

**MISSION GRANTS FOR THE 2010-2012 BIENNIUM
GRANT DESCRIPTIONS**

The following mission grants were selected by the delegates meeting in session at the 19th Biennial Atlantic District LWML Convention, April 24-25, 2010.

- 1. Blessed Are You Among Women..... \$1,500.00**
“Blessed Are You Among Women” will provide mentoring and training for young mothers who need to learn how to care for their children. Classes on the spirituality of motherhood, basic mothering, child care options, career choices and budgeting would be offered. LWML women would care for young Bronx mothers, many of whom are single parents.
- 2. Building Young Women of the Faith \$4,000.00**
Girls growing up and living in Brooklyn face many challenges. St. Peter’s hopes to educate and Empower the girls of our congregation so that they may grow in their faith and become strong and confident young women. We plan to do this by providing engaging programs, retreats and the opportunity for them to build relationships with each other as they grow in their relationship with Christ Jesus. We also hope to host events with neighboring churches in order to foster the development of cross cultural female relationships.
- 3. Christian Children’s Books for Marshallese Children \$6,000.00**
A nation with a young population, high illiteracy and drop-out rates, the Marshall Islands has few children’s books available in the native language of their people. This project will see the production of the first Marshallese Language Christian Children’s book, which will be modeled after the “Arch-Book” style published by CPH. This grant will be used to help fund the publishing and distribution of books. Pastor Paul Sauer and Our Savior Lutheran Church (Bronx) will partner with the Ministry of Education and churches and schools in the Marshall Islands to ensure that books are distributed to as many children as possible.
- 4. SonRise – Mill Neck Outdoor Mission to Special Needs Children..... \$4,800.00**
SonRise Lutheran Outdoor Ministries and Mill Neck Institute for the Deaf are teaming up to build a unique program integrating deaf and other physically impaired youths into the regular weeklong summer camp Fine Arts and Discovery programs offered at SonRise. Integration will give impaired and non-impaired youths a chance to live together, to experience and learn from each other and to appreciate each other. The camp counselors will have the opportunity to experience first hand the challenges and rewards of witnessing Christ to those of special needs.
- 5. Bilingual VBS at the Life Church..... \$3,000.00**
THE LIFE is a new church plant in Old Westbury, New York, seeking to reach the unchurched by meeting community needs. In the neighboring Westbury School District about 40% of the elementary school children are not English proficient and about 80% of families are eligible for federally funded school meals. The grant funds will be used to provide a Bilingual VBS for children that will be fun and nurturing while spreading the Gospel.
- 6. Art and Music Enrichment Classes (LCCNH)..... \$1,000.00**
This grant would be used to fund recreational art and music classes for the Aged and Disabled in the Day Program at the Lutheran Care Center, Poughkeepsie, NY, as provided by the E-4 Organization. The E-4 Art and Music programs are designed expressly for this population, to provide an hour of stimulating and creative enjoyment while encouraging a high level of direct participation. Art and music activities are well known to provide many benefits: physical, cognitive, emotional and spiritual.

- 7. Open The Doors and See All the People \$1,250.00**
 “Open The Doors and See All the People” is designed to open the church’s doors to evangelize people of the southern Bronx. Parishioners are educated about sharing the Good News using printed materials and compact discs. Unchurched residents of the Bronx will be welcomed to Trinity Lutheran Church to receive and share God’s gifts.
- 8. Let the Children Come – Let the Children Sing..... \$4,000.00**
 This grant would provide formal training in music to Inner-City (Detroit, MI) at risk girls and boys (grades 3-8). They will also learn about God’s saving grace and his love for them. We are educating, uplifting and supporting our youth with the goal being to raise up church musicians for the future.
- 9. Seminary Student Tuition Assistance Matching Grant \$5,000.00**
 The grant funds will be used for Seminary Student Tuition Assistance in a 1:1 match by The LCMS Joint Seminary Fund through the generous gifts of individual donors, family foundations, congregations and corporations. The funds will be distributed to Concordia Seminary (St. Louis) and Concordia Theological Seminary (Ft. Wayne).
- 10. MOST Ministries Water Outreach Project..... \$2,870.00**
 Water-borne infections that are easily and successfully prevented/treated in the United States can cause severe illness and death in developing countries where 70% of people lack access to safe water. Many of these people are dying without knowing “the gift of living water” as well. MOST Ministries (Mission Opportunities Short Term, a Recognized Service Organization of LCMS) plans to send volunteer teams to share the gospel message while building latrines and water filtration systems, teaching good hygiene and elementary treatment of common illnesses.
- 11. Lord, Make Me A Missionary: Answering the Call For Workers in the Harvest Field \$5,000.00**
 This grant would allow up to 10 women of the Atlantic District to personally experience the call of the LWML mission statement and enable the women to participate – under the auspices of an LCMS-recognized organization such as MOST Ministries or LCMS World Mission – in a short term mission trip where they can share the Gospel first hand with the people of the world.
- 12. Scholarship for Atlantic District Missionary Frank Hwang..... \$2,000.00**
 Our Savior is a multi-cultural congregation offering worship opportunities in both English and Chinese. Thanks to the work of the Holy Spirit, our two groups of worshippers have found unity as one congregation, complete with regular joint Chinese-English services. As an expression of his commitment to this diverse but united church body, and out of his desire for continued service as a Lutheran leader, Pastor Hwang has enrolled as a student of the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT), a distance-education pastoral and deaconess training program for immigrants sponsored by Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and LCMS World Mission. Pastor Hwang is an extremely talented student and the tuition for his courses is coming out of his own faithful pocket. He wishes to continue his studies, and yet it is not clear how he will be able to pay for his next course. This grant would give Frank Hwang the opportunity to become an ordained pastor of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.
- 13. Outreach to Concordia College from Village Lutheran..... 4,580.00**
 As Village Lutheran Church is the nearest congregation to Concordia College, this grant would provide seed money to begin specific outreach to Concordia students. In particular the grant would help create a “Harvesters Fellowship” group to minister to pre-seminary and teacher education church work students and also a separate intentional group to the international students, in particular the South Korean students.