

## MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND

### ADDENDUM REPORT TO SYNOD COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY - SEPTEMBER 2020



In my initial report to Synod Council in April, I mentioned that there were many unknowns due to the early stages and restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic. There were indeed significant alterations and new directions discerned as the year went forward. Included in this report is the updated list of the \$82,000 allocated for 2020 Grant Recipients. Changes included cancelled events, reapplications for different ministries, and subsequent grants made available by funds from

cancelled events that were returned to MEF. The deadline to submit applications for 2021 has been extended until Jan. 6, 2021, anticipating delays in congregations reuniting in person. The most significant activity by the Board has been offering Covid-19 Relief Funds in the amount of \$60,000 to congregations and organizations within our Synod. The list of recipients is also included at the end of this report. Good news is that the fund has recovered quite unexpectedly from the early losses and as of August is now at approximately \$1.4 million.

Because of the expected continuation of restrictions, the annual Fund Raiser, Seeds That Change, has now been reinstated as a Campaign that will include promotional materials, video testimonials, mailed campaign letters, and calls to donors. Our goal is an unprecedented fund-raising amount of \$25,000 for the investment fund plus another \$25,000 to help with the Covid-19 Relief Fund Account. Please be generous in your support.

The Seeds that Change Campaign will lead up to a memorable and creative worship service that will premiere on the NT-NL FaceBook page at 10:00 a.m. on October 17. Many churches, pastors, choirs and lay members from all over our Synod will be participating in this exciting combination of talent. The service is GATHER IN THANKFULNESS and will also be recorded for online viewing after Oct. 17 and perfect for congregational worship for Thanksgiving. Donations can be received online at <http://ntnl.org/mef>.

Mark Hinzman, member of King of Glory/Dallas is a new Board member to be approved by Synod Council in September. He will join the Board to take the position vacated by the passing of Sandra Gas.

### MEF - Covid-19 Relief Funds 2020

<b>\$60,000 made available by MEF</b>	<b>\$5,053 Balance remaining</b>
<b>Congregation/Organization Name and address</b>	<b>Details of Application</b>
<b>Briarwood Leadership Center</b>	Payroll, Portico Health Insurance and retirement benefits, property and liability insurance and utilities
<b>Church of the Damascus Road</b>	Salary for May; Lap Top Computer ; Web Cam
<b>First Sagrada Familia – Garland - June</b>	payroll , utilities/insurance/other expenses
<b>First Sagrada Familia – July</b>	payroll, utilities/insurance/other expenses
<b>Santa Maria in Exile/Holy Trinity - Irving</b>	salary before PPP payments
<b>Umoja Chapel – Fort Worth - May-</b>	May - salary due to ELCA; Church utilities, Assistance for utilities, food, emergency parishioner needs
<b>Umoja Chapel – Fort Worth - June</b>	June - salary due to ELCA; Church utilities, Assistance for utilities, food, emergency parishioner needs

## 2020 Mission Endowment Fund Grant Recipients Update List

Mission / Congregation	Project Name	Grant Awarded
NT-NL 50TH Anniversary of Ordination celebration - online artist workshops REAPPLICATION	Honoring Women in Ministry - 50th Anniversary Artist-led online seminars	\$3,000
Advent Lutheran	Iglesia Luterana Adviento	\$6,900
Advent Lutheran (will be used in 2021)	EGGstravaganza	\$800
Advent Lutheran	The Lords Pantry at Advent Lutheran Church	\$4,500
Briarwood Leadership Center SUBSEQUENT GRANT	Honorariums for Conversations at Briarwood speakers	\$2,500
Calvary Lutheran	Podcast - To hell with the hotdish	\$500
Church of the Damascus Road	Prison Congregations	\$8,600
Community of Hope Lutheran	Community of Hope - Youth Music	\$4,900
Emanuel Lutheran	Sharing Our Faith Stories - Yours, Mine, God's	\$1,800
First Sagrada Familia SUBSEQUENT GRANT	Upgrade to Effective Technology	\$3,000
First Salem Lutheran -RE-APPLICATION	School Supplies needed by Roscoe Early Childhood program	\$1,600
Four Mile Lutheran Church REAPPLICATION	Assisting with Rebecca Project, food program for homebound elderly	\$1,800
Four Mile Lutheran Church WELCA REAPPLICATION	Providing Hotspots for High Schoolers	\$1,000
Latinx Conference	Latinx Women's Retreat	\$2,600
Latinx Conference	Latinx Couples Retreat	\$2,800
Mount Olive Lutheran	Save A Life Today Youth Initiative	\$1,000
NT-NL African American Churches SUBSEQUENT GRANT	Equipping Leadership - 4 African American Churches	\$1,995
NT-NL Public Witness	Living Connected	\$2,500
NTNL Stewardship Team	In Mission Together Forming a Generous Church	\$5,600
Our Redeemer Lutheran REAPPLICATION	Reapplied for Community Food Program	\$2,000
Santa Maria in Exile	The Church in My Neighborhood	\$2,800
Shepherd of Life Lutheran	Shepherd's Pantry	\$5,000
St. John Lutheran/Wilson	Mobile Food Pantry	\$2,000
St. Luke's Lutheran Church SUBSEQUENT GRANT	Community Breakfast	\$1,270
Trinity Lutheran - Clovis NM	Trinity on Tap / Trinity To Go	\$2,000
Umoja International Chapel - Forth Worth	Outreach and Transportation	\$4,900
Walnut Hill Lutheran	Bilingual Website	\$1,700
Walnut Hill Lutheran	Hispanic Youth Leadership Academy	\$2,700

Again, as I have stated in subsequent reports, it is my pleasure to serve in the capacity as Executive Director of the NT-NL Mission Endowment Fund. The Synod staff continues to be supportive and the MEF Board has graciously extended their depth of service because of the unexpected activities and challenges this year. I thank God for our successful ministry, and I thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully Submitted,

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