

Mission Offerings Projects

June 2021-June 2022

Project descriptions are found in the 2020-2021 Home and World Missions Projects booklet.

Home Mission Projects

HM-2020-05: Musical Assistance

Home mission congregations are not always blessed with a pipe organ or even a piano. They often use portable equipment such as electronic keyboards, computer-generated music, or CD players with sound amplification. The costs for computers, software, and sound equipment are a challenge when establishing mission congregations. Your gifts will enrich their worship services as they acquire these electronic tools to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

HM-2020-13: WELS Campus Ministry Support

Students on college campuses are often faced with many new choices, not all God-pleasing. During their college years, students are often living away from home for the first time -- it is critical for them to have guidance from God's Word that is both meaningful and practical for daily living. The Campus Ministry Committee (CMC) assists congregations in ministering to college students and other young adults with the means of grace so they may grow in their faith, be trained for service, and reach out to the lost. One of the main ways the CMC assists congregations is in maintaining a synod-wide database of college students to help campus pastors reach and serve students while they are at college. The CMC also provides materials for campus pastors and congregations, funding for new ministry initiatives and ongoing ministries, counsel to ministries requesting assistance, and opportunities for campus pastors to grow spiritually and to network ideas through regular staff conferences. Your gifts to the CMC will help assist congregations to reach out and serve these young people on college campuses with the Word of God.

World Mission Projects

WM-2020-28: Latin America Special Projects

There are many other project requests across Latin America that enhance our gospel ministry efforts. Your gifts will help to fund projects such as Church-Planting or Sister Synod Support. Once someone takes all the online courses offered through Academia Cristo and is identified as a promising leader and church planter, Latin America missionaries will make on-the-ground training visits and offer seminars to continue mentoring him and supporting him in his outreach to his communities. This is church planting support. The Latin America Missions team has already made these kinds of visits in Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Puerto Rico, and many more places. Sister Synod Support is World Missions working to share the gospel message throughout Latin America. for many years. The Lord has blessed that effort, and strong independent sister synods now exist in Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Mexico, Peru, and Puerto Rico. Much of our work in Latin America has turned to the outreach efforts through Academia Cristo, as national pastors have taken over what had been the work of missionaries in their church. However, we continue to partner with our sister synods in outreach and sometimes support them financially.

WM-2020-29: Native American Special Projects

WELS Native American Missions are currently located on the Fort Apache and San Carlos Apache Reservations in eastern Arizona. Apache Christians are asking to be equipped to share Christ's love with more people on their own reservations and even into other tribes. Apache Lutheran teachers have connections with different Native American tribes and are ready to reach out with the saving message of the gospel to the more than 500 reservations scattered across North America. Your gifts will support the following projects and others as needed: exploratory visits and online outreach to other Native American tribes; materials for outreach, Sunday schools, youth ministry, small group Bible studies and support groups, grief counseling, addiction recovery ministries and more; property repairs and renovations at the churches, schools, parsonages and teacherages; and continuing education for the pastoral and teaching staff; and humanitarian aid projects.

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