

Proposed Mission Grants

Information on Proposed 2024–2026 Mission Grants

1. Christian Education Scholarships K–12, Central Texas — \$25,000

WHEREAS, Scripture teaches, *Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it* (Proverbs 22:6); and

WHEREAS, since 2017, the CT Foundation for Christian Education, Inc. has demonstrated its commitment to making K–12 Christian education affordable for families in need by awarding scholarships to students attending Christian schools in the greater Austin and Central Texas area; and

WHEREAS, the number and amount of current scholarships offered is restricting the impact the program could have in making a Christian education more affordable; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Texas District in convention grants the sum of \$25,000 to increase the amount and number of scholarships offered by the Foundation to students attending K–12 Christian schools in Central Texas.

2. New Life Children’s Center Spiritual Care Program, Canyon Lake — \$20,000

WHEREAS, the abuse and neglect of children is abhorrent to God's divine intention for creation, reflecting the fall of man and the harm of sin; and

WHEREAS, children in foster care experience trauma from abuse or neglect, often at the hands of biological parents, requiring removal which causes significant instability and challenges; and

WHEREAS, Upbring's New Life Children's Center embodies Christ's transformative healing from trauma, providing young girls experiencing trauma from abuse or neglect the chance to experience love, care, and healing in an atmosphere that gives needed individualized care that motivates resiliency and healing; and

WHEREAS, the Spiritual Care Program is an integral part of the long-term and holistic healing from trauma; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Texas District in convention grants \$20,000 to the New Life’s Spiritual Care Program for the purchase of Bibles, Bibles studies, ministry expenses, and gardening and art therapy supplies.

3. Orphan Grain Train Shipping Supplies, Houston — \$15,000

WHEREAS, in loving response to Christ the Servant the Orphan Grain Train (OGT) movement encourages and enables God’s people to share personal

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and material resources in bringing God’s name and character to needy people both far and near; and

WHEREAS, OGT volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs; and

WHEREAS, in order to carry out their mission of packaging and distributing resources, OGT Houston needs storage and shipping supplies; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Texas District in convention grants \$15,000 to Orphan Grain Train Houston for the purchase of needed materials.

4. Proclaiming Christ to People Who are Blind or Visually Impaired (LBW) — \$20,000

WHEREAS, God tells us to proclaim the Gospel of Christ throughout the whole world; and

WHEREAS, people with visual impairment, including those in prison, are in need of knowing Jesus as their Savior in a format and language they can read and understand; and

WHEREAS, visually impaired individuals and prison inmates are requesting new Bible studies and other Christian materials to meet their spiritual needs; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Braille Workers intentionally serves all people who are blind or visually impaired free of charge, including visually impaired prison inmates; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Texas District in convention grants \$20,000 to purchase production supplies and equipment to provide approximately 2,500 volumes of prison ministry Spanish materials, braille, and large print Bible studies, including those from Donna Snow, for the visually impaired, primarily in Texas or around the world, to come to know Jesus as their Savior.

5. Offering Women Hope: Blue Blossom Pregnancy Centers and Maternal Assistance Program, Houston — \$8,000

WHEREAS, the Word of God declares that human beings are formed in the likeness of God and that He formed us in our mothers’ wombs and called us (Genesis 1:27, Psalm 139:13, Jeremiah 1:5, Isaiah 49:1); and

WHEREAS, abortion ends the life of more than 2,500 preborn children in the United States each day; and

WHEREAS, when there is a peaceful presence in prayer and sidewalk counseling combined with a mobile crisis pregnancy center, women are given a life-saving alternative to the devastation of abortion; and

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WHEREAS, through the free services of Blue Blossom including pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and compassionate Christian counseling, women are given hope and see their preborn babies not as burdens, but as precious gifts from God; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Texas District in convention grants \$8,000 to Houston Coalition for Life to support free services and to purchase Christian devotionals for women served through the Blue Blossom Pregnancy Centers.

6. Disciple and Mobilize Youth for Gospel Outreach, Glocal Mission, Houston — \$12,000

WHEREAS, Christ in His Holy Word has charged us to reach out to all nations and make them disciples; and

WHEREAS, faithful multiethnic youth leaders are a means of spreading His Gospel urgently and greatly across multiethnic communities in Houston, major cities in the state of Texas, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the people of new church plants are often from low-income families and underprivileged communities and are therefore unable to fully finance youth leaders with the important work of initiating discipleship and mobilization; and

WHEREAS, the Texas District LCMS is aware of the need, has voted approval, and has recommended youth leaders as part of Glocal Mission’s vital mission ministry in Texas; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Texas District in convention grants \$12,000 to the Disciple and Mobilize Youth for Gospel Outreach in Houston for training, materials, supplies, food for activities and outreach, and Gospel outreach resources.

7. Whatever is True, Faith Lutheran School, Plano — \$15,000

WHEREAS, Christ in His Holy Word exhorts us to think on *whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable*, (Phil. 4:8a); and

WHEREAS, educated Christian children are a means of propagating His work to their own families, to the community, and to future generations; and

WHEREAS, the people of Faith Lutheran School of Plano, Texas, are unable to fully finance the tuition assistance needed by the many income-challenged families seeking to attend our Lutheran school; and

WHEREAS, the Tuition Assistance Fund of Faith Lutheran School needs additional funds to support this purpose; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Texas District in convention grants the sum of \$15,000 to help fund the Tuition Assistance Fund of Faith Lutheran School, allowing the school to

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serve additional income-challenged families in their surrounding communities and beyond with Christ-centered teaching and the Good News of the Gospel.

8. Disaster Response Team, Trinity Lutheran Church, Tyler — \$15,000

WHEREAS, St. Paul instructed us in Galatians to carry each other's burdens and in so doing we fulfill the law of Christ; and
WHEREAS, the Trinity Lutheran Church Disaster Response Team is capable of being God's hands and feet in storm-struck areas; and
WHEREAS, the team is willing to go; and
WHEREAS, equipment in good working condition is needed to fully reach out to those suffering effects of severe storms and spread the love of Christ in affected areas; therefore, be it
RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Texas District in convention grants \$15,000 to Trinity Lutheran Church Disaster Response Team to purchase spiritual materials, new equipment, and equipment maintenance.

9. Adventure Woods Day Camp Outreach, Camp Lone Star, Tomball — \$20,000

WHEREAS, Christ in His Holy Word has charged us to reach out to all nations, instructed parents to bring up their children in the way of the Lord, and has asked the little children to be brought unto Him; and
WHEREAS, Camp Lone Star is an established mission field of Lutheran Outdoors Ministry of Texas in La Grange and Tomball; and
WHEREAS, Camp Lone Star is establishing a day camp as an outreach ministry program to partner with families and church congregations in North Houston/Tomball, placing the Gospel message into many homes; and
WHEREAS, proper and up-to-date programming materials and equipment enhance growth capabilities and benefit children spiritually, physically, and socially; therefore, be it
RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Texas District in convention grants \$20,000 to purchase recreation equipment and challenge course materials for the Adventure Woods Day Camp Outreach.

10. Little Lambs Parents' Day Out Ministry Playground Equipment, Sulphur Springs — \$10,000

WHEREAS, Jesus commanded His disciples to "*Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these*" (Matthew 19:14 NIV); and

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WHEREAS, we are commissioned by Christ to share the Good News of His salvation to all peoples; and

WHEREAS, the Little Lambs Ministry of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Sulphur Springs is in need of new playground equipment for the program; and

WHEREAS, this equipment will help provide the well-rounded educational opportunity to the students who attend this Christian Parents' Day Out program; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Texas District in convention grants \$10,000 for the purchase of state-approved playground equipment for the Little Lambs Ministry.

11. For LIFE Youth Apologetics Retreat, Y4Life — \$10,000

WHEREAS, God's Word declares that every believer is to ...*honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,* (1 Peter 3:15); and

WHEREAS, high school and college youth struggle to witness to their peers and classmates regarding life topics such as abortion, euthanasia, gender identity, pornography, and addiction; and

WHEREAS, we desire to encourage, equip, and empower our youth to be Gospel-motivated voices For LIFE; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Texas District in convention grants \$10,000 to support a two-day For LIFE Youth Apologetics Retreat to train and encourage Texas youth to be ambassadors for LIFE in Word and deed.

12. Hereford Hispanic Outreach Program, Hereford — \$25,000

WHEREAS, in Mark 16 our Savior instructs us to "*Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation*" (Mark 16:15 NIV); and

WHEREAS, as Immanuel Lutheran Church, along with partners from other Panhandle congregations, is undertaking new outreach programs to minister to our Hispanic neighbors in Hereford; and

WHEREAS, part of this effort, an after-school program, ESL classes, and other outreach programs are being planned at Immanuel, with the goal of calling a Hispanic missionary or church-planter to serve the Spanish speaking families of Hereford with the Gospel message; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Texas District in convention grants \$25,000 to Immanuel Lutheran Church for renovation of their facilities and establishment of an after-school program, materials, equipment, and a director's stipend.

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13. Shepherd's Canyon Retreat Ministry Scholarships — \$15,000

WHEREAS, scripture says *Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good* (1 Peter 4:19); and

WHEREAS, God faithfully uses Shepherd's Canyon Retreat to bring help and hope to hundreds of pastors, ministry workers, and spouses who are in various stages of burnout, stress, depression, compassion fatigue, and conflicts of all kinds, through week-long counseling retreats; and

WHEREAS, recent data from the Barna Research Group shows that two in five (41%) pastors say they have considered quitting ministry in the last 12 months, and the loss of a ministry servant is expensive to train and prepare their replacement; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Texas District in convention grants \$15,000 to support scholarships to help pastors, ministry workers, and spouses attend Shepherd's Canyon Retreats.

14. Ethnic and Young Adult Mission Developments, LINC South Texas — \$20,000

WHEREAS, our Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 28 sends His people to make disciples of all nations, baptizing and teaching them His commands; and

WHEREAS, San Antonio and South Texas have new and growing ethnic populations that are not yet reached by the Word of God or connected to local Lutheran churches and ministries; and

WHEREAS, LINC South Texas has begun this important work, but needs ongoing financial support to continue its ministry to these populations and the development of new ministries; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Texas District in convention grants \$20,000 to LINC South Texas to assist with pastoral training, educational materials, publicity-related expenses, hospitality for young adult groups, rallies, promotional materials, and programming.

15. Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care Facility Repairs, El Paso — \$20,000

WHEREAS, Jesus said, *"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,"* (Matthew 25:35 NIV); and

WHEREAS, Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care sees great need within its local community to feed the hungry, quench the thirst of our neighbors, and to invite those who do not know His saving Word; and

WHEREAS, Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care is unable to fully finance the repairs and renovations of the food and distribution warehouses in

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RESOLVED, order to continue providing nourishment of the body and soul to those in need; therefore, be it that the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Texas District in convention grants \$20,000 to help to assist in repairs and renovation of the Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care food and distribution warehouses.

16. Let It Shine Academy, Bethany, Austin, Lutheran Special Education Ministries — \$10,000

WHEREAS, our Lord Jesus instructed parents to bring up their children in the way of the Lord and has asked that the little children be brought to Him; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM) has partnered with Bethany Lutheran Church in Austin to found Let It Shine Academy, a Christian preschool for children with autism; and

WHEREAS, Let It Shine continues to grow and be a godly witness to children, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, money is needed to sustain the growth of Let It Shine and offer opportunities to families who would otherwise not be able to attend; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Texas District grants \$10,000 to enable Let It Shine Academy to provide scholarships for needy students, purchase materials and resources, and implement training for staff.