

LWML CNH

2020-22 Mission Grant Posters

1. Sewing Machines for Kenyan Deaconesses -\$8,800

Zone 8 and Neema Lutheran Theological College, Kenya

The Rev. Charles Froh and his wife, Jan, have been teachers at Neema Lutheran Theological College, Kenya, since 2013. The seminary prepares Pastors and Deaconesses to spread the Gospel and serve congregations in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, South Sudan, Sudan, Zambia, Zimbabwe and the Congo. Deaconesses receive 2 to 3 years of sewing classes along with their theological training. They design, sew and tailor clothes, make paraments for their churches and save scrap material to make quilts for the widows, orphans and homeless. The problem is they have no way to sustain or use their skills once they return to their villages, as they have no sewing machines. Most Deaconesses receive little or no support from their churches. Machines are gifted to the deaconesses to sustain them after graduating from Neema. This grant requests money to purchase sewing machines for 10l graduating Deaconesses for the next 4 years, until the program becomes self-sustaining. The sewing machines provide an income generating business to sustain the Deaconesses and their families as they minister by sowing the seeds of the most precious gift of the Gospel while “sewing” kindness and “mending” lives in mercy through their vocations as deaconesses.



2017 Graduates (7 of 9) made their own uniforms & first to receive their own sewing machine.

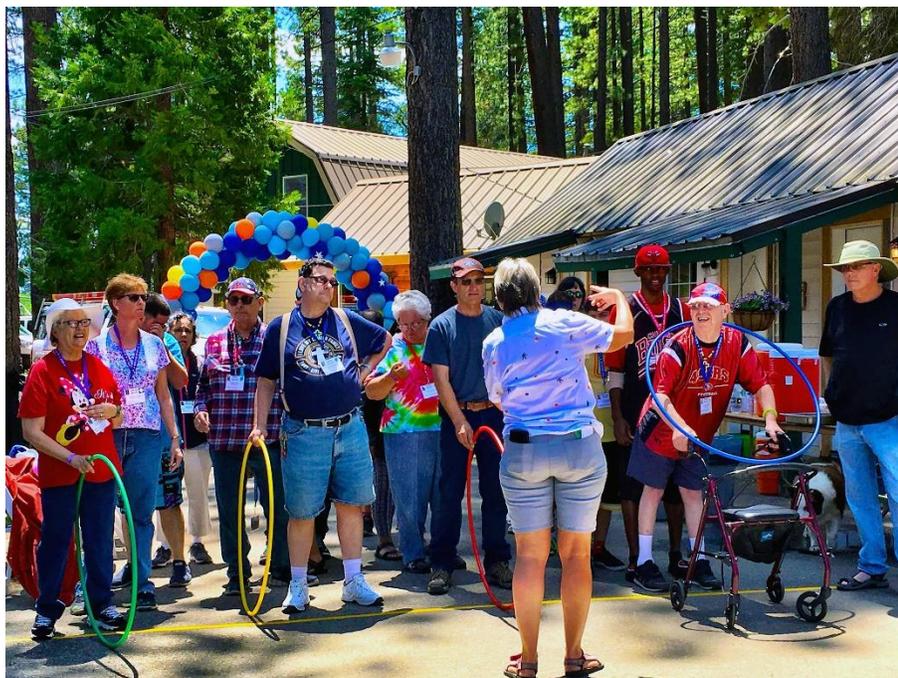


2018 Graduates, Principal Dr. Tom Omolo (left), BOD chairman, Prof. Edwards Kochung (middle)

2. Loving Retreat for the Lord's Disabled - \$ 7,075 -

Women in Mission LWML, St. Andrew's, Stockton, California

St. Andrew's of Stockton has had a ministry to the adult mentally and physically handicapped for the last 54 years. Three Saturdays a month church members welcome the adults for a worship time, a Bible story craft, celebrate birthdays, sing Bible songs and share prayer requests. Through this ministry 43 often overlooked children of God have come to know our Lord and been baptized. Grant funds are needed to help provide for a spiritually enhanced every-other-year retreat, often the only vacation most of these adults will ever experience.



3. Bringing Children to Jesus Christ with Noah's Ark - \$6,340

LWML Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Kahului, Maui, Hawaii

Two Lutheran churches, Emmanuel in Maui, Hawaii and Trinity in Manila, Philippines are participating in an international weekly Bible study. Participants in the study span 12 time zones and use Zoom videoconferencing. As a result of this cooperative venture, two young girls have been baptized into the Body of Christ at Trinity in Manila. The grant proposal seeks to sustain and expand these combined efforts, specially with a program known as Noah's Ark. It is a weekly Bible study for teaching children from Scripture, singing hymns and group activities that help develop social and interactive skills. Noah's Ark children reside in the neighborhood close to Trinity; their parents are too busy toiling for their daily food to spend time to hear the Word of God, but do not prohibit their kids from attending Bible studies or catechism. The funds would help to procure Bibles, catechetical and Sunday school materials, micro-projectors, and food to help fund the mission work of Noah's Ark.



4. Fort Wayne Seminary Food Co-Op - \$2,500
Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana

The Co-op is vital to the livelihood of many seminary students, providing 80-85% of the family's food and household need. Grant is for the purchase of perishable food items for Seminary students and families.



5. Hmong New Year Celebration Outreach – \$6,710
Redeemer Lutheran, Fresno & St. Paul, Merced, California



The tradition of soul calling and celebrating the New Year has been practiced for centuries by the Hmong in Asia. When the Hmong people sought refuge in the USA after the Vietnam War they brought this cultural tradition with them. It is believed by Hmong people that a person's soul may have wandered off, got lost or couldn't find its way back with its own body during the year. A feast is held and special guests are the spirits of their ancestors. Ancestor spirits are asked to bless the family with another year of wealth, good health, protection and happiness. A month-long festival then follows. In Fresno and Merced, the Hmong celebrate the New Year Festival in December. The festival in Fresno alone draws over 20,000, the biggest and longest in North America. These festivals are a good opportunity to share the Gospel truth to the Hmong, that it is not their ancestors who bless them yearly, but Yahweh, the creator and Living God and His amazing grace through His only Son, Jesus Christ. Printed Christian material in English and Hmong is handed out. The funds will go to purchase Luther's Small Catechism, other Christian materials and operating costs for booths at Merced and Fresno festivals.



6. Establishment of Deaf Outreach Training - \$7,000

Ladies Guild LWML, Memorial Lutheran Chapel for the Deaf, Fremont, California

Establish Deaf Mission Outreach Training in our CNH District to prepare and equip deaf leaders to reach out to the 98% of deaf who do not believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Grant funds are for meeting resources, materials/study resources, theological books, Deaf Catechism, and technology.



7. Seminary Training for Local Church Planters/Pastor - \$10,000

LINC Bay Area, Hayward, California

LINC plays an integral role in raising up local leaders to serve as LCMS pastors and church planters. LINC is partnering with LCMS CNH District Bay area churches to develop leaders in cross culture communities for the ministry. This grant proposal requests funding of four \$2,500 scholarships that will provide practical and theological training for four church planters/pastors. This training is through Concordia Seminary, which costs \$8,000-\$10,000 per person annually.



Vicar Paul Lauaki and Pastor Aaron Putnam (vicarage supervisor). Vicar Paul is being formed through the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT) program through Concordia Seminary.



Vicar Eric Meux and Pastor Temesgen Dabsu (vicarage supervisor) Vicar Eric is being formed through the Cross Cultural Ministry Center (CMC) program through Concordia Irvine and Concordia Seminary.

8. Nursing Student Mercy Medical Team Scholarships - \$3,000
LCMS Office of International Mission

Since 2006 LCMS Mercy Medical Teams have provided desperately needed health care to over 30,000 patients worldwide. This short-term volunteer program offers medical professionals, pastors and laity the opportunity to volunteer abroad in a variety of clinical & health settings. Teams are 7-15 volunteers. There are eight Concordia University campuses which offer nursing programs. This project is to have nursing students experience short term mission opportunities, which could translate into a lifetime of mission service overseas. Each nursing student must pay the entire trip cost- airfare & ground fees excide \$5,000. The requested funds are for Student Nurse Scholarships.



9. Leadership Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty - \$5000
LCMS Mission Advancement

The American culture is becoming increasingly hostile to Christians and the Christian church. The LCMS, through the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) will monitor and protect First Amendment rights and equip Lutherans and the Lutheran organizations to educate future generations about serving God through vocations in government, law and public policy. American still maintains the wisdom of the first Amendment Religious Liberty as a fundamental reality for a healthy society. Christians need to exercise those rights and responsibilities not only for the sake of the society but also for the sake of the public proclamation of the Gospel itself. The mission of LCRL is to ignite and fuel a Lutheran response to increasing intrusion by the government in the realm of the church while educating and equipping LCMS members and organizations in support of marriage, life and religious liberty. LCRL fills the gap in educating leaders, congregations and students attending Concordia Universities. Pastor Seltz, former Lutheran Hour speaker, is the Executive Director working in Washington DC. The funds will be used to offset leadership and educational programs.



10. Bringing God's Word to the Visually Impaired in Prisons - \$7,500

Lutheran Braille Workers

The mission of Lutheran Braille Workers is to provide the message of salvation to people who are blind or visually impaired including those incarcerated. Inmates are reported to have visual disabilities at a rate of four times higher than the general population. LBW receives requests from visually impaired inmates every week. The grant request is to help with start up costs, paper and equipment, for a CNH congregation to be able to provide the specialized printed Bibles for prisoners. The one CNH location that was doing this project burned down in the Camp Fire in Paradise.



11. Faith Connections for People with Disabilities - \$5,000

Bethesda Lutheran Communities

Bethesda Lutheran Communities was founded 115 years ago by Lutherans who wanted to connect their hearts of faith with hands of service. The mission of Bethesda is to enhance the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities with services that share the gospel of Jesus. Bethesda is a leader in providing homes and support, promoting awareness and advocating for the disabled. This grant is to help cover the costs associated with traveling throughout the CNH district and providing faith supports, guidance and resources to people with disabilities as well as facilitating additional congregational and faith-based organization engagements.



12. Food Pantry of Bethlehem - \$3,000

LWML of Bethlehem Lutheran, Carson City, Nevada

Bethlehem Lutheran Church has operated an in-house food pantry for at least 12 years. The pantry was established to assist members of the congregation, as well as people in the community. The ministry team establishes and builds a relationship with every person who comes through the church pantry doors. Staped to each bag is the church business cards and Sunday worship times, inside is Gospel outreach materials. The ministry refers to these materials and encourages peoples to read them and attend the church programs. The grant request is to purchase Portals of Prayer, Lutheran Hour Miniserries tracts and personal hygiene supplies.

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14. Wheels on the Bus - \$10,000

LWML of Trinity Lutheran, Gardnerville Nevada

Trinity Lutheran Church has served the Gardnerville area for almost 125 years. It's Preschool/Kindergarten has been going for 35 years and serves about 150 children a year. About 50% of the children are from unchurched family. This grant seeks funds to assist the church in purchasing a a minibus for school and church activities. The minibus has multiple uses to help them expand youth and adult ministries which share the good news of Jesus Christ.

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**13. Support for Lutheran Family Services ,Jacmel Lutheran Home for the Elderly- Haiti - \$5,000
Ministry in Mission -Jacmel Lutheran Home, Haiti**

God established the LCMS Lutheran Village project in Haiti for mercy and Gospel outreach to Haitian Lutheran and unchurched citizens. This village currently consist of the local Lutheran Church, homes, Center of Refuge Orphanage and the Jamel Lutheran Home. This grant would subsidizes on going needs to run the Jamel facility that provides eldercare for those who do not have any family left to support or care for them.



15. Wheels for the Gospel - \$10,000

Ruth Guild of St. Luke's Reno, Nevada

In 2013 St. Luke's established a children's tutoring program which serves 20 students weekly from outside their congregation. The tutoring/mentoring program is mission based with a strong gospel component, using the model of Rebecca's Garden of Hope. St Luke's also has active middle & high school youth programs. Additionally, the general membership participates in a variety of activities and service events to reach to their community for the gospel of Christ. St. Luke's to expand their thriving ministries through its transportation services. The grant is to retro-fit/repair current old van or see money to purchase another van. The church has a line item in the budget for the maintenance.



16. Mary Martha LWML CNH Pastoral Care - \$2,500

Mary Martha Circle, LWML, Trinity, Georgetown, California

Everyone needs to know they are appreciated, especially for the job they are doing. Our LWML Pastoral Counselor are working two or more jobs...their local congregation and their Zone or our District. This proposal's goal is to demonstrate our appreciation and care for our pastors and their families, in particular the Zone Counselors and our District Counselors. Proposal goal is to provide funds for gift cards to provide a care program of appreciation and emergency compassion to our LWML Pastoral Counselors and their families.



19. Food Pantry - \$1,075

Our Savior, Sparks, Nevada

For over 10 years Our Savior has provided food and personal hygiene items to needy persons, mostly nearby neighborhood families. The grant is to provide pamphlets of Portals of Prayer, The Lutheran Hour and Christian booklets for children. Staffed by church members, their hope is to continue and expand their food program to reach out to their unchurched neighbors. The party has been a good connection for communicating all church events in a personal, one on one method.

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17. Lutheran Lambs Pres-School Curriculum Resources - \$3,500
Zone 19 & LCMS Office of International Mission

In March of 1982 the Valley of Peace was created as a refugee community for immigrants fleeing from the Salvadoran Civil War to Belize. The community is approximately 3,000 people today. Most of the population in speak either Spanish or a Maya Language. The government school is in English, the state language. The children have difficulties acquiring English and academic skills needed to succeed in school. Missionary Pastor Herb Burch and his wife, Markie are opening a preschool to meet this need and share the gospel. This grant is for funding of the needed curriculum resources.



18. California to Kenya \$3,000
Mission Central

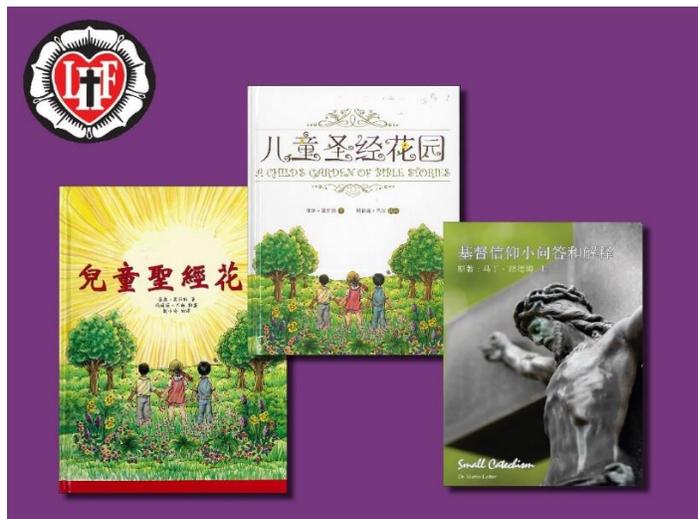
With fervent, sustained support of LCMS mission projects, Mission Central, serves as an avenue for continued, immediate, support for missionaries throughout the world. Mission Central is the “clearing house” for rapid response to LCMS missionaries around the world. LWML has partnered with Mission Central providing the missionaries who spear head many of our LWML mite mission projects for many years. This proposal would continue to keep the funding for Rev. Walter and Robyn Steele who are missionaries to Kenya which will help sustain the financial requirements to live and teach in East Africa at the Matongo Seminary in Kenya.



20. Lutheran Books for Eritrean - \$7,000

Lutheran Heritage Foundation

Once part of Ethiopia, Eritrea is one of the world's youngest countries, established in 1993. In recent years, Eritreans have been fleeing their country at a rate of 3,000 per month. The largest populations of Eritreans, 5,000, are settling in California, some in Nevada. CNH congregations are reaching out to these Eritrean immigrants. Our LCMS pastors and congregations have recognized the need to reach out to the Eritreans with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but the language barrier often hinders their ability to do so. This grant proposal is for funds for Lutheran Heritage Foundation to translate, publish and distribute 5,000 Luther's small catechism and 1,000 colorfully-illustrated Bible storybooks that give a simple but thorough overview of 60 Old and New Testament Bible stories. Both books provide the tools to evangelize and teach new Christians in their native tongue. The books will be given free to churches, ministries and families.



21. Social Ministries Outreach Expansion - \$5,000

LWML First Yuba City, California

First Lutheran is located in an inner-city neighborhood and has several successful social ministries reaching the unchurched with the gospel. These ministries have grown, especially since Reuben, the LCC K-9 comfort dog, joined the church staff. In particular there is a growing need for Reuben to expand the ministry to disasters and law enforcement personnel and their families. The ministry needs funds for Reuben's transportation. The grant request is to expand current ministries that are needed for spreading the gospel.



22. Gospel Outreach in Malaysia – Bible Radio Project - \$5,000

Lutheran Hour Ministries

Lutheran Hour Ministries has the opportunity to expand its mission outreach in Malaysia through its audio Bible radio project. The Bible radio project has proven to be one of the most effective ways to proclaim the Gospel in Malaysia, only 3% are Christians, to the non-believers in urban areas and in the remote villages, where many cannot read. Grant funds the distribution of Bible radios to enable the people of Malaysia to hear the Word of God in their own various languages, strengthening them and encouraging them in the faith, where radical Islam violence is growing.

