

2024–2026 Proposed Mission Grant Descriptions

- 1. Christian Education Scholarships K–12, Central Texas** **\$25,000**
CT Foundation for Christian Education, Inc. is a non-profit organization focused on expanding access to high-quality K–12 Christian education in Central Texas through scholarships. The funds will allow increased scholarship awards and enable families with financial needs to afford to send their children to a school where Christ is openly proclaimed.
- 2. New Life Children’s Center Spiritual Care Program, Canyon Lake** **\$20,000**
New Life Children’s Center Spiritual Care Program creates faith opportunities for girls experiencing trauma due to abuse and neglect to experience God in different ways as a means of healing. The funds will be used to pay ministry expenses, to purchase Bibles, Bible studies, as well as gardening and art therapy materials.
- 3. Orphan Grain Train Shipping Supplies, Houston** **\$15,000**
The Orphan Grain Train, Houston, volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs in the Houston area and around the world. The funds will provide storage and shipping supplies to be used in bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who need assistance.
- 4. Proclaiming Christ to People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired (LBW)** **\$20,000**
Lutheran Braille Workers, along with Texas volunteers, will increase production of English and Spanish Bibles, Bible studies, devotions, and prison ministry materials in braille or large print, to share the Gospel and Jesus’ love with people worldwide who are blind or visually impaired. The funds will be used for supplies, equipment costs, printing, and shipping supplies.
- 5. Offering Women Hope: Blue Blossom Pregnancy Centers and Maternal Assistance Program, Houston** **\$8,000**
Blue Blossom Pregnancy Centers help women in crisis pregnancies. The funds will be used through the Maternal Assistance program to provide life-affirming aid such as pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and Christian counseling, as well as Bibles and devotional books.
- 6. Disciple and Mobilize Youth for Gospel Outreach, Glocal Mission, Houston** **\$12,000**
Glocal Mission will create specialized programming to gather, train, and organize youth ministry leaders and youth evangelists in Houston for Christ-centered outreach. The funds will provide for the training, materials, supplies, needed food for activities and outreach, and Gospel outreach resources.
- 7. Whatever is True, Faith Lutheran School, Plano** **\$15,000**
Faith Lutheran School strives to present each student complete in Christ through daily worship, Biblical teachings, outstanding classroom education, and other programming. The funds will provide tuition assistance for income-challenged families seeking classical Christ-centered Lutheran education for students in preschool through grade 12.
- 8. Disaster Response Team, Trinity Lutheran Church, Tyler** **\$15,000**
The Trinity Lutheran Church Disaster Response Team in Tyler ministers to the spiritual and physical needs of those affected by disasters by compassionately listening to the stories of people affected by the storms and sharing the love of Christ in Word and assistance. The funds will provide for spiritual materials, new equipment, and equipment maintenance.
- 9. Adventure Woods Day Camp Outreach, Camp Lone Star, Tomball** **\$20,000**
Camp Lone Star is looking to expand undeveloped acreage at the Pines Campus in Tomball. Adventure Woods, a Christ-centered day camp program with classic camping activities, is scheduled to launch in the summer of 2025 reaching 1,500 campers in a year. The funds will be used to purchase recreation equipment and challenge course materials.

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- 10. Little Lambs Parents' Day Out Ministry Playground Equipment, Sulphur Springs** **\$10,000**
Little Lambs Parents' Day Out Ministry at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Sulphur Springs focuses on teaching pre-kindergarten and toddler students about the salvation won for us by our Savior, Jesus Christ, and God's love for them. The funds will provide age-appropriate playground equipment and will allow for future expansion of the program.
- 11. For LIFE Youth Apologetics Retreat, Y4Life** **\$10,000**
Lutherans For Life exists to equip Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. High school and college youth struggle to witness to their peers and classmates regarding life topics. The funds will be used for a two-day Texas retreat, where up to 100 youth will be empowered to uphold life and serve others as ambassadors for life.
- 12. Hereford Hispanic Outreach Program, Hereford** **\$25,000**
Hereford Hispanic Outreach Program desires to offer a Christ-centered after-school program. Renovations are needed at Immanuel Lutheran Church for hosting the program, Bible study, ESL, VBS, and other outreach ministries. The funds will assist with building repairs, establishing an after-school program, materials, equipment, and a director's stipend.
- 13. Shepherd's Canyon Retreat Ministry Scholarships** **\$15,000**
Shepherd's Canyon Retreat offers a week-long counseling retreat for men and women in full-time ministry who are in various stages of burnout, stress, depression, compassion fatigue, and conflicts of all kinds. The funds will assist pastors, ministry workers, and spouses in attending a retreat in Arizona.
- 14. Ethnic and Young Adult Mission Developments, LINC South Texas** **\$20,000**
LINC South Texas will develop ministry and outreach initiatives in South Texas by connecting ethnic groups to existing Lutheran congregations, and by forming new ethnic and non-ethnic young adult groups. The funds will assist with educational materials, hospitality for young adult groups, pastoral training, rallies, promotional materials, and programming.
- 15. Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care Warehouse Repairs, El Paso** **\$20,000**
Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care distributes 150 weekly food baskets and other personal items in the El Paso and Juarez community. Each recipient receives the saving Word of our Lord and Savior through prayer, LCMS pamphlets, and a Bible. The funds will provide aid for much needed repairs to the food and distribution warehouses.
- 16. Let It Shine Academy, Bethany, Austin, Lutheran Special Education Ministries** **\$10,000**
The Let It Shine Academy at Bethany Lutheran Church, Austin, was established by Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM) and is a preschool designed to address the unique needs of children, particularly those on the autism spectrum and those needing early intervention. The funds will provide tuition assistance, materials, and training needed to support the school's Christ-centered learning environment.

Seminarian Scholarships for Texas Students **\$40,000**
As stated in Standing Rule 35, the Seminarian Scholarships for Texas Students is automatically funded. The Mission Grants Committee recommends the amount of \$40,000 for the 2024–2026 biennium. The delegates will be asked to approve the amount.

Proposed Mission Grants	\$260,000
<u>Seminarian Scholarships</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>
Total Request	\$300,000
75% inside of Texas	\$225,000
25% outside of Texas	\$75,000