

NT-NL Mission Endowment Fund Report to the 2020 Assembly

At the time of this submission, the duration and full impact of the pandemic are not yet known. The status of some of the 2020 grants may change as cancellations and re-ordering of priorities evolve. This report states the status as of March 25, 2020.

The NT_NL Mission Endowment Fund Board continues to pursue its objective to manage the investments and to select deserving ministries for the annual grants. In 2019, the Board hosted the annual SHARE THE HARVEST/Seeds that Change FUNd-raiser at Advent/Arlington, awarded grants of \$82,000 to 27 ministries for 2020, tracked the 29 2019 grant recipients' successes, and strategized to increase awareness via NT-NL newsletter and other means.



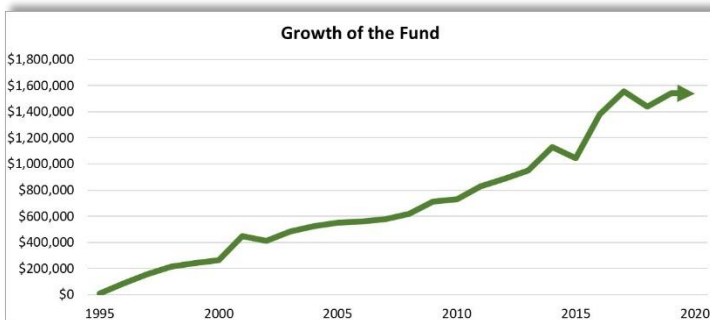
Celebrate 25 Years of ministry of
the Mission Endowment Fund.
Help us cross the
\$1 Million grant giving total!

We are grateful for the support of the NT-NL members and to report the following statistics *(As of Jan. 31, 2020)*:

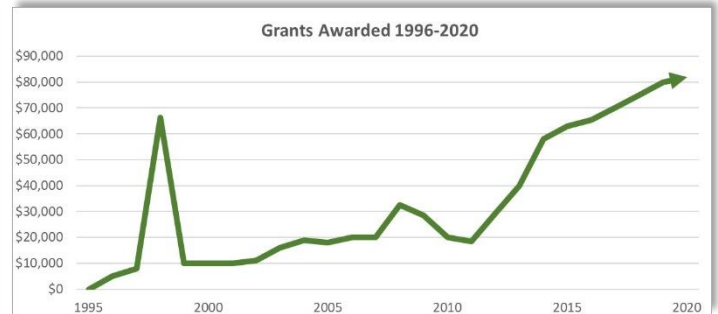
The account balance, as of Jan. 31, 2020	\$1,542, putting the fund ahead of 2019 by @ \$110,000
Grants awarded to 27 ministries for 2020	\$82,000 (\$80,000 in 2019)
Net proceeds from the Oct. 19, 2019 FUNd-Raiser	\$22, 274 (up more than \$8,000 from 2018)

All of these figures surpass previous figures. Yes, we are grateful but fully aware that the size of the fund and the implementation of some of these ministries are not fully known at this point. Some of the grant recipients may need to cancel or postpone their projects. The Board will consider options at the next Board Meeting on June 6.

2020 marks the 25th Anniversary of the Fund. We will be celebrating in different ways during the year and will be honoring the 40 Founding Partners – those individuals, organizations, and congregations whose initial vision started this fund in 1995. The first grants of \$5,000 were given in 1996. For 2020, the grant total is \$82,000. The graphs below show the growth of the Fund and the annual grants awarded in the 25-year history.

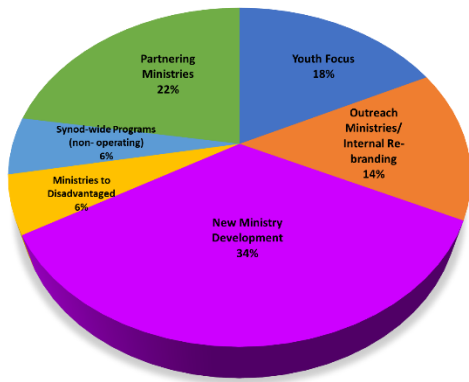


Thanks to generous donors and early legacy gifts, the fund reached over \$1.5 million in January 2020



The generosity over the years includes a 1998 \$60,000 grant to Briarwood. 2020 Grants totaled \$82,000

An additional historic figure includes how grants have been used to support a variety of ministries over the 25 years. Thanks to the many generous donors, MEF grants awarded over 25 years total \$875,650. The goal is to cross the \$1,000,000 mark! The pie chart and legend below show the distribution of funds. The vision of the founders of MEF was to support and develop new starts, and over 1/3 of the grants over the years have been dedicated to that same continuing vision.



How grants have supported vital ministries for 25 years:

- **34%** New ministry start-up and development
- **22%** Partnering with agencies such as prison ministry, Briarwood, Via de Cristo, podcasts, immigrant orientation, literacy programs
- **18%** Youth programs, Day Camps, training
- **14%** Congregational Community Outreach programs, rebranding, identity focus
- **6%** Programs/ministries including food banks, school lunches, nursing home, elderly pharmacy assistance
- **6%** NT-NL hosted seminars, learning, Synod Teams (non- operating expenses)

1996-2020 Grants = \$875,650

Recipients of the 2020 Grants

Status as of 3-25-20 The Board realizes that some of the grant recipient ministries may evolve differently in 2020.

Name of Ministry	Sponsoring Organization/Congregation
Iglesia Luterana Adviento	Advent Lutheran/Arlington
EGGstravaganza/ Community Easter event	Advent Lutheran/Arlington
The Lords Pantry at Advent Lutheran Church	Advent Lutheran/Arlington
Day Camp 2020	Bethany Lutheran/Dallas
Podcast - To hell with the hotdish	Calvary Lutheran/Richland Hill
Prison Ministry/Congregation	Church of the Damascus Road
Community of Hope - Youth Music	Community of Hope Lutheran/Ft. Worth
Sharing Our Faith Stories - Yours, Mine, God's (Congregational Growth)	Emanuel Lutheran/Dallas
Day Camp for Roscoe Community	First Salem Lutheran/Roscoe
Briarwood Community Day Camp at Four Mile Lutheran	Four Mile Lutheran Church/Mabank
Aiding Local H.S. Graduating Seniors with caps/gowns/ACT fees	Four Mile Lutheran Church/Mabank
Latinx Conference Women's Retreat	Latinx Conference
Latinx Conference Couples Retreat	Latinx Conference
Save A Life Today Youth Initiative in South Dallas	Mount Olive Lutheran/Dallas
NTNL Artist-in-residence – Women in Ministry at Synod Assembly	50th Anniversary of Ordination of Women
Living Connected Synod-wide Program	NT-NL Public Witness Team
In Mission Together Forming a Generous Church	NTNL Stewardship Team
Equipping, Empowering & Encouraging Youth Leaders with training	NTNL Youth Leaders in partnership with Pr. Kris
Summer Day Camp 2020	Our Redeemer Lutheran/Grand Prairie
The Church in My Neighborhood	Santa Maria in Exile/Irving
Shepherd's Pantry/Food Bank at Shepherd of Life/Arlington	Shepherd of Life Lutheran/Arlington
Mobile Food Pantry in Wilson, Texas	St. John Lutheran/Wilson
Trinity on Tap / Trinity To Go – Music Outreach in a brewpub	Trinity Lutheran - Clovis NM
Outreach and Transportation for members	Umoja International Chapel - Ft Worth
Bilingual Website implementation	Walnut Hill Lutheran/Farmers Branch
Hispanic Youth Leadership Academy	Walnut Hill Lutheran/Farmers Branch

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The Board is developing a strategy to seek donors through a campaign **called Legacy Partners Enduring Vision for Mission**. The launch date for this campaign is currently scheduled for the Seeds that Change event, October 17 at Our Savior Lutheran Church/Mesquite. More information will be distributed in the future.



As I have stated previously, it is my honor to serve the NT-NL in my position with the Endowment Board. I am grateful for the service of each of the Board members, for the support given to the Board from Bishop Gronberg and staff, and most of all grateful for the generous donors in the past, in the present, in the future. I look back over the 25 years with thanksgiving and look to the future with faith that this ministry of supporting congregations and organizations in the NT-NL will continue to be resilient and faithful to its calling.

Respectfully and prayerfully submitted,

Linda M Ness, Executive Director NT-NL Mission Endowment Board

March 25, 2020