

Mission Endowment Fund Awards 2019 Grants

The Mission Endowment Fund Board announces the 29 congregations and organizations who have received grants for 2019, totaling \$80,000. We are grateful for the support and encourage our congregations to become more involved in this ministry that serves the NT-NL with significant funds for creative ministries, outreach for growth, and new mission starts. See two of the recipients featured below.



2019 Grant Recipients: Advent, Arlington - Trunk or Treat, Advent, Arlington - Iglesia Luterana Adviento, Advent, Arlington - Lord's Pantry, Calvary, Richland Hills - Podcast-To hell with the Hotdish, Church of the Damascus Road - Church of the Damascus, Community of Hope, FW - Outreach Ministry to Seniors, Emanuel, Dallas - Leadership Development/Neighborhood outreach, Emmanuel, Granbury - Community Story Time, First, Longview - Local Playground Community Outreach, Four Mile, Mabank - WELCA- Aiding Local Graduating Seniors, Four Mile, Mabank - Community Day Camp, Latino Conference/San Gabriel - Couples Retreat, Latino Conference - Women's Retreat, Latina Conf/Bishop/Youth - Raising Up Youth Leaders, Latino New Mission Start-Our Redeemer-Grand Prairie - New Hispanic/Latin@ Mission Start, Lutheran Via de Cristo-N Texas - Clergy Experience, Mosaic, Dallas - Creating Meaningful Lives, Mount Olive, Dallas - 14th Annual Youth Conference, NT-NL Public Witness Team - Mental Wellness/Suicide Prevention, NT-NL Public Witness Team - Technological Outreach, NT-NL Stewardship Team - Education/Leader Development, New Hope, Keller - 25th Anniversary Celebration, Our Redeemer, Grand Prairie - Day Camp with Briarwood, St. John, Wilson - Mobile Food Pantry, Santa Maria in Exile, Irving - The Church is Coming to Me, VBS, Umoja International Church, Dallas - Mission Outlook in Dallas Area, Umoja International, FW - Leadership Training, Zion, McGregor - "Let's Do Lunch"

2019 Recipient SPOTLIGHT #1: Iglesia Luterana Adviento, at Advent, Arlington

Iglesia Luterana Adviento es una misión de la Iglesia Evangélica Luterana en América, del Área de Misión (Sínodo) del Norte de Texas y el Norte de Louisiana.

The grant has helped finance another year of service for the Spanish speaking community. This ministry has been funded in the past as well. The \$6500 will provide:

- Financial aid for the pastor's salary
- PLM - Payment for the second semester, of continuing education, for lay leaders
- Outreach and special events (Posadas and other traditional celebrations)
- Fellowship activities after worship services
- Printed materials for Bible study and other office supplies.



From Pastor Edy Santos: "We continue to explore new ideas and strategies that permit us to grow and to reach others through the gospel. We have increased the number of participants in our Worship Services and activities. We continue to educate our people, step by step, on different aspects of Lutheran beliefs that permit us to spread new feelings of faith. This has had good results, because now we have members of our congregation volunteering for Monday's breakfast to day laborers and the homeless of our neighborhood."

2019 Recipient SPOTLIGHT #2: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Granbury - Storytime Hour



The spring session at Emmanuel begins Tuesday mornings in March followed by a summer session beginning in June. The community is invited to bring their preschool children for a time of stories, music, and crafts. The children, caregivers, and Emmanuel volunteers are enjoying this program immensely. The program has grown and provides a connection to the community for Emmanuel. The Mission Endowment Fund has granted \$1000 to support this outreach activity.



This is a partial list of suggested preschool books to read. See if you recognize any of these!



Aylesworth, Jim: The Gingerbread Man Baker, Keith: Little Green Peas: A Big Book of Colors Beaumont, Karen: Who Ate All the Cookie Dough? Capucilli, Alyssa: Inside a House that is Haunted Carle, Eric: The Very Hungry Caterpillar Christelow, Eileen: Five Little Monkeys collection Curtis, Jamie Lee: Where Do All the Balloons Go? Dean, James: Pete the Cat and the Bad Banana Degen, Bruce: Jamberry Drummond, Ree: Charlie the Ranch Dog Freeman, Don: Corduroy Galdone, Paul: The Three Billy Goats

**Applications and guidelines for the
2020 grants are available online:**

<https://www.ntnl.org/ministries/mef/grant-application/>

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