

Proposed Bylaw Changes

1. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Article VI,4,f “The Treasurer shall:”

VI,4,f and IX,d,8 If Adopted the following changes will be made:

Article IX,d,8 “The Financial Secretary shall:”

“be bonded, in the amount to be decided by the President, Treasurer, and a Pastoral Counselor, under the guidelines of a bonding agency approved by the Board of Directors.”

Rationale: *To conform to present practice*

Proposed Change: *Remove language*

2. PROPOSED AMENDMENT

VIII,4 If adopted, the following changes will be made:

Article VIII, 4 – Executive Committee

“The Executive Committee shall determine the amount of bond and/or other insurance for financial protection of the organization.”

Following the above actions, attendance at the national LWML Structure Seminar advised us that “bonding” does not need to be addressed in the bylaws. The above action would be moved to the Board of Directors Policies and Procedures.

3. PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Article VIII, 4 – Executive Committee

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Proposed District Budget

2018-2020 Budget			Proposed 2020-2022 Budget			
\$55,700			\$56,000			
Amount needed per month: \$2,320.84			Amount needed per month: \$ \$2,333.34			
Budget Accounts	%	Budgeted this Biennium	Budget Accounts	%	Proposed for Next Biennium	2020-2022 Budget
Administrative Expenses (Christian Growth, Leadership, BOD Expenses, Literature)	35%	\$19,495	Administrative Expenses (Christian Growth, Leadership, BOD Expenses, Literature)	35%	\$19,600	\$
Grants	40%	\$22,280	Grants	40%	\$22,400	\$
LWML Mites	25%	\$13,925	LWML Mites	25%	\$14,000	\$
Totals	100%	\$55,700	Totals	100%	\$56,000	\$

Officer Candidates

District President

PAM KERCHER

- Home congregation: Trinity Lutheran Church, Billings
 - Occupation: Owner Step by Step Preschool
 - Church Activities: Sunday School and Vacation Bible School Teacher, Preschool/Day Care Board, Fellowship, Publicity, Parish Planning Council
 - LWML Local Group Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Altar Guild, Cradle Roll
 - LWML Zone Positions: President, Vice President, Vice President of Servant Resources, Vice President of Mission Grants
 - LWML District Positions: President, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, Vice President of Servant Resources, Nominating Committee Chairman, *Montana Missive* Editor, Young Woman Committee Chairman
 - LWML National Positions: Board of Directors, Nominating and Mission Servants Committees, 2017 LWML Convention Creative Enhancements Coordinator
 - Community Organizations: BAEYC, People Everywhere are Kind and Sharing, St. Vincent Hospital's Foundation Board
 - Hobbies: Reading
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Vice President of Christian Life

BROOK GERARD

- Home congregation: Peace Lutheran, Great Falls
 - Occupation: Client Support Technician
 - Church Activities: Youth Group
 - LWML District Positions: *Montana Missive* Editor, Young Woman Representative at 2009 Portland Convention
 - Community Organizations: Cascade County 4H Horse Leader, Livestock Leader Foundation
 - Hobbies: Reading, Outdoor Activities
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Vice President of Gospel Outreach

MARJORIE O'ROURKE

- Home congregation: First Lutheran Church, Helena
- Occupation: Administrative Specialist
- Church Activities: Sunday School Superintendent, Mission and Ministry Council (MMC)
- LWML Local Group Positions: Society President
- LWML Zone Positions: President
- LWML District Positions: Young Women Committee Chair and District Convention Co-chair (Washington-Alaska), Archivist-Historian (Montana)
- LCMS District: MMC Council Secretary, King of Kings Lutheran, Renton, Washington
- Community Organizations: Project Linus, Helena/Great Falls Chapter
- Hobbies: Knitting, Quilting, Reading



Officer Candidates (continued from page 2)

Nominating Committee Chairman

SHARI (SHARON) MILLER



- Home congregation: First Lutheran Church, Helena
- Homemaker, Volunteer, Retired Administrative Assistant
- Church Activities: Director of Chancel Choir, Director of *HIS Kids!* (Choir), Organist/Pianist, Midweek/Confirmation Teacher, Women's Bible Study Leader, Parish Worker
- LWML Local Group: LWML Group Coordinator, Secretary, Vice President, President
- LWML Zone Positions: Vice President of Christian Life
- LWML District Positions: Montana – President, Young Woman Committee Chairman, Nominating Committee Chairman, *Montana Missive* Editor, Structure Chairman, District Convention Choir Director; Oklahoma – 50th Anniversary District Coordinator, Chairman of Christian Growth Committee
- LWML National Positions: Recording Secretary, Strategic Plan Facilitator, *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* Editor, Chairman and member of the Christian Life Committee, Chairman of the Christian Resources Editors Committee, 2015 LWML Convention Planning Committee, Interdepartmental Committee Chairman, 2017 LWML Convention Host Committee, Chairman of Bible Study Task Force Committee; 2017 Albuquerque Convention Organist
- Community Involvement: Helena Symphony Choir, Helena Chamber Singers
- Other Involvements: *LWQ* Bible Studies, Speaker, Published articles and devotional articles, Servant Leadership Workshop leader, Skits, Newspaper Articles, Publicity
- Hobbies/Interests: Read, Crafts (particularly counted cross stitch), Music



Junior Pastoral Counselor

REVEREND ANDREW ECKERT

Rev. Eckert was born and raised in the bay area of California. He attended Concordia Seminary St. Louis, and has served parishes in Oregon and Oklahoma. He has enjoyed Montana life since 2013 when he was called to serve Our Savior Lutheran Church in Stevensville, Montana. Pastor Eckert has been married to his wife, Nancy, for 31 years. They have four children, two sons-in-law (who are also LCMS pastors), and two wonderful granddaughters. His hobbies include beer making, Sudoku, Kakuro, and dark chocolate - that last one may be more of a life choice.

Junior Pastoral Counselor

REVEREND DANIEL KEINATH

Rev. Daniel Keinath serves as Associate Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Billings, Montana. Pastor Keinath attended Concordia University Wisconsin, where he met his wife Lynette. They have been married for 15 years and have four children. As a family, they enjoy camping, hiking, trips to Yellowstone, and exploring Montana. Pastor Keinath attended Concordia Seminary St. Louis, and earned a Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy in Louisville, Kentucky. Prior to his service in Montana, he was Associate Pastor at South Shore Trinity Lutheran Church in White Bear Lake, Minnesota.



Proposed District Grant Resolutions

Please note: Scholarship Grants for students attending LCMS higher education schools in church worker programs are automatically renewed every biennium with the amount of the grant total recommended by the Grants Selection Committee and voted upon by the convention body. This grant amount is part of the Proposed District Grants Budget.

Proposed Scholarship Grants _____ **\$3,000**

*The amount of \$1,000 from overage in the Grants Account as of March 31, 2020, has been designated to be used to fully fund the 2020-2022 Proposed Grants listed below (including scholarships = \$23,400). Delegates will vote **yes or no** to fully fund the 2020-2022 Proposed Mission Grants.*

1. CLET: Growing Shepherd Pastors, Togo, Africa **\$2,500**

The news of Salvation through Christ is Good News to those who live in fear and darkness of traditional religions and false teachings in western and central Africa. Partner church bodies have planted various congregations; but do not have the ordained pastors to serve them. The Lutheran Center for Theological Studies (Centre Lutherien d'Etudes Theologiques - CLET) is a confessional Lutheran seminary in Dapaong, Togo, that supports five different countries. This grant intends support for one scholarship for a qualified student to help cover expenses for tuition, training material, visa, transport, and sustenance while attending seminary.

2. Evangelism Outreach Resources, LCMS Mission to Spain **\$1,800**

Through the national church's website, many people contact pastors in Spain asking questions about Lutheranism, seeking to learn more, or desiring to attend a worship service. Pastors respond using email, text, and Skype calls, with the goal of quickly meeting this new contact in person. When the meeting can be arranged in a local coffee shop, the small book published through Concordia Publishing House, *Why I Am a Lutheran*, is given freely and used as a point to begin conversation around the pure Gospel that we have through God's love for us in Jesus. This book has proven to be an excellent resource in our outreach. The price per book is \$17.99, plus the costs of shipping and handling, and this grant will be used to purchase 75 books.

3. Little Lambs Christian Preschool of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ronan, Montana **\$2,000**

As one of the few Christian preschools in the area, the Little Lambs Christian Preschool has served for 37 years as a mission outreach to all children and their families from this community on the Flathead Indian Reservation. Various fundraisers, donations, and grants supplement the tuition/fees. As an established member of the community, Little Lambs Preschool is not only highly regarded as a Christian preschool, but also as a preschool where three and four year olds will be academically prepared for Kindergarten. Most students are typically not members of the congregation, providing Little Lambs the opportunity to witness to the Good News about Jesus. Funding will provide scholarships for preschoolers to attend and for newer and safer playground equipment.

4. Over-The-Counter (OTC) Medication, Food and Clothing Co-op, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana **\$2,500**

While preparing workers to serve in the harvest fields, nearly 60% of the students are married and second career families. The Food Co-op is currently able to supply between 80% and 85% of all food and household needs each month. It operates as an actual co-op with each family volunteering and accumulating points (which are redeemable each shopping day) in exchange for their work. This is a vital and substantial part of their seminary lives. This grant will fund purchase of OTC medications such as acetaminophen, ibuprofen, children's Motrin, and allergy, cold, and flu medicine.

Proposed District Grant Resolutions *(continued from page 4)*

5. Making Jesus Known in U.S. Ethnic Communities **\$2,000**
Two Concordia Seminary programs (the Center for Hispanic Studies [CHS] and the Ethnic Immigrant Institute [EII]) prepare immigrant/ethnic ministry leaders on the Concordia Seminary, St. Louis campus. The students work in a pastoral context, being very engaged with immigrants. The students help with basic needs: helping to gain access to health care, translating for them at hospitals, helping them gain employment, and even finding new homes. Many of these students are living with considerably strained financial obligations. This grant will help fund education costs for these students.

6. Manitoba Mission Sending the Gospel North **\$2,000**
Trinity Lutheran Church in Billings, Montana, concluded its five year commitment to the Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots (LAMP) in 2013, but they believe their work in Cross Lake, Manitoba, has just begun. Many children that came in 2013 are now teens and adults. Much of the ministry has been focused on offering a weeklong VBS for the children in the community. This has grown to the point through the years that more than 300 children gather to learn about Jesus. Friendships and seeds of faith have been planted and are growing strong. The specific goal of this grant is to be used to help fund a new missionary scholarship fund, so potential new missionaries are not deterred by costs to join the Manitoba Mission team, whose overall goal is to share the life-giving truth of Jesus with every person in the Cross Lake community.

7. Muddy Cluster "Building for the Kingdom" **\$3,000**
It really is a building! This mission congregation in a small community has been blessed and challenged through construction of a youth lodge adjacent to Circle of Life Lutheran Church in Muddy Cluster, Montana. The facility has the vision of welcoming youth and activities, sponsoring cross-generational events, giving care, and more. Intended to help share Jesus with Northern Cheyenne people, God is already using it to do so much more. As one volunteer put it, "We go to serve the community and share Jesus, but as we do so God is also at work in our hearts, reassuring us of His goodness and grace with each nail pounded and every life touched." This grant will fund kitchen countertops and cupboards in the new facility.

8. Nutrition Center Transformation at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch **\$2,100**
This Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the LCMS has as its mission to help at-risk children and their families succeed in the name of Christ. Founded in 1952, the Ranch has positively impacted the lives of more than 34,000 children. The Bismarck (North Dakota) Nutrition Center was designed almost 20 years ago and is now being transformed to better meet the needs of trauma-sensitive children. They plan to purchase a new commercial salad bar service and its related accessories. It will be used every day, replacing smaller, over-used, and outdated equipment.

9. Training Leaders to BOLDLY Declare Y'shua as Messiah in Israel **\$2,500**
Approximately 99% of the 15 million Jewish people in the world do not confess Y'shua Hamashiach (Jesus as Messiah.) Almost seven million Jewish people reside in the land of Israel. As a Registered Service Organization (RSO) of the LCMS, Apple of His Eye Mission Society (AOHE), formed in 1996, has total responsibility to raise the support needed to continue their work of 24 years. They ask for prayers of peace for Israel and the salvation of the Jewish people, joining their hearts with the Apostle Paul in Romans 10:1, *My heart's desire and prayer to God [for Israel] is that they might be saved.*