



## **Grants for Congregations of Iowa District West of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

**The Mission of Iowa District West:** is Connecting, Resourcing, Optimizing, Partnering and Serving with the member congregations for the extension of the Gospel throughout the District and into all the world.

**Program Goal:** To assist congregations in sharing the Good News of Jesus with the unreached or uncommitted of their communities.

**Timetable:** Applications are to be received by March 1. The Mission Committee of Iowa District West will review all applications and award grants. Remaining funds, if available, may be dispersed later in the year by action of the Mission Committee.

**Criteria:** Grants will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Targeted toward the unchurched or unbeliever, with priority given to the target areas of former LCMS members, men, vocation related, and “virtual” outreach.
- Providing the greatest opportunity for occurrence of “critical events” (A Lutheran Christian sharing the hope that is in him or her so that another may encounter Christ)
- Measurable objectives targeting one or more outreach ministries
- Involvement of congregation and lay leaders
- Project budget included
- Priority will be given to sustainable ministries as opposed to one-time events

**Process:** Answer each question on the form and send electronically to [mark.gerken@idwlcms.org](mailto:mark.gerken@idwlcms.org) or mail to:

Iowa District West Mission Grants  
Attn: Pastor Mark Gerken  
409 Kenyon Rd, Suite B  
Fort Dodge, IA 50501

**I. Proposal** (Please use other side or separate sheets of paper to describe.)

- Describe the

- 1) Vision (clear, compelling picture of what will result):

- 2) Plan (include target group)

- 3) Measurable objectives for the next three years: (whichever apply)

Critical Events (verbal witness)

Individuals helped in community

Individuals involved in Bible study

Attendance at worship

Other (describe)

- 4) If existing ministry, what has been the result, especially as it relates to reaching the unchurched or unbeliever and do you anticipate this to change?

- 5) What is your plan for bathing this effort in prayer?

- 6) Will you engage any other partners in this effort? (other congregations, circuits, community groups, etc.) If so, how?

**II. Community Description**

- Describe the population to be served.
  
- What demographic changes are expected in the next five years?
  
- Are any other churches or groups providing similar efforts? If yes, please describe.

**III. Description of Congregation (or Proposed Mission)**

- Year incorporated or proposed organizational date:
  
- Statistics:

| Area                            | 3 years ago | Current |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| Worship attendance              |             |         |
| Adults in corporate Bible study |             |         |
| Children/youth in Bible study   |             |         |
| Adult baptisms/confirmations    |             |         |
| Mission giving (% of budget)    |             |         |
| Faith sharing moments           |             |         |

**IV. Size of Grant**

**One Year Grant: up to \$ 5,000.00**

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**Longer-term (3-5 years) partnership grant:**

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**VI.**

**Budget Information Sheet**  
Total Project Budget

**Itemize Project Budget Expenses**

**Amount**

|       |                                 |
|-------|---------------------------------|
| _____ | \$ _____                        |
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|       | <b>Total Expenses:</b> \$ _____ |

**Itemize Project Budget Income**

**Amount**

(List all sources of income including fees, church body contributions, grants, etc.)

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| _____ | \$ _____                                |
| _____ | \$ _____                                |
| _____ | \$ _____                                |
| _____ | \$ _____                                |
| _____ | \$ _____                                |
|       | <b>Amount of grant request</b> \$ _____ |
|       | <b>Total Income:</b> \$ _____           |

What is your plan for continued funding of this effort?

**V. Evaluation** – By submitting this application, it is understood that an evaluation of the effort, including lessons learned, will be submitted within one month of the effort.

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of congregation or circuit** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, state, zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact person's name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone (     )** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax (     )** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pastor's name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_