

Mission Offerings Projects

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

Home Mission Projects

Project #HM-2020-01: First Public Service Assistance

The Board for Home Missions authorizes the start of new missions. After those missions receive a pastor, planning takes place for the first worship service. Advertising materials and mailings need to be completed and service folders and welcome signs produced. Creative ways to get the word out may have additional costs. New mission congregations want the first service to be well received and want to promote a warm invitation to their community. Your gifts will fund these needed preparations and encourage those who will expend countless hours of effort.

Project #HM-2020-17: Cross-Cultural Mission Conferences and Training

This project assists Pastoral Studies Institute (PSI) graduates and current PSI students to gather for growth in God's Word and for training in ministry. Your gifts will allow various crosscultural and people-group ministries to gather for training conferences and be encouraged to faithfully serve in gospel ministry.

World Mission

Projects Project #WM-2020-08: Africa Theological Education

WELS offers financial support for the seminaries in Zambia, Cameroon, and Nigeria and the preseminary facility (Lutheran Bible Institute) in Malawi. In addition to supporting WELS and national professors, teachers, and workers, funds are required for campus infrastructure improvements including classroom and library expansions. These updates will accommodate theological training to meet the growing demands for training parish pastors and offer continuing education for existing pastors.

Project #WM-2020-13: Hmong Outreach in Vietnam Project

In 2011, a leader of the Hmong Fellowship Church (HFC) in Vietnam reached out to Rev. Bounkeo Lor, a Hmong WELS pastor in Kansas City, Kansas, with a request for theological training. Lor began making trips in 2012 to train 60 leaders of the HFC in the truths of the gospel. Since training began, the HFC has grown from 55,000 to more than 120,000 members and the message of grace has brought peace to their church body. The Communist Vietnamese government noticed this positive change and invited WELS to build a theological training facility in the capital city of Hanoi in 2017. A synodwide campaign has brought in the funds necessary to buy the land and build the training facility, but additional funds will be needed on an annual basis to pay for the continued training and operation of the facility. Your gifts will support the ongoing Hmong training in Vietnam and, with the Lord's blessing, outreach to the 2 million Hmong living in Vietnam and the surrounding countries of China, Laos, and Myanmar.