

LWML Louisiana-Mississippi District 2022 – 2024 Mission Grant Proposals

- 1. Walking By Faith, Not By Sight** **\$5,000**

Lutheran Braille Workers produces Bibles and other Christian resources in both Braille and Specialized Large Print. They distribute these materials free of charge to people who are blind or visually impaired. The \$5,000 would be used to offset expenses to produce 750 volumes of Christian materials at Ministry Production Centers in the district.
- 2. Offering Service and Hospitality in Christ by Providing a Host Area for Disaster Relief Workers** **\$5,000**

Redeemer Lutheran Church, DeRidder, LA, is offering disaster relief workers a place to rest and restore as they serve the communities of Beauregard and Vernon Parishes of Louisiana during times of disaster. The \$5,000 would go toward the cost of handicap showers and bathrooms, sleeping cots, and laundry facilities.
- 3. Covering Costs of The Village Lutheran Church Feeding Ministry** **\$5,000**

For over 10 years the Village Church (LCMS) of Lacombe, LA, has had a Feeding Ministry; providing meals to those in need following natural disasters. The \$5,000 would cover the cost of food, serving containers, and drink for 1500 meals.
- 4. Feeding Haitian Children Physically and Spiritually** **\$5,000**

Trinity HOPE provides a noon meal to the children and staff at over 200 Lutheran schools in Haiti. The \$5,000 will cover the meals for nearly 120 hungry children for one year.
- 5. Providing Bible Books for Families in Haiti** **\$3,000**

The Lutheran Heritage Foundation is translating *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories* into Haitian Creole and having it printed, shipped, and distributed to families in Haiti. The \$3,000 will go toward the total cost of \$22,300 for this project.
- 6. Rebuilding and Restoring Haitians for Eternity** **\$5,000**

Ministry in Mission, an RSO of the LCMS, partnering with the Haitian Lutheran Church will provide physical & spiritual care to the people of Haiti, victims of a major earthquake that struck in August 2021 followed by Tropical Storm Grace. The \$5,000 will go toward purchasing local supplies and shipping of donations in Orphan Grain Train containers.
- 7. Expanding Services and Facilities of a First Responders Substation** **\$4,500**

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Covington, Louisiana, is committed to serving the community's first responders (fire, police, sheriff departments, EMS) by providing a secure and safe place to rest and recharge. The \$4,500 will go toward the purchase/installation of a refrigerator, desks, charging stations, water dispenser, and cabinets.
- 8. Improving Entrance Accessibility and Building Visibility of First Lutheran Church, Natchez, MS** **\$5,000**

First Lutheran Church, Natchez, Mississippi, is located on a busy intersection with an entrance that has become difficult to maneuver. Overgrown trees and brush have made it hard to see the church from the road. The \$5,000 will be used for the materials, labor, and rental of equipment to clear and improve the entrance to the church.
- 9. Defraying Seminarians' Purchase Expense of Logos Bible Software: A Digital Exegetical Guide** **\$3,000**

Seminarians at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, are required to purchase the Logos Bible Software which aids them in their study of Greek and Hebrew during their time at the seminary and also throughout their ministry. The \$3,000 will be used to help the men purchase the \$650 software.
- 10. Supporting the LCMS Southern District Financial Grant-in-Aid Program** **\$5,000**

The LCMS Southern District operates a Financial Grant-in-Aid program to assist those students from our district who endeavor to become LCMS pastors, teachers, DCE's, and other vocations within the church. The \$5,000 will be used to support this program of the LCMS Southern District Church Worker Student Endowment Fund.
- 11. Financially Assisting the Faith and Hope Center, Siberia** **\$3,000**

The LCMS Office of International Mission seeks to provide annual support to the Faith and Hope Center of Siberia which through visiting pastors and a deaconess, provides divine services, Bible classes, and Christian counseling for women contemplating abortion or suffering abusive situations. The \$3,000 will go toward the total annual support of \$45,000.
- 12. Affording Military Chaplains' Wives and Children to Attend Church Worker Wellness Retreats** **\$3,000**

The LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces supports and serves 160+ LCMS military chaplains and their families. Worker Wellness Retreats are held twice a year. The cost for the chaplains is covered through military benefits, however, the cost for the chaplains' wives and children is not. The \$3,000 goes toward making the attendance affordable for families.
- 13. Purchasing Perishable Food Items for the Food and Clothing Co-op, Concordia Theological Seminary** **\$5,000**

Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, maintains a Food and Clothing Co-op where the families of seminarians may shop and take what they need free of charge in exchange for volunteering at the co-op. The \$5,000 will be used to buy perishable food items such as eggs, milk, ground beef, fruit/vegetables to be given directly to the seminarian and families.