



**Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)
of the North Wisconsin District**

Spring 2011

Dear LWML members and Pastors,

The North Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League will hold its District Convention in Appleton, WI, in June of 2012. One of the highlights of the convention is the selection of Mission Grants for the biennium that are funded by our mite offerings.

This letter is an appeal asking you to submit a Mission Grant proposal for consideration at this convention. Grant proposals may be submitted by an LWML member, society, unit, zone, and/or the LCMS District Board of Directors.

To assist you in researching and formulating a resolution, I am including a "Question and Answer Guide to Submitting a Grant Proposal" sheet. Please also refer to your District Bylaws, Article XVIII, found on page B/15 of the NWD Bylaws section of the Handbook, and on page H/3 of the Society Guidelines section of the Handbook.

Remember that the LWML is an Auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Therefore, its mission programs and needs, especially those of our North Wisconsin District, should have primary consideration.

Be sure to send eight (8) copies of the resolution along with eight (8) copies of the cover page to the Mission Grants Committee Chairman by September 1, 2011. No grant proposals will be considered for the upcoming biennium if received after that date. Please contact me, the Mission Grants Director,

If you have any further questions.

Serving the Lord with Gladness,

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COVER PAGE FOR MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS

Name of Mission Grant: _____

Amount Requested: \$ _____

Submitted by: LWML member _____

LWML society _____ LWML unit _____

LWML Zone _____ Other _____

Name of CONTACT PERSON: _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Telephone (____) _____ E-mail address _____

Congregation _____

Name of PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR: _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Telephone (____) _____ e-mail address _____

FUNDS will be sent to: _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Telephone (____) _____ e-mail address _____

The LWML Mission Grants Committee will submit all grant proposals for endorsement to the LCMS Mission Board in the District where project will occur. International projects will be submitted to the LCMS Board of Mission Services for endorsement.

A QUESTION AND ANSWER GUIDE TO SUBMITTING A DISTRICT MISSION GRANT PROPOSAL – NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT

WHO MAY SUBMIT A GRANT PROPOSAL?

Individual LWML members, societies, units, zones, LCMS World Mission and/or a recognized service organization of the LCMS.

WHERE CAN I GET IDEAS FOR A MISSION GRANT PROPOSAL?

Pray for the Lord's guidance.

Ask your Pastor. Study the programs in your district, zone, congregation. Read District and LCMS publications. Learn about special ministries to the underprivileged, aged, handicapped, or rehabilitation programs. Contact the NWD – LCMS office for suggestions. Search the educational needs in LCMS schools and preschools. You can submit grant proposals that have been on ballots of previous conventions but were not adopted. Look at past convention manuals for ideas.

ONCE I HAVE AN IDEA FOR A MISSION PROPOSAL, WHAT DO I DO?

Research the grant proposal by asking these questions:

- Does it fall within the framework of LWML Mission Grants criteria?
- Does it fit into the plans and projects of the LCMS and the NWD LCMS?
- Is it mission in emphasis – does it extend the ministry of the Word?
- How does this reach the unchurched for Christ?
- Is it ready for implementation?
- Is it well documented?

Contact the people involved and ask questions:

- Are there other funding sources?
- If this is a partial funding, who will fund the remainder?
- Who will the contact person be if the grant is adopted?
- Who will administer the funds and implement the project?
- What is the cost of land, facilities, construction equipment, etc.?
- What is the salary, scholarship, etc., amount?
- How many people will benefit from this program?

NOW THAT I HAVE THE INFORMATION, HOW DO I PREPARE A PROPOSAL?

Your proposal will need these pieces:

1. The Cover Page for Mission Grant Proposals
2. The Resolution
3. Photos that are representative of the grant and that can be used in the PowerPoint presentation at convention. Six to eight photos are needed; they can be sent as prints or in a digital format.

THE COVER PAGE

The cover page should be detailed and include the information you gathered following the guidelines from the first page. All of the contact information you provide is needed to administer the grant successfully be very complete!

THE RESOLUTION

The resolution should be concise and specific, including grant goals, needs, amount of money needed and the purpose for which the funds will be used.

SAMPLE RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, in 1 Timothy 2:4, we are told that God our Savior, “wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth;” and

WHEREAS, the Lord has opened the doors at _____ Lutheran Church, (location) for the good news of salvation to be preached to the Hispanic community; and

WHEREAS, the members are experiencing some difficulty in attending services, church functions and activities as they live a distance from the church; and their economic status prohibits them from purchasing cars; and

WHEREAS, the use of a van would greatly encourage attendance among the people in the mission who are spread out in different neighborhoods throughout the country, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League assembled in convention, (date and location of convention), grant the sum of (amount of funds requested) to _____ Lutheran Church in (location) _____ to aid in the purchase of a van so many people may have the opportunity to hear the Word of God.

Submitted by:

Name of Church _____

Name of Society and zone _____

Address _____

Name of society president _____

For further examples of resolutions, refer to past convention manuals.

NOW WHAT DO I DO?

Send eight (8) copies of the cover page and eight (8) copies of the

Resolution to the NWD Mission Grants Director on or before September 1, 2011.
Only 1 set of the photos are needed; they can be sent as prints or in a digital format to:

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WHAT HAPPENS TO MY GRANT PROPOSAL WHEN SHE RECEIVES IT?

*It is dated and checked to make sure that all the necessary information is

included and that the LWML guidelines have been followed.

* After preliminary study by the NWD LWML Mission Grants Committee, proposals are submitted to the appropriate LCMS Mission Board for endorsement.

*After the grant proposal receives the necessary endorsement(s), the NWD

LWML Mission Grants Committee will meet to review each grant proposal. A list of grant proposals is selected to be placed on the convention ballot.

*This proposed ballot is submitted to the NWD LWML Board for approval at its February Board meeting.

*Contact persons for every grant proposal are notified when the grant is placed on the ballot, and again immediately after the convention to indicate if

the grant has been selected or denied.

Grants will be paid as the funds become available.

IF I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS, WHAT DO I DO?

Contact the District Mission Grants Director.

Mission grants are an outreach program of LWML. The first question we as LWML members should ask is: how does this project reach the unchurched for Christ? The fields are ready for harvest. It is our responsibility to, by faith, answer the call and select the grants that we can support. What a responsibility God has entrusted to us! LWML is an auxiliary of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Its mission programs, especially those of our North Wisconsin District, should have primary consideration.

Support our mission grants with both your mites and your prayers!

Serve the Lord with Gladness!