2018-2020 Mission Grant Descriptions

1. **Aid to Washington-Alaska District Scholarship Fund**  $19,000
   District scholarship funds are used to aid students from our district, who are studying to be pastors, deaconesses, directors of Christian education, teachers, and other ministry positions in The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod.

2. **Southeast Alaska Travel Fund – Alaska Mission for Christ**  $10,000
   Funds will be used to pay for the costly travel via air and ferry to the remote communities of Southeast Alaska. Pastor Aaron Spratt is Alaska Mission for Christ’s sole missionary to the over 70,000 square miles area of Southeast Alaska and will be responsible for the faithful implementation of this proposed mission.

3. **Opportunity Mission Outreach – LWML Washington-Alaska District,**  $6,000
   **Short Term Missions Committee**
   Funds are for financial assistance for an individual LCMS woman in our Washington-Alaska District to participate on a short term mission trip.

4. **Vehicle for Elliot and Serena Derricks – Lutheran Bible Translators**  $10,000
   **(Recognized Service Organization of LCMS)**
   Funding of a vehicle is needed to transport the Derricks family, the translation team, and the equipment and materials needed to do the translation work in Cameroon and bring God’s Word to all people in the language of their hearts. When Elliot Derricks and the translation team finish a first draft of a book of the Bible, they travel many hours on very rough roads to different villages to read the draft to the community.

5. **Concordia Seminary’s International Graduate School Student Support**  $3,500
   Funds will help Concordia Seminary’s program of forming global students prepare them to carry out the Great Commission because there is a significant shortage of well-formed Lutheran pastors with advanced theological education.

6. **Classroom Addition – Sterling Lutheran Church, Sterling, Alaska**  $5,000
   Funds will allow for purchasing of furnishings, carpeting, tables, chairs, white board and display boards, and storage cabinets for a new classroom in a church that has no classroom.

7. **Camp Courage – A Place of Hope and Healing – LCMS**  $4,000
   Funds will help support a vacation Bible school type camp and is designed for children in the church and community who have been impacted by a recent traumatic event, and it teaches them how to live a life of faith even in the midst of disaster.

8. **Musical Instruments for Native Youth Program in Neah Bay**  $6,500
   **– Lutheran Indian Ministries**  **(Recognized Service Organization of LCMS)**
   Funds are needed to purchase musical instruments for youth to take lessons and practice on and use in worship at Makah Lutheran Church since there is no musical arts program offered at Neah Bay High School. Music lessons are offered which help develop discipline, purpose, self-esteem, and a sense of belonging, but few students have their own instruments.

9. **PB & J for the Homeless**  $4,000
   Funds will help the group of Christian volunteers at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Milton, Washington purchase supplies of peanut butter, jelly, and Ziploc bags, to make 500 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches weekly to serve the homeless.
10. **Equipping People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to Share the Gospel** $5,000
   Funds will help Bethesda Lutheran Communities (Bethesda) focus on sharing the Gospel with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) that need support.

11. **Seminary Education for New Pastors in South Sudan – Lutheran Heritage Foundation** $5,000
    *(Recognized Service Organization of LCMS)*
    Funds will allow seminary experts to develop a challenging three-year curriculum plus a one year vicarage to those committed to become good pastors. A challenge has been that the Sudanese seminarians have no money at all and there is no way they could pay to travel to other countries.

12. **Care Center Outreach, Seattle/Puget Sound Area – Lutheran Ministry Services Northwest** $2,700
    *(Recognized Service Organization of LCMS)*
    Funds will be used to facilitate expansion of the care center outreach by providing materials to equip 10 additional care center ministry teams to bring the Christ-centered nursing home ministry (song services and individual visitation by request) to a total of 20 different locations.

13. **Deaconess Ministries in the Mission Field – LCMS** $4,000
    Funds will help LCMS Deaconess Ministry work to assist, advise, facilitate, and coordinate deaconess training with LCMS partner churches around the world with Lutheran women in Kenya, Liberia, Latvia, Philippines, South Africa, India, Latin America, Russia, and many other places. Deaconess assistance is also needed for mercy mission trips, both national and international, at times of natural and man-made disasters, theological retreats, youth camps and conducting vacation bible schools.

14. **Trinity HOPE – Haiti** $5,000
    Funding of Trinity HOPE will assist Lutheran Churches in Haiti in spreading the Gospel to the hungry children who attend their schools by more adequately meeting their physical needs through providing a daily nutritious meal.

15. **Reaching Visually Impaired Inmates with God’s Love – Lutheran Braille Workers** $6,000
    *(Recognized Service Organization of LCMS)*
    Funds will be used to help with the cost of opening a work center to produce the ESV Bible in 14 point APhont to be distributed to visually impaired people who are incarcerated throughout the United States.

16. **Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families – LCMS** $3,000
    Funding will assist the rising need of wellness training and support to our military chaplains and wives. Ministry to the Armed Forces wants to expand the existing program to include Chaplains wives. The Worker Wellness Retreat for Chaplain Families would provide a real break from the hectic and stressful ministry lifestyle and provide a time for renewed energy and joy in ministry.