

NEWS FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER
Iowa District West Congregation's Mission Receipts



<u>For the month ending June 2010</u>	
Anticipated Amount	\$ 150,000
Actual Receipts	\$ 142,214
<u>Fiscal Year-to-date receipts</u>	
Anticipated Amount	\$ 750,000
Actual Receipts	\$ 717,830
Over (under) anticipated amount	\$ (32,170)
<u>Use of Mission Receipts</u>	
Remitted to Synod (43%)	\$ 308,666
Balance for District programs/operations	\$ 409,164
Total Receipts	\$ 717,830
<u>Mission Receipts Compared With Last Year</u>	
Year-to-date 2010	\$ <u>717,830</u>
Year-to-date 2009	\$ <u>776,043</u>
Over (under) last year	\$ (58,213)

Lutheran Church Extension Fund

The mission of Lutheran Church Extension Fund is to provide opportunity to make funds and services available in support of the Great Commission through The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

As of June 2010, 1009 investments in Iowa District West totaled \$29,513,041. Those investments are providing opportunity for 56 loans totaling \$11,407,301 plus commitments totaling nearly \$631,631. LCEF puts invested dollars to work in mission and ministry right here in Iowa District West.

If you are interested in investing in the ministry of LCEF or if you have questions on the loans and services provided to our congregations, please contact Carole White. **Come, Join the Ministry!**

Pastors and Church Secretaries: How about including a brief note about LCEF in your church newsletter or bulletin? Please use the following short paragraph—thank you!

College-bound student? LCEF can help! Your college-bound student or relative will appreciate the many benefits of an LCEF StewardAccount®. This account offers competitive interest rates with an optional ATM/Visa Check Card, the ability to transfer funds electronically, and free online access to MYAccount, LCEF's financial internet service. Contact Carole White (877-439-5233 or carole.white@lcef.org) or visit www.lcef.org to set up an account before your student heads off to college.



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Stewardship Spark / Monthly Money Moment

Did you know that your congregational mission dollars support the District budget in a variety of mission and ministry areas? Did you know that \$47,000 is budgeted for stewardship (includes \$40,000 for gift planning/Christian estate planning counselor expenses). The stewardship budget is supplemented with \$2,000 of LCEF proceeds. Take advantage of the upcoming Stewardship School classes (August 23-25) and Stewardship Advisors resources.



Secretaries/Administrative Assistants Conference

The Iowa District West Secretarial/Administrative Professionals Conference will be held on Tuesday, **September 21**, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ankeny. All ministry assistant professionals are invited. For only \$35 (\$30 if registered by September 1) you will receive conference materials, conference gift, breakfast, lunch, and much more!

The 2010 theme, “**God’s Gift through Communication**,” is based on 1 Corinthians 10:31, “whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” Scott Vaughan of Vaughan Communications will be our morning speaker. Scott serves the strategic communication needs of churches and faith organizations throughout North America. To learn more about Scott’s ministry and free resources, go to www.svministry.com. In the afternoon, you will be uplifted by Gavin Jerome, The Morale Mechanic (www.moralemechanic.com). Dalend Mackey will use his gift of music and humor as Master of Ceremonies for the day.

Thanks to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for their support. Vendors and exhibitors will be present to share their resources and products. Plan now to enjoy a full day in Ankeny.

Brochures were mailed early July. Extra brochures can be printed from the Web site at www.idwlcms.org/district_news/information/church_secretarial_conference.pdf



Copier Security

There has been recent national news coverage referencing a concern for the data security of copiers/multifunctional devices with hard drive storage (<http://www.flixxy.com/copy-machines-security-risk.htm>). If you have confidential information stored on your digital copier, consider replacing the hard disk drive or adding a data deletion security module before you sell it. Check with your local printing company to see what services they offer to protect your confidential information.

Concordia Plan Services Update

Finance committees planning for next year’s budget should be aware that Concordia Health Plan (CHP) contribution rate increases will be necessary in order to maintain the funding of the plan. The exact rate increases will be announced by early August.

If you do not know your current rate, visit their website: www.concordiaplans.org and click on “Healthcare” and “Rates,” on the left side of the page, scroll down the page and click “To view rates for an Active Worker or Employer, click here.” Enter the 5 digit employer ZIP code and the applicable rate page for your ZIP code will appear. The rates vary by geographic location, so the 5 digit employer zip code needs to be entered.

The Concordia Retirement Plan (CRP) regular basis will remain the same (Church Plan: 8.7% regular basis & 11.7% full basis; alternative packages: regular basis 7.5% & 10.5% full basis).

The Concordia Disability and Survivor Plan (CDSP) rates will also remain the same (worker without dependents 1.2% and worker with dependents 2.25% of total annual compensation).

Remember treasurers you have the option to pay your monthly invoice through the online payment system. It is free and easy to use. To begin, go to www.concordiaplans.org, select Online Payment System from the Quick Links menu.