

Proposed District Mission Grants for the 2024-2026 Biennium

1. A Pastor for Crown of Life

Amount \$2,000

Crown of Life Lutheran Church, Rigby, Idaho

The goal of this grant is to help Crown of Life (who does not have a full-time pastor) educate one of their elders, Kory Walstad, to become a Specific Ministry Pastor. This involves online classes through Concordia Seminary, a trip to the seminary in St. Louis and day-to-day guidance from his circuit visitor, Pastor Pay.

2. Bahamas Mission Trip

Amount \$5,000

Grace Lutheran Church, Sandy, Utah

The goal of this grant is to provide a week-long Vacation Bible School. This grant includes meals, Bible study, and faith-based children activities at the Lutheran Church of Nassau. This will bring people to the Lutheran Church of Nassau and help spread the Lutheran faith on the Island. The Lutheran Church of Nassau is the only LCMS Lutheran church in the Bahamas.

This organization was funded in the 2020-2022 biennium-same project.

3. Bibles for Cancer Patients

Amount \$5,000

Phil's Friends, Crown Point, Indiana

The goal of this grant would be to purchase Bibles in order to share the Gospel message. Each care package, which includes a Bible opens doors to a relationship with our Savior and to a journey of deep faith.

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4. Books, Bibles and Boards of Blessing

Amount \$5,000

Trinity Lutheran Church/TLC Pre-school, Rupert Idaho

The goal of this grant is to train all ages of students to be disciples of Christ through instruction of the law and Gospel. The funds will be used to purchase three sets of Arch Books (125 books per set), Bible story back-drops and scenes, and supplemental material for the "One In Christ" preschool curriculum from Concordia Publishing House.

**5. Bringing Hope, Help and Healing to Pastors
Ministry Workers and Spouses**

Amount \$5,000

Shepherd's Canyon Retreat Ministry, Wickenburg, Arizona

The goal of this grant is to help pastors, ministry workers, and spouses who need extra financial assistance in order to attend a Shepherd's Canyon Retreat, which is a week-long counseling retreat for men and women in full-time ministry who are in various stages of burnout, stress, depression, compassion fatigue, and conflicts of all kinds.

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6. Feet on the Ground

Amount \$4,500

MOST Ministries, Ann Arbor, Michigan

The goal of this grant is to give LWML members the opportunity to experience their **first** short term missions through MOST Ministries. It provides some financial help to all LWML members who feel the calling to join their **first** MOST Ministries mission team.

This organization is a RSO and has been funded the last two biennium's but for different projects.

7. Groceries for Seminary Students

Amount \$5,000

Food & Clothing Co-op

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana

The goal of this grant is to help reduce the financial burden on seminarians and their families. The funds will help purchase items such as eggs, cheese, milk and beef, along with paper products each month, which are then given directly to the students and their families.

This organization was funded in the 2020-2022 biennium-same project.

8. Jesus Comes Alive Amid Visual Darkness

Amount \$5,000

Lutheran Braille Workers, Idaho Falls, Idaho

The goal of this grant is to produce Braille Bibles and other Christian materials at our Ministry Production Center located in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Specialized large print prison Bibles and Christian prison Bible study materials in English and Spanish will also be produced and distributed in Idaho, Utah, and the throughout the United States

This organization is an RSO and has been funded the last two biennium's-same project

9. LAMP 55x55 Initiative**Amount \$5,500**

LAMP Ministry Inc., New Haven, Michigan

The goal of this grant would be to reach 55 indigenous communities in northern Canada for our 55th anniversary. The funds would be used for the development of ministry in those 55 communities that we hope to serve in 2025. This could include flight cost, fuel, lodging, and food for the mission teams.

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10. Ministry Impact Partners for Perkins**Amount \$5,000**

Camp Perkins Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, Ketchum, Idaho

The goal of this grant is to offer an opportunity for college-aged adults to develop leadership skills while gaining real world practical experiences in a hands on environment. This will prepare and equip them to serve wherever God leads them. The funds will be seed money towards funding this ministry project.

This organization is an RSO and was funded in the 2022-2024 biennium-different project.

11. Mission Trip**Amount \$5,000**

Utah/Idaho District

The goal of this grant is to afford the opportunity for the women of the Utah/Idaho District to serve and grow with their Lord by serving on a Mission Trip. The funds would be used for travel, food, and supplies for VBS, Bible studies, and Christian outreach or community needs. The plan is to stay within the Rocky Mountain region and go during the 2024-2026 biennium.

12. Navajo Christmas Toy and Coat Distribution**Amount \$3,000**

Grace Lutheran Church, Sandy, Utah

The goal of this grant is to travel to Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Navajo, New Mexico. The funds would be used to help purchase toys, coats, non-perishable food, and help with travel expenses for the team. The distribution is held at Shepherd of the Valley Church. The distribution brings indigenous people to the church grounds where they are introduced to Pastor Norton, who is available to pray with them, offer counseling if needed and also invites them to Worship and Bible study.

13. Play and Pray**Amount \$2,500**

XrossWay Kidzworld, Kimberly, Idaho

The goal of this grant is to purchase Bible story action toys. In doing so, this brings Bible stories to “life” so the children can have hands-on learning experience and to aide them in memorization of the Bible stories.

14. Physical Wellness for At-Risk Children**Amount \$4,000**

Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch, Minot, North Dakota

The funds of the grant will be used to replace the gym floor on the Minot campus, ensuring the children at the Ranch have a safe place to participate in wellness activities and learn healthy habits.

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15. Sensory Garden Updates and Scholarships**Amount \$5,000**

Trinity Lutheran Church and Preschool, Eden, Idaho

The goal of this grant is to **add** to the current sensory garden. We want to create an engaging nature-based outdoor play where children can use all their sensory areas. We will do this by adding a swing, light boards, water tables, a gravel pit, and more plants and trees. Some of the money would also be used for scholarships for local families.

This organization was funded in the 2020-2022 biennium--same project.

16. Serving those in Need**Amount \$3,500**

Forged by Fire Services, Covington, Louisiana

The goal of this grant is to provide food, fuel, and supplies for those serving others in need from natural disaster such as storms, hurricanes, tornadoes, or flooding. We offer spiritual care to our disaster deployments. With our spiritual care tent, those who receive our meals are also able to have someone pray with them, receive guidance from our LCMS LERT teams, and provide them a Bible and LCMS approved devotionals.

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17. Walking Together in the Mission Field—Alliance Missionaries**Amount \$5,000**

LCMS Office of International Mission, St. Louis, Missouri

The goal of this grant is to support Alliance Missionaries working alongside and together with LCMS Missionaries, complementing and strengthening each other as they spread the Gospel and show mercy to hurting people.

18. Who is My Neighbor? Bible Books for Utah/Idaho Immigrants **Amount \$2,700**
Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Macomb, Michigan

The goal of this grant would be to provide books like *Luther's Small Catechism*, *The Good News About Jesus*, *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories*, and other materials that introduce non-believers to Jesus Christ in a language they can understand.

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This organization was funded in the 2022-2024 biennium. Basically, the same project just adding different books.

19. Worship Anew **Amount \$5,000**
Open Arms Ministry, Peace Lutheran Church, Filer, Idaho

The goal of this grant would be to continue sharing Christ's love with those who are home bound, hospitalized, or rely on watching the messages on their television. The funds would be used to pay for Worship Anew on television broadcasts for the surrounding communities twice every Sunday morning.

This organization was funded this biennium-same project.

20. YLMHC Prison Ministry **Amount \$5,000**
Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care, El Paso, Texas

The goal of this grant is to purchase Bibles and Christian literature, as well as produce bilingual songbooks to be taken to the two weekly services at the local Border Patrol Detention Facility. It will also be used for transportation costs for pastors and volunteers of this ministry.

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