

SCRIPT FOR MISSION ENDOWMENT SUNDAY: GETTING TO KNOW THE MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND

Please read to the congregation if the short video can not be shown – Thank you

Introducing The Mission Endowment Fund of the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod of the ELCA. We are a grant-giving ministry. Our synod is very fortunate to have this financial arm to support inspiring ministries.



Since 1996, the MEF has been awarding funds to many congregations and organizations to launch and support ministries that would not be possible without these grants. Over the years, this SEED money has CHANGED COUNTLESS LIVES!

The MEF gave its first grants in 1996, a total of \$5,000, to two start up church ministries. In 2022, we were able to award \$84,600 to 22 ministries.



AS of 2022, the MEF has now awarded OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS to deserving ministries across our Synod. ONE MILLION DOLLARS – How many lives have been touched with love and how many lives have been changed by the faithful servants who created and implemented these ministries in their congregations!

The size of the fund has grown over the years and the larger the fund grows, the more we are able to allocate for grants. We appreciate the support of our donors.



This is the first, MEF Sunday: GETTING TO KNOW THE MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND. We are sharing materials for distribution, a short video for viewing during worship or fellowship, and this narrative message so you can learn more about the MEF. Mission Endowment Fund Sunday is NOT a fund-raiser, but rather, we want to encourage people like you to create a ministry or project that needs some initial funding.



As part of MEF Sunday, the MEF Board wants to encourage congregations of all sizes and geographic locations to consider creating a ministry that shares the Gospel and changes lives.



Here are some exciting ministry projects to encourage and inspire you! With the help of one grant, Hungry recipients receive a hot breakfast and a prayer to start their day.



Another grant has assisted a youth-led project to feed the elderly on weekends.

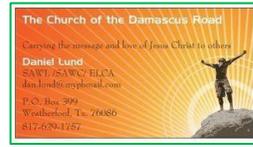
With increasing numbers of clients, food pantries became essential during the pandemic and beyond.



One church feeds more hungry people with their mobile food pantry than they have members.



MEF grants support a prison ministry that shares the Gospel message to 12,000 incarcerated men every week.



MEF grants helped many churches fund audio and video technology upgrades, enabling a better online worship experience during the pandemic and beyond.



MEF grants frequently provide assistance to youth.



Educational and spiritual enrichment grants are frequently given.



The Mission Endowment Fund can support your congregation in these type programs or new ones that you may imagine. We are sure there are folks in your congregation who have great ideas.

So, how do you apply for a grant? The deadline is October 31 for the 2023 grants.



The application is online and can be accessed at the NTNL website on the MEF page: ntnl.org/MEF



It is not too early to start planning for a ministry that will need seed money to get started. The application process will open in July 2022.



Submit the application online as required. The MEF Grants Team finalizes the grants early in February 2023. We encourage and welcome new ministry ideas for your church.

Another exciting MEF initiative for 2022 is the Legacy Partners Enduring Vision For Mission, educational presentation to encourage legacy or end-of-life gifts to your congregation and to the MEF. This will help ensure a healthy financial future for your church. Please invite a Board member to make this presentation to your church council or congregational members.



Thank you for GETTING TO KNOW THE MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND!



Please keep praying for the Mission Endowment Fund, the grant-giving ministry of our Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod!

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