

## PART D



**Report to the  
2018 Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod Assembly  
From the  
Mission Endowment Fund**

### **“SEEDS THAT CHANGE”**

The Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) continues to use the theme “Seeds That Change” as they focus on what makes people give of their time, talents, and resources to the organization.

The financial report for MEF is included in the Synod’s treasurer report found elsewhere in Part B of the Book of Reports.

At its February 2018 Board meeting the following ministries were awarded grants totaling \$74,750: **Advent, Arlington; Adviento, Arlington; Bethany, Dallas; Calvary, Richland Hills; Church of the Damascus Road, Weatherford; Community of Hope, Fort Worth; Dallas Oromo, Richardson; Emanuel, Dallas; Faith, Meridian; First Sagrada Familia, Garland; First Salem, Roscoe; Four Mile, Mabank(2); Gloria Dei, Lubbock; Grace, Abilene; Indonesian Christian Lutheran, Allen; Latino Conference(2); Mision Luterana San Mateo, Waco; NT-NL Youth & Bishop’s Office; Office of the Bishop-NT-NL Camp Scholarships; Our Redeemer, Grand Prairie; Rejoice, Frisco; St. John, Wilson; Santa Maria in Exile, Irving; Shepherd of Life, Arlington; Umoja International Church, Dallas; and Umoja International, Fort Worth**

At its February 2017 Board meeting, the following ministries were awarded grants totaling \$42,500: **Advent, Arlington; Bethany, Dallas; Briarwood Retreat Ministries, Argyle; Calvary, Richland Hills; Church of the Damascus Road, Weatherford; Covenant, Temple; Faith, Meridian; First, Longview; First Salem, Roscoe; Four Mile, Mabank; Mount Olive, Dallas; Mosaic, Richardson; NTNL Public Witness Team; Our Redeemer, Grand Prairie; St. John, Wilson; St. Paul/St. Luke, Levelland; Trinity, Clifton; Trinity/Faith, Wichita Falls; and Zion, McGregor.** In addition, \$15,000 was given to the NTNL Mission Area Director of Evangelical Mission, Pastor Irma Bañales, for several mission ministries. Bishop Erik Gronberg, using DiscipleLife Alive Funds, awarded grants to **Our Redeemer, Grand Prairie; St. John, Dallas, and Trinity, Miles** for technology upgrades.

The MEF Board is grateful for the continued financial support of many congregations and individuals in the synod. In October 2017, the MEF held its thirteenth annual “Seeds That Change” Dinner/Fund Raiser at Christ Lutheran Church, Dallas, with over 120 persons in attendance. Members of Christ Lutheran were the sponsors of the event. The event provided over \$15,000 for the fund. The fourteenth annual event is planned for Saturday, October 20, 2018 at Calvary Lutheran Church, Richland Hills, under the leadership of members of Calvary congregation and their Pastor, Phil Heinze.

The Board expressed its thanks to outgoing board members: Richard “Dick” Wentzel, John Lautner, and Ann Hafften at the February 2018 Board meeting during the “Ritual of Transition.”

The following persons will serve as the Board of Directors of the Mission Endowment Fund from May 1, 2017, to April 30, 2018: **SAWL Mark Hadley**, Shepherd of Life, Arlington; **PLM Timothe Mast**, Four Mile, Mabank; **Pastor Clay McCord**, Trinity, Clifton; **Pastor Yvonne Kiebler**, King of Glory, Fort Worth; **Jon Krueger**, Faith, Wichita Falls; **Sandra Gass**, Rejoice, Frisco; **Marie Levier**, Mount Olive, Dallas; **Linda Ness**, Advent, Arlington; **Bill Anderson**, First, Longview; **Pastor John Schelter**, Our Savior, Mesquite; **Peri Segeran**, Gloria Dei, Garland; **SAWL Nicholas Chove**, Umojo and Faith Community, Fort Worth; **PLM Parma Kersten**, New Life in Christ, Duncanville, **Sabrina Walker**, St. John, Dallas, **SAWL Edy Santos**, Igreja Luterana Adviento, Arlington. **Hattie M. Hammer**, Our Redeemer, Grand Prairie, serves as the part-time Executive Director of the Mission Endowment Fund. **Erik Gronberg** serves as Bishop of the Mission Area.

**Richard “Dick” Wentzel**  
**Board Chair**

**Hattie M. Hammer**  
**Executive Director**

**Dated: February 2018**