



**LIVE BY FAITH**  
2 Corinthians 5:6-7 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup>So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Each woman and each LWML group is blessed to be a blessing to others by continuing to be aware of the close-at-hand mission needs in her community and writing mission grant proposals for them, as well as remembering LWML and district mission grants in prayer, and supporting them through Mite Box offerings.

The purpose of these guidelines is to answer questions about LWML Eastern District mission grants and the mission grants selection process, as well as assisting with developing a grant proposal.

## **MISSION GRANT PROPOSAL How To Get Started**

### **LWML Eastern District Objectives**

To develop and maintain greater mission consciousness among the Women of the district through Mission Education, Mission Inspiration and Mission Service.

To gather funds for mission projects either directly sponsored or approved by the Eastern District of Synod, especially those for which no adequate provision has been made in the District Budget.

## Mission Grant Proposals – How to Get Started

### What Is the Important Ingredient in the LWML Mission Grants Program?

Faith ...

... that our constant prayers for grants are heard.

... that the Lord will bless our offerings.

We give thee but Thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee. LSB 781

### How Can I Become More Aware of Mission Grant Opportunities?

- Study a mission area of the world as part of your personal devotional and prayer time.
- Look for unique ministry projects in your community, particularly an activity, service, or need in your community that may be different from those in any other geographical area. Look for ministries to ethnic or immigrant groups, the homeless or neglected, the physically or mentally disabled, women or children, or the aged.
- Consider the needs of mission outreach programs of your congregation.
- Become involved in your community's special programs. • Attend zone events and rallies, district conventions, and mission fairs. Invite mission speakers to meetings and be alert to their specific needs.
- Review the Mission Grants Bank, a listing of approved mission grant proposals that were not selected at the LWML convention. Request the Missions Grants Bank from your district president.
- Review the approved mission grant proposals that were not selected at the LWML Eastern District conventions.

### Who May Submit a Mission Grant Proposal?

- Mission grant proposal may be submitted to the District LWML by societies, zones, or individual LWML members
- An Eastern District or Synodical Board of the LCMS may submit a proposal through any Eastern District member, society or zone.
- The organizations and recipients being considered for a Mission Grant must be sponsored by one of the above listed people who acts as the official submitter of the mission grant proposal.

### How Do I Research an Idea for A Grant Proposal?

You may want to begin with these questions:

- Has this idea for a mission grant proposal for this need been given my prayerful consideration?
- What is the specific and current need?
- Does this ministry project have a documented and demonstrated record of service to its community?

- Can this specific need be met by my church, group, zone, or district?
- Will meeting this need include sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
- Does this idea model the LWML standard of good mite stewardship?
- Does this idea fit in the vision of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod?

### **How Can I Get More Help with Researching a Mission Grant Idea?**

When you have identified a mission grant opportunity and researched the idea, contact and speak to key people involved with this program or activity. Help from the following individuals will also be valuable toward a decision to make a mission grant proposal:

- LWML Vice President of Gospel Outreach.
- LWML District President.
- LCMS District President or his designee
- Missionaries serving in your area or who have recently returned from the mission field.

### **What Are the Criteria for a Mission Grant Proposal?**

The Mission Grants Selection Committee will note whether:

- The grant will share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Is mission-focused in its overall emphasis
- There is a governing unit, such as a partner church, LCMS district, or Recognized Service Organization to which the ministry project regularly reports.
- The ministry has provided descriptive information about the organization and the use of grant funds as part of its mission grant proposal.
- There is specific or continuing partnering for the project from other sources.
- There is assurance that the project is able to sustain service to its constituency following completion of this grant.

Addition information is available in the LWML Eastern District Bylaws, revised 2016 available in the Mission Grant Guidelines and on the LWML website located at [www.east-dist-lwml.org](http://www.east-dist-lwml.org).