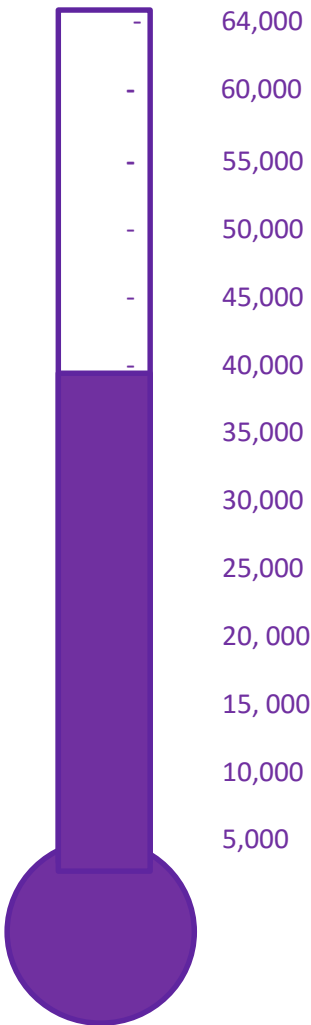




Our 2016-2018 Mission Goal
\$64,000



We are praising God for the continued generosity of our New England, Mite Collecting, Prayer Warrior, Sisters in Christ!

We have collected **\$39,983.21** toward our Mission Goal as of 9/30.

Grants **PAID**: 1,2,3,4a,4b
Total \$ **PAID**: \$25,000

Next: #5a Comfort Dog Lydia
\$989.11 of \$5,000

Please, send your mites to:
Shirley Schindler, LWML-NED
6 Davis Road
Ellington, CT 06029-3701

Dear Mite Collecting, Prayer Warrior, Sisters in Christ,

Our thanks and praise to God for reaching a **new milestone** in our New England District 2016-2018 Biennium: by the grace of God through your generous mite offerings, we have received all the funding for Mission Grant 4b **Hands of Grace** human care ministry in New Hartford, CT!!

At last, we can pay grants 4a **Church Worker Scholarships** and 4b **Hands of Grace**. These missions received equal votes at the 2016 Convention, so in fairness, we won't pay "a" until the funding for "b" is received. We do this for all tie votes.

I've told you we're behind in our giving schedule for this biennium. In black and white: to pay the remaining LWML-NED Mission Grants plus the 25% to national LWML mission grants, we need \$24,000 by March 30th. So, that's 6 months at \$4000 per month – actually, quite a bit of money.

But who am I to say it can't be done? Only God knows!

In our Pass It On newsletters, Delberta encouraged us to

1. Save the purple \$5 bills (*lovely color!*), or
2. Collect quarters in the M&M[®] tubes (*so cute!*), or
3. Add a thank offering every day the "Son" shines in your life (*every day, surely*).

Lutheran Church of the Savior in Bedford, MA held a **Bite for Mites** fundraiser last week "*Funding Mission Grants One Tasty Bite at a Time*." Jennifer G. reported that that they raised 10% of our scheduled-giving deficit - \$600!

In fact, Bedford has extended a challenge: If 18 societies each had a \$300 sale this month we would be nearly back on track! Are you ready? ... set ... bake!

The remaining Mission Grants for this biennium are:

#5a Comfort Dog Lydia , Messiah Lutheran, Lynnfield, MA:	\$5,000
#5b Reaching the Unchurched through a Lutheran School , Immanuel Lutheran School, Bristol, CT:	\$5,000
#6a Christ's Care for Children, Kenya:	\$1,080
#6b Veterans of the Cross:	\$2,000
#7 Young Woman Representative and Pastoral Counselor to National LWML Convention:	\$2,000
#8 Operation Barnabas for Comfort Dog Congregations:	\$1,000
#9a Children's Fund , First Lutheran Church, Holyoke, MA	\$ 357.25
#9b Ft. Wayne Seminary Food Co-op Assistance:	\$ 162.75

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 ESV

Your partner in the Gospel,
Barbara Lis, President, LWML-NED