



Washington - Alaska District Lutheran Women's Missionary League

2010 – 2012 Mission Grants

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11. Deaconess Training for Mission Outreach in Idaho County, ID	\$ 4,000
12. Olympic Peninsula Mission Start, Port Angeles, WA	\$ 4,000
TOTAL AMOUNT OF 2010 – 2012 GRANTS	\$85,000

Mission Grant Proposals for the 2010-2012 Biennium

1. Aid to Four Seminary Students **\$16,000**

Four seminary students from the Northwest District will receive \$4,000.00 each of financial aid to help them with financial needs while they study for the ministry. Shawn Neider, of Winthrop, WA, is married and currently serving his vicarage in Methow Valley, WA. Neider formerly worked for the US Forest Service. Brian Albrecht is currently serving at St. John's Lutheran in Spokane. He is enrolled in the Specific Ministry Pastor program through Concordia-Ft. Wayne, IN. This is a three year program online/on-campus, resulting in his serving St. John LCMS when completed. Kirk Hulvey is a first year seminarian at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He is a member of Bethlehem in Kennewick, WA. Mike Miller is married and attending his second year at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, IN. He is from Bellingham, WA.

2. Sudanese Mission at King of Kings Lutheran Church, Renton, WA **\$7,000**

The Sudan has been at war with itself for 17 years and many Sudanese have fled their homeland. Statistics indicate that approximately 740 Sudanese families reside within a 25-mile radius of King of Kings Lutheran Church in Renton, WA. Resting on the promise that God will bless the Sudanese community He brought to our doorstep, the mission of King of Kings is to support ordained Sudanese Pastor Matthew Both in his outreach to the Sudanese in the Northwest. Pastor Both has completed his Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology training (EIIT) to become a licensed deacon and was ordained for word and sacrament ministry to the Sudanese in Washington on July 12, 2009. Pastor Both conducts worship services in Nuer two Sundays a month, holds Bible studies in homes, visits families in their homes and hospitals, shuttles people without cars to and from church services, assists with citizenship and housing, teaches English to adults and Nuer to the children, and serves as an interpreter at local hospitals. He also ministers to the Nuer-speaking Sudanese from North Seattle to Auburn, to those in Kennewick, Washington and visits Dinka and Equatoria ethnic groups in the area.

3. Mekane Yesus Evangelical Lutheran Church, Seattle, WA **\$6,000**

The Mekane Yesus (Dwelling Place of Jesus) Lutheran Church in Seattle, is the only Ethiopian Lutheran Church that is found in the Seattle area with a mission of reaching over 30,000 Ethiopians living in Seattle and the surrounding suburbs with the Gospel. Many of the Ethiopian immigrants struggle to adapt to living in the United States. There is a loss of cultural context, leadership and guidance of the family unit. Through providing a church home and loving community, Mekane Yesus seeks to reach these families with the Gospel. The funds will be sufficient to cover the proposed budget for Evangelism materials, books and supplies for the church's outreach program for the next biennium.

4. Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission, Ouanaminthe, Haiti \$15,000

These funds will be used to purchase hurricane resistant windows for the House of the Lambs of God Girls' Orphanage in Ouanaminthe, Haiti. The buildings do not have glass windows and due to the strong winds during the rainy season, the beds, clothes and children get wet. The health of the residents is vulnerable due to this condition. The NEHLM supports both the proclamation and social ministry of the Lambs of God Orphanage. The orphanage has increased by 30-35 residents since the earthquake. This grant will increase the effectiveness of the ministry of Pastor Daniel Paul as he proclaims God's Word and provides spiritual and physical care for orphaned girls in Ouanaminthe, Haiti.

5. Concordia Theological Seminary Food & Clothing Co-op, Fort Wayne, IN \$5,000

The Co-op to Seminary students and their families operates as an actual cooperative with each family working a certain amount of time each month in either the food or the clothing area. They then receive points in exchange for their work. These points are redeemable on each of the two shopping days per week in the Food Co-op. No points are necessary for clothing; they may take whatever they need for free. Individuals from around this country and the world come to Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to prepare to serve God's people here in the United States as well as in mission work around the world. When these students make the momentous decision to quit their jobs and come to the seminary with their families, they no longer have the same financial flow of funds that they had before, but continue to have the same financial needs. Wives in many student families do not find employment in Fort Wayne, due in part because employers know that they will only be there for two years, throwing families into difficult financial positions. One of the ways that the seminary seeks to alleviate this financial burden is by providing the students access to a Food Co-op, which currently supplies between 75% and 85% of all families' food and household needs each month at no cost to the students, relying upon donations from individuals, congregations and organizations. This grant in the amount of \$5,000 will purchase one month of perishable items for the Food and Clothing Co-op of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

6. Fountain of Hope Day School Kitchen, Bukeeka, Uganda, Africa \$7,000

The current kitchen facilities at the Fountain of Hope Dayschool that is used as the place to feed 550+ students and the staff consists of an outdoor pole support structure and a fire pit fueled by firewood that has to be purchased. This structure serves as the sole cooking environment for the school in all kinds of weather. This grant would enable the school to build a permanent structure with concrete floor, cooking area, clean area for food and a serving counter and window. The hope would be to install concrete cooking pits that are efficient in keeping in heat and burning less firewood, or a solar powered cooking option requiring no wood and no smoke which allows for overall cleaner air. The structure would accommodate future growth.

7. CROSSings Ministries. \$5,000
N. Central / NE Washington, USA and S. Central BC, Canada

These funds will be used for outreach events such as vacation Bible schools, the VBS Express, county fair ministries, puppet ministries, small group Bible studies, cowboy worship, and training for outreach. CROSSings Ministries is a broad-based mission including five congregations and their surrounding communities in Washington and three congregations and their surrounding communities in British Columbia, with only four professional church staff in an area more than 75 miles by 125 miles. The churches are all small with limited resources and have joined together to reach a broader range of people. The Greater Okanogan area has a very high percentage of unchurched and dechurched people, and the model of ministry through servant events has proven to be a successful model in several similar geographic areas, including Alaska.

8. Wardrobes for the Lutheran Home for Students, Zacapa, Guatemala \$5,000

The Guatemalan Lutheran Church reaches many children and families with the Gospel through the Divine Savior Lutheran School in Zacapa, Guatemala. The Lutheran Home for Students provides a home for students from outlying villages who otherwise would not be able to receive a Christian education. They attend the Divine Savior Lutheran School, which has a kindergarten through high school program. Some of the facilities at the Lutheran Home for Students are 40 years old and in need of replacement in order to provide a safe and secure environment for the children. The funds from this grant will replace wooden wardrobes in the student rooms, which have been significantly damaged by termites, with 20 metal wardrobes (closets) so that the students will have a secure place to store their clothes and personal items.

9. Matthew's Meals, King of Glory Lutheran Church, Gig Harbor, WA \$6,000

This grant will help with the costs to upgrade and purchase appliances and equipment used to serve meals in the only community kitchen in northern Pierce and southern Kitsap counties offering free hot meals to the public at large. The goal is to increase the meals served from once a month to once a week. The ovens in use are old and need to be replaced and upgraded to accommodate food preparation for the goal of 100 meals per week. Equipment needs anticipated will be ovens, a microwave, food processor, commercial grade cookware and mixer, and storage shelves. Many families in financial distress in these communities are struggling to obtain meals as there are no community kitchens offering hot prepared meals. The members of King of Glory Lutheran, Gig Harbor, Washington, are moved by Christ to publicize, cook, setup, serve and cleanup for each meal and to act for His kingdom by providing hot meals freely to any and all in need on an ongoing and regular basis through its *Matthew's Meals* program.

10. Tacoma Seafarers' Center, Tacoma, WA

\$5,000

Funds from this grant will be used to purchase Bibles and Daily Devotion booklets in several languages. On many days, 50 or more Seafarers come into the Tacoma Seafarer' Center from many nations (China, Philippines, Ukraine, India, Greece, Turkey, Myanmar, etc). Since Seafarers are not in their own country, they will often accept a Bible, even if they are of another belief, which would not be possible in their home country. It is the prayer of the Center that through introducing salvation through the Word, we will some day see these lost Seafarers in heaven with us.

11. Deaconess Training for Mission Outreach in Idaho County, ID

\$4,000

This grant will offer financial assistance for Lorraine Roach to receive training as an LCMS deaconess in the newly established Concordia Theological Seminary online/on-campus intensive two-year program. She intends to become certified as an LCMS deaconess, working to enhance the ministry at Trinity in Grangeville, ID and to conduct outreach in Idaho County, ID. As a certified deaconess, Lorraine Roach plans to work with life issues in the community; sexual integrity (abstinence) education; options in the community including adoption; certified Christian counseling as enhancement to counseling already provided at the Hope Pregnancy and Life Skills Centers of Grangeville and Kamiah, Idaho; crisis pregnancy and post-abortion counseling at the Hope Centers; women in small group Bible studies in the church and in the community; confirmation class instruction; and LCMS church strategic planning. The Northwest District LCMS has an extreme shortage of commissioned deaconesses, there being only five such deaconesses at this time, all of whom are located on the extreme western geographic areas of the NOW District.

12. Olympic Peninsula Mission Start, Port Angeles, WA

\$4,000

This grant will assist the Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots U.S. to establish a new mission start that will serve the growing number of people in the greater Port Angeles area, including three Native American communities in the general vicinity. The new mission start will serve as a center to reach the lost, strengthen the saved and serve to be a place of coordinating outreach to other areas of the Olympic Peninsula where native communities exist with little or no ministry being conducted among them. Funding to provide worship materials, altar and communion ware, fellowship needs and transportation for the elderly and impoverished in theses communities who would otherwise not be able to attend worship. Native American people are the least evangelized people group with less than 5% knowing Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. The need is great among the Lower Elwha, Jamestown Klallam, Quileute, Hoh and the Quinault tribes, and a small group of worshippers has already formed. Supplies in the form of Bibles, altar and communion ware, study materials, along with transportation are needed to bring and expand the Olympic Peninsula ministry to further Christ's Kingdom.