

MISSION GRANT RESOLUTIONS

1. Financial Assistance for Concordia Theological Seminary \$15,000.00

- 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, including eight current students from the Florida/Georgia District, come to Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to prepare to serve God's people here in the United States as well as in mission work around the world, and
- WHEREAS, when these students make the momentous decision to quit 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, wives in many student families do find employment in Fort Wayne, but most of these women are marginalized because the employers know that they will only be here for two years, throwing families into difficult financial positions, and
- WHEREAS, one of the ways that the seminary seeks to alleviate this financial burden is by providing students access to a Food Co-op, which currently supplies between 75% and 85% 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 Florida/Georgia District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League assembled in Convention October 1-3, 2010 in Gainesville, Florida grant the sum of \$15,000 for the purchase of three months of perishable items for the Food and Clothing Co-op of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana for the 2010-2012 biennium.

1. Hope-Esperanza Viva Lutheran Church, Orlando, Train Jobs Application-Tutorial English and Math \$7,500.00

- WHEREAS, There are a significant number of Spanish-speaking minorities in the state of Florida who are here to stay, and
- WHEREAS, These Spanish-speaking minorities have come to work toward a better social, educational, and economic situation for their families, and
- WHEREAS, Esperanza Viva Luterana desires to train Spanish-speaking adults regarding job applications and job interviews within the service and retail industries, and
- WHEREAS, Esperanza Viva Luterana also desires to help prepare Spanish-speaking children through tutoring classes in the areas of mathematics and English, and

2.Hope-Esperanza Viva Lutheran Church, Orlando, continued...

WHEREAS, This is an opportunity for our LCMS church body to extend a helping hand of blessings to these families in the name and service of our Lord Jesus Christ,

RESOLVED, The LWML partner with Esperanza Viva Luterana in order to meet some of the basic needs of the Spanish-speaking minorities within Central Florida as a way of showing that the Lutheran community desires to assist them in becoming integral parts of both the faith and social communities in which they currently live.

3. Family Shield Satellite/Internet Radio Program, St. Louis, MO \$10,000

WHEREAS, The family was created by God to be the primary place for spiritual nurture and a relationship with Jesus Christ is critical to healthy individuals and their families; and

WHEREAS, The United States is the third largest mission field in the world; and

WHEREAS, Family Shield Ministries has a fifteen year history that documents it is reaching and equipping individuals and their families to serve and witness in the home, church, and community; and

WHEREAS, Family Shield Ministries, Inc. has partnered with many LCMS organizations (examples include: Lutheran Hour Ministries, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; Concordia University, River Forest; Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots, The Board of Missions; LCMS Districts, and LCMS congregations) and will expand the partnerships through the new Internet/Satellite program that will help reach younger listeners; and

WHEREAS, The need to reach the younger generations is more critical now than ever as is indicated in the following statistics:

- The proportion of the American population that can be classified as Christian has declined from 86% in 1990 to 77% in 2001. (Aris Study)
- George Barna of The Barna Group reports that evangelicals remain just 7% of the adult population.
- The United States appears to be going through an unprecedented change in religious practices. Large numbers of American adults are disaffiliating themselves from Christianity and from organized religions. 76.5% (159 million) of Americans identify themselves as Christian. This is a major shift from 86.2% in 1990. Identification with Christianity has suffered a loss of 9.7% in 11 years—about 0.9 % per year.
- 52% of Americans identify themselves as Protestant.
- 24.5% are Roman Catholic.

3 Family Shield Satellite/Internet Radio Program, St. Louis, MO, continued...

- 14.1% of Americans do not follow any organized religion. This is an unusually rapid increase...almost a doubling...from 8% in 1990.

WHEREAS, Family Shield Ministries, Inc. is a Recognized Service Organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, but receives no financial support from the Synod; and

RESOLVED, that the Florida-Georgia District of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League in convention adopt a mission grant in the sum of \$10,000 for the 2010-2012 biennium to support the new Family Shield “Internet/Satellite Radio Program” that will reach younger adult listeners with the Gospel (Romans 1:16, John 3:16).

4. Trinity/HOPE (lunches for church-school in Haiti) \$5,000.00

WHEREAS, Christ instructed us in Matthew 28:19 to “go and make disciples of all nations” and commends those who have fed “the least of these brothers of mine” in Mathew 25:31 and following; and

WHEREAS, Trinity/HOPE has demonstrated that providing a noon meal for the hungry children in our Lutheran Schools in Haiti is a powerful witness used by the Holy Spirit to discredit the Voodoo teaching that God is unapproachable and non responsive to Haitians

WHEREAS, our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod has chosen to reemphasize its normal evangelistic efforts in order to reach one hundred million people by the year 2015

WHEREAS, children in our Lutheran Schools in Haiti are coming to faith in response to the Word and its witness faster than any other population segment and often later are instruments in bring their whole families to the knowledge of Christ

WHEREAS, Trinity/HOPE has demonstrated both its ability to successfully run these feeding programs to their current level of over 9,500 children each school day in 65 schools and

WHEREAS, Trinity/HOPE has consistently demonstrated over the past ten years its ability to expand its donor base annually to continue 100% all the programs started; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Florida-Georgia District of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League vote the sum of \$5,000.00 to partner with Trinity/HOPE and the local people to feed an average school of 100 children so they can be fed and FED.

5. Hands of Mercy, Sudan, Special Needs Classroom

\$8,000.00

WHEREAS, Our Lord Jesus instructs us that as we care for those who are the outcasts of society, we are serving Him, in Matthew 25 :40 “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me,”

WHEREAS, “the least of these” people are often people with disabilities, who are marginalized in their society,

WHEREAS, in South Sudan, long term civil war and a repressive dictatorship government have meant that people with disabilities in Sudan are even further marginalized with little or no means of support or hope for a future, and children with disabilities are denied access to government education,

WHEREAS, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sudan is an orthodox, confessional and growing church body which desires to meet the needs both spiritually and physically of its 10,000 member body and in outreach to other Christians in Sudan,

WHEREAS, Hands of Mercy Training Center is a mission outreach of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sudan and the diaconal partnership of LCMS Deaconess Patricia Nuffer, and that has been working to meet the needs oth spiritually and physically of people with disabilities in Yambio, Sudan, since December, 2006,

WHEREAS, There is no provision for the education of children with disabilities and they are further marginalized by their lack of access to any education, and there is an existing Lutheran primary school near to Hands of Mercy that is open to assisting with this need,

RESOLVED, that the FL-GA District of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, grant to the Hands of Mercy Training Center for People with Disabilities \$8,000.00 for the creation of a special needs classroom for children, adjacent to the existing center in Yambio,S Sudan.

6. Second Opportunities for Children in Nicaragua

\$15,000.00

- WHEREAS, Matthew 19: 14 states, “(Jesus said,) Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”, and
- WHEREAS, Matthew 18: 5 states, “And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.”, and
- WHEREAS, Matthew 14: 21 states, “And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.”, and
- WHEREAS, in today’s Nicaragua many children are homeless, neglected, abused by adults, and used for stealing and other crimes; they have never heard that Jesus loves them, and
- WHEREAS, the Second Opportunities Ministry in partnership with the Church of God in the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua is searching for alternatives on how to help the children, and
- WHEREAS, the ministry will provide an environment wherein the children are safe, eat three meals a day, receive educational and vocational training, and an opportunity to learn the Word of God, and
- WHEREAS, the ministry has need of a new building, a food budget, kitchen utensils, tables and chairs, stoves, microwaves, Christian literature, school supplies, Christian videos, television and A/V equipment, puppets, a bus for transport to school, as well as equipment for a ladies cooking and sewing class to provide training to help women provide for their family needs, and
- WHEREAS, Yolanda Blandford of Second Opportunity Ministries, Inc. is the U.S. liason and supervisor of the use of all monies in the project, and the ministry, Centro Escolar San Pablo Apostol, La Quinta Nina, Managua, Nicaragua, directed by Lic. Secundino Ochoa Gonzalez, presently serves over 400 children, providing education, meals, books, and clothing, and, in partnership with local churches, Yolanda also organizes crusades in an outdoor revival setting where neighborhoods hear about the love of Christ and also are fed a meal, and
- WHEREAS , there is a need to build a center to provide homeless children with meals, a place to sleep, and a place to study - students who will apply themselves may attend college, and prepare for jobs that will enable them to support themselves and their families, a need to begin a ministry to men to help turn their hearts toward their families, and a need for more outreach into the remote villages to share the Gospel and repudiate the teachings of the local cults, and

6. *Second Opportunities for Children in Nicaragua, continued...*

WHEREAS , this Second Opportunity Ministry is an ongoing mission in partnership with the Church of God of the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua we know that its sole purpose is to gain souls for Christ and to let the children know the great love of God for each and everyone of us; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the LWML in convention vote the sum of \$15,000 to grow the ministry for children in Nicaragua.

7. Brevard Rescue Mission – Casa Carol

\$12,000.00

WHEREAS, Deuteronomy 15:7-10 invites we sisters in Christ to notice and support our poor and hurting neighbors; when we happen upon women and children in trouble, we reach out to our fullest ability so that we may be blessed by God;

WHEREAS, Matthew 25:35 divines that what we do to the least of our brothers and sisters, we do for the King. This is the mission of Casa Carol, a loving Christ centered environment, ministering to women and children in need of shelter, food, clothing, health care, guidance, job training, education, so they may ultimately break the cycle of homelessness and instead develop independent living skills;

WHEREAS, Proverbs 25:31 provides Casa Carol's goal: to foster the development of virtuous woman, "clothed in strength and dignity, who can laugh at the days to come, who can speak with wisdom and faithful instruction on her tongue, who watches over the affairs of her household, so her children will call her blessed;"

WHEREAS, The women and children living in the ten apartments of Casa Carol are not yet financially independent and are unable to pay for the basic paper hygiene products to promote the dignity associated with healthy lifestyles;

WHEREAS, The Florida-Georgia District LWML has approved the grant for the women and children of Casa Carol, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Florida-Georgia District LWML vote the sum of \$12,000 to provide our sisters in Christ and their children of Casa Carol a two year supply of basic paper hygiene products not otherwise available. These products include diapers, baby and antiseptic wipes, toilet tissue, and feminine hygiene products.

8. “Spanish Bible with Small Catechism for the Americas”

\$15,000.00

- WHEREAS, Our Lord Jesus Christ has commanded us to “make disciples of all nations” through the Word (“teaching them all that I have commanded you”) and Sacraments (“baptizing in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit”), and
- WHEREAS, Spanish-speaking people constitute a large segment of “all nations” in the United States as well as throughout Latin America, and
- WHEREAS, The limited numbers of Lutheran Spanish-speaking ordained clergy increase the need for basic Spanish materials clearly proclaiming the Word of God both in the U.S. and on the mission field, and
- WHEREAS, Missionaries with LCMS World Mission serving in Panama, Venezuela, and Guatemala, as well as Hispanic ministries here in the United States, have expressed the need for an inexpensive Spanish edition of Holy Scriptures which includes *Luther’s Small Catechism*, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Florida-Georgia District Lutheran Women’s Missionary League in convention vote the sum of \$15,000 to help the Lutheran Heritage Foundation reprint and distribute of 10,000 copies of the Spanish *Bible with Small Catechism*.

9. Solar Lighting Project. Lutheran Mission Project of Guinaudee/Haiti, \$9,992.06

- WHEREAS, Jesus calls us to reach the whole world with the message of salvation through his death and resurrection and to spread his love throughout the world, and
- WHEREAS, Jesus has been blessing the ministry of Rev. Julmiste for 15 years and completing a dream of planting churches in North Haiti largely through the efforts of Lutheran churches (LCMSS) in South Florida, and
- WHEREAS, this ministry has produced a successful feeding program for poor children, supplying water to the Northwest areas and has built a good caring reputation in this area, and
- WHEREAS, Lutheranism is largely unknown in these areas with no Lutheran presence among its 95,000 people, and
- WHEREAS, Rev. Julmiste has just recently graduated through the LCMS Ethnic Immigrant Instituted of Theology (EIIT) at the St. Louis Seminary and has been ordained into the Lutheran Ministry through Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church in Fort Lauderdale and ready to be deployed, and

9. Solar Lighting Project. Lutheran Mission Project of Guinaudee/Haiti, continued...

WHEREAS, a congregation of three hundred members and a school of 140 children

WHEREAS, The site is located near safe and adequate housing for LCMS groups to come and work in the feeding program, school and Sunday School and VBS programs, Therefore be it

RESOLVED That we Lutheran Women in Mission pray the Lord's blessing on this harvest field of NW Haiti, just 500 miles from our coast, and be it further

RESOLVED That the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Florida-Georgia District, send \$9,992.06 of support, enabling this new Solar Lighting Project.

**10. Interpreters for the Mission Field, \$15,000.00
Mission Opportunities Short Term - MOST Ministries**

WHEREAS, In Holy Scripture we find many instances of spoken words being translated so the listener might understand with even Christ himself using a language that must be translated in his own time on earth: "...and they will call him Immanuel which means 'God with us' " (Matthew 1:23), "... Jesus looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas' (which, when translated, is Peter)." (John 1:42), "he took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha kum!' (which means, Little girl, I say to you, get up!)" (Mark 5:41), and

WHEREAS, MOST Ministries, a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (RSO), is asked by national churches in partnership with LCMS and by LCMS missionaries to send various types of teams into their mission fields to minister to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the people, and

WHEREAS, In virtually none of these fields is English the native tongue and interpreters are essential to provide communication between team members and the people who are serviced by the teams, making the projects possible, which in turn, creates the opportunity for local pastors and church leaders to share the gospel message, which is a vital part of each MOST team, and

WHEREAS, Expense for interpreters can vary but in the last 2 years MOST has seen the cost go up as much as \$1270.00 for a team depending on the country and situation. In the last 2 years, MOST has sent 20 – 25 teams each year to various locations around the world, but unfortunately was not able to send as many as in the past (25 – 30 teams) due to decreased resources. MOST ministries is requesting the

10. Interpreters for the Mission Field, - MOST Ministries, continued...

grant of \$15,000.00, as outlined in the General Guidelines for submitting Grant Proposals for ballot, to offset team members costs so that more people may serve on short term mission teams, through which, most people will have physical needs alleviated and hear the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. Be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, Florida-Georgia District, assembled in convention in Gainesville, Florida, October 1 – 3, 2010, grant the sum of \$15,000 to enable MOST Ministries to provide interpreters for teams on the mission field during the next biennium.

11. Operation Barnabas (LCMS Chaplains) \$8,000.00

WHEREAS, In the book of Acts, Barnabas, which means “Son of Encouragement”, was Paul’s regular traveling companion; and

WHEREAS, Operation Barnabas serves as an encouragement to LCMS chaplains and all military personnel in any stage of deployment; and

WHEREAS, LCMS pastors have served as chaplains in the military since 1862, and 215 LCMS chaplains currently serve in the United States and abroad; and

WHEREAS, Chaplains and their families need support before, during, and after deployment to help them prepare for all the changes that they will be going through; and

WHEREAS, In addition to serving as a resource for chaplains and their families, Operation Barnabas works with congregations to train them how to serve military personnel and their families in their communities, to truly support them as they sacrifice for our country; be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Florida-Georgia District LWML grant \$8,000 to support Operation Barnabas as it encourages, trains, and cares for chaplains, military personnel, and their families.

12. Krey Family Missionary Support \$10,000.00

WHEREAS, Matthew 9:37-48 says, “Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field;’” and

WHEREAS, Rev. Ted Krey, his wife Rebecca, and their infant daughter Esther have answered the call to serve and are living and working in the Dominican Republic; and

12. Krey Family Missionary Support, continued...

- WHEREAS, Rev. Krey works with the newly-formed Lutheran community in the Dominican Republic and prepares men for pastoral service and women for service as deaconesses; and
- WHEREAS, Rev. Krey has also answered the call to serve medical evacuees from the earthquake in Haiti, offering pastoral care and practical help at a hospital on the border of the Dominican Republic and Haiti; and
- WHEREAS, The Krey family is based in Santiago, but they travel throughout the small country to bring the Gospel message to many preaching stations; be it therefore
- RESOLVED, That the Florida-Georgia District LWML grant \$10,000 to support Rev. Krey and his family as they serve the LCMS by reaching out and training future pastors and deaconesses in the Dominican Republic.

13. Deaconess Training in Latin America

\$9,000.00

- WHEREAS, Matthew 25:40 says, “The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me’;” and
- WHEREAS, National churches throughout Latin America are *Ablaze!* and want to reach out to more and more people in their countries and around the world; and
- WHEREAS, LCMS missionaries Rev. Jorge and Olga Groh work with the national churches to support theological education for lay leaders and full-time church workers; and
- WHEREAS, National churches in Panama, Venezuela, Paraguay, Brazil, and Argentina are training deaconesses for recognized service in the church and in society, reaching out to those with physical and spiritual needs; and
- WHEREAS, Latin American countries have long been associated with the Roman Catholic Church, but many people are Catholic by culture, not by faith; be it therefore
- RESOLVED, That the Florida-Georgia District LWML grant \$9,000 to provide scholarships, Christian resources, and knowledgeable professors to train women in Latin America to serve God and His church through outreach to His people.

14. Resolution for Lutheran Bible Translators

\$10,000.00

- WHEREAS, The Great Commission of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ commands us to reach out to all nations; and
- WHEREAS, Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) is the only Lutheran organization whose purpose is to help bring people to faith in Jesus Christ by making the Word of God available to those who do not yet have it in the language of their heart; and
- WHEREAS, Lutheran Bible Translators is a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; and
- WHEREAS, Lutheran Bible Translators works in partnership with and under the sponsorship of Lutheran organizations around the world and especially with the LC-MS World Mission; and
- WHEREAS, Lutheran Bible Translators desires to make the Word of God available to more people by providing adequate housing for missionary couples; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the 2010 Convention of the Florida-Georgia District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League adopts Lutheran Bible Translators' **Missionary Household Setup Fund** proposal as one of its mission grant projects in the sum of \$10,000.

15. Give the World a Jesus Hug

\$7,500.00

Open Arms Child Development, Gainesville, FL

- WHEREAS, Christ in His Holy Word has charged us to reach out to all nations; and
- WHEREAS, educated preschool children are the means of spreading the gospel to the next generation; and
- WHEREAS, Open Arms Child Development Center is unable to finance fully the cost of multi-cultural curriculum materials; and
- WHEREAS, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod for Mission Services has approved the grant; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League vote the sum of \$7500 to help fund the cost of project "Give the World a Jesus Hug!"

16. Teaching Social Skills to Youth, Help Spread God's Word

\$8,650.00

- WHEREAS, the mission God gives his faithful people is unlimited. No race, ethnicity or gender is outside the scope of God's saving grace.
- WHEREAS, the mission field is just outside the door of Our Saviour Lutheran Church.
- WHEREAS, The Church is in the inner-city in an area called Liberty City, located in Miami-Dade County, Miami, Florida. The median-income is approximately \$19,000.00 per year.
- WHEREAS, many young parents and single parents reflect the new generation rap and hip hop cultural values. Many of these images are damaging to the mind set of our youth as well as producing unproductive behavior.
- WHEREAS, we feel that before we can canvas neighborhoods and participate in other forms of mission within the neighborhood, we first need to help our children develop social skills.
- WHEREAS, teaching social skills is becoming an important role of the church because neither parents nor the schools are teaching these values. Also, Contemporary research has shown again and again that developing social skills is critical to young people academic and personal successes.
- WHEREAS, currently, our Sunday School classes have been relocated to the sanctuary due to the conditions of the Sunday School/Office area. We would need to improve our Sunday School/ Office area by painting, purchasing and installing an air conditioner, and purchasing a small refrigerator.
- WHEREAS, we envision that Our Saviour Lutheran will provide instruction in basic social skills to the children within our church and children from the neighborhood, so as to prepare them to go out with church members to canvas the community to help spread God's word.
- WHEREAS, a small stipend will be awarded to participants for attendance, being on time, dressing appropriately and modeling/ mentoring appropriate social skills.
- RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League vote the sum of \$8650.00 to help fund the project to: Teach Social Skills to Inner-City Youth so as to Canvas Neighborhoods To Help Spread God's Word.

17. Developing Religious Life Curriculum for God’s People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities **\$15,000.00**

- WHEREAS, God’s Word in 1 Corinthians 12:12-25 tells us that we are all parts of the Body of Christ, and the weaker parts are indispensable, those we think less honorable we invest with the greater honor, and we are to have equal concern and care for one another, and
- WHEREAS, Faith comes by the holy Spirit working through the teaching and hearing of God’s Word, and through Baptism, and
- WHEREAS, There is a lack of easy-to-use religious life curriculum, with appropriate illustrations, for congregations and communities to use in teaching people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and
- WHEREAS, Bethesda Lutheran Communities has challenged Good Shepherd Auxiliary and all those who desire to reach out with Jesus’ love to the special members of the body of Christ to fund the development of this much needed and asked for curriculum of Bible lessons and applications,
- RESOLVED, That the FL – GA District Lutheran Women’s Missionary League assembled in convention at the Paramount Plaza Hotel in Gainesville, FL, October 1-3, 2010, grant the sum of \$15,000 to the Good Shepherd Auxiliary to be used to fund for the development of the illustrations for this Religious Life Curriculum by Bethesda Lutheran Communities.

18. Lutheran Blind Mission Outreach Center, Tampa **\$5,000.00**

- WHEREAS, The Great Commission of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ commands us to reach out to all at home and abroad; and
- WHEREAS, In today’s world there are more than 55 million blind and visually-impaired children and adults, and that most of them have never heard the Good News that Jesus loves them; and
- WHEREAS, As a partner in the *Ablaze!* movement of *Igniting the World with Christ’s Love*, we seek to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those who sit in spiritual and physical blindness; and
- WHEREAS, **Lutheran Blind Mission** has established 60+ outreach centers throughout the United States. Plans are in place to have 75 outreach centers open within the next two years; and
- WHEREAS, Lutheran Women in Mission are part of ... *a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that are to declare the praises of Him who calls us out of darkness into His wonderful light*; Therefore be it

18. Lutheran Blind Mission Outreach Center, Tampa, continued...

RESOLVED, That the Florida-Georgia District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League assembled in convention on October 1-3, 2010, grant the sum of **\$5,000.00** to **Lutheran Blind Mission** to help fund the opening of a outreach center in Tampa, Florida, and to provide training for the new outreach center director.

19. Partner Church and Minority Graduate Student Scholarships \$15,000.00

WHEREAS, Jesus Christ gave His church the urgent command to bring His message of salvation to all the world, the Graduate School at Concordia Seminary trains partner church and minority LCMS students who are sure to be future teachers and leaders,

WHEREAS, the majority of international students come from two-thirds world countries and cannot afford to pay for their expenses while studying at Concordia Seminary,

WHEREAS, many people in these two-thirds world countries never have had the opportunity to hear the Gospel message in the context of their own language and culture,

WHEREAS, the partner churches of and the underrepresented populations in the LCMS and are in need of pastors and leaders trained at the highest level of theological scholarship to share the message of salvation in Christ with the world, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Florida-Georgia District Lutheran Women's Missionary League in convention adopt as a mission project for the 2010–2012 biennium the allocation of \$15,000 to the Graduate School at Concordia Seminary to help fund the scholarship needs of its international and minority students.

**20. Worship and Devotional Supplies for Senior Residents \$3,500.00
at Pine Woods Villa, Inc.**

Pine Woods Villa is a Lutheran Retirement Community that is supported by HUD/Sec. 8 housing, with 273 low income occupants, with six months waiting list. It is the only Lutheran Retirement Community in south Florida. The Board of Directors consist of pastors and members of the local Lutheran Circuit churches. Pine Woods Villa has an on-site chapel that is currently being used by different religious groups for their midweek chapel services.

WHEREAS, The spiritual needs of a growing population of senior citizens are often neglected. This facility is an instrument in extending the Kingdom of God through regular worship and Bible study.

20. *Worship and Devotional Supplies..., continued..*

- WHEREAS, The Board of Directors have recruited a Lutheran Chaplain to provide Sunday Worship Services in the chapel of Pine Woods Villa Retirement Community.
- WHEREAS, Lutheran worship supplies and devotional materials are needed for the Chaplain's Sunday services and residents use. And
- WHEREAS, No funding is provided for from District or Synodical and/or government budgets.
- WHEREAS, Audio visual equipment (Projector, Screen, Desktop Computer, and software) are needed for the services.
- RESOLVED, The Lutheran Circuit Pastors and members of churches in the Miami-Dade County area of the Florida-Georgia District, are seeking an LWML Mission Grant in the amount of \$3,500, for the 2010-2012 biennium. This grant will assist in carrying out the Great Commission as Jesus commands in Matthew 28:19-20.

**21. Constructing Houses for Nicaraguans \$15,000.00
A Christian Partnership Resolution**

- WHEREAS, More than 400 Nicaraguan families lost their homes to hurricane Mitch and live in poverty in a make shift village called Santa Patricia and
- WHEREAS, Their shelters range from sheets of black plastic supported by tree branches to rusted tin and cardboard, all with dirt floors and
- WHEREAS, A relationship has been developed over the past 6 years between First Lutheran Church in Gainesville, FL and the Lutheran Church in Santa Patricia to provide for the spiritual, educational, and physical needs of our displaced brothers and sisters in Christ and
- WHEREAS, A needs based assessment identified those families most critically affected, and
- WHEREAS, An ongoing mission has resulted in the construction of 16 houses while providing employment for local youth and
- WHEREAS, First Lutheran's Mission work in Santa Patricia, Nicaragua has been a powerful tool in witnessing the love of Christ to a disadvantaged community and
- WHEREAS, Committed United States volunteer workers are available to continue the construction effort as funds become available and to further the message of Christian love to this community therefore be it

21. Constructing Houses for Nicaraguans, continued...

RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League vote the sum of \$15,000 to purchase materials for the construction of six additional houses.

22. Family Based Immigration Services

\$15,000

WHEREAS, "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." [Mark 10:45]; and

WHEREAS, The Gospel of salvation in both word and deed is to be proclaimed among all nations, including the growing number of immigrants residing in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Amigos en Cristo was created in 1997 by the thirteen LCMS churches of Southwest Florida to minister to the growing immigrant communities of this area; and

WHEREAS, Since 1999 Amigos en Cristo (d/b/a Amigos Center) has helped thousands of immigrants succeed in the United States by offering affordable immigration services, English classes, employment services, humanitarian aid, Spanish Newcomers Guide, advocacy services, etc; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) pursuant to title 8 C.F.R. § 292.2(a) accredits our Immigration Specialists, Christina Leddin, a member of St. Michael's Lutheran Church and Eulalia Tronscoso and recognizes all three of our immigration centers; therefore, be It

RESOLVED, That we Lutheran Women in Mission pray the Lord's blessing on this ministry; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the LWML Florida-Georgia District, assembled in convention in GAINESVILLE, Florida, adopt as a mission project for the 2010-2011 biennium the allocation of \$15,000 to help fund the Family Based Immigration Services of Amigos Center. This represents 1.4% of the total 2010-2011 budget.

23. District Peer Ministry Training

\$15,000.00

and Leadership Development

WHEREAS, We pray to the Lord of the harvest for workers to go out into his harvest (Luke 10:2); and

WHEREAS, Our nation's universities are a plentiful field waiting to be harvested; and

23. District Peer Ministry Training and Leadership Development, continued...

- WHEREAS, Mission minded and equipped students demonstrate themselves to be the most effective missionaries to fellow students and the key to effective campus ministries; and
- WHEREAS, These same students become mission minded and equipped leaders in their future congregations; and
- WHEREAS, Peer ministry training has demonstrated itself to be effective in developing mission minded and equipped students elsewhere in our synod; and
- WHEREAS, The Florida-Georgia District seeks to expand campus ministry in the district to fifteen active campus ministry by 2017; and
- WHEREAS, The Lutheran Student Fellowship, Region 12 (FL-GA), has approved the grant; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Florida-Georgia District Lutheran Women's Missionary League lift up in earnest prayer the development of young leaders for the Church and world; and
- RESOLVED, That the Florida-Georgia District Lutheran Women's Missionary League vote the sum of \$15,000 to help fund the district's regional peer ministry training and leadership development program for the next two years.

**24. Tuition Assistance for Students to Attend 15,000.00
St. John Lutheran School**

- WHEREAS, St. John Lutheran School, Ocala, Florida, has provided excellent Christ centered Education to literally thousands of students in grades PK-3 through Grade 12, since its founding in 1963, and
- WHEREAS, Many families are being faced with difficult prospect of being unable to enroll their children because of economic conditions preventing them from meeting full tuition costs, and
- WHEREAS, St. John Lutheran Church is striving to strengthen its tuition assistance fund so that families who have financial need may attend the school and receive the blessings of an excellent Christ centered education, and
- WHEREAS, The school is designed to serve as the church's number one mission outreach, and
- WHEREAS, Our students and their families are our greatest mission field, with a significant number who claim no church membership, therefore be it

24. Tuition Assistance for Students to Attend St. John Lutheran School, continued...

RESOLVED, That the Florida Georgia District Lutheran Women’s Missionary League in Convention vote the sum of \$15,000 to provide tuition assistance for children with financial need to be able to attend St. John Lutheran School in school year 2010-2011.

25. Hispanic Ministry/Outreach \$15,000.00

WHEREAS, the Lord Jesus Christ has commanded us to “...*go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you...*” (Matthew 28:19-20); and

WHEREAS, the Orlando area (specifically the geographical community served by Principe de Paz) has a 49.87% (and increasing) Hispanic population; and

WHEREAS, the ministry growth and potential of Hispanic ministry is not currently being funded/supported financially by the Florida/Georgia District; and

WHEREAS, Principe de Paz is a growing congregation and deliberate outreach to the surrounding Hispanic community (worship, Bible classes, ESOL, food pantry, etc); and

WHEREAS, Principe de Paz sole financial support comes from Prince of Peace, LCMS, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (Florida/Georgia) vote the sum of \$15,000 to help fund the mission and ministry of Principe de Paz to the Glory of God.

26. Fund Raising for Tabernacle Evangelical Lutheran Church \$12,000.00

WHEREAS, Jesus calls us to reach the whole world with the message of salvation through his death and resurrection and to spread his love throughout the world, and

WHEREAS, Jesus has been blessing the ministry of Rev. Oslet for 9 years and completing a dream of planting churches in Broward County largely through the efforts of Shepherd Lutheran Church (LCMSS) in South Florida, and

WHEREAS, This ministry has produced a successful woman group, supplying food to the refugees that were effected by the earthquake that occurred in Haiti, and

26. Fund Raising for Tabernacle Evangelical Lutheran Church, continued...

- WHEREAS, Lutheranism is largely preaching in South Florida by our leaders at Tabernacle Evangelical Lutheran Church through the small Catechism, and
- WHEREAS, Rev. Oslet has just recently graduated through the LCMS Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT) at the St. Louis Seminary and has been ordained into the Lutheran Ministry through Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church in Fort Lauderdale and ready to be deployed, and
- WHEREAS, A congregation of fifty-five members has been going to the Evangelism people house-to-house to try to find souls for Jesus, and
- WHEREAS, The site of our Lutheran Church is located between Davie Blvd. and Broward Blvd. in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That we Lutheran Women in Mission pray the Lord's blessing on this harvest field of Broward County Florida, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Florida-Georgia District send \$12,000 of support, enabling this new Fund Raising for Tabernacle Evangelical Lutheran Church to be developed, glorifying God our Father, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and be it further
- RESOLVED, The grant that you will send to us will protect the church from being closed down, and will help our pastor spend more time in his office instead of doing two jobs, that plans be set in motion to experience first hand what God is doing in the Broward area through this ministry.

27. Christ On Campus

\$5,000.00

- WHEREAS, Our Lord calls us to minister in the power of the Holy Spirit, Hope Lutheran will minister to mind, body and soul. Ministering to the mind includes (but not limited to) Christian Education in many forms to all ages. Ministering to the body includes (but not limited to) sports recreation ministry in many forms to all ages. Ministering to the soul includes (but not limited to) Word and sacrament ministry in many forms to all ages AND
- WHEREAS, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod has an outstanding commitment to mission work in new and innovative ways, Hope Lutheran seeks to boldly follow where our Lord leads;
- RESOLVED, by Hope Lutheran Church of Melbourne FL that:

27. Christ On Campus, continued...

RESOLVED, Hope Lutheran Church affirms the need to proclaim the Gospel to a lost and fallen world. One powerful way in which this proclamation takes root is in the lives of the children in our community;

RESOLVED, Hope Lutheran Church will continue to minister in the realm of Christian education through the Christ on Campus program. This ministry is directly connected to the vision of ministry to the mind, body and soul;

RESOLVED, Hope Lutheran Church currently sponsors and administers programs at three elementary schools in Brevard County (Suntree Elementary, Quest Elementary and Ralph Williams Elementary) and will seek to grow those programs and expand into more schools in our area.

RESOLVED, This Resolution will take effect immediately upon passage. The members and council leaders of Hope Lutheran Church indeed pray that this ministry will be pleasing in the Lord's sight and succeed in His strength.