



CNH DISTRICT

CALIFORNIA NEVADA HAWAII
LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD



MISSION GRANT

OPPORTUNITIES



MINI GRANTS

PURPOSE: Investing in the priesthood of believers to spark “life-on-life” Gospel connections in communities throughout the CNH District. Covering the following three areas:



**SPARK
MINI GRANT**

PURPOSE: Empowering congregations to reach out to their communities

EXAMPLES: Food Drives, Community Meals, Family Movie Nights, Summer Mission Interns, Outreach at Community Events



**SHORT TERM
MISSION TRIP
SCHOLARSHIP**

PURPOSE: Provide lay people the opportunity to be involved in a focused immersive mission experience

EXAMPLES: International Mission Trips, Holy Land Experiences through a congregation, local immersion experiences



**LAY LEADERSHIP
TRAINING
SCHOLARSHIP**

PURPOSE: Training, experiential learning, and/or other leadership development opportunities that support the learning and development of Christian Laity.

EXAMPLES: Best Practices in Ministry; Multi-Cultural Events; Christian Mission Seminars or Conferences.

NEW MINISTRY START

PURPOSE: Planting or Replanting a Word and Sacrament LCMS Congregation (Faith Community) OR Start a New Mission and/or Ministry (Catalyst Grant)

CATALYST GRANT



QUALIFICATIONS: A new mission and/or ministry that is not immediately centered on Word and Sacrament but comes alongside Word and Sacrament ministry. May include starting a New Lutheran Pre-School, Lutheran Elementary School, Lutheran High School, Lutheran Organization, New Christ Based Social Service Mission/ Ministry

FAITH COMMUNITY GRANT



QUALIFICATIONS: Grants will be considered for mission starts that have at their core a commitment to disciple people in the Christian (Lutheran) faith through service and witness to their neighborhood or city, always with an eye toward formation of a new Word and Sacrament community. Church plants may include church re-plants when a former congregation's organization is replaced with new direction, purpose and leadership in order to respond evangelistically to the present and future community with the Gospel message.

MISSION CONGREGATION / WORKER SUPPORT

PURPOSE: Stability for under financed Mission Agency supported leaders and Ministries



QUALIFICATIONS: Grants may be considered for Church Worker Support and supplemental Congregational Support when partnership occurs with the Mission Agency to reach underserved communities, or specific language, cultural, or people groups. This may include the continuation of a Faith Community Recipient, a new worker, or for the launching of a new mission in a currently underrepresented people group. These decisions will be made by the Mission Agency Team.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

PURPOSE: A strategic partnership with an organization that extends the reach of District Staff regionally and/or throughout the District



EXAMPLES OF SERVICES PROVIDED: Leadership Development, Strategic Ministry Development, Training, Coaching, Resourcing, Spiritual Encouragement and Worker Wellness, Recruiting

JERRY WAGNER ENDOWMENT LOANS

In addition to the granting options that have been made available above to members of our District, we are also providing mission loans that fulfill the wishes of Jerry Wagner, a man who gifted his estate to the CNH CEF (now LCEF) in hopes of creating a renewable and sustainable fund that would allow congregations and ministries to have access to money that might be needed, but otherwise unavailable. These loans can range up to \$200,000, repayable over 20 years, and must be used to start new missions and ministries. The loan is made possible at 0% interest to the congregation, the remaining interest is subsidized by the Mission Agency, allowing the Jerry Wagner Fund to grow over time to provide more opportunities for future mission starts.