

2022-2024 LWML IED MISSION GRANTS

Proposed for Convention Approval

Grant Request #1 Mozambique Dorcus Sewing Project - \$5,000

WHEREAS THE Holy Scriptures state (Exodus 32:25), “And every skillful woman spin with her hands, and they all brought what they has spun in blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen.”, and also (Proverbs 31:24) “She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchants.”, and

WHEREAS I addition to proclaiming the Gospel of Christ, *Igreja Crista Da Concordia em Mazambique* – ICCM (the Lutheran Church in Mozambique) desires to support the women’s Dorcus Sewing Project providing expansion to other groups and members; and

WHEREAS the Dorcus Sewing Project will enable more women to learn a skill and provide an opportunity to earn income to help sustain the family; and

WHEREAS the connectivity with sewing lessons provides an additional opportunity for spiritual connection so the Gospel can be shared while teaching the art of garment making thereby giving them hope for a better future ad a way out of poverty; therefore; be it

RESOLVED, that the LWML Iowa East District adopt as one of its mission grants for the 2022-2024 biennium the sum of \$5,000 to the Africa Region, LCMS Office of International Mission to help fund ***“Mozambique Dorcus Sewing Project”***.

Grant Request #2 Matongo Seminary Chapel

WHEREAS “And he the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shoherds, and teachers, to wquip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the lknowledge if the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” (Eph. 4:11-13); and

WHEREAS the Matango Lutheran Theological Seminary, a conservative confessional Lutheran college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) which is an altar and pulpit fellowship partner of the LCMS, is the one institution recognized by the ELCK for the training of pastors, deaconesses, and evangelists for its congregations, and draws students from across the greater Eastern Africa; and

WHEREAS the center for all life for a theological seminary is its chapel; it is essential to have a dedicated place of worship where the campus community can gather for daily worship for the encouragement and strengthening of the students in their spiritual formation, and students receive together the life that Christ purchased and won for them distributed through his appointed means of grace; and

WHEREAS Matongo Lutheran Seminary worship services are held daily in both Kiswahili and English languages in a multi-purpose room used for lectures thus creating crowded

conditions for the rising student enrollment with more influx expected from other regions of Africa, therefore; be it

RESOLVED, that the LWML Iowa East District adopt as one of its mission grants for the 2022-2024 biennium the sum of \$5,000 to the Africa Region, LCMS Office of International Mission to help fund *“Matongo Seminary Chapel”* to provide a dedicated place for the seminary community to worship and receive the Sacraments.

Grant Request #3 Indonesian Hymnal Project

WHEREAS Col. 3:16-17 speaks to us “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus. Giving thanks to God the Father through him.”; and

WHEREAS LCMS Office of International Mission and the Indonesian Christian Lutheran Church (GKLI) have been coordinating on the development of an explicitly Lutheran service book in Indonesian with devotional quality and doctrinal clarity that could foster and encourage expression of the Christian faith and proclamation of the Gospel in the official language of Indonesia; and

WHEREAS in order to operate and encourage unity, Indonesia, reducing the over 730 languages spoken, has designated Bahasa Indonesia (Indonesian) as its official language combined with each new generation progressively speaking only Indonesian which has increased congregations’ need to adapt to this change; and

WHEREAS an Indonesian hymnal will open the rich musical heritage in liturgy and hymns to all Indonesians; train Christian congregations and their members to think, sing, and speak theologically in Indonesian strengthening their proclamation of the Gospel in their communities, and be a vital tool for parents and grandparents to pass down the faith to their children and grandchildren; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the LWML Iowa East District adopt as one of its mission grants for the 2022-2024 biennium the sum of \$5,000 to the Asia Region, LCMS Office of International Mission for *“Indonesian Hymnal Project”* to publish an intentionally Lutheran hymnal/service book in the Indonesian language.

Grant Request #4 Hope for the Hopeless

WHEREAS the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is the creator of human life (Gen. 1:26) and as the one who gives and sustains life, God chooses when an individual’s physical life ends (Job 14:5, Psalm 139:16; and

WHEREAS after humanity’s fall into sin, earthly life is not as God originally intended and there is much struggle and suffering (Genesis 3:16-24) yet many people, particularly in recent

years, despairing of earthly difficulties and suffering, become hopeless and begin to actively wish to die and even think about hastening their death through some action of their own; and

WHEREAS there are numerous scriptural accounts, such as the prophets Elijah (1 Kings 19) and Jonah (Jonah 1,4) that demonstrate God Himself intervening and caring for depressed individuals in both body and soul; and

WHEREAS distinctly Lutheran training is being developed to equip pastors, church workers and lay leaders with resources for interventions to share the hope that is found only in Jesus Christ through Christian love and care in psychologically appropriate ways and prevent suicide from occurring; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the LWML Iowa East District adopt as one of its mission grants for the 2022-2024 biennium the sum of \$5,000 to help fund LCMS Life Ministry *“Hope for the Hopeless”* to provide a Christian response to mental illness with the hope of the Gospel to people who are feeling hopeless and despairing of earthly life to prevent the wish to die by suicide.

Grant Request #5 Iowa East District Cross Cultural Outreach Ministry Training

WHEREAS the Great Commission of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, commands us to reach out to all and make disciples of all nations; and

WHEREAS immigrants and refugees, especially those of Muslim, Sikh, Hindu, and Buddhist cultural backgrounds, newly settling in the United States have often never had the Gospel Message of Jesus Christ shared with them; and

WHEREAS the leadership and congregations of Iowa East are desirous of obeying the command to *“make disciples of all nations”* but may find it a daunting task in not knowing how to approach and engage those of other cultures and faiths to share the Gospel with them; and

WHEREAS POBLO International is able to provide a 2-day in-person and virtual Cross Cultural Outreach Ministry Training to equip the leadership and congregations of the Gulf State District to understand and utilize the changing demographics of the U.S. in order to do effective Cross Cultural Outreach Ministry Training to those who don’t look like them and are of the international communities; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Iowa East District Lutheran Women’s Missionary League adopt as one of its mission grants for the 2022-2024 biennium the sum of \$5,000 to enable this ministry outreach training program to begin.

Grant Request #6 Comprehensive Efforts to Address the LCMS Pastor Shortage

WHEREAS the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) is experiencing a considerable pastor shortage, with more than 450 congregations having pastoral vacancies and many clergy approaching retirement; and

WHEREAS the shortage jeopardizes faithful pastoral care to church members and diminishes LCMS congregations' vitality and growth; and

WHEREAS Concordia Seminary, in steadfastly working to address the shortage, has implemented comprehensive efforts to significantly increase its pastoral formation student enrollment; and

WHEREAS the Seminary's efforts, comprising a variety of initiatives, already are bearing fruit as evidenced by a significant increase in new Master of Divinity student enrollment; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Iowa East District Lutheran Women's Missionary League adopt as one of its grants for the 2022-2024 biennium the sum of \$5,500 in support of Concordia Seminary's continued work to increase enrollment and prepare many more LCMS pastors.

Grant Request #7 "Feed My Lambs" – Library Program at Community Lutheran School – Readlyn

WHEREAS our Lord commands us in His holy word to "Train up a child in the way he should go" (Proverbs 22:6) and "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 19:14) "For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is Savior of all people, especially to those who believe. Command and teach these things." (1 Tim. 4:10-11) and exhorts us to "Feed my lambs." (John 21:15); and

WHEREAS to tend and feed our lambs, the school library at Community Lutheran School – Readlyn realizes the need to be filled with books, etc. to feed our lambs at all ages, in God's inerrant word and true promises plus strong Bible History. Along with rich classical literature and reading in the effort to motivate continual hands-on experience and growth; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education, Pastor and church members are aware of this need and have begun to improve the academic, catechesis and Lutheran aspects offered to the students; and

WHEREAS additional monetary funds are required to purchase books and media resources, etc. to attain this; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Iowa East District Lutheran Women's Missionary League adopt as one of its mission grants for the 2022-2024 biennium the sum of \$3,000 to support this mission program for His lambs.

Grant Request #8 Wartburg Walther League (LCMS-U)

WHEREAS the Holy Scriptures exhort both parents and the church to, "Train up a child in the way he should go" (Proverbs 22:6), and also warns that, "we do not wrestle against flesh and

blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12), and therefore exhorts us to “take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm” (Ephesians 6:13), and

WHEREAS our college-aged children often suffer attack and duress from non-believing professors and peers, having their faith questioned and challenged and even mocked and ridiculed so that they desperately need and benefit from the support of local congregations to care for them while away from home and to network them with likeminded peers and mentors; and

WHEREAS LCMS campus ministries provide precisely this service through Word and Sacrament ministry, pastoral counseling, Bible studies, fellowship events, intercollegiate fellowship, and more, and St. John Lutheran Church in Waverly, IA, has such a campus ministry, the Wartburg Walther League, recognized as an official campus ministry of the LCMS, providing services to LCMS students and others attending Wartburg College in Waverly, IA; and

WHEREAS monetary funds are necessary for promoting the campus ministry, providing supplies for the ministry, providing food and entertainment for fellowship events, for underwriting guest speakers and conferences, and more; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Iowa East District Lutheran Women’s Missionary League adopt as one of its mission grants for the 2022-2024 biennium the sum of \$2,500 to support the development and growth of this vital campus ministry.

Grant Request #9 Let us sing unto the Lord: Enriching Camp Worship with Beautiful Music

WHEREAS Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, the camp of the Iowa District East (IDE), Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod in Solon, IA, exists to promote and provide Christ-centered education, recreation, and inspiration for individuals and groups of all ages; and

WHEREAS music is a key way to learn the Christian faith; and

WHEREAS Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca’s existing music and sound equipment is outdated or not dedicated to summer camp music; and

WHEREAS Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca would like to incorporate skilled and well-done music into the existing Camp program; and

WHEREAS the quality of music at summer camp is often dependent upon the abilities of summer staff members; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Iowa East District Lutheran Women’s Missionary League adopt as a mission grant for the 2022-2024 biennium the sum of \$8,000 to aid in the hiring and establishment of a new summer staff position of Summer Camp Music Director, and to fund new sound equipment, instruments and music materials/resources for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca.

Grant Request #10 LERT Team, Immanuel Lutheran, Cedar Falls

WHEREAS the Great Commission of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, commands us to help our brothers and sisters in their time of need in the local communities and abroad as far as we are able to reach. He has said that whatever you do to the least of these you do unto me.

WHEREAS organized groups are necessary through churches to provide people and equipment to accomplish this command.

WHEREAS LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa (headed up by LERT Coordinator Dylan Woodall) is training individuals and organizing their congregation team to work with other congregations, Iowa East District and LCMS to provide the needed assistance to those affected by disasters. Immanuel Lutheran Church LERT is in need of equipment to successfully and safely respond to flood disasters as well as larger chainsaws to provide assistance to a wider range of storm disasters and general tools to have on hand.

WHEREAS the Immanuel Lutheran Church board is aware of this need and supports this disaster response ministry but is unable to fully finance the cost of \$14,755; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Iowa East District Lutheran Women's Missionary League adopt as one of its mission grants for the 2022-2024 biennium the sum of \$8,000 to enable the LERT ministry to grow and spread the Word through disaster response.

Grant Request #11 Financial Assistance for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana Food and Clothing Co-op to Purchase Food

WHEREAS Christ, in His Holy Word, commands us to go and teach all nations about Him and what He has done for us (Matthew 28:19), and

WHEREAS Individuals from around this country and the world come to Concordia Theological Seminary to prepare to serve God's people here in the United States as well as in mission work around the world, and

WHEREAS when these students make the decision to leave their jobs and come to the seminary with their families, they no longer have the same financial flow of funds that they had before, but continue to have the same financial needs, and

WHEREAS spouses in many student families do find employment in Fort Wayne, but most are marginalized because the employers know they will only be here for a short time, throwing families into difficult financial positions, and

WHEREAS the seminary seeks to reduce this financial burden by providing students access to a Food Co-op, which currently supplies between 80% and 90% of all families' food and household needs each month at no cost to the student, relying upon donations from individuals, congregations and organizations; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Iowa East District Lutheran Women’s Missionary League assembled in Convention in Cedar Falls, IA in June 2022, grant the sum of \$10,000 for the purchase of perishable items for the Food and Clothing Co-op of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana for the 2022-2024 biennium.

Grant Request # 12 Different Languages, Same Savior: Lutheran Books for Missionaries Around the World

WHEREAS God bids His people to share the Good News with people “from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages (Rev. 7:9); and

WHEREAS the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod has placed 88 missionary families in countries all around the world, and dozens more here in the United States to serve immigrant populations, many of whom have never heard the Gospel; and

WHEREAS these LCMS global missionaries, as well as LCMS evangelism teams here in Iowa East, have expressed a deep need for Lutheran teaching materials, such as catechisms and Bible story books, printed in the native languages of the people they serve; and

WHEREAS the Lutheran Heritage Foundation translates and publishes Lutheran books into more than 120 languages and gives them free of charge to the churches and people who need them; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the LWML Iowa East District adopt as one of its mission grants for the 2022-2024 biennium the sum of \$5,000 to enable the Lutheran Heritage Foundation to provide good Lutheran books for missionaries to share the Gospel here in Iowa – and around the world.

Grant Request #13 Bringing Spanish Braille Bibles to Central and South America

WHEREAS In Acts 2:11b, St. Luke wrote, “...we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues”, and

WHEREAS the mission of the Lutheran Braille Workers is to provide the message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ to people who are Blind or Visually impaired throughout the world *for free*; and

WHEREAS Lutheran Braille Workers has received a request to produce over 20,000 volumes of Spanish Braille Bibles for Bible societies and churches throughout Central America and South America within the next two years, requiring the additional purchase of thousands of pounds of paper, cardboard, and other supplies for production purposes; and

WHEREAS through gaining access to scriptures in Spanish and a format they can read, thousands of people living in physical and spiritual darkness will know the true light of Jesus in their lives through Spanish Braille Bibles; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Iowa East District Lutheran Women’s Missionary League in convention adopt as one of the mission grants for the 2022-2024 biennium the sum of \$10,000 for Lutheran Braille Workers to fund the production of over 2,000 Spanish Braille volumes of the Bible.

Grant Request #14 Internet Infrastructure Improvement – Valley Lutheran School, Cedar Falls

WHEREAS by the grace of God, Valley Lutheran School, a K-12 Lutheran institution, strives to inspire students by strengthening faith in Christ, pursuing academic excellence and preparing hearts for service; and

WHEREAS professional church workers are necessary to the church to carry out this command and to set the standard for excellence and innovation in Christian education; and

WHEREAS the needs are many and upgrading the infrastructure for our internet systems and equipment is one of those needs. This infrastructure has not been updated in almost 10 years. During that time, the number of devices being used in the school that require internet has grown tremendously. The advances in technology happen at a rapid pace. Valley is behind and it is necessary to catch up to the current needs. Valley owns 75 Chromebook laptops that are shared among the students. Our high school students each have their own Chromebook laptops and each faculty and staff member uses a device that requires internet; and

WHEREAS the Valley Lutheran School Board is aware of this need and voted to allocate and approve the financing of this improvement, but in doing so other items needed at the school will need to be put on hold or additional funds will need to be raised through development dollars; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Iowa East District Lutheran Women’s Missionary League adopt as one of its mission grants for the 2022-2024 biennium the sum of \$10,000 to help offset the cost of this \$37,000 improvement to our internet infrastructure.

Grant Request #15 East Side Mission – Faith Based Programs

WHEREAS The Great Commission of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, commands us to reach out to all with **our goal**: To share our faith in Jesus Christ and what he has done as we receive the blessing of salvation, while bringing Christ to people as the Lord continues to bless our work for Him so that more and more can hear of the saving love of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We will build on past traditions while planning for growth in years to come.

WHEREAS **our need**: we respectfully request \$2,500 to assist in our efforts in order to live up to our purpose as we strive to do God’s works as we continue to provide faith based programs.

WHEREAS Lutheran East Side Mission Council is aware of the need for additional funding, and voted approval to continue with the programs in place until the time we are unable to fully finance the cost of operations for the faith based programs at the Mission. **Summarizing:** Lutheran East Side Mission located at 805 Tremont, Davenport, IA, shall remain in operation for the **purpose** of serving those whom our lives reach through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Mission’s **purpose** is to serve God in missions with thanksgiving and praise!

RESOLVED, that the Iowa East District Lutheran Women’s Missionary League adopt as one of its mission grants for the 2022-2024 biennium the sum of \$2,500 to assist with program funding

