

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



<u>For the month ending May 2010</u>	
Anticipated Amount	\$ 150,000
Actual Receipts	\$ 131,580
<u>Fiscal Year-to-date receipts</u>	
Anticipated Amount	\$ 600,000
Actual Receipts	\$ 575,616
Over (under) anticipated amount	\$ (24,384)
<u>Use of Mission Receipts</u>	
Remitted to Synod (43%)	\$ 247,514
Balance for District programs/operations	\$ 328,102
Total Receipts	\$ 575,616
<u>Mission Receipts Compared With Last Year</u>	
Year-to-date 2010	\$ <u>575,616</u>
Year-to-date 2009	\$ <u>604,897</u>
Over (under) last year	\$ (29,281)

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 May 2010, 1007 investments in Iowa District West totaled \$29,241,894. Those investments are providing opportunity for 56 loans totaling \$11,410,101 plus commitments totaling nearly \$689,455. 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!



Lutheran Church Extension Fund - Share the Secret! If you are an investor with LCEF, you know that your money gains competitive interest AND a ministry dividend - by funding low-cost loans to LCMS churches, schools, ministries, missions and even rostered church workers. You have our permission and encouragement to share this stewardship "secret." Tell others about this simple way to increase their support to the mission of the LCMS - telling the Good News about Jesus Christ - by stretching their stewardship practices through LCEF investments. For more

information contact Carole White (877-439-5233 - carole.white@lcef.org) or visit www.lcef.org.



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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 \$4,400 is budgeted for officers' honorariums? This is a small stipend for all they do for the District. Members of the Board of Directors meet quarterly and also serve on committees. To learn more about the 15 board members go online at http://www.idwlcms.org/about_us/board_of_directors.htm. The next time you see a District board member be sure to thank them for their service to the church.



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 will be “**God’s Gift through Communication**” 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. If you have a company to recommend that would benefit other churches, please let us know. Plan now to enjoy a full day in Ankeny.

Brochures will be mailed around July 1. Extra brochures can be printed from the Web site at www.idwlcms.org/district_news/information/church_secretarial_conference.pdf



Newsletter tip

Scott Vaughan (owner of Scott Vaughan Communications and 2010 Secretarial Conference speaker) periodically shares communication tips. He suggests: “Better to have one piece of clip art about the size of your palm than 5-6 pieces of clip art the size of a postage stamp. Think less, but more impressive artwork when it comes to designing print or Web pages. Oh, and make sure it’s in color!”

Would you like to improve your newsletter readership? Scott says “first, keep in mind that your primary reader is most likely a woman. Ensure there are stories/articles that intentionally highlight women’s ministry and women’s issues. Secondly, organize around themes and be consistent from issue to issue. Organize your women’s copy in one location and your children’s ministry information in another location. Don’t force your reader to be on a scavenger hunt for the information most applicable.”

Adopted from Scott Vaughn Communications, April 2005 www.svministry.com

64th Regular LCMS Convention

Thanks to all the congregations that have paid their Convention Assessment (due June 1). Almost every congregation has the assessment paid. To learn more about the convention based on the theme “One People: Forgiven,” go to www.lcms.org/convention. LCMS President Gerald Kieschnick encourages everyone to watch the entire convention live as it will be video streamed from July 10-17.