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PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

Prayers for: Deaconess Training –
LCMS Support for International Partner Churches

PRAYER #1

Dear Heavenly Father, We give You our thanks for the women of the church who step forward in Witness, Mercy, and Life Together to serve as deaconesses. As they demonstrate the compassion of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to others on our behalf we ask Your Spirit to motivate us to give not only our mite offerings, but also our heartfelt prayers in support of LCMS Deaconess Training. In the name of Your Son, our Savior we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #2

Lord, we thank You for the abundant blessings You have bestowed on us. Thank You for the LCMS Deaconess Training program which theologically trains women in our church to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through acts of mercy, spiritual care and teaching the Christian faith. Please bless our efforts of financial and prayerful support of this mission grant. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #3

Oh Lord God, our LCMS deaconesses serve in congregations alongside the office of pastor or in institutions where they continue to work hard, laboring in Your harvest fields. They use their gifts to bless and serve others as they reach out with the healing balm of Christ's saving Gospel. Their ministry assists and helps in implementing the deaconess training programs with partner churches in some foreign countries. May Your Spirit guide us in our financial and prayerful support of this mission grant. We pray this in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER #4

Dear Lord, we humbly ask for Your continued blessings on the LCMS Deaconess Training program of our Synod. As we generously offer our mites and continue to remember the deaconesses in our prayers, may we be reminded of the service accomplished through Your grace by these dedicated women as they bring the good news of forgiveness, life and salvation through Christ to those with whom they come in contact. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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MISSION GRANT STORY

Deaconess Training – LCMS Support for International Partner Churches \$ 90,000

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's 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.

Today deaconesses serve primarily in three settings. First, they serve in missions—both foreign and domestic. Next, congregations receive their service in teaching, visiting the sick and imprisoned, or serving in family or other caring ministries. The third primary setting for their service is in institutions. They serve as chaplains in hospitals, prisons, retirement communities, and facilities that care for people with developmental disabilities.

Funding from this LWML Mission Grant will help provide educational and financial support to the Lutheran Seminaries and intuitions. It will help to purchase text books and other resources for the daughters of the church who have financial restraint, as well as permitting deaconess students and professors to engage in short term mercy mission trips to disaster-hit areas within our country by rendering spiritual, and emotional care to the women and children. Further, it will provide for deaconess scholarships, student aid and tuition support, purchase of text books for international students, and funding of deaconess internships.

This grant will also provide educational and financial support to our partner churches who introduced deaconess training programs within their church body like Philippines, Latvia, Liberia, Indonesia, Malaysia, India, Latin America, and coming to Nigeria. Due to a lack of educational needs and having financial struggles, the program in such countries cannot afford to have under-graduate studies. Therefore the theological training focuses on two years of studies and one year of internship. The grant helps promote such theological education to the under privileged women who have a passion to learn confessional theological studies to serve the church.

The result of mission mite offerings to the LCMS Deaconess Ministry will provide LCMS deaconess students the opportunity to become a church professional, learning and training to understand the diaconal leadership, the work of deaconesses as applied to body and soul ministry and mission to high-risk children, the elderly, the handicapped, the homeless and downtrodden, women in crisis, HIV aids, the hungry, and the addicted, all served in the name of Christ.

