

**LWML Texas District  
Mission Grants 2016-2018**

**1. Scholarships for Seminarians – Texas District LCMS \$40,000**

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 are requested to assist seminary students from the Texas District. By this support, you are 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.*

**2. DCE Scholarships – Concordia University Texas 24,000**

Realizing the importance of supporting the development of the next generation of Christian Leaders in church work, the requested funds will be used to provide academic scholarships for students pursuing their Director of Christian Education (DCE) degree.

*Lord God, lead us in Your truth and teach us, for You are the God of our salvation. Let Your Word take root in the hearts of those who are taught to be Directors of Christian Education, and send them to faithfully teach that same Word and plant it home in the hearts of children, youth, and adults who hear it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

**3. Apartment Ministry to Muslim Women – Disciples of the Way \$15,000**

Because of limiting cultural customs and the ability of women to help one another, funds used by mission minded women help other ethnic women and their children learn of the Risen Christ. Using teaching, fellowship, and Bible study, the Gospel is brought right into the homes where these women live.

*Lord of all, You sent Your Son Jesus to be the only Way to You, the one Truth for our salvation, and the Life that is eternal. As Muslim women participate in the Sewing Seeds of Faith Program, free them from the oppressing burden of Islam that demands they earn salvation. Through the faithful witness given by Your people, show them the salvation that You freely give by grace through faith; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

**4. We >I (We is Greater Than I) – LINC Austin \$15,000**

This mission grant will help leaders to reach into the Austin Community by holistically meeting needs, building relationships and sharing the Gospel. It will also be used for support of street youth and homeless, tutoring and mentoring in schools, and establishing a community for those who are too old for foster care.

*Friend of sinners, You became poor to make us rich; You came for us, who are in greatest need of healing and forgiveness. As LINC Austin performs acts of mercy and compassion for those who are so often neglected and disregarded, let Your love shine through so that they would see You as their greatest Friend and Savior, the One who has laid down His life for all. In Your name we pray. Amen.*

**5. Disaster Relief – Holy Cow Smokers \$16,000**

The Holy Cow Smokers (HCS) Disaster Relief Ministry is in need of funds to purchase an enclosed heavy duty support trailer with specialized shelving, generator, portable hand washing sink, religious supplies, deployment supplies and other associated equipment and supplies to assist their efforts prior to and during a disaster relief deployment.

*Great Provider, You cared for the children of Israel in the wilderness, providing for their every need. Above all, You cared for our spiritual needs by sending Your one and only Son, Jesus, as a sacrifice to redeem us from the clutches of sin and death. Guide the hands and lips of the Holy Cow Smokers as they share the love of Jesus Christ both in word and in action to those in crisis situations. Strengthen the team members to be faithful witnesses of Your truth as they walk alongside those who have suffered such a great loss. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.*

**6. Equipping Youth to Witness for Life – Lutherans For Life \$10,000**

To train student leaders to begin life ministries on Lutheran campuses, including eight Texas Lutheran high schools and Concordia University Texas. These student-led ministries will educate their campus on the sanctity of life and serve at-risk men and women in their community.

*Lord of Life, You breathed into Adam's nostrils and gave him the gift of life. You reassured King David through the knowledge that You knitted us together in our mothers' wombs. Your consecration of Jeremiah before he was born laid claim on Your purpose for his life. We pray that You would use the ministry of Lutherans for Life, Y4Life specifically, to help students embrace the sanctity of human life. We honor You by protecting and nurturing all life, but especially the life of each unborn child of Yours. May Your Word be shared in love and truth by youth to youth who seek guidance in their lives. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.*

**7. Building Hope in Bufuula, Uganda – Hope, Lubbock \$24,000**

Bufuula, Uganda is a village stricken with a growing number of HIV/AIDS orphans and needy children and a high Muslim population. This mission grant will fund construction of a permanent classroom structure and women's sewing center. The building will be used to feed the villagers: heart, mind, and stomach.

*Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Great Missionary drawing all people to Yourself by sacrificing Yourself on the cross and rising again to prove that You are Lord of All. May the people of Bufuula, Uganda come to know You more fully each day through Hope, Bufuula. May the children in this school be brought up to walk in Your ways and to lead healthy lives that are a shining light to those around them. Continue to bless the sewing ministry in Bufuula so that the ladies would be drawn to God's Word and be encouraged by the skills that they acquire. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.*

**8. Meeting Room Media – Camp Lone Star \$12,000**

To provide up to date media equipment for Camp Lone Star's new Christ Cabin's Resurrection Meeting Room for Christian education to benefit children and adults spiritually, academically, and socially.

*Heavenly Father, we hear in the words of Your Son, that "whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it" (Mark 10:15). As Your children, young and old alike, attend camps, meetings, and other gatherings at Camp Lone Star we pray that the updated media equipment in the Christ Cabin's Resurrection Meeting Room will benefit all attendees spiritually, academically, and socially. We are also bold to pray that this new technology will spread the good news of God's unchanging Word to future generations who are easily engaged through ever changing technology. In the name of Jesus who is the same yesterday, today and forever we pray, Amen.*

**9. International Student Ministry – UT Arlington \$25,000**

The purpose of the funds is to serve and share the Gospel with International Students of University of Texas, Arlington at the Lutheran Student Center. These students, of many nations and faiths (Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist, Sikh and Christian), attend weekly lunches/dinners, programs and activities where they hear the Gospel and have opportunity for Bible Study and prayer.

*Lord of all, You sent Your Son, Jesus, to be the only Way to You, the one Truth for our salvation. The Life that is eternal. As international students participate in this ministry at UT Arlington, free them from the burden of false beliefs. Reveal to them that there are no gods other than the one true and Triune God. Remove their belief that they must earn their salvation, assuring them that the price of salvation has already been paid in full and is God's gift to them, just as it is to us. Strengthen those who minister to them as they serve as faithful witnesses to You. Provide the salvation that You freely give by grace through faith; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.*

**10. Hispanic Ministry – Southeast Texas**

**\$25,000**

To financially support the ongoing ministry of the Gospel to unchurched Hispanics living in Southeast Texas through worship services, Bible study and ESL classes.

*Spirit of the Living God, on Pentecost You descended upon Jesus' disciples and opened their mouths to proclaim in many different languages the mighty works of God for salvation. Come still today and fill the hearts of Your faithful people, kindling in us the fire of Your love that we share with all. Grant Your blessing upon the Hispanic ministry in southeast Texas as You do Your work of bringing sinners to saving faith through the Word that is proclaimed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

**11. Outreach and Media Ministry – Apostolic Antiochian Church (Arab speaking LCMS Congregation)**

**\$800**

In addition to reaching beyond the walls of a building, the goal is to build a media presence in Arab speaking communities both locally and worldwide. As there is no salary for serving this North Texas immigrant community, funding will supplement travel costs to minister to this growing community.

*Lord Jesus, as so many people flee from persecution in the Middle East, bless the work done by the Outreach and Media Ministry of the Apostolic Antiochian Church. As they reach out to Arab Christians and Muslims, open the hearts and minds of those who seek refuge so that they not only become familiar with their new community, but also hear of and receive the blood bought gift of salvation earned for all people on the cross of Calvary and sealed as Christ rose again on the first Easter morning. Bless all who teach and hear this life giving message in either English or their native Arabic through Church and Sunday School opportunities, printed material, or TV broadcasts. In Your holy and precious name we pray, Amen.*