

**PROPOSED MISSION GRANTS FOR THE 2012-2014 BIENNIUM  
GRANT DESCRIPTIONS**

- A. Community Garden Outreach..... \$5,000.00**  
 This outreach program will plant seeds, harvest and distribute fresh vegetables to the needy in the community (via the food pantry in St. Ignatius Church). As of September 2011, the program harvested over 100 lbs. of fresh vegetables. The grant funds will be used to purchase topsoil, seeds and fencing for the community garden. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (Hicksville, NY) members will reach out with the gospel of Jesus Christ by placing in each bag a personal invitation to worship at Trinity and a sticker with the church location and contact information. In addition each member will verbally share their faith with those receiving the fresh vegetables.  
 Sponsored by Helen Peter, LWML Society President
- B. Food Pantry of Trinity Lutheran Church, Glen Cove, NY.....\$1,500.00**  
 The food pantry is open every third Saturday of each month. A bag of food with a tract enclosed is given to each family that comes from the community. Recipients are notified, welcomed and encouraged to attend church services and special events. Many of the children and their parents that benefited from the food pantry attended Vacation Bible School in August 2011. This grant would be used to purchase additional food to supplement food that is donated by the congregation.  
 Sponsored by Marge Flower, LWML Member
- C. Food Pantry for Hispanic Community.....\$2,000.00**  
 The pantry will be part of a program to reactivate Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church (Bayside, NY) as a center of outreach and service to the community. The project will also include English as a second language (ESL), Bible studies and worship services in Spanish. The grant funds will be used to prepare and maintain a food pantry to serve the community. The funds will also help with publicity, equipment and compensation for a pantry manager.  
 Sponsored by Ida Myers, LWML Member
- D. Operation Barnabas.....\$2,500.00**  
 Operation Barnabas provides care for our military (active and reserve) and their families. Many soldiers of the Reserve community who do not live near a military base, do not receive the same services and support as active duty soldiers when they return from a tour of duty. The grant funds will allow us to provide care for our military and their families by providing on-site visits to congregations, creating local outreach efforts to their communities, evangelism training for Lutheran veterans in our local congregations and training for Barnabas Chapters in local congregations (includes materials). Operation Barnabas seeks to equip and encourage LCMS congregations to provide compassionate care and Gospel-sharing outreach to the communities.  
 Sponsored by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, St. Louis, MO
- E. Handicap Institutional Reform in Kazakhstan.....\$2,500.00**  
 In Kazakhstan, it is common practice to place children with disabilities in orphanages, which tend to be closed facilities where children have little access to their community. Disabled and handicapped persons are often restricted by lack of opportunities available for education, therapy and employment. This project seeks to enable local families, individuals and social workers to develop programs to help this disadvantaged sub-community and give the volunteers the opportunity to bring the love of Christ to God’s forgotten children. The grant funds will be used for supplies for camps for the disabled, public outreach and education seminars and travel to and from the sites where the volunteers are working with the disabled.  
 Sponsored by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, International Mission, St. Louis, MO
- F. Family Shield Radio Expansion.....\$3,000.00**  
 The Lord opened an unexpected door for Family Shield Ministries to expand its Family Shield radio program in the fall of 2011. Lutheran Hour Ministries asked if Family Shield Ministries would want to take over the stations that had previously carried Woman to Woman. It was discontinued at the end of August 2011 because the host retired. FSM said “yes.” The Family Shield program, aired since 1996, now has expanded to 49 radio stations in 25 states. We expect the number of stations to continue to increase this fall, and we estimate that the new stations will allow us to reach an additional 60,000 people annually. Many of the stations are secular stations so the opportunity to reach those who are unchurched is an exciting aspect of this new expansion opportunity. The LWML-AD grant funds will help pay for the distribution expenses related to this expansion.  
 Sponsored by Family Shields Ministries, Inc. – RSO of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

**G. Food, Fun & Faith: A Confirmation Adventure.....\$1,300.00**

This project is a dual-site Confirmation program being led by Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church – The Bronx, New York (TELC). With meeting opportunities on Wednesdays at TELC and Sundays at the Webster Avenue Projects (1130 Webster Ave., Bronx, NY), this program offers underprivileged children in the Bronx community the opportunity to gather and learn about the faith while receiving healthy foods and enjoying open discussion about their lives. By meeting “on/off-site,” the youth have a chance to receive the benefits of classes leading to Confirmation, as many are unable to travel during the school week. Through their attendance in Sunday Worship and their participation in classes, the students will have an opportunity to confirm their faith and become young members of the congregation. Currently there are 21 students in the program. The mission grant funds will be used to purchase confirmation robes and gifts along with a copy of the Holy Scriptures to be given to each student in honor of their achievement. Also, the grant would be used to purchase a portable projector and screen to be used in class and in “youth gatherings” at both locations. This will encourage the students to invite friends, furthering the mission of our Lord and the sharing of His beautiful Gospel.

Sponsored by Rev. Matthew Ryan Gonzalez, LCMS Atlantic District

**H. “Train a child in the way he should go” Prov. 22:6.....\$2,000.00**

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bethpage, NY, has supported its Sunday school for the past 88 years of its existence. Children ages 3-14 learn that Jesus is their Savior who loves them, watches over them and protects them throughout their lives. Now because of troubling times and the church’s financial situation, St. Paul no longer has the finances to pay for Sunday school curriculum. The mission grant funds will be used to obtain the curriculum needed for the volunteer teachers to teach the Gospel message to the children who can then take home their lesson sheets, enabling them to share the Good News about Jesus with their families, some of whom may be non-members who do not attend church.

Sponsored by Iola Andreassen, LWML Society President

**I. Arts in Mission-NY (AIM) [www.artsinmissionny.org](http://www.artsinmissionny.org).....\$3,845.00**

Arts in Mission-NY brings people of all ages together to learn and use the creative arts in a nurturing Christian community of faith. Initiated by Dr. Jean Boehler in 2010, AIM brings children and families together by cultivating their natural proclivity towards music making. Affiliated with St. Mark’s Lutheran Church and School (Pre-K-8<sup>th</sup> grade) in the Hyatt/Woodlawn neighborhoods of Yonkers and the Bronx, AIM’s programs extend to everyone in this working-class neighborhood, developing musical abilities at an affordable tuition, employing music education to strengthen relationships between the community and St. Mark’s Church. The grant funds will be used to expand the outreach to include older students (teens). The expansion requires development of the Musikgarten curriculum and the integration of AIM families into the worship at St. Mark’s. AIM seeks to train additional music educators in the Musikgarten curriculum, particularly God’s Children Sing, so Dr. Boehler can cultivate and expand the outreach.

Sponsored by Dr. Jean Boehler, LWML Member

**J. Courageous Dads!.....\$600.00**

Every parent needs practical tools and spiritual help to raise their children. Often, dads are so focused on being the financial leader of the home that they neglect areas of parenting. This four-week study for dads will help them to discover how to lead their families in areas of responsibility, faith and legacy. The funds will be used to purchase materials to facilitate a four-week Bible study with the fathers of the students currently attending Great Commission Christian School (St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, New York).

Sponsored by Ura Steele, LWML Member

**K. Women of Christ Too .....\$1,800.00**

Prison ministries provide spiritual guidance to inmates who may already have a relationship with God, and to reach inmates who do not have a religious foundation. Our request for funding is to initiate a Women’s Prison Ministry that will support incarcerated women by supplying personal care items, Bibles and women’s daily devotional materials. We will encourage the women at Rikers Island and share with them that Jesus loves them unconditionally (Grace Lutheran Church, Queens Village, NY).

Sponsored by Maureen Hoyte, LWML Member

- L. Young Women of God on the Move .....\$5,000.00**  
 The LWML Society at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, NY, called “Women of God on the Move,” is a vibrant, active society raising mission consciousness and mites and carrying on a multitude of parish mission activities. Women of God on the Move will interact and intersect with the many programs designed for youth and children at St. Peter’s (Sunday School 50 students, First Communion 20 students, Pre-Confirmation 25 students, Confirmation and Youth 15 students, Homework Help 20 students and St. Peter’s School 100 families) to create a junior society called “Young Women of God on the Move” designed for the girls and young women of the church. Female teachers and ministry leaders, who are members of Women of God on the Move, will coordinate activities, learning, trips and projects for the girls/young women designed to create this new service and mission organization in the parish and track their progress in organizing as a group and achieving individually. Finally, the mothers of the girls and young women will be recruited for membership in Women of God on the Move for mission expansion. The grant funds will be distributed through WGOM for Catechetical Materials, Audio-visual Equipment upgrade, Trip and Retreat scholarships for girls/young women/mothers, Service Project activities and Neighborhood Outreach activities.  
 Sponsored by Twila Evanson, LWML Society President
- M. Meet Them where They Are .....\$6,500.00**  
 With thousands of unchurched people walking and driving by our church building every day, the People of God are called in their baptisms to “meet them where they are” outside the church building and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with them. This grant will assist Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Bronx in transforming our sidewalks into fertile evangelization zones. Rethinking what God has given us in our church grounds; this grant will help Redeemer purchase mechanisms for sharing Mustard Seeds devotions, evangelism tracts and other Gospel publications and programs with the many passersby in the Bronx. The grant funds will supplement the funds raised by our parish for the purchase of pamphlet holders, banners and electrical equipment needed for the outdoor sharing of the Gospel with passersby.  
 Sponsored by Deaconess Raquel A. Rojas and Women Rejoicing in Service to Society, LWML Society
- N. Trinity Community Outreach.....\$800.00**  
 Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Schenectady, NY, has a Thursday night outreach program that targets among others, drug and alcoholic recoveries. We do PowerPoint worship and video clip testimonies and teachings of the Word of God. This outreach is outside of a church setting and is being held in the fellowship hall of the church for the entire community. The program is in need of a projector, since the one in use is beginning to malfunction. The mission grant funds will be used to purchase a projector for the community outreach program.  
 Sponsored by Pearl Albrechtsen, LWML Member.
- O. Grace Lutheran Church Food Pantry .....\$3,600.00**  
 The congregation provides the food for the food pantry, and the food is distributed to the needy in our community once a month. Due to the huge increase in the number of people requesting food each month, we have had to turn many people away because we ran out of food. Some of the people that we see are unemployed and others are working but their salaries have not kept up with rising cost for housing, food, healthcare and childcare. Seeing this need and being informed of some pantries closing in the area, we would like to increase the number of days we distribute food to twice a month. Our food pantry also serves as an information center in providing the recipients with information pertaining to many services provided by government agencies (Healthcare, Job Fairs, Job training and upcoming exams). A schedule of our church services, activities and information on our Universal Pre-K program is placed in each bag of food. The volunteers verbally share their faith and extend a personal invitation to the food recipients to attend worship on Sundays. The grant funds will be used to purchase non-perishable food items for the pantry.  
 Sponsored by Lisa D. Phillip, LWML Member

**P. Wrap Around Program – “Covered by Grace” .....\$2,400.00**

This is a program developed for the Early Childhood Children of Grace Lutheran Pre-school and its community. The objective is to share the Good News of our Savior Jesus. The children of the Universal Pre-school can't hear about the Gospel of Jesus during the regular school hours. The pre-school is funded by the City of New York, and the hours are from 8:30 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. After speaking to many of the parents, they are interested in learning more about Jesus for themselves and for their children. Our anticipated schedule is to meet once a week during the winter and five days a week during the summer. The program will consist of games, Jesus time, fun activities and a snack. We will schedule motivational speakers that can be of assistance to the parents and to the students. The staff will consist of our Pastor, Principal and volunteers from the congregation. The grant funds will be used to purchase materials, Bibles, books, music CD's, arts/crafts, supplies and nutrimental snacks.

Sponsored by Shirley Griffin, LWML Member

**Q. Bilingual VBS at THE LIFE Church .....\$3,000.00**

THE LIFE is a 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. By providing a Bilingual VBS for children, we aim to provide a fun and nurturing place for these children while spreading the Gospel. The grant funds will be used to provide bus transportation to and from THE LIFE for about 50 children, since many families have limited access to transportation. Additionally, funds will be used to pay for VBS supplies and snacks.

Sponsored by Lynette Taylor, LWML Member

**R. Reaching the Unreached with Gospel Message .....\$3,000.00**

United Bangali Lutheran Church of America, Woodside, New York, is surrounded by hundreds and thousands of Bangali, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist and unchurched people. We would like to reach out to this community with the Gospel message through Street Evangelism and Bible Study. Our goal is to witness to 11,520 who have not heard the Gospel message. The grant funds will be used for developing a Street Evangelism program by purchasing Leaders' Study materials to train twelve leaders for witnessing, tracts, books, Bibles, transportation and supplies.

Sponsored by Rev. James Roy & Parimal Adhikari, LWML Member

**S. Equipping God's Servants – Computers for Bible Translators.....\$2,800.00**

Lutheran mission could have no stronger foundation than to ensure that people understand the Gospel. And what stronger foundation for understanding the Gospel could there be than to hear, read, learn and inwardly digest it in the language of one's heart? National translators need computers, peripherals and software for their work in Bible translation and Scripture engagement. Reliable equipment allows a Lutheran Bible Translators' team confidently to say, "This is the word of God," when they complete a translation. The grant funds will be used to purchase two laptop computers, peripherals and software to equip national translators for their work in Bible translation and Scripture engagement.

Sponsored by Lutheran Bible Translators – RSO of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

**T. Helping in the Midst of Disaster .....\$3,000.00**

This grant is to assist Lutherans Capital Area Relief Effort (Lutherans CARE) in assisting people in the midst of disaster. Lutherans CARE would be poised to partner with any local congregation in setting up a base of operations for volunteers to utilize to be the hand of God extended to those in need. Lutherans CARE has the experience and volunteers to guide local churches in the midst of assisting in the aftermath of a disaster. We are sharing the love of Christ when people most desperately need it in Word and deed. The grant funds will purchase equipment that could be transported to a local church and setup by Lutherans CARE volunteers (generator, portable shower, shovels, wheelbarrows, pry bars, lights and large pots). They would provide shelter for relief volunteers that are coming to assist after a disaster. These funds are just one part of the plan. The remaining funds are being sought from individual donors and churches.

Sponsored by Atlantic District Task Force 7 – Health & Human Care and Jessica Sauer, LWML Member