

# LWML Texas District

## 2018–2020 Mission Grants with Prayers

### **Scholarships for Seminarians — Texas District LCMS**

**\$50,000**

The LCMS recognizes the importance of seminary training to equip dedicated men for ministry to God's people. To help offset these costs, scholarship funds will assist seminary students from the Texas District LCMS, enabling them to go out and serve with less financial burden.

*Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd of Your sheep, laying down Your life and taking it back up for our salvation. You provide pastors to Your Church as Your undershepherds who lead us to the green pastures of Your Word and living waters of Your Sacraments. Strengthen and support all who prepare at our seminaries to be pastors in Your Church. Through these scholarships, ease their burdens and earthly concerns, so that they would remain focused on sharing Your good news with all people. In Your name we pray. Amen.*

### **Let it Shine for Children with Autism — Lutheran Special Education Ministries \$10,000**

Let It Shine for Children with Autism is designed to address the unique needs of children with autism in an early learning environment. Mission grant funds will be used by Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM) to purchase appropriate curriculum, materials, and equipment for these unique early learners.

*Lord Jesus Christ, Your Words say, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14b). Please bless this ministry. Be in the hands of all who work here to be a light to the children, their parents, and their families. Give the workers strength, patience, and wisdom as they labor with and for these children. May the children draw closer to you and experience Your love through these earthly hands that Your name may be glorified. In Your name we pray. Amen.*

### **DCE Scholarships — Concordia University Texas**

**\$24,000**

Realizing the importance of supporting the development of the next generation of Christian leaders in church work, LWML Texas District mites will be used to provide academic scholarships for students pursuing their Director of Christian Education (DCE) degree.

*Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the World, You taught Your disciples and provided all of us with an enduring mission of teaching future generations about the truth and love of God. We pray that You would guide the faculty of Concordia University Texas as it develops Christian leaders. We especially pray for those studying to become Directors of Christian Education and the professors guiding these future leaders. May they be a blessing to the churches and communities to which they are called, sharing with them the treasured Gospel message and inspiring the next generation to be bold in discipleship. In Your Holy name, Amen.*

**ACTS of Love Early Childhood Education Center — Leander**

**\$20,000**

ACTS of Love provides free childcare and parenting resources to teen-parents. The funds from this mission grant contribute to the operating budget so they may continue to offer high quality, free, Christ-centered early childhood education and parenting classes to teen-parents and their babies at ACTS of Love.

*Almighty God, You have given us the blessings of children to nurture, teach, and love. We ask You to work through ACTS of Love to show the children Your love and care. As this ministry also seeks to help parents to both bring up their children in Your ways and to continue with their own education for the support and good of their families, please help it to reach out with love and support. Please give them wisdom and guidance as they meet this vital need in their community to Your glory. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.*

**Reaching Visually Impaired Inmates with God’s Love — Lutheran Braille Workers**

**\$18,500**

Incarcerated visually impaired people are among those Jesus came to save. LWML Texas District mites will provide equipment and material for a work center in Texas to produce free ESV Bibles in Large Print to serve these children of God.

*Our loving Father, you call us to “remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them” (Hebrews 13:3). We thank you for the dedication of those who serve through Lutheran Braille Workers. Guide the Texas work center that will produce large print ESV Bibles. Use these Bibles with bindings that will be accepted by prisons, for visually impaired inmates so that they can read God’s Word and learn of the forgiveness offered by their Savior Jesus Christ. In the precious name of Jesus, Amen.*

**Forward in Faith — Funding the Ministry of Faith Lutheran High School**

**\$10,000**

Faith Lutheran High School of Central Texas will use this mission grant to further this Central Texas educational ministry by purchasing needed theological resources, curriculum instruction materials, and teaching tools. These materials will enable them to provide Christ-centered education to their students.

*Gracious Father, Thank You for the dedicated individuals and congregations who have made Faith Lutheran School a reality. Bless the young people who are attending this school, and fill them with a love for learning and with a desire to develop their gifts and talents to serve You. Bless their teachers with true wisdom and with a love for You. Make this school a place of great discovery, adventure and creativity, and fill the educators and students with a deep sense of devotion toward You. Give us all the true wisdom which finds its joy in You and in the salvation which we have through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**Multi-Ethnic Ministries of North Texas**

**\$25,000**

LWML Texas District mites will assist the Multi-Ethnic Ministries of North Texas to reach out with the saving grace of the Gospel among the thousands of refugees from Africa and other oppressed nations as their physical and social needs are met as they come to the greater Dallas and Plano area.

*Oh Lord of the Harvest, You send workers into Your mission field in every corner of the world, but You also bring the mission field to our neighborhood. Be with this ministry as they share the Gospel with immigrants living in the Vickery Meadow community. Strengthen them for service as they reflect the love of God by tending to various practical needs of these people from different parts of Africa. Draw these families to Yourself in Bible study and worship with their other brothers and sisters in Christ. In the Name of our merciful Savior, Amen.*

**Navigating Life and Faith — LINC Austin**

**\$10,000**

The mission grant will help LINC Austin Outreach develop a faith-based life-skills program to help individuals experiencing homelessness prepare for housing and provide support as they transition into housing. The program will provide a new and healthy community group and mentors trained by LINC Austin.

*Holy Father, Lover of all people, You have shown Your love and care for every person through Your son Jesus Christ and the salvation He brings. You have told us “to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8b). Please help this mission to reach out to the lost, the overlooked, and the disregarded population of the Austin area. Help them share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with justice, kindness, and humility. We ask that you bless this ministry and the program that is helping people prepare to live in housing. Grant a special measure of love and support to the individuals making the transition. In Jesus holy name we pray. Amen.*

**Spanish and American Sign Language Bible Stories — Lutheran Friends of the Deaf**

**\$5,000**

Spanish and American Sign Language Bible Stories will allow Lutheran Friends of the Deaf to provide these crucial resources to ministry partners in Texas and worldwide so that the Deaf people who come from Spanish speaking families may learn Biblical accounts and receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Holy God, Sender of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, You enabled Your disciples to speak to everyone in their own language as recorded in Acts 2. Please help us follow Your example by translating stories from Your Holy Word to Spanish and American sign languages. Use these stories to reach the lost and strengthen fellow Christians for Your holy kingdom. Provide wisdom to the translators as they interpret Bible stories that are true to Your Word, pleasing to You, and have the power to impact lives as You decree. Lord, thank You for these languages and the blessings that are in them in the name of your Holy Son, Jesus. Amen.*

**Alamo Hills Children’s Ministry (Shepherd of the Hills Church Plant) — San Antonio**

**\$4,285**

This mission grant will be used for much needed equipment, Gospel-centered children’s education material, and supplies to support and facilitate neighborhood outreach, especially geared toward families and children, and be used in ongoing children’s ministry as the new church becomes established.

*Dear Lord Jesus, You said, “let the little children come to Me... for of such is the kingdom of God” (Mark 10:14b). We pray for Alamo Hills Lutheran Church as they*

*reach out and minister to the families and children in their area. We pray that through the real life connections the church members make with their neighbors, these families would grow in grace and in a knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and that they develop into men and women of God who bring up their children to love and serve You in spirit and truth. Bless this outreach ministry and church plant and grant that by Your Holy Spirit they may proclaim the Gospel message of salvation with boldness and confidence. In Your name we pray. Amen.*

**Expanding the Mission at Lutheran Student Center — Arlington**

**\$3,215**

The University of Texas, Arlington Lutheran Student Center is blessed to share God's Word with Hindus, Muslims, and other students from all over the world. This mission grant will assist their ministry by providing meals twice a week to students as volunteers from area churches share the Gospel with them.

*O Father of all people, who would have all come to the saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we pray for Lutheran Student Center — Arlington as they minister to the international students at UT Arlington. Be with them and bless them as they reach out and share the Gospel with Hindus, Muslims and students of other faiths from the many parts of the world whom You are sending to their doorstep. Equip them with understanding and leadership as they meet the needs of these students. Open the hearts of these students to hear Your true Word and through the Holy Spirit come to a saving faith in You. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.*