

2016-2018 Mission Grant Summaries

1. Filling Pulpits by Providing Scholarship for Michigan Men in the Seminary - \$25,000

Many men coming into the seminary are already thousands of dollars in debt. This grant would help reduce the financial burden of tuition, books and housing costs helping to ease family strain and reduce their ever-increasing debt.

2. Bible Storybooks for Muslim and Arabic-Speaking Immigrant Families - \$15,000

Lutheran Heritage Foundation has translated A Child's Garden of Bible Stories for children in Arabic. This grant would cover the cost of printing 3000 of these books. These books then would enable Lutheran churches and Muslim outreach programs a tool for sharing the Gospel with Arab immigrant families.

3. Financial Assistance for Concordia, Ft. Wayne, Food Co-op - \$15,000

The Co-op provides 80-90% of the seminary families' food and household needs. This grant will be used to purchase perishables like fresh produce, eggs, milk, ground beef, and household items to help offset financial burdens for student families.

4. Scholarships for Michigan Female Students Studying to be Deaconesses or Professional Church Workers - \$20,000

These funds would help enable women in the Michigan District receive the training necessary in the Concordia and Seminary system to use their gifts in service to the LCMS in professional church work.

5. Acts 2 Enterprise - Continuing to Impact the City - \$25,000

This grant would enable the ministry of Acts 2 Enterprise to continue to have a strong focus on, and to make a concerted, long-term effort in, the Detroit urban area, evangelizing and discipling the city to strengthen the faith of the faithful and reach the lost.

6. Women Serving on Short Term Mission Teams - \$20,000

This grant will provide opportunities through scholarships for women in Michigan to participate in short-term mission trips in-state and worldwide with MOST Ministries. These women will experience the joys of hand-on serving the Lord plus the importance of missions for Michigan District LWML.

7. Trinity/HOPE - Daily Food for Children in Haiti - \$10,000

This grant proposal requests \$10,000 to enable Trinity/HOPE to partner with the LWM L, the local Lutheran Church and the people of Haiti to feed children daily. The goal is to provide the maximum number of students in the schools of the Lutheran Churches in Haiti to have a meal each day. The funds from the grant would be used internationally.

8. Refugees in Crisis: Meeting Refugees Who Just Saved Their Lives from ISIS - \$25,000

This grant would help enable Michigan congregations and their volunteers to become good Samaritans to Middle Eastern refugees who have fled from ISIS and the atrocities of war and find themselves in need through circumstances beyond their control.

9. Spanish Mission at St. Paul, Pontiac - \$25,000

God has grown a large, complex, and multicultural ministry at St. Paul in Pontiac. Through acts of mercy in the community, God has revealed the need for new ministry concepts, specialized language, material resources, and staff support to nourish, equip and serve the Hispanic community.

10. Technology support for MOST Mission Teams - \$15,000

This grant would enable MOST Ministries to purchase computer equipment and IT services allowing MOST to communicate with missionaries and national church leaders via email, Skype, and web-conferencing. This communication is vital to developing mission projects as well as monitoring safety and security issues world-wide.

11. Equip Youth/Young Adults to Provide Christ-centered Abortion Alternatives through Y4Life - \$10,000

This grant would assist in education outreach and training, both for youth and young adults, and those who work with them. The goal is to equip gospel-motivated young Lutherans to speak up for life issues in their own lives, school, and in their communities.

12. Transportation and ministry Resources for the Lutheran Church in Uganda - \$25,000

This grant would allow the purchase of a vehicle for the transportation of the LCU leaders for teaching and training the women in Uganda by providing education in literacy, nutrition, sanitation business ownership and agriculture.

13. Seminary Training for Alaska Native - \$5,000

This grant will allow Alaskan native, Rick McCafferty, an Inupiaq Eskimo who know the feeling of hopelessness that families face in Alaska, to continue his seminary training while ministering to Alaskan Natives. Rick's goals are to break the cycle and help them get back to their native traditions and values.