontier, South Carolina, 1975–1977, \$57,000
24. Chicago Uptown Ministry, 1975–1977, \$40,000
25. Lutheran Television — anniversary offering, 1977, \$49,350
26. Trilingual ministry, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1977, 1978, \$24,000
27. Concordia Tract Mission, 1977–1979, \$40,000
28. Lutheran Television family special, 1977–1979, \$70,000
29. Alabama Lutheran College, Selma, library, student-life center, 1977–1979, \$40,000
30. Tacoma Seaman’s Center, Tacoma, Wash., 1977–1979, \$35,000
31. Alabama Lutheran College, Selma, air-conditioning and library books, 1978, \$16,000
32. World Relief, LCMS, 1978, \$100,000
33. Concordia College, Austin, Texas, 1979–1981, \$50,000
34. Hispanic Lay Ministry Program, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1979–1981, \$25,000
35. Micronesian students, Concordia College, Seward, Neb., 1979–1981, \$28,000
36. Cleveland, Ohio, and Chattanooga, Tenn., minority and poverty area ministry, 1979–1981, \$50,000
37. Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ, 1979–1981, \$25,000
38. Concordia College Lay Ministry Program, Wis., 1979–1981, \$25,000
39. Mission house refurbishing, 1980, \$25,000
40. Planting Hispanic Churches, LCMS, 1981–1983, \$50,000
41. The Lutheran Church of the Risen Christ, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1981–1983, \$50,000
42. The Blind Media Center, LCMS, 1981–1983, \$75,000
43. Project Compassion movie, Lutheran Television, 1981–1983, \$60,000
44. Scholarship Endowment Fund, 1983, \$100,000
45. Four new North American mission starts, 1983, \$100,000
46. New Mission Church, Anchorage, Alaska, 1983–1985, \$50,000
47. Young Adult Ministry, LCMS, 1983–1985, \$45,000
48. Wartburg Home for Aging, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1983–1985, \$50,000
49. Alabama Lutheran College, Selma, library books, 1983–1985, \$20,000
50. Southwest Hispanic Ministry, 1983–1985, \$50,000
51. Urban teacher training, New York and New Jersey, 1983–1985, \$44,000
52. Portals of Prayer telephone ministry, St. Louis, Mo., 1983–1985, \$35,000
53. Lutheran outreach, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1983–1985, \$40,000
54. International students, U.S., and Canada, 1983–1985, \$50,000
55. Elementary student education assistance, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Minn., 1985–1987, \$30,000
56. Lutheran Education Center on Aging, Seward, Neb., 1985–1987, \$40,000
57. Servant Events, Board for Youth Services, LCMS, 1985–1987, \$40,000
58. Latin America vicarage training, LCMS, 1985–1987, \$75,000
59. Centro Cristiano de Ysleta, El Paso, Texas, 1985–1987, \$50,000
60. Nuestro Salvador Lutheran Church, Corpus Christi, Texas, 1987–1989, \$75,000
61. New Spanish hymnal, LCMS, 1987–1989, \$75,000
62. Mission education curriculum materials for Lutheran day schools, 1987–1989, \$60,000
63. Holy Cross Resettlement Ministry, Riverdale, Ga., 1987–1989, \$60,000
64. Youth ministry in the urban setting, 1987–1989, \$50,000
65. Sending More Workers into His Harvest, 1987–1989, \$50,000
66. Laborers for Christ, LCMS, 1987–1989, \$60,000
67. Missionary and evangelistic TV outreach for the deaf, 1989–1991, \$16,000
68. Mental retardation resources for colleges, seminaries, and districts, 1989–1991, \$25,000
69. Evangelistic outreach through Lutheran schools,

- 1989–1991, \$45,000
70. Haitian ministerial training, 1989–1991, \$45,000
71. Strengthening the mission outreach among Hispanics, 1989–1991, \$60,000
72. Sunset extension of the Chinese Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, San Francisco, Calif., 1989–1991, \$50,000
73. Miami Caribbean Ministry Christian Education Center, 1989–1991, \$100,000
74. Expansion of LCMS Youth Ministry Servant Event Programs, 1989–1991, \$7,939
75. Assisting the homeless, 1991, \$100,000
76. Endowment fund to assist married seminary students with housing expenses, 1991, \$300,000
77. LWML support and encouragement to missionary wives, 1991, \$20,000
78. Joint Seminary Fund, financial assistance, 1991, \$2,264
79. Alaska Rural Ministry, 1991–1993, \$100,000
80. Scholarship — Concordia College, Selma, Ala., 1991–1993, \$75,000
81. Uplifting Pastors' Families, 1991–1993, \$93,000
82. KFUO satellite ministry, 1991–1993, \$105,000
83. Training of parish evangelists — “Living the Mission”, 1991–1993, \$21,482
84. Scholarship: Concordia College, Selma, Ala., 1993–1995, \$72,000
85. “Friends in Christ” mission, Idaho, 1993–1995, \$40,000
86. “The Deaf Bible Study” series, 1993–1995, \$45,000
87. New mission field: Battery Park, Manhattan, N.Y., 1993–1995, \$105,000
88. Lutheran daycare church-planting initiative, 1993–1995, \$100,000
89. Apple of His Eye, Los Angeles, Calif., 1993–1995, \$22,789
90. Faith Alive curriculum for Lutheran schools in need, 1995–1997, \$70,000
91. Daily devotions in the language of the deaf, 1995–1997, \$65,000
92. “Woman to Woman” radio program, 1995–1997, \$103,120
93. International Friendship Center, East Lansing, Mich., 1995–1997, \$125,000
94. People of the Book Lutheran Outreach to Muslims, 1995–1997, \$95,000
95. Missionary transportation in Alaska (motor home and houseboat), 1997–1999, \$100,000
96. Bible-class videos for deaf children in sign language, 1997–1999, \$55,000
97. Family Connection, 1997–1999, \$95,000
98. LCMS missionary training program (“Pathways”), 1997–1999, \$100,000
99. Care for returning missionary children, 1997–1999, \$392
100. New urban missionaries in the United States, 1999–2001, \$100,000
101. Inner-city scholarships project for 100 children, 1999–2001, \$100,000
102. Teaching special needs children in the inner-city, Minneapolis, Minn., 1999–2001, \$4,000
103. Rural/small town Great Commission leadership initiatives, 1999–2001, \$40,000
104. Jewish missionary training center, St. Louis, Mo., 1999–2001, \$100,000
105. Assisting students serving in short-term evangelistic missions, 1999–2001, \$50,000
106. International student ministry start-ups, 1999–2001, \$100,000
107. Arab family ministry center, Detroit, Mich., 1999–2001, \$51,793
108. Outreach to black families through churches and schools, 2001–2003, \$100,000
109. Education, translations for Native Americans in Alaska, 2001–2003, \$75,000
110. LCMS prison ministry, 2001–2003, \$61,000
111. Center for Mission Development, Irvine, Calif., 2001–2003, \$50,000
112. Outreach to ethnic groups through children, 2001–2003, \$75,000
113. Curriculum for Hispanic Institute of Theology, 2001–2003, \$50,000
114. Idaho Circuit Rider Ministry, truck, 2001–2003, \$100,000
115. Migrant ministry truck, Hillsborough County, Fla., 2001–2003, \$40,000
116. St. Matthew’s outreach to Japanese people, 2001–2003, \$50,000
117. Outreach to Chinese people, Carbondale, Ill., 2001–2003, \$40,000
118. Lutheran Adoption Network, 2003–2005, \$75,000
119. Mission to SE Alaska (M/V Christian), 2003–2005, \$100,000
120. Resources and materials for Lutheran special education, 2003–2005, \$75,000
121. Heart to Heart Sisters — a cross-cultural gathering for 2005, 2003–2005, \$50,000
122. Immigrant Afghani women and children ministries, 2003–2005, \$71,000
123. Ethnic children with Partners in Mission, 2003–2005, \$100,000
124. Beth El Messianic Congregation storefront ministry, New York, 2003–2005, \$20,139
125. Ablaze! Implementation in North America, 2005–2007, \$100,000
126. Urban, ethnic school expansion — East St. Louis, Ill., 2005–2007, \$75,000
127. CAME — reaching Asian immigrants, 2005–2007, \$50,000
128. Expanding ministries to youth and adults in southwest Alaska, 2005–2007, \$75,000
129. Lutheran Blind Mission outreach program, 2005–2007, \$32,000
130. Gospel outreach and church planting with childcare ministry, 2005–2007, \$70,000
131. Inner-city mission and ministry, Buffalo, N.Y., 2005–2007, \$100,000
132. Expansion of mission outreach training — USA, 2005–2007, \$80,000
133. Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology — deaconess training, 2005–2007, \$100,000
134. Hispanic outreach — West Houston, Texas,

- 2005–2007, \$17,089
135. Deaf lay and clergy training — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 2007–2009, \$50,000
136. Lutheran Bible Translators' transportation, 2007–2009, \$60,000
137. Eight new Lutheran blind mission outreach centers, 2007–2009, \$40,000
138. Circuit rider for rural northwest South Dakota, 2007–2009, \$65,000
139. Inner-city children's ministry — Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn., 2007–2009, \$50,000
140. KFUE Radio Internet Streaming, 2007–2009, \$50,000
141. Isaiah 49 Program — preparing for service in child welfare — Concordia University, Texas, 2007–2009, \$80,000
142. Outreach ministry to the homeless and addicted — Detroit, Mich., 2007–2009, \$49,000
143. St. Matthew's "El Comedor" Soup Kitchen — Chicago, Ill., 2007–2009, \$33,000
144. Reaching across cultures through urban children — Ohio (partial funding), 2007–2009, \$32,500
145. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. Food Bank Relocation, 2009–2011, \$50,000
146. The Carpenter's Hands— Youth Refurbish Homes in Florida, 2009–2011, \$26,000
147. Psalm 69:14 Project—Emergency Disaster Aid in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, 2009–2011, \$50,000
148. Digitize Classes for Specific Ministry Pastor Program—Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Ind., 2009–2011, \$36,000
149. LCMS Prison Ministry Provides Devotional Materials, 2009–2011, \$50,000
150. The Hope Center for Refugees and Immigrants — Ohio, 2009–2011, \$90,000
151. Light of Christ Chinese Lutheran Mission — St. Louis, Mo., 2009–2011, \$75,000
152. International Student Ministry Provides Bibles and Christ-Oriented Resources, 2009–2011, \$30,000
153. Native Leadership Scholarships for Students Enrolled in Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT), 2009–2011, \$100,000
154. Outreach to At-Risk Children—Detroit, Mich., 2011–2013, \$15,000
155. Cancer Care Packages, 2011–2013, \$100,000
156. Exodus 2:6 Project: Spiritual Care in Disasters — Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, 2011–2013, \$50,000
157. Two Graduate Scholarships for International/Minority Students — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., 2011–2013, \$50,000
158. Gospel Outreach Through Open Arms Child Care, 2011–2013, \$65,000
159. Financial Support for LCMS Prison and Jail Ministry Conference, 2011–2013, \$27,500
160. Physical and Spiritual Nourishment for the Impoverished — US/Mexico Border, 2011–2013, \$27,970
161. Training K-9 Comfort Dogs for LCMS Chaplains, 2013–2015, \$30,000
162. I CAN — Serving At-Risk Children with Learning Needs, 2013–2015, \$99,000
163. Native American Outreach Training Center—Fairbanks, Alaska, 2013–2015, \$95,000
164. Strengthening and Expanding Campus Ministry, 2013–2015, \$100,000
165. Worship for Shut-Ins, 2013–2015, \$80,000
166. Preparing Leaders for a Diverse World — Concordia College, Selma, Ala., 2013–2015, \$50,000
167. Voice of Care Ministry to the Developmentally Challenged, 2013–2015, \$50,600
168. Christ-Centered Tutoring Through Rebecca's Garden of Hope (RGOH), 2013–2015, \$100,000
169. Support for Lutheran Public Radio, 2013–2015, \$40,000
170. Mission Outreach at St. Paul Community Lutheran Church—Pontiac, Mich., 2013–2015, \$67,767
171. Disaster Response Trailers — LCMS Disaster Response, 2015–2017, \$80,000
172. Cancer Care Packages — Phil's Friends, 2015–2017, \$50,000
173. Redeeming Life Maternity Home — Sanford, Fla., 2015–2017, \$100,000
174. Healthy Families — Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, 2015–2017, \$60,000
175. "We are God's Workmanship" — International Student Scholarship at St. Paul High School, Concordia, Mo., 2015–2017, \$32,500
176. Helping Hands Initiative — LCMS National Housing Support Corporation, 2015–2017, \$100,000
177. LCMS Young Adult Corps (formerly LCMS Youth Corps) — Scholarships for Lutheran Mercy Young Adult Corp, 2015–2017, \$25,000
178. Providing Hope for Detroit — Acts 2 Enterprise, 2015–2017, \$100,000
179. Rosa Young Academics — Rose Young Projects Initiative, 2015–2017, \$25,000
180. Providing Food and the Gospel to Starving Children — Mercy Meals of Siouxland, 2017–2019, \$40,000
181. Mercy House for Women and Children — Franklin Avenue Mission, Flint, Mich., 2017–2019, \$100,000
182. Christ for Veterans and Their Families — LCMS Ministry of the Armed Forces, 2017–2019, \$27,750
183. NOLA 4H: Hearts for the Hungry, Homeless, and Hurting — Christian Families United for Progress, 2017–2019, \$100,000
184. Equipping Youth to Witness for Life — Y4Life — Lutherans for Life, 2017–2019, \$25,000
185. Laborers of Love — Lutheran Braille Workers, 2017–2019, \$100,000
186. Sharing Jesus with People with Disabilities — Bethesda Lutheran Communities, 2017–2019, \$100,000
187. Education Loan Repayment Assistance Grants — Ministry Focus, 2017–2019, \$100,000
188. RECONNECT to the Body of Christ, Circuit 28

- Texas District, 2017–2019, \$50,000
- 189. Prison and Jail Ministry Synod-wide Conference in 2018, 2017–2019, \$36,500
- 190. Raising Pastors and Deaconesses — Reallocated January 2019 to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., 2017–2019, \$40,000
- 191. Teach Me Too — Preschoolers with Learning Needs — Lutheran Special Education Ministries, 2019–2021, \$100,000
- 192. Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families — Camp Restore Detroit, 2019–2021, \$100,000
- 193. Ministry in Motion, Trinity Lutheran School, Mobile, Ala. 2019–2021, \$58,000
- 194. Digital Media Development, Lutherans for Life, 2019–2021, \$30,000
- 195. Hope and Healing Hub of Downtown Lincoln — University Lutheran Chapel, Lincoln, Nebraska, 2019–2021, \$50,000
- 196. Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow — LCMS School Ministries, 2019–2021, \$80,000
- 197. Christ for You, Anytime, Anywhere, KFUO Radio, 2019–2021, \$60,000
- 198. Making Jesus Known in the United States Ethnic Communities — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, 2019–2021, \$100,000
- 199. Music Outreach, Classes, and Resources on the Border — Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care, El Paso, Texas, 2019–2021, \$98,400
- 200. Deaconess Ministry Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch — Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, 2021–2023, \$81,680
- 201. Healing the Invisible Wounds of War Through Horses — Spirit Warrior, Central Maine, 2021–2023, \$95,000
- 202. Making the Next Generation of Disciples for Life — LCMS Life Ministry, 2021–2023, \$92,000
- 203. Helping Hands for Lutheran Deaf Outreach — Lutheran Deaf Outreach, 2021–2023, \$50,000
- 204. Hope of Christ for Cancer Patients — Phil’s Friends, 2021–2023, \$70,000
- 205. Redeeming Life Maternity Home, Illinois Expansion — Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, 2021–2023, \$100,000
- 206. Caring For and Sharing Christ with Hurting People — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 2021–2023, \$100,000
- 207. The Littlest and Least of These, Dallas, Texas — St. Paul Lutheran Church and Christian Academy, 2021–2023, \$42,000
- 208. Bringing the Inner-City Children to Camp — Lutheran Valley Retreat, Colorado, 2021–2023, \$25,000
- 209. Mission & Outreach to the Least of These — Victory Lutheran Church, K. I. Sawyer Community, 2021–2023, \$51,356
Received partial payment of \$34,000.
Reallocated funds of \$8,156 paid to Christ-Centered Material for Hmong Language School

and Outreach — St. Paul Hmong Outreach Ministries to complete original proposal request. Additional reallocated funds of \$9,200 rolled over to 2023–2025 Mission Grant Total.

- 210. Showing God’s Love in the International District, Albuquerque, New Mexico — God Cares About You Mission, 2021–2023, \$98,000
- 211. Reaching the Homebound with God’s Word — Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. (DBA Worship Anew), 2021–2023, \$100,000
- 212. Missionaries to America Project — Mission Nation Publishing 2021–2023, \$88,000
- 213. Strengthening the Lutheran Mission to Kuna, Idaho — Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church, 2021–2023, \$100,000
- 214. Christ-Centered Materials for Hmong Language School and Outreach — St. Paul Hmong Outreach Ministries, 2021–2023, \$78,364

South America

Central and South America

- 1. Sharing Jesus’ Love in India — Lutheran Braille Workers, 2021–2023, \$100,000 Reallocated to Central and South America

Argentina

- 1. Missionary retreat home (see also Brazil, Japan, the Philippines), 1953–1955, \$10,000
- 2. Preparatory school, Obera, 1969–1971, \$50,000
- 3. Project JOEL — Outreach to Youth — Central/South America, 2011–2013, \$75,000

Belize

- 1. Mercy House Belize Lutheran Campus — Belize Mission Society, 2021–2023, \$100,000

Bolivia

- 1. “The Lutheran Hour”, 1977–1979, \$30,000

Brazil

- 1. Missionary retreat home (reallocated; see also Argentina, Japan, the Philippines), 1953–1955, \$20,000
- 2. High school, administration building, and dormitory, Teofilo Otoni, 1959–1961, \$75,000
- 3. Revolving Fund, Jeeps, 1965–1967, \$30,000
- 4. Scholarship Fund, 1969–1971, \$50,000
- 5. Ingreja Evangelica Luterana Cristo Salvador Mission, chapel, and education center, Belem, 1971–1973, \$25,000
- 6. Concordia School for the Deaf, Porto Alegre, 1977, \$49,349
- 7. Ingreja Evangelica Luterana Cristo Rei, São Paulo, 1979–1981, \$42,000

Chile

- 1. Holy Ghost Chapel, parsonage, and school, 1956–1957, \$20,000
- 2. Project JOEL — Outreach to Youth —

Central/South America, 2011–2013, \$75,000

Ecuador

2. The Lutheran Hour, 1977–1979, \$30,000
3. Providing Food and the Gospel to Starving Children — Mercy Meals of Siouxland, Sioux City, Iowa \$40,000

Peru

1. The Lutheran Hour”, 1977–1979, \$30,000
2. Earthquake Relief Aid and Church Plants in Peru, 2009–2011, \$100,000
3. Spiritual and Physical Food for Children of Peru — La Mision Luterana del Peru, 2021–2023, \$56,750

Paraguay

1. Project JOEL — Outreach to Youth — Central/South America, 2011–2013, \$75,000

Uruguay

1. Project JOEL — Outreach to Youth — Central/South America, 2011–2013, \$75,000

Venezuela

1. Church Extension Fund, 1967, \$25,000
2. Church Extension Fund, 1967–1969, \$50,000
3. Project JOEL — Outreach to Youth — Central/South America, 2011–2013, \$75,000

Worldwide

1. Literature for Missions (Lit-Lit), 1961–1963, \$70,000
2. Messengers for Christ, recruitment and linguistic training, 1965–1967, \$10,000
3. Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc., 1969–1971, \$20,000
4. Braille paper, Lutheran Braille Workers, 1975–1977, \$45,000
5. Good News for New Readers, American Bible Society, 1975–1977, \$50,000
6. Bible-reading radio broadcasts, China ABS, 1981–1983, \$50,000
7. Lutheran Tape Ministry, Omaha, Neb., 1983–1985, \$24,176
8. Spanish Portals of Prayer, LCMS, 1985–1987, \$21,250
9. Overseas Volunteer Young-Adult Ministry, 1987–1989, \$40,000
10. Sending national missionaries (trains indigenous people to reach out to their own; LCMS partner churches in Ghana, Brazil, and Korea are now “sending churches”), 1995–1997, \$125,000
11. Lutheran Bible Translators Training Scholarship — allows people in their own country to be trained as primary translators., 1997–1999, \$95,220
12. MOST Ministries NEW Christian Ministries, 2003–2005, \$47,000

13. LBT national co-worker training scholarships, 2005–2007, \$44,000
14. Defray the Cost of Shipping Quilts by Lutheran World Relief, 2009–2011, \$80,000
15. Lutheran Braille Workers Plate Embossing Device, 2011–2013, \$100,000
16. Grace Place for LCMS International Missionaries, 2011–2013, \$75,000
17. Missionary Family Care and Education, 2011–2013, \$100,000
18. Training Indigenous Pastors and Deaconesses—Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., 2013–2015, \$100,000
19. Bible Story Books in Sign Language and Written Text, 2013–2015, \$100,000
20. Student Scholarships for MOST Ministries Mission Trips, 2013–2015, \$20,000
21. Clean Water and Evangelism Ministry — MOST Ministries, 2015–2017, \$50,000
22. LCMS Global Seminary Initiative — International Student Scholarships, 2015–2017, \$100,000
23. Deaconess Training, 2015–2017, \$90,000
24. Training Teachers and Leaders — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., 2015–2017, \$100,000
25. Current Missionary Need — LCMS International Mission, 2017–2019, \$100,000
26. Lutheran Children’s Books for Families Worldwide — Lutheran Heritage Foundation, 2017–2019, \$100,000
27. Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund, 2017–2019, \$80,000
28. Training Lutheran Middle Eastern Missionaries — Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission, 2017–2019, \$93,000
29. Family Scholarships for Short Term Mission Trips — MOST Ministries, 2017–2019, \$60,000
30. Touching the Living Word — Lutheran Braille Workers, 2019–2021, \$100,000
31. LCMS Deaconess Ministry, 2019–2021, \$39,523