

## **LWML New England District 2026-2028 Mission Grant Proposals**

### **1. Project 72: Jesus Sent Them Out Two by Two – Lutheran Heritage Foundation - \$4000**

The church in Africa is expanding rapidly. Under Project 72, we are privileged to walk alongside visiting professors from Europe and the United States, who travel in pairs in regions throughout East Africa. These professors conduct teaching seminars that empower pastors, lay leaders and deaconesses. When these leaders return home, they become the next generation of teachers—sharing the Good News and distributing Lutheran Heritage Foundation materials to continue the cycle of learning and discipleship.

### **2. Growing the Faith – Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Smithfield, RI - \$1000**

Our mission is to help God's people grow in faith through the study of His Word. Concordia Publishing House (CPH) offers bountiful resources for studying God's Word and growing in the faith through Bible commentaries, Bible Studies, devotions, books on family marriage, culture and books for youth and children. These are not easily accessible by our church members for perusal, as local Christian bookstores generally don't carry these. Not all families can afford to purchase new books on a regular basis. Through this grant, Our Redeemer will make these trusted materials readily available, encouraging members to grow in God's Word and share their faith with others.

### **3. Blessing Boxes – Our Savior Lutheran Church, Topsfield, MA - \$1200**

The purpose of Blessing Boxes is to reach college students with the Gospel and help them stay rooted in Christ during a pivotal time in their lives. Boxes of snacks with handwritten notes from church members are handed out at the beginning of school to encourage and support new Gordon College students (located north of Boston) We follow up with students during the school year - especially during Final exam weeks. Intentional relationships are formed & students are encouraged to worship & participate in the life of the church. Rides are provided as needed. This funding will help us stretch our resources so we can continue to reach this population who are our future and to fulfill the Great commission.

**4. Mission Ministry – Capstone Ministries - \$5000**

Capstone Ministries objective is to reconcile the street children of western Kenya with God and family. By God's grace, the staff have been able to evangelize and disciple these children, parents and extended family through Bible studies, camps, and counseling. These grant dollars will support a mentoring program for girls, youth books for the Lake Diocese Youth, and provide home based Christian counseling to families. Capstone Ministries appreciates the LWML's support of mission efforts.

**5. YWR and Junior Counselor to National Convention – LWML-NED - \$2000**

This will provide funding for the LWML-NED Young Woman Representative and the Junior Pastoral Counselor to attend the LWML National Convention so they may fully understand and embrace the current 'big picture' mission and purpose of LWML.

**6. LWML-NED Short Term Mission Trip Scholarships - \$3000**

This funding will assist volunteers with travel expenses to participate in Short Term Mission Trips sponsored by New England LCMS congregations in spreading the Gospel according to the Great Commission. "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you and how He has had mercy on you." Mark 5:19

**7. LWML-NED Church Worker Scholarships - \$7000**

This funding will provide financial assistance to Lutheran students in our district who are attending LCMS colleges and seminaries, preparing to become pastors, teachers, and other church workers.

**8. Musical Notes for Jesus – Christ Lutheran Church, Troy, NH - \$5000**

The purpose of this project is to help missionary Ben Tino form a wind ensemble at the Lutheran School of "Cristo el Savador" in Peurto Barrios, Guatemala. The wind ensemble would not only bring music into the school and church but would open up another evangelistic opportunity to share the love of Jesus. This music ministry project will develop and grow students' musical skills with the end goal of using these gifts and talents in the church leading worship and praise music. They currently have some instruments that require repair and are looking to add music stands and chairs, music, whiteboard and an air conditioner.

**9. Gospel Access for Aging Adults – Worship Anew - \$ 3000**

The purpose of this funding is to equip LCMS congregations in New England with resources to connect aging adults with God's Word. Each week, aging adults can hear the Gospel through a weekly worship message on Worship Anew, can grow in His Word

through daily devotions in Hope-Full Living, can find understanding their circumstances through practical articles in the Broadcaster magazine, and can see God's love by receiving a care package. Through LWML-NED support, Worship Anew can connect churches to these resources that they can then share with aging adults in their congregations. This funding will provide these resources throughout New England District by providing all interested churches with a sample resource box of materials from Worship Anew and then subscribing them to resources, especially the Broadcaster magazine. This grant would support that goal.

**10. Malayalam Translation of Lutheran Study Bible – India Bible Study - \$5000**

Funding received will go toward the publishing of The Lutheran Study Bible in Malayalam, a language spoken by over 30 million India citizens and 3 million diasporas, including approximately 280,000 in the United States. This will provide a proven resource with Lutheran-based commentary and notes to guide inquirers to the Good News of the Gospel, and help believers establish and grow their faith based on the Word of God.

**11. Food Co-op Freezer – Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne - \$5000**

The CTSFW Food Coop, celebrating 50 years of caring for seminary students and their families, is preparing to build a new and improved Food and Clothing Co-op to better serve and provide for the families' food and household needs. This funding will allow the purchase of a walk-in cooler to hold the fresh meat and food donations provided to the students to help offset their financial burden. CTSFW relies on congregations, individuals, LWML groups, Sunday Schools and organizations across the LCMS to provide additional funding for this freezer.

**12. Discovering God's Creatures – Trinity Lutheran Preschool, Ashaway, RI - \$1500**

Trinity Lutheran Preschool, Ashaway RI has been guided by Christian values committed to sharing the Gospel Jesus Christ by providing Christian education to the children of our church and community. We provide students with a variety of learning centers, and we desire to enhance our Science and Discovery learning environment by providing opportunities for exploration, both indoors and outdoors. Through this funding, we can purchase activity books, bug vacuums, critter habitat cases, experiment tools, binoculars, specimen viewers and color mixing glasses, among other things, our preschoolers can begin to know the wonders of God's Creation. Using these tools, God's little lambs can learn, observe, explore, investigate, and experience hands on learning opportunities to make learning fun and meaningful. "All things bright and

beautiful, all creatures great and small; all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all."

**13. Feet on the Ground – MOST Ministries - \$5000**

The purpose of this project is to encourage LWML members to take their first mission trip with MOST Ministries. Funding will provide financial help and personal encouragement to mission-minded LWML women to take their first step into international mission work. Hopefully, after serving on one short mission team, they will be inspired to return for future trips in sharing the Gospel in Word and in Deed with people in need.

**14. Ministry Scholarships – Shepherd’s Canyon Retreats - \$5000**

Shepherd's Canyon Retreats provide week-long counseling retreats and has successfully helped hundreds of ministry workers over the years in various stages of burnout, stress, compassion fatigue, and conflicts of all kinds, and some even ready to give up life before a Retreat. This funding will be used for pastors, ministry workers and spouses who have need of scholarships for extra financial assistance to attend a retreat.

**15. Serving the Least Among Us — The Next Step - God Cares About You Mission, Albuquerque, New Mexico - \$2500**

At God Cares About You Mission, we seek to share Christ's love and Gospel in Albuquerque's International District with an ethnically diverse and disadvantaged population, transforming lives both now and for eternity. Six Lutheran churches work together to provide clothing, meals, groceries, laundry services, Bible study, and worship. Small group discussions are held each Friday to build relationships and affirm that God loves them. Showing God’s love is sometimes a bus ticket for people who need to move out of the area and return to their homes. Each day they seek to honor the people they serve by knowing their names, hearing their stories, and sharing God’s love. They serve 50–100 people daily through their various programs. God Cares About You wants to provide their services in a more focused and comprehensive manner by hiring parttime staff. This grant will fund the salary of part-time staff and numerous office supplies.

**16. Equipping All God’s Children in a Lutheran School – Child of God Lutheran School, St. Peters, MO - \$2500**

The mission of Child of God Lutheran School (COGLS) in St. Peters, Missouri, is to provide Christ-centered education for the community. Historically, Child of God has

welcomed students who have been turned away from other Christian schools due to their learning needs. As such, 25-35 percent of the school's population receives special education services. The state norm and the local public school district both have a special education population of 15 percent. A fulltime special education teacher is needed to continue to offer quality education for children of families who desire a Christian education for their diverse learners. In these needs, COGLS treats each student as unique and valuable in God's eyes and provides the necessary educational support in a nurturing Christian environment regardless of their challenges or abilities. This grant will help provide funds to hire a full-time special education teacher to offer Christian education for children with diverse learning needs

**17. Light, Food, and Hope — A Life-Saving Mission, Orphan Grain Train Maryland Branch, Africa - \$2500**

Orphan Grain Train (OGT) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit Christian volunteer network that ships donated items to impoverished people, both in the United States and around the world. Orphan Grain Train is headquartered in Nebraska, and the Maryland Branch is one of 27 branches located across the United States. All branches depend on donations and are staffed by volunteers. Internationally, the Maryland Branch provides direct support to Christian missions in Cameroon, Liberia, South Sudan, and Ghana. They support churches, schools, Bible schools, sewing schools, orphanages, hospitals and clinics, leper colonies, and prison ministries. While each of these countries has unique needs, solar lights are continuously requested by the missions. These countries also suffer from food insecurity, and the OGT Maryland Branch would like to include dry-food meals in all shipments. This grant will help to purchase solar lights and dry-food meals to be included in shipments and help defray shipping costs.

**18. Lutheran School Modernization/Expansion Project, Good Shepherd Lutheran School of Gulf Breeze, Florida - \$2500**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School has been serving Santa Rosa County's military and civilian populations since 1963. The school offers classes from early childhood through fifth grade. During their education, each student is building a personal relationship with Christ. The school is growing and upgrades to the current building need to be made. Some of the improvements planned include upgrading the technology and security systems, transforming storage space into classrooms, transforming the fellowship hall into a school cafeteria, and securing the sanctuary for classes. The improvements will allow the school to grow and teach more children about the love of their Savior. The grant will help them meet the expenses of the modernization and expansion of the school.