

MISSION GRANT SPOTLIGHT

# Reaching immigrants in North Texas



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Holy Scripture tells us God, our Savior, desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:3-4). Multi-Ethnic Ministry of North Texas is reaching out to immigrant and refugee communities to share this saving knowledge.

The ministry was started in July 2017 and is a partnership of the Texas District and the congregations of Faith, Plano, and Our Redeemer, Dallas.

The mission field is now in our own backyard. It is estimated that there are about 135,000 foreign-born residents living in Vickery Meadow, an ethnically diverse neighborhood



in Dallas. Some of the residents are from Ethiopia, Congo, Rwanda, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. Many of them immigrate in order to escape persecution.

This ministry is also working with Faith, Plano, by coordinating English as a Second Language classes for the communities in the Plano area. There are people from Syria,

China, Philippines, El Salvador, Ethiopia and Mexico attending the classes.

A church plant has opened in Fort Worth for Anyuak-speaking Ethiopians. Rev. Dr. Solomon Yadessa, who leads Multi-Ethnic Ministry of North Texas, communicates the Gospel to them in Amharic, which is a common Ethiopian national language. St. Paul, Fort Worth, is preparing to host this new plant.

Multi-Ethnic Ministry is helping to meet spiritual, physical and social needs. In addition to Word and Sacrament ministry, the ministry helps individuals get drivers licenses and needed items like diapers, clothes and household items; and provides transportation to hospitals and clinics, and tutors for students. One of their vital activities is bringing children to Our Redeemer, Dallas, on Saturday mornings for an opportunity to play in a safe place outside or in the gym, and then for Bible lessons and lunch. The ministry is expanding its activities with more involvement of members of the sister congregations.

Since the inception of Multi-Ethnic Ministry much has been done, but there is still much to do. However, as one worker says: "It's a joyful ministry!" We pray for its continued success working for the Lord.



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

# Time in the Word

As we begin a new year, I want to highlight what I believe is the most important of the six strategic goals LWML set in 2016.

In what way may we **help individuals/groups prioritize time in the Word?**

1. Research existing resources.
2. Build on existing and develop new resources to fill gaps.
3. Educate general membership about resources.
4. Model use of Bible study (LWML materials) at all LWML events.

Finding time daily to be in God's Word is important to every Lutheran woman in mission. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Ps. 119:105).

LWML offers numerous resources for women to be in God's Word often. I strongly encourage everyone to take advantage of these resources — most of which are in downloadable formats — at [lwml.org](http://lwml.org) (top of page under "The Word" tab).

LWML Texas District models the use of LWML materials at all meetings as we share devotionals and Bible studies. All church groups are encouraged to begin their meetings with time in God's Word using the resources LWML offers.

Let's make one of our resolutions for the new year be to prioritize time in God's Word. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly" (Col. 3:16a).

**Serving with JOY**  
Debbie Curry



## Apply now for LWML scholarship

January is a time to make new year resolutions. If you will be attending an LCMS institution of higher learning in the 2019-20 school year, resolve now to apply for a Texas District LWML scholarship.

Scholarships are awarded to women from LCMS Texas District congregations who are studying to become LCMS full-time professional church workers.

To apply, visit [lwmltxdist.org](http://lwmltxdist.org). From the "About Us" tab, select "Scholarships" from the drop-down menu and download the Eligibility and Application packet. For more information, contact Marlene White, Scholarship Committee chairman, by clicking her link at [lwmltxdist.org/contact-your-district-officers](http://lwmltxdist.org/contact-your-district-officers).

**Completed application forms must be sent to Marlene, postmarked by March 31.**

## MITES UPDATE

**2018-20 Mite Goal:** \$350,900

**Mites received through October:** \$89,532

**Mission grants paid through October:** \$39,750

### Send mites to:

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## New leaders in place for South Plains Zone



South Plains Zone had its Fall Rally at Redeemer, Lubbock on Oct. 27. Rebecca Heckmann, zone Young Woman Representative (YWR), was the featured speaker. Pictured, from left, Krista Holder, outgoing secretary/treasurer (thank you!); Kathy Klatt, newly elected secretary/treasurer; Corlis Norman, newly elected president; Heckmann; and Rev. Michael Heckmann, zone counselor.

## LWML 38th Biennial Convention

June 20-23 • Mobile, Ala.  
Deadlines

**Feb. 6:** LWML Texas District banner designs due to President Debbie Curry. For more information, see the 2018 fall edition of *Linked by Love* at [lwmltxdist.org/linked-love](http://lwmltxdist.org/linked-love).

**March 1:** Names of certified 2019 LWML Convention delegates and alternates