

LWML SWD Mission Grant Proposals for 2018 – 2020

1. Support for Sri Lanka with a Multipurpose Construction Project \$40,000

Purpose: To allow the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sri Lanka to move forward with the training of native pastors and deacons as well as provide a location for the central office of the CELC in addition to sanctuary and preschool space for Immanuel Lutheran Church in the capital of Colombo.

WHEREAS the LCMS has been active in Sri Lanka since 1927 and is evidenced by 4 congregations and 7 preaching stations, and,

WHEREAS the need to train pastors and deacons is evidenced by interest and enrollment in pre-seminary classes founded by LCMS missionaries in January 2017, and,

WHEREAS the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church would benefit by having a physical address for business purposes, and,

WHEREAS the local congregation and Sri Lankans in general do not have the financial means to establish and support such a building program (The average weekly pay for a worker is \$10), and,

WHEREAS the church in Sri Lanka has obtained the necessary permission from the Board of Directors of the LCMS to move forward with a building project that will include a new sanctuary, room for seminary training and housing, office for the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church and a preschool (Total cost, \$350,000 for construction, not including furnishings), be it therefore

RESOLVED that the LWML SWD in convention vote the sum of \$40,000 toward the construction and furnishing of the multi-purpose building project undertaken by the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

2. Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church Ministry Outreach \$12,000

Purpose: To minister to the physical and spiritual needs of the people of the central city of Milwaukee. Funds received would be used for the following outreach programs: Kids for Christ program, food pantry, the soup kitchen, the men's fellowship program, distribution of school supplies, ministry to the homeless, and the clothing pantry.

WHEREAS Luke 19:10 tells us, "*For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.*" and,

WHEREAS we learn in 2 Corinthians 5:5 that, "*He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.*" and,

WHEREAS God has placed Bethany in the heart of an area of Milwaukee's inner city that is deeply in need of Him, and,

WHEREAS Bethany has accepted the responsibility of reaching His lost children to help them meet their physical and spiritual needs, and,

WHEREAS God has brought Pastor Ikanih to lead the ministry at Bethany, be it therefore

RESOLVED that the LWML SWD in convention vote the sum of \$12,000 so that Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church can continue to reach out to the lost souls of the city of Milwaukee.

3. International Student Ministry, UW-Milwaukee **\$7,500**

Purpose: Continued support and staffing for ministry and aid to internationals

WHEREAS Matthew 28:19 states, "*Go and make disciples of all nations,*" and,

WHEREAS International Student Ministry (ISM) is a Recognized Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Service Organization, and,

WHEREAS ISM is a ministry of Luther Memorial Chapel, where friendship and hospitality to international students, scholars, immigrants, and families is offered, and,

WHEREAS ISM is an outreach ministry that seeks to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of arriving internationals in a distinctly Lutheran approach to the sharing of the Gospel, and,

WHEREAS Internationals are interested in learning the English language and about the American culture, and,

WHEREAS Internationals perceive that Americans are predominantly Christian, and,

WHEREAS Internationals have a need for friendship, warm clothing, household furnishings, and help navigating within the American society, and,

WHEREAS Ninety percent of internationals come from countries that are not predominantly Christian and two thirds of the countries are closed to Christian missionaries, and,

WHEREAS Internationals are intelligent, inquisitive, and by nature risk takers and open to new experiences (an atmosphere in which people are most open to the Gospel), and,

WHEREAS Through the relationships built, the internationals are invited to participate in Bible study and worship so that when they return to their home countries they will be able to share this Gospel message with their families and communities, be it therefore

RESOLVED That Luther Memorial Chapel by receiving \$7,500 in funding for ISM from the LWML SWD, ISM will be able to continue to reach out; and expand these efforts to those from other lands who have not heard the Gospel. We are seeking new and creative ways for this congregation to share the Gospel in a compassionate manner with the internationals whom God is sending to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the surrounding community. Our efforts will continue to meet the mission guidelines of the League.

4. Reaching Visually Impaired Inmates with God's Love \$8,000

Purpose: Open work centers to produce the ESV in 14 point APhont for inmates

WHEREAS Hebrews 13:3 says, "*Remember those who are in prison as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated since you also are in the body,*" and,

WHEREAS Lutheran Braille Workers receives requests weekly for large print Bibles by visually impaired people who are incarcerated, and,

WHEREAS only a small percentage of inmates are allowed to receive our current large print Bible because of the size and spiral binding and,

WHEREAS every visually impaired person who is incarcerated should be given the same opportunity to worship and study the same translation as sighted people, be it therefore

RESOLVED that the LWML SWD in convention vote the sum of \$8,000 to help fund opening new Lutheran Braille Workers' large print centers for the production of the ESV Bible in 14 point APhont to be distributed to visually impaired people who are incarcerated throughout the United States.

5. Alaska Native Discipleship Teen Camp \$20,000

Purpose: Offer two Native Teen Camps (one for younger teens and the other for older teens) to disciple these young people in their faith walk with the Lord and equip them to make wise choices that will impact the rest of their lives as they become leaders and good citizens as caretakers of their families, the land and their communities.

WHEREAS 2 Timothy 2:15 says, "*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.*" and,

WHEREAS Rev. Dave Sternbeck (Nu-chah-nulth) and his wife, Rosemary, moved to Alaska in 2012 to establish the Mission Training Center in Fairbanks and build connections between Native villages and volunteer teams, and,

WHEREAS volunteers, who have gone to the same Native villages for over 10 years teaching VBS, have seen the young people grow up and want to disciple them further in their faith, and,

WHEREAS after the first Teen Camp in 2014, 18 youth were baptized over the following three summers, and the number of teens attending has nearly tripled over the four years, with interest continuing to grow, and,

WHEREAS Teen Camp has outgrown the Mission Training Center and Camp Bingle and it is desirable to offer a second teen camp with an emphasis on teaching life skills to older teens and challenging them to grow in their faith relationship with Jesus Christ, and,

WHEREAS of the 567 federally recognized tribes in the U.S., 229 are in Alaska where 16% of the population is Alaska Native and the majority live in 200 villages, and,

WHEREAS alcoholism, abuse and suicide plague Native communities at a rate that is among the highest in the nation and over one in four Alaska Natives live in poverty, and,

WHEREAS statistics indicate that less than 5% of Native Americans know Jesus as their Lord and Savior and many teens lack good Christian role models, and,

WHEREAS funds are needed to provide scholarships for Native teens to cover the cost of round trip flights from the villages, food, activities and camp rental fees including bringing in trained Native counselors, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the LWML SWD assembled in convention June 22-23, 2018 in Waukesha, grant the sum of \$20,000 to cover airfare, food and fees for Alaska Native teens attending teen camp.

6. LCMS Mission Central Support for Missionary Expenses \$10,000

Purpose: Spreading the Gospel

WHEREAS since we have the ability to act NOW on Galatians 6:10, *“Therefore, as we have the opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”* and,

WHEREAS Jesus has called many to work for Him, and since those called are required to provide the necessary resources to meet expenses needed before and throughout mission service, and,

WHEREAS the staff at Mission Central are daily involved with the very most current missionary needs and updates and can immediately disperse it when it is available, be it therefore

RESOLVED that the LWML SWD adopt as one of its mission grants for the 2018-2020 biennium the sum of \$10,000 to enable this missionary support.

7. Lutheran Books for Missionaries Around the World \$12,000

Purpose: To provide Lutheran books translated in the language of the people they serve for Gospel outreach

WHEREAS the Holy Spirit encourages us to reach out to all people with Christ's saving Gospel in a language they can understand, as at Pentecost: "*How is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?*" (Acts 2:8), and,

WHEREAS LCMS missionary to Papua New Guinea, Rev. Larry Matro, says, "Nothing can reach a person better than the Word of God in a language they can truly understand"," and,

WHEREAS LCMS missionaries and church partners around the world are facing a big hurdle to introducing new believers to Jesus because they lack good Lutheran books translated in the languages of the people they serve, and,

WHEREAS for more than 25 years the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (a LCMS recognized service organization) has been translating books like *Luther's Small Catechism* (in more than 80 languages) and *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories* (in more than 25 Languages), therefore let it be

RESOLVED that the LWML SWD in convention vote the sum of \$12,000 to help fund supplying our LCMS missionaries and church partners with good Lutheran books translated in the languages of the people they serve.

8. Financial Assistance for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN Food & Clothing Co-op to Purchase Food \$10,000

Purpose: Provide food for students preparing for full-time church work to reduce the financial needs of the family during their time of preparation.

WHEREAS Christ in His Holy Word commands us to go and teach all nations about Him and what He has done for us (Matthew 28:19), and,

WHEREAS individuals from around this country and the world come to Concordia Theological Seminary to prepare to serve God's people here in the United States as well as in mission work around the world, and,

WHEREAS when students make the decision to leave their jobs and come to the seminary with their families, they no longer have the same financial flow of funds that they had before, but continue to have the same financial needs, and,

WHEREAS spouses in many student families do find employment in Fort Wayne, but most are marginalized because the employers know that they will only be

here for a short time, throwing families into difficult financial positions, and,

WHEREAS the seminary seeks to reduce this financial burden by providing students access to a Food Co-op, which currently supplies between 80% and 90% of all families' food and household needs each month at no cost to the student, relying upon donations from individuals, congregations and organizations, therefore be it

RESOLVED That the LWML SWD assembled in Convention in Waukesha, Wisconsin in June 2018 grant the sum of \$10,000 for the purchase of perishable items for the Food and Clothing Co-op of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana for the 2018-2020 biennium.

9. Shelter My Sheep – Free at Last Ministry \$20,000

Purpose: Continue to provide support of spiritual care, mentoring inside and outside of prison walls

WHEREAS continued support of spiritual care is crucial to any new Christian,

WHEREAS the Holy Spirit working through Bible studies focused on the whole Word of God, and knowing that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has a plan for all who believe, and,

WHEREAS providing tools to help guide these new lambs for developing structured “crime-free” lifestyles for themselves that will effectively sustain them on their journey back into the general public, and,

WHEREAS Romans 12:1 encourages, “*So brothers, since God has shown us great mercy, I beg you to offer your lives as a living sacrifice to him. Your offering must be only for God and pleasing to him. This is the spiritual way for you to worship.*” The needs of those released from prison are great, and the staff and volunteers of Free at Last Ministry are struggling to meet those needs, be it therefore

RESOLVED that the LWML SWD in convention approve \$20,000 to provide continued mentoring and assist in locating safe housing for those released new lambs brought to the Lord through Free at Last Ministry.

10. We Have Come Into This House/Gospel Lutheran Church \$50,000

Purpose: To enhance worship experience

WHEREAS the paramount need for the successful operation of inner city Lutheran churches (schools) continues to escalate in the city of Milwaukee, and,

WHEREAS the clear value one obtains from worshipping and studying in an architecturally historical house of the Lord makes a clear impression on ones' life, and,

WHEREAS also attracting new members to worship truly becomes easier once they have visited a well maintained historical location such as Gospel Lutheran Church, and,

WHEREAS furthering our mission to bring lost souls to salvation in Christ and by doing so equip the ever-changing community to become believers and live a fruitful life in Him, be it therefore

RESOLVED that we, the LWML Society of Gospel Lutheran Church, request that the LWML SWD grant the sum of \$50,000 to Gospel Lutheran Church to replace the nearly 100 year-old roof of the church and school.

11. Support for Concordia Seminary's International Graduate School Students \$7,500

Purpose: Concordia Seminary's program of forming international Graduate School students prepares them to carry out the Great Commission. When these students earn their advanced-level theological degrees and return to their home countries, they will be in key positions to expand the global proclamation of Christ's love and the message of eternal salvation through faith in Him. Back in their home nations, these students will become teachers and church leaders. In these positions, they will have a considerable impact – one that will reach far into the future – on the spreading of the Gospel message throughout many countries.

WHEREAS the global proclamation of Christ's love and the message of eternal salvation through faith in Him continues to be paramount and, blessedly, the sharing of the Gospel message is increasing in a number of different parts of the world, and Lutheranism, in particular, is spreading in entire regions of different continents, and,

WHEREAS there is a significant shortage of well-formed Lutheran pastors with advanced theological education in the majority of these countries, options outside the U.S. are few for the advanced theological study that is needed for these pastors, and few overseas Lutheran church bodies have resources to send their most capable students to the U.S. for this advanced study, and,

WHEREAS Concordia Seminary's Graduate School not only stands ready to welcome these international students, but continues to give high priority to their formation, and,

WHEREAS the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has named supporting and expanding theological education as one of its key mission priorities to

ensure that there will be well-formed pastors to lead Lutheran congregations throughout the world, therefore be it

RESOLVED That the LWML SWD in convention vote the sum of \$7,500 to provide vital support for Concordia Seminary's International Graduate School students.

12. LUMIN Schools Discipleship Program **\$12,513**

Purpose: By integrating biblical truth throughout their curriculum, LUMIN Schools provide a traditional Christian education with rigorous academics, character building, and faith development of children grades K4-8. Supplying teachers and students with adequate copies of *The Story Bible*, *Faith Alive* ESV Student Bible, and Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation will augment and enliven their instruction in the *One in Christ* religious education curriculum and RISE UP character development program, realizing our sincere desire to make them disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

WHEREAS the Lutheran Urban Mission Initiative, Inc. (LUMIN) has responded to the need for Christ's influence in Milwaukee's urban communities, and,

WHEREAS by re-opening two closed Lutheran schools, assisting four failing Lutheran schools, and converting a secular school to a Christian school, Lutheran education has resumed or continued in Milwaukee's and Racine's urban communities, and,

WHEREAS the fruit of LUMIN's educational ministry and the evangelistic efforts of LUMIN's staff is evidenced by the increased enrollment in all LUMIN schools, and an increase in baptisms and personal engagement in LUMIN Schools' sponsoring churches, and,

WHEREAS all LUMIN students, along with academic and leadership training, receive religious instruction in the form of discipleship and Christian character development as part of LUMIN School's religious education curriculum, be it therefore

RESOLVED that the LWML SWD in convention vote the sum of \$12,513 to purchase the resources needed to facilitate LUMIN's Christ-centered Discipleship Program at the K4 to 8th grade levels: *The Story Bibles*, *Faith Alive* ESV Student Bibles, and Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation.

13. Prayers for Staff Supporting People with Disabilities **\$4,000**

Purpose: The Goal is to encourage, with God's Word and prayers, the staff who care for the people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) that Bethesda Lutheran Communities supports in 13 states. A "Prayers for Staff" book would put God's Word into the hands of every staff person,

including newly hired employees, with the prayer that the Holy Spirit blesses them as they care for people with disabilities with the love of Jesus.

WHEREAS St. Paul tells us “*to encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.*” (1 Thess. 5:11), and “*truly God listens to my prayer...Blessed be God that He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me.*” (Psalm 66:19-20), and,

WHEREAS giving Christ-centered support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities is a joyful, yet demanding job, and working with co-workers can be stressful, and,

WHEREAS God’s Word is used by the Holy Spirit to encourage in all circumstances, and the Lord is faithful in hearing and answering our prayers, letting us know we are loved and forgiven, and,

WHEREAS governmental funding cannot be used for religious purposes, be it therefore

RESOLVED that the LWML SWD members gathered in convention in Milwaukee June 22-23, 2018 grant the sum of \$4,000 to Bethesda Lutheran Communities “Prayers for Staff” book to give to their 2,600 employees and future employees as supply allows.

14. Scholarships for Low Income Campers at Camp LuWiSoMo \$20,000

Purpose: Supplement campers’ fees for families of low income children

WHEREAS Camp LuWiSoMo has received many requests in past summers to allow funding for low income campers to attend camp, and,

WHEREAS the camp’s current budget for 2018-2020 does not allow for extra funding to allow discounting camper rates, and,

WHEREAS new campers are the long-term life of Camp LuWiSoMo, and will continue to spread the word of our operations and communicate the value of camp offerings, and,

WHEREAS the families of many campers are not able to financially afford the cost of camp, and,

WHEREAS the LuWiSoMo Board of Directors believe it is important to give every child an opportunity to attend camp during their impressionable years and would like to see every child come to camp, regardless of ability to pay, and,

WHEREAS the full cost of the camp, estimated at \$400 per camper, would be offset on a graduated scale based on the family income for that family, and,

WHEREAS LuWiSoMo provides a safe environment for youth to expand their faith in a beautiful outdoor setting, be it therefore

RESOLVED that the LWML SWD in convention vote the sum of \$20,000 to fund scholarships for two years for children to attend our summer camp in Wild Rose, Wisconsin.

15. Final Printing of the Indonesian Lutheran Hymnal \$20,000

Purpose: To provide a Lutheran Hymnal for faithful Lutherans in Indonesia

WHEREAS the Indonesian Christian Lutheran Church (GKLI) is over 50 years old and is seeking to refine and solidify their identity as a faithful Lutheran church, and,

WHEREAS the GKLI has requested help from the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) for guidance in teaching their pastors and leaders, and,

WHEREAS after several workshops have been held by the LCMS, the Bahasa Book of Concord has been reprinted by a local Christian publishing company and distributed at these workshops, and,

WHEREAS now the GKLI has requested help from the LCMS to assemble a truly Lutheran hymnal which would contain worship liturgies and hymns that proclaim the Word of God rightly divided in Law and Gospel, and,

WHEREAS a hymnal committee has been formed and met several times with an LCMS deaconess who has helped to compile several ethnic hymnals, and,

WHEREAS the project is in the process of getting liturgies and hymns translated and assembled, and,

WHEREAS the target printing date/deadline is Reformation 2020, be it therefore

RESOLVED that the LWML SWD convention vote the sum of \$20,000 to fund the final printing of the Indonesian Lutheran Hymnal Project.

16. SWD Church Worker Grant \$30,000

Purpose: Assist church worker students (teachers, pastors, deaconess, DCE, DCO, lay ministers) who are studying to be full-time church workers at one of the synodical universities/seminaries with funds to be used toward tuition and board.

WHEREAS Jesus gave his final command in Mark 16:15, *“Go into all the world and Preach the Good News to all creation”* and Romans 10:14 says, *“how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching for them?”*, and,

WHEREAS The need for pastors, teachers and other professional church workers is critical both to serve the church at large and in the mission field, and,

WHEREAS The 2017-2018 average annual expense at a Synodical university is \$43,000 and at a Synodical seminary is \$50,000, and,

WHEREAS Such high educational costs have caused a genuine hardship for most students, many leaving with an average of \$22,500 or more per year in indebtedness, and has forced some to delay their Christian education or to drop out of college entirely, and,

WHEREAS the South Wisconsin District has over 150 church work students enrolled in one of our Synodical universities, and 25 enrolled in one of our Synodical seminaries for the 2016-2017 school year, and,

WHEREAS the South Wisconsin District provided aid to 35 church work students for the 2017-2018 school year, but the amount awarded was only 11% of their unmet need, and,

WHEREAS the seminaries have requested each district contribute \$3,000 per student per year, and,

WHEREAS the South Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League has representation on the South Wisconsin District Student Aid and Recruitment Committee, and thus, has a voice regarding distribution of moneys for grants, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the LWML SWD assembled in Convention, June 22-23, 2018, adopt the allocations of \$30,000 to the South Wisconsin District Student Aid and Recruitment Committee for scholarships for South Wisconsin District students attending one of our Synodical colleges or seminaries in preparation for full time service in the church.

17. SOS Center Enrichment Program **\$22,580**

Purpose: To provide educational enrichment in a safe Christian environment

WHEREAS the SOS Center provides a safe, caring, Christian environment for inner city youth and their families, and,

WHEREAS inner city youth will be provided with opportunities to learn and improve their educational skills while learning about the Gospel of Christ, and,

WHEREAS with God's love and guidance the youth can be guided to make better choices where they can improve their education, finish school, and stay away from drugs and jail, and,

WHEREAS inner-city Milwaukee youth need enriching educational and Christian activities offering opportunities and experiences outside of their community, connecting with others, and expanding their horizons, be it therefore

RESOLVED that the LWML SWD in convention vote the sum of \$22,580 to help fund the cost for one year for urban Milwaukee youth to attend After-School, Summer VBS, and Born to Lead because Christ Leads Us (BLCL) Leadership training to ensure their continued learning, skill development and growth in Christ's word.

18. Camp Courage: A Place of Hope and Healing **\$4,000**

Purpose: For children affected by disaster to gain spiritual tools to deal with their fears

WHEREAS God speaks to us in Isaiah 41:10, "*Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God: I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand*" and in Romans 8:28, "*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good for those who are called according to His purpose*", and,

WHEREAS children, like adults, can be profoundly affected by disasters with an impact leaving them spiritually and emotionally drained, mentally and physically distressed, and,

WHEREAS LCMS Disaster response provides Camp Courage, a vacation Bible school type camp that brings the Word of God to children in a way that enables them to grasp God's great love and compassion, and,

WHEREAS we pray that Camp Courage will be a blessing to those communities affected by disasters as God's comfort is brought to children, reminding them that they are loved by God and baptized into His family, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the LWML SWD assembled in convention during 2018, adopt as a mission grant to the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's Disaster Response Ministry the sum of \$4,000 for Camp Courage – A Place of Hope and Healing."

19. Post-Seminary Applied Learning and Support (PALS)
Curriculum and Resources **\$3,000**

Purpose: Provide study books for new pastors and their wives at no cost to them

WHEREAS in Jeremiah 3:15, "*And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding*", and,

WHEREAS new pastors and wives are encouraged to attend Post-Seminary Applied Learning and Support (PALS) Gatherings to help pastors and wives make a successful transition from seminary life to parish ministry, and,

WHEREAS PALS Gatherings and curriculum resources have greatly blessed pastors and wives through a transitional period, and,

WHEREAS continuing educational expenses frequently add to financial challenges for new pastors and their families, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the LWML SWD assembled in convention during 2018, adopt as a mission grant to The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's Pastoral Education the sum of \$3,000 for Post-Seminary Applies Learning and Support (PALS) Curriculum Resources.

20. Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families \$3,000

Purpose: To provide affordable opportunity for wives to attend wellness training

WHEREAS The Great Commission of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, commands us to reach out to all at home and abroad, further, *"And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelist, and some as pastors and teachers to equip the saints or the work of the ministry for building up the body of Christ."* (Ephesians 4:11-12), and,

WHEREAS The LCMS Ministry to the armed Forces supports almost 200 chaplains who represent the church on active duty, the reserves, the national Guard and Civil Air Patrol meeting the needs of God's people (military personnel and their families) where needed most and who serve in the vocation as members of our Armed Forces, and,

WHEREAS Church Worker retreats are focused on teaching God's kingdom workers to care for themselves and their families so that they can better care for those they serve, and,

WHEREAS Military benefits provided by the government includes an allowance from the U.S. Government (TAD/TDY/PTDY) for Chaplain travel expenses but does not cover costs for spouses or children making it financially challenging for families to attend Wellness Retreats, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the LWML SWD in convention during 2018, adopt as a mission grant to The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's Ministry to the Armed Forces the sum of \$3,000 for Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families.

21. Rosa J. Young Academies Organizational Development

\$5,000

- Purpose: To provide the educational, social, and emotional pillars upon which academically excellent servant leaders are developed in a safe, supportive, and nurturing learning community.
- WHEREAS the Lord in His wisdom speaks to us in Proverbs 22:6, “*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it*”, and,
- WHEREAS the number of youth in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has been declining steadily in the last generation; worthy models of Christian ministry and vocation are needed to inspire young people to embrace church careers and vocations, and,
- WHEREAS the RJY Academies & After School Program Initiative will vigorously collaborate with congregations in rural, urban, and inner-city communities to inspire the establishment of a new framework of Rosa J. Young Academies utilizing the benefits of Charter school structure, and,
- WHEREAS through the Word of God and Holy Spirit, the means of grace can make new believers from academies and afterschool tutorial and mentoring opportunities by providing positive life changing spiritual and character building programs. Therefore, be it
- RESOLVED that the LWML SWD assembled in convention during 2018, adopt as a mission grant to The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod’s Black & African Ministry the sum of \$5,000 to help fund the “Rosa J. Young Academies Education Management Organization”.