

## W.I.S.H.E.S. – Women in Service Helping Exclaim Salvation

### LWML Iowa West District (Grant 2020-2022 / funds still available)

W.I.S.H.E.S. began in 2000, funded by an LWML Iowa West District mission grant, to help **active LWML members** experience a short-term mission trip. Early teams taught English VBS in Latvia, provided human care at Ysleta Lutheran Mission, assisted with eyeglass clinics in Guatemala and conducted Sunday Schools in Belize. Many options are available for short-term trips, through **Recognized Service Organizations of the LCMS**. Several are listed below. **“Scholarships” are given only once per member**, in the amount of \$500 to help defray costs of the trip. Funds are paid directly to the hosting organization. It is hoped that members returning from trips will share their experiences in presentations to their local LWML society, zone or possibly at District events.

#### **LWML Membership**

As stated in our LWML IWD bylaws “A woman who is a communicant member of an LCMS congregation is *eligible* for membership as an individual or in a society. Members shall be expected to attend local meetings, zone rallies and, in general, to participate in and adhere to the aims and principals of the LWML.” Women applying for a WISHES scholarship must be actively participating in an LWML group in the LWML Iowa West District.

#### **Organizations Offering Short-Term Mission Trips**

**Alaska Mission for Christ:** [alaskamissionforchrist.org](http://alaskamissionforchrist.org) Offers variety of 10-day events; VBS, sports camps, preschool camps, fine arts camps, building projects; contact Jan Bruick, [janbruick@amclcms.org](mailto:janbruick@amclcms.org)

**Hong Kong VBS:** Offered twice a year. Teams from Iowa teaching VBS in English. Contact Judy Newhouse, 515-292-5005, [lsm.mlchurch@gmail.com](mailto:lsm.mlchurch@gmail.com)

**IOWAY- Individual Outreach with Adults and Youth:** Contact [Iowa West District Office](#), 515-576-7666. Petal Pusher groups to Rose Parade and Skid Row, end of December thru New Year each year.

**Lutheran Church Missouri Synod** offers short term, 1-2 week, trips to work along-side career missionaries. Mercy medical teams are also organized through the synod <https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/international/missionary-service> Church information center 888-843-5267

**Ministry in Mission- Jacmel Haiti** Teams serve at an orphanage and/or a home for the elderly in Jacmel, Haiti. Contact Jackie Rychel, [jackie@ministryinmission.org](mailto:jackie@ministryinmission.org) 440-729-2272 **On hold for now due to political unrest and earthquake damage.**

**M.O.S.T.: Mission Opportunities Short Term** – [mostministries.org](http://mostministries.org) Offers a wide variety of teams, eyeglass, women’s ministry, clean water, medical, all organized by MOST. Contact Kaleigh Bone, [kaleighb@mostministries.org](mailto:kaleighb@mostministries.org) 734-994-7090

**Ysleta Lutheran Mission** – [ylm.org](http://ylm.org) Located near El Paso, TX. Offers on-site housing for teams. Week long evangelism, construction, family outreach, mission improvement & human care options. Phone 915-858-2588, email [info@ylm.org](mailto:info@ylm.org)

For more information &/or an application form:

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# LWML IWD Application for W.I.S.H.E.S

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\*\*Grant funds may be requested from September 2020 through March 31, 2024

**LWML Iowa West District members** may apply for a *one-time grant* for an Iowa District West or Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, mission trip. The request amount may not exceed \$500 per person. These funds will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. The grant is for \$20,000, allowing for 40 W.I.S.H.E.S. recipients over the next four years. Please remember these grants are for **active LWML members\*** and *each woman may only receive one grant in her lifetime.*

**LWML IWD Member Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone & email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Church & LWML Society Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature of LWML Society President** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of church Pastor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Service Project:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(project name, where you will be** \_\_\_\_\_

**going & what you'll be doing)** \_\_\_\_\_

**All WISHES applications should be completed and returned via mail or email to:**

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\*please see information sheet for definition of LWML membership, and other WISHES requirements