2020 Synod Grants

The Southwest California Synod supports congregations, institutions, and agencies through two grant programs.

The Endowment Committee awards grants for Mission Outreach from the Mission and Ministry Fund to be used for mission outreach as defined in the synod's mission goals. **The Mission & Ministry Grant** is used for Outreach. Such Outreach shall be accomplished through Synod partnership whereby seed or start-up funding is provided via this grant for the glory of God and His children. It embraces the potential for Multi-Congregational Collaboration to ensure enduring gifts to the communities they serve now and into the future.

The Charles and Mable Warner Trust Fund, administered by the Executive Committee of the Synod Council, awards grants designated for the construction of Sunday School facilities and to further youth Christian education.

Southwest California Synod Mission Goals

- Communicating the Gospel message powerfully and clearly
- Shaping the faith of the baptized through education
- Fostering congregations in becoming healthy communities
- Creating opportunities for our rostered leaders to thrive
- Developing at least four geographical area ministry strategies
- Establishing clusters of congregations around similar ministries

2020 Mission & Ministry Grants

St. Mark's, Los Angeles Summer Peace Camp

An expansion of St. Mark's free Summer Day Camp, which has been a partnership with LRCC, to include neighborhood partner SoLA Community Peace Center.

St. Luke, Woodland Hills Expansion of Children and Family Ministries in Local CommunityRenovation of the playground area with the purpose of outreach and nurturing of area families and their children, and those children entrusted to various St. Luke ministries.

Hope, Hollywood Refrigerator Replacement

Purchase of an industrial refrigerator to assist Hope's outreach in serving meals after services and as part of Hope's three largest outreach, community, and fellowship events.

Trinity, Ventura Congregational Volunteers Supporting Homebound Seniors

Partnership with CAREGIVERS to outreach to senior in ELCA congregations in Ventura County,

provide free services and support, and implement a Parish Nurse program.

Hill Avenue Grace, Pasadena Grace Food Shelf

Assistance with Grace's food pantry, distributing every Saturday and proving Thanksgiving meals.

Trinity, Long Beach TLC Saturday Club & Community Meal

Support of a monthly community bilingual outreach event.

First, Torrance Caring Companions - Firstserve Community Services

Fostering a healthy community by providing support personnel for healthcare and hospital visits.

Faith, Canoga Park Music Ministries

Outreach to community youth by providing music lessons.

St. Paul's, Santa Monica LGBTQ Pastoral Internship Program

Support of St. Paul's ELCA Horizon Internship program partnering with SoCal Lutherans/Reconciling Works

Trinity, Pasadena - The Great Banquet at Trinity

Partnership with a local evangelical church to provide a once-a-month banquet for the homeless.

Angelica, Los Angeles Angelica Ministry to the Homeless

Distributing food, clothing, hygiene items, and funding for family emergency housing to the homeless in the Pico-Union area.

Lutheran Retreats, Camps and Conferences Campership Fund Support

Funding for Camp scholarships.

2020 Spirit Moving in our Neighborhood - Families and Friends

Continuing Central's work with neighborhood programs and partnership with LRCC.

The Finnish Lutheran Church

Finnish Ministry in an area including the SWCA Synod.

2020 Warner Trust Grants

St. Luke, Woodland Hills Year-Round Usable Sunday School Spaces for Children

Installation of updated air conditioning units in St. Luke's Education Building, which is used for all of the church's children's ministries and which is unusable during hot months when most needed.

Mt. Carmel, San Luis Obispo Children's Space

Remodeling current children's space to accommodate a monthly Parents' Night Out and better Sunday facilities.

Bethel, Los Angeles Sunday School Facilities & Christian Music Outreach

Improving two child educations areas and funding and promoting an annual youth concert

Lutheran Retreats, Camps and Conferences

Summer Camp Supplies and Learning Tree Remodel

Finnish Lutheran Church

Confirmation Classes for Finnish-speakers in an area including the SWCA Synod.