



Lutheran Women's Missionary League Washington-Alaska District 2016-2018 Mission Grants

- 1. Aid to Washington-Alaska District Scholarship Fund** **\$19,000**
The mission grant will be added to the LWML Washington-Alaska District Scholarship Fund to be distributed by the Scholarship Committee to students from our district who are studying to be pastors, deaconesses, Directors of Christian Education, teachers, and other ministry positions in the LCMS.
- 2. Lutheran Indian Ministries – Support of Natives on the Olympic Peninsula** **\$6,500**
Recognized Service Organization of LCMS
Support will provide books and Christian materials to share at tribal events, a contingency fund to meet anticipated needs of transportation, food, lodging, conference fees, and materials for required continuing education with Christian resources for Native Americans on the Olympic Peninsula.
- 3. Veterans of the Cross** **\$2,500**
Recognized Service Organization of LCMS
Veterans of the Cross provides small, periodic stipends and pastoral care for church work retirees (or their surviving spouses) who struggle to pay for basic living expenses. Some receive little or no pension, and those with health problems have financial needs greater than the pension can provide. Funds will be used to support this mission.
- 4. Lutherans for Life – Y4Life Campus Ministry** **\$4,000**
Recognized Service Organization of LCMS
The purpose of the Y4Life program at Lutherans for Life is to equip Lutheran youth and young adults to be Gospel-motivated voices for life. Through education, training, and service learning, these young people will be ready to not only provide guidance and information about life issues, but to be a credible witness to the Gospel to their peers. The grant will enable the expansion of Y4Life Campus Ministry to include Lutheran high schools.
- 5. Opportunity Mission Outreach, Washington-Alaska District Short Term Missions Committee** **\$6,000**
The funds would provide help for those participating in a short term mission trip. Each request would be between \$500 and \$1,000. It is possible that six to twelve short term mission requests could be partially or totally funded during the biennium. The decision to accept a request for financial assistance for an individual LCMS woman in our Washington-Alaska District to participate on a short term mission trip would be made by the Short Term Missions Committee.



- 6. Family Promise of Skagit Valley** **\$5,000**
 The mission of Family Promise of Skagit Valley is to come together as a community to support homeless families as they work to provide their children with loving homes. The vision of Family Promise of Skagit Valley is to mobilize the community to help low-income families achieve and sustain independence. Funds will be used for a Day Center and to provide assistance to families for obtaining housing, also for clothing, gas, and car maintenance.
- 7. Mission Central – Support for LCMS Missionaries** **\$5,000**
 Mission Central specifically supports our LCMS missionaries. A grant from Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Washington-Alaska District will help toward having funds available for mission work. Everything done at Mission Central is donated in time, talent, and gifts. Funds will be used to support missionaries with their orientation, transportation, health and other insurance, language training, housing, salary, office expenses, and education of their children.
- 8. Sewing Mission Society-India – Office of International Mission** **\$2,500**
 Recognized Service Organization of LCMS
 Mylakkara Lutheran Church (MLC) in India provides assistance to widows, orphans, and the seriously ill, and other destitutes. Funds will be used to assist the MLC Pastor to start a Sewing Mission Society by creating a tailoring center for the ladies aiming to teach Lutheran women students of 18-25 years old, along with widows, the art of garment making.
- 9. Espwa Berlancia Medical Transportation, Haiti** **\$7,000**
Espwa Means Hope
 Espwa Berlancia is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to serving the women and children of Haiti. Funds will be used to purchase a vehicle that will be used specifically for emergency medical transportation to and from mobile clinics. Many of the women and children in the programs live several hours from the closest hospital. This vehicle will be instrumental in saving lives. This vehicle will be used to save many, many precious lives in Haiti!
- 10. Holiday Hospitality for the Homeless, Tacoma, Washington** **\$2,000**
 Holiday Hospitality for the Homeless is an annual event in Tacoma, Washington. Funds will be used to purchase items and assemble hygiene kits for distribution. Funds will also be used to purchase groceries for the youth. This event not only helps the homeless, but gives the youth of local LCMS congregations an opportunity to serve.
- 11. Lutheran Ministry Services Northwest** **\$3,000**
 Recognized Service Organization of LCMS
 A mission of Lutheran Ministry Services Northwest (LMSNW) is to bring the healing touch of Christ’s love to those in care centers, nursing homes, and hospitals in the Puget Sound. Funds will be used to distribute copies each of *Healing Words*, a spiritual resource of daily devotions, scripture, hymns and prayers, to 470 Lutheran congregations.
- 12. Secondary School, Ouanaminthe, Haiti – Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission** **\$9,000**
(NEHLM)
 Rev. Daniel Paul and NEHLM Board have identified a need to expand the currently operating primary school to 7th grade and to add a new grade every year. Funding for this grant will allow for the school’s expansion and provide a Christian environment and education.



- 13. Christ the Son of God Lutheran Church, Seattle, Washington** **\$6,000**
Christ the Son of God Lutheran Church reaches out to bring the saving message of the Gospel to the growing ethnic community of Ethiopian and Eritrean people in the Seattle metro area. The grant will enable the Amharic language Bible to be distributed and available in the Ethiopian and Eritrean communities for worship at Christ the Son of God Lutheran Church in Seattle.
- 14. Kitsap Rescue Mission – A Safe Harbor Campaign** **\$5,000**
Kitsap Rescue Mission exists to assist the homeless and poor of Kitsap County as they work toward restoration of body, mind, and spirit through Christ centered programs. The funds will help support the complete renovation of their building in order to expand recovery programs for men and women and enhance their ability to restore lives. The renovated facility will be able to accommodate thirty-six new beds for the homeless. The new kitchen will provide for on and off-site meal programs.
- 15. Lutheran Bible Translators, New Vehicle Fund** **\$5,000**
Recognized Service Organization of LCMS
The mission of Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) is to make God’s Word accessible to those who do not yet have it in the language of their hearts. Funding this grant will ensure that funds are available to purchase the needed vehicles for new missionaries beginning their ministries in foreign lands. LBT anticipates four new missionary teams will begin foreign assignments during 2016-2018. LBT is the only translation agency working in these areas.
- 16. Nursing Student Mercy Medical Team, Madagascar** **\$2,500**
Office of International Mission
Recognized Service Organization of LCMS
Mercy Medical Teams serve as an opportunity for Christians to use their vocational skills and passion for service to demonstrate Christ’s love and mercy in a positive way. Grant funds will help aid in the expenses for Concordia University Irvine Nursing Students to participate in a mission trip with the Mercy Medical Team to Madagascar.