

the GatePost

"I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved" John 10:9

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**Making
Disciples
for Life** 

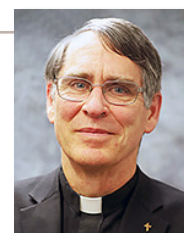
July 24, 2026

Missions and Exploring God's Mission Here

The Synod's Office of National Mission's (ONM) focus for the last three years has been "God's Mission Here." World War II made Americans aware of the need for telling the Good News about Jesus around the world. So, many LCMS Lutherans equated "Missions" with "over there." But "God's Mission" always remained "here" as well. When Lutheran Europeans were moving to America in droves (pre-World War I) the Missouri Synod concentrated on God's Mission Here, often limited to gathering shepherdless Germans into one of our flocks. When WWI forced Lutheran to speak English, God opened our eyes to see God's Mission Here, including more neighbors, because we also could speak their language.

God's Mission Here is to make sure that everyone "here," around us, "hears" how Jesus saves us from sin, and why He is "the Way" to life with our heavenly Father.

In the 21st century we see that "God's Mission" remains the same: "make disciples of all nation" by "baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you." And Jesus' promise remains the same: "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matt. 28:19-20).



From the President's Desk

Rev. Mark Eddy, CID President
meddy@cidlcms.org

What has changed is the "Here" part. When we concentrated on sending missionaries "over there," God's Mission Here did not stop. But we may have lost focus. Being far-sighted may make what is close look fuzzy. Or maybe your congregation has been nearsighted on your own needs, but needs help looking at who is around you. ONM's "God's Mission Here" is trying to provide corrective vision for our congregations, so we can focus on our changing neighborhoods, where we see new/old problems: some of our neighbors do not share our same background. Yet they are "here," and they need the Good Shepherd. And He has given us the mission to "proclaim the Gospel" (Mark 16:15) also to them, so that they, too could say, "Jesus is Lord" by the power of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:3).

Last year ONM developed a workshop, Exploring God's Mission Here, to help us

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focus on what God has called His people to do as members of the body of Christ (which goes beyond “hear the word of God” to “and keep it,” Luke 11:28). Our God-given mission here includes, “love your neighbor as yourself” (Matt. 22:39). I don’t want to go to hell, so I don’t want my neighbors to go to hell. Jesus “finished” His mission here by sacrificing Himself to take away the sin of the world. So His promise is powerful: “everyone who believes in Him would not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). But “how are they to believe in him of whom they did not hear?” (Rom. 10:14)

The CID is offering the workshop *Exploring God's Mission Here* to all of our congregations.

God's Mission Here for all our churches (and all the members who work together in the churches) is to make sure that everyone “here,” around us, “hears” how Jesus saves us from sin, and why He is “the Way” to life with our heavenly Father.

So this year the CID is offering the workshop *Exploring God's Mission Here* to all of our congregations. There you will get help focusing not only on God's mission, but also on “here,” your congregation and its God-given assets, as well as your neighborhood (zip code) and what kinds of people are living here. It is best to get your whole circuit together to explore God's mission here, because “here” can overlap, and the gifts which we need to do God's mission may be dispersed over various congregations.

So, if you haven't yet been invited to one of these “Exploring God's Mission Here” workshops, ask your pastor to ask your circuit when you can get the leaders of your congregations together (and invite me to lead you) in *Exploring God's Mission Here*.

CENTRAL IL CHURCH WORKER Scholarships

Recently the scholarship committee met and approved twenty-seven scholarships for Central IL District students. Seven scholarships went to seminarians and twenty to undergraduate students. Two were new seminarians and ten were new freshmen at our Concordia universities. In total, \$148,050 was awarded.

If you would like to learn more about church work vocations and the work of our church work students, information is available at <https://www.lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve>.



ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO CONSIDER CHURCH WORK!

Christ's church will continue until He returns, and that church will continue to need church workers.

Set Apart to Serve (SAS) is an initiative of the LCMS to recruit church workers. Together, we pray for workers for the Kingdom of God and encourage children to consider church work vocations. Here are three easy ways you can participate in SAS:

1. **Pray with** your children for God to provide church workers.
2. **Talk to** your children about becoming church workers.
3. **Thank God** for the people who work in your congregation.

SET APART TO SERVE
LCMS CHURCH WORK RECRUITMENT



To learn more about *Set Apart to Serve*, visit [lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve](https://www.lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve).

Leaders Come to CID to Discuss Evangelism

On June 16-17, a few Synod leaders came together in Springfield to compare notes on improving evangelistic outreach across our church body. Meeting in the second “Evangelism Enclave” (the first was last summer in Fort Wayne) were the presidents of both seminaries and one other professor from each; two District mission executives, a District President, a parish pastor, the Office of National Mission’s Director for Discipleship Ministry, and the Synod’s Chief Mission Officer.

Discussion ranged widely on a number of fronts, but settled down to three key topics:

- The need to provide examples of evangelism done well, according to Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. “How-to” instructions help, but take participants only so far. Warnings about how not to go about the evangelistic task have their place, but may not help people envision how they both should and can do it. Good examples are needed not only to help with basic evangelism conversations but also in the field of church planting.
- On the subject of planting new churches, the group agreed that the connection between evangelism and church planting needs to be spelled out more explicitly than it often has been. “If we foreground church planting, evangelism will follow,” said one member of the group. Is this true? How often might this statement apply? Are there exceptions, and why? How often does the reverse occur – that an emphasis on evangelism gives rise to church planting?
- Establishing a culture of telling the Good News about Jesus within congregations may be our most overarching need of all. Such a culture would say, in effect, “This is *who we are*, a Good News-centered and Good News-telling people.” One element of it would be congregations seeing their pastors, and pastors seeing



LEFT TO RIGHT: Pastor James Woelmer, Christ Lutheran Church, Manhattan, Kansas; President Jon Bruss, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Rev. Dan Galchutt, Chief Mission Officer, LCMS; Rev. Dr. Heath Trampe, Discipleship Ministry, Office of National Mission, LCMS; President Nathan Meador, South Wisconsin District LCMS; Prof. Joel Fritzsche, Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, Missouri; Dr. Roland Ziegler, Concordia Theological Seminary; President Tom Egger, Concordia Seminary; Rev. Dr. Geoff Robinson, Mission Executive, Indiana District LCMS; Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb, Evangelism Executive, Central Illinois District LCMS.

themselves, as the “Chief Evangelist” within their local church. Another would be cultivating a shared love for non-churched people who need salvation in Christ.

“The group was enormously aided by having in common a doctrinal and theological unity,” said CID Evangelism Executive Ken Schurb, who ended up chairing the meeting. “Lacking that, making headway in the cause of evangelistic outreach would be much harder.”

Already at last year’s Evangelism Enclave, one of the seminary professors commented that his students might find it remarkable that some of their professors were engaging in a discussion like this with national and District executive personnel. Yet it should not be surprising. “We need one another,” Schurb noted. Part of forming a culture of evangelism across the Synod is to conduct conversations such as this one. South Wisconsin District President Nathan Meador noted the generous support of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund, which provided a grant that partially funded the event.

The group agreed to try to gather again, and include some others, next summer in St. Louis. The upcoming meeting will be planned to focus more on evangelism’s relationship to church planting, but it will also include other evangelistic efforts being made within the Synod.




WitnessingHELPS

Four Witnessing Helps sheets accompanied by two-minute introductory videos are available at

<https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-witness-ministry.html>



Summer, 2026 Small Church Summit

FAMILY MINISTRY & MUCH MORE



On Saturday, June 13, the Small Church Summit was held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn. Some 33 people from the Central and Southern Illinois Districts were present.

Keynote speaker was Rev. Andy Becker, Director of Family Ministry in the Synod's Office of National Mission. He thinks of *family ministry* as the support that a congregation gives its families as places for faith formation. Support is needed, since research shows that religious identities tend to be formed by age 18. Childhood becomes the battleground. One-third of presently de-churched adults (who attended church at one time but now no longer) had no religious training in their homes. Within our Synod, only 17% of families interested enough in family ministry to be working with the Concordia Center for the Family report that they conduct family devotions. Nationwide, 34% of the children enrolled in our preschools and early childhood centers are from families that had no church homes when these pupils were first registered. The Christian family needs to be highlighted as the place where the faith is lived out, practiced as well as inscribed.



Family ministry includes matters of faith formation. It also embraces the importance of helping families with parenting, personal habits, sexuality issues, and marriage enrichment. There is a growing body of helpful resources on the Synod's website. Check it out now, but return to it in the future at <https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/national/family-ministry>

Family ministry provides equipping for discipleship. *Family discipleship* refers to various efforts made within a family, including engaging in spiritual conversations (both intentional and as ripe occasions present themselves), teaching about generosity (both giving and serving), and parents making special efforts to impart verbal blessings

to their children. It starts as newly married couples and new parents ask themselves what spiritual life will look like in their homes. It is best if the emphasis falls on practices that are simple and repeatable, especially at first.

Rev. Becker noted that the church is always one generation away from extinction. Yet it is also only one generation away from a broad-based embrace of family practices that will reinforce the faith, as parents determine not only to provide material support for their children but also to bring them up to the praise and honor of the Lord. Small churches have particular advantages in relationships and church culture that they can put to good use. A new resource for family ministry in small churches should be available this fall.

In the afternoon, after the keynote, participants chose sessions they wanted to attend in three sectional time periods. Mr. David Ward, CID Life Coordinator, presented on Life Ministry in the Small Church. Rev. Patrick Gumz of the CID staff did two related presentations on showing hospitality to visitors, starting already before they determine to visit your church. Mr. Trip Rodgers of the CID staff held forth on Ministry Safe and Strategic Planning, and Dr. Ken Schurb of CID staff presented Witnessing Helps and a session on Congregational Assessment Tools. Some of these sessions may be repeated at future Small Church Summits.

Winter, 2027 SCS
will probably take place
in CID in January and
SID in February.

Keep watching for
dates, precise locations,
and other details as
they become available
this fall.



Vicar Seibert Installation

At their Sunday worship service on July 5, 2026, Our Savior's, Springfield, installed Vicar Nicholas Seibert.



Vicar Nick Seibert with Claus Bacher (chairman, Board of Elders) and Susan Bacher



Rite of Installation with Pastor Joshua Traxel and Pastor Joel Springer



Rev. Galle Installation

Rev. Travis Scott Galle was installed at Holy Cross, Golden, on Sunday, July 12, 2026.

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Rev. Dr. Jon Vieker, Rev. Travis Galle, Rev. Marlin Rempfer, and Rev. William Hale (field work pastor). BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Rev. Chris Hull, CID President Mark Eddy, Rev. Peyton Holland (classmate), circuit visitor / vacancy Pastor Matthew Riley, and Rev. Martin Eden.

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IS RISEN
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The 69th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

July 18–23, 2026

Phoenix Convention Center
Phoenix, Arizona

The Convention Workbook, the Biographical Synopses & Statements of Nominees, and other materials — such as issues of *Today's Business* and the convention Bible study — are available at lcms.org/convention/national.

The opening Divine Service and all convention sessions are archived at lcms.org/convention/livestream.

A Dollar for Missions News

This year five projects have been approved and three have already been completed. Dollar for Missions has assisted in the funding of Hispanic ministry in Beardstown, paid for a beautiful aluminum sign for Wittenberg Student Center at Illinois State, and has provided funds for Immanuel – Charleston to revamp its student library. The two remaining projects include new flooring for the Wittenberg Student Center sanctuary and fellowship hall, and providing technology equipment and instruction materials for Central IL Deaf Outreach.

If your congregation would like to have its mission project funded for next year, applications are due September 1st. Applications are available on the CID website at <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-dfm-apply.html>. Project ideas and applications can be discussed with Rev. Patrick Gumz at the district office.



DFM Online

New this year, you can now support DFM through online giving. Many people no longer carry cash but still want to support the Central Illinois District's mission work. One-time and recurring donations are now available online at

<https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/LCMSCentralIllinoisDistrict/D4M>

or by using the QR code. **All new recurring gifts will be matched by a special one-time gift, up to \$20,000.**



PRAYER

O Lord, open the hearts of your people to support the proclamation of the Good News about Jesus in ways large and small. Bless the Dollars for Mission that support mission work in unusual ways. In Jesus' name. Amen.



You can always find out more about DFM, including the present project at any time, at <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html>



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Keeping Christ on *Campus*

Grace in Christ, from your friends at Wittenberg Lutheran Center!

"From Him, Through Him, and To Him" is a concept drawn from St. Paul's letter to the Romans [11:36]. It establishes our understanding of God's mysterious wisdom, knowledge, judgments and ways. Three prepositional phrases that help us to grasp the scope of God's loving provision, as well as His claim to all the honor and all the glory.

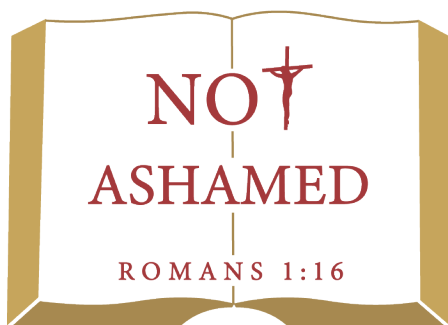
Our relationship with His Son Christ Jesus is also defined by a prepositional phrase that St. Paul employs, "In Him". He draws on this term frequently in his letters, and by this repetition it teaches us that it is only in our Lord Jesus that we entrust all our reason and strength, that by the working of His Holy Spirit we would come to believe in Him and His saving work on our behalf.

Our status before God, being "in Christ", means that all Jesus has done is automatically ours "by grace, through faith" (describing how salvation is delivered to us). It is by the grace "of God", delivered through the righteousness "of Jesus", that we now have access "into His presence" [Psalm 95:2]. These beautiful words link us to the God of the Universe!

These summer months give us time to ponder this wonderful, loving relationship! Our mission is to share these truths wherever and whenever possible, in season and out. God's peace to you in Christ!



For more information on Campus Ministry: <http://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-missions-campus.html>



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TUSCOLA, IL

Register Today!
Seating is limited.

Not Ashamed Conference

The fourth annual *Not Ashamed Conference*, hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tuscola, IL, addresses a growing challenge: confusion — about truth, about Christian confession, and about why the faith will always offend.

This year's theme is **Not Ashamed of the Cross — Speaking the Truth Clearly in a Confused Age**. The speaker is Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller, pastor of St. Paul and Jesus Deaf Lutheran Churches in Austin, TX, and author of *Has American Christianity Failed?* and *Finally Free* (CPH, 2025).

Attendance is free and includes a catered lunch. Seating is limited. Registration and full details can be found at immanueltuscola.org/not-ashamed-conference.

Saturday
August 29, 2026

9:00 am (doors open at 8:30 am)

Tuscola Community Building
122 W. North Central Avenue
Tuscola, IL 61953

Night of Hope Event

for High School Youth & Adults of any age
hosted at Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn

Sunday, September 27 • 3 - 6 PM

Barna research — as well as others' — have found that young people, namely Millennials and Gen Z, are more likely than past generations to report battling with mental health issues. In research conducted for *The Connected Generation*, Barna's largest-ever study, half of U.S. 18–35-year-olds (49%) reported feeling anxiety over important decisions and also expressed a fear of failing. Over three in 10 said they often felt sad or depressed (39%) or lonely and isolated from others (34%). The mental health strain teens and young adults were under pre-pandemic has only intensified since the crisis.

In response to this, it is our desire to host...

A Night of Hope: Where God, Art, and Mental Health Meet

Join Tanner Olson, Heidi Goehmann, and Blake Flattley, for a night of poetry, music, and tools for meeting our mental health with hope. This event will explore Mental Health topics in the light of our Hope found in Jesus Christ. People will be connected to resources that help them breach stigma, rest in God, and build strength to love themselves and those around them well, no matter the challenge.

Throughout the event:

- Blake will have several sets of music
- Tanner will share his poetry
- Heidi will speak about Hope in promise, Hope in practice, and Hope in celebration
- Games/contests and giveaways throughout the event
- Pizza party and time to look at merchandise and get autographs

Tanner Olson is an author, poet, speaker, and podcaster. His writing has been described as “*hopefully unique*” as it blends faith, humor, and curiosity. Through his work, he seeks to point readers and listeners toward the ultimate source of hope and love, Jesus. For over 10 years he has been traveling the country sharing poetry, delivering messages of grace, and offering stories of hope. To keep up with his work, find him on Instagram, @writtentospeak, Facebook, and Substack. Tanner lives in Nashville, TN, with his wife, son, and their goldendoodle, Pancake. Tanner's new book, *Getting Through What You Are Going Through* was released at the beginning of 2026.

Heidi Goehmann is licensed clinical social worker and mental health provider, deaconess, writer, speaker, wife, mom, and advocate. She can always be found at heidigoehmann.com advocating and providing resources for mental health and genuine relationship. Heidi loves her family, sticky notes, Jesus, adventure, Star Wars, Star Trek, and new ideas.... not necessarily in that order. Her best sellers include, *Emotions and the Gospel* and *Finding Hope*.

Trinity Lutheran Presents

A NIGHT OF HOPE

Where God, Art, & Mental Health Meet



Join singer-songwriter, Blake Flattley, therapist and author, Heidi Goehmann, and author and spoken word poet, Tanner Olson for an evening of music, poetry, and conversation about mental health and hope.

Scan the QR code to register!



September 27, 2026 | 3:30 PM
1201 W Jackson St, Auburn, IL 62615
trinityauburn.org

Blake Flattley is an accomplished singer-songwriter and the head of 1517 Music. He holds a BA in Humanities and an MA in Theology from Concordia University, Irvine, CA, and has served as a Worship Director for churches in Southern California, Houston, New York City and the Phoenix area. Blake currently lives with his wife Tara and their three girls, Amelia, Olivia, and Willa in Southern California.

Heidi & Tanner encourage parents & other supportive adults to attend with youth. They have found that it's best when parents/leaders of the church experience the evening as a whole. Their hope is to begin a conversation that families can carry on together.

Cost: FREE (by God's Grace and generous donors)

Registration is REQUIRED by September 15th. Use the QR code above or go to www.trinityauburn.org or email tlcauburnil@gmail.com. All the churches in the area and the entire community are invited to this event. Contact Donna Moldenhauer at (217) 502-2149 with any questions.

Sponsored in part by Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn; Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund; Camp CILCA; and Thrivent.

Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF)

Grants Awarded in 2025

St. John's, Effingham – Signboard - \$5,000

Reaching out to the Effingham community utilizing a street-side LED message board.

Immanuel, Tuscola – Not Ashamed Program - \$3,000

Offering the church and unchurched in the Tuscola area training on engaging with the culture and living our lives as witnesses to Christ.

Faith, Sullivan – Community Pantry - \$1,000

Bringing hope to families in need in the community by supporting their physical and spiritual needs.

Springfield Lutheran High School – Financial Support - \$13,232

Providing financial support for funding of LuHi's December mortgage payment.

Lutherans in the Central Illinois District:

- **Lay Leadership Development - \$4,800** – enhancing the skillset of our lay leaders to provide strong leadership in our churches.
- **OAF - \$5,000** – providing financial support for our Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ recognized service organization.

Seminarians and Deaconess Students in the Central Illinois District – Seminarian and Deaconess Student Grants - \$5,000

Assisting with seminarians' and deaconess students' material needs as they prepare to support us with our spiritual needs.

Central Illinois District:

- **Digital Doorways - \$15,000** – expanding and improving the online presence of our churches.
- **Exploring God's Mission Here - \$24,330** – gathering leaders from our congregations to discuss the most efficient manner of fulfilling God's mission for our collective churches.



Welcome Joel Oschwald to the CID-CEF!

Joel Oschwald has joined the CID-CEF as the new Executive Director to succeed Christine Anderson upon her retirement on July 31, 2026. Joel brings a wealth of banking experience to the Church Extension Fund, complemented by a Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary. Please join us in welcoming Joel to his new position at the CID-CEF!

*Only through God's grace are these financial resources available
to be returned to His ministry in the Central Illinois District –
praise be to Him!*

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EDUCATION CONFERENCES



Illinois Lutheran School Administrators' Conference

Administrators from all three Illinois Districts gathered for a three-day conference in Batavia, Illinois. This was the fourth annual summer conference and the first year the Preschool Directors also attended.



Future Lutheran Administrator Mentoring and Education (FLAME) Conference

This summer, three principals attended the Future Lutheran Administrator Mentoring and Education (FLAME) Conference in Ann Arbor, Michigan. This yearly conference is for new principals or early childhood directors that are looking for additional training. This year's participants are (left to right) Jordan Hopman (Principal, Trinity, Stewardson), Judi Hicks (Principal, Good Shepherd, Pekin), Trip Rodgers (CID, Education Executive) and Kathy Kurecki (Preschool Director, Mount Calvary, Decatur).



CAMP CILCA 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



S.E.L.F. RETREAT

Singles Engaged in Lutheran Fellowship (S.E.L.F.) Retreat's goal is fellowship and fun. We are planning to do lots of activities and have a ton of fun with other Lutherans who happen to be single.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."
Matthew 18:20

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| February 27-28 | ACT LIKE MEN Woodcutters' Retreat |
| March 6-7 | Women's Retreat with Katie Schuermann |
| March 14 | Spring Work Day & Pancake Dinner |
| April 12 | Annual Banquet
Held at Camp CILCA's Dining Hall. Contact the camp office to reserve your tickets. |
| April 17-19 | Spring Women's Scrapbooking Retreat |
| May 17 | J.C. Training 2 p.m.—6 p.m. (Option 1) |
| May 22-25 | CID Campout & Hog Roast with Auction |
| May 26 | J.C. Training 10 a.m.—2 p.m. (Option 2) |
| May 27-July 31 | SUMMER PROGRAM |
| August 1 | Homecoming |
| August 28-30 | S.E.L.F. Retreat (Singles' Retreat) |
| Aug. 29-Sep. 1 | CID Campout (No Chicken Dinner) |
| September 18 | Whippoorwill Golf Outing |
| September 26 | ACT LIKE MEN Shooting Retreat
Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. |
| October 3 | G.R.I.T. Run! |
| November 7 | Fall Work Day |
| TBD | Fall Women's Scrapbooking Retreat |
| December 11-12 | Joyful Hearts Christmas |

INVESTMENT APPLICATION



CHURCH EXTENSION FUND, INC. (CEF) Central Illinois District - LCMS (CID)

1850 North Grand Avenue West
Springfield, IL 62702-1626
TELEPHONE: (217) 793-1802 FAX: (217) 793-9454
EMAIL: cef@cidlcms.org www.cid-cef.org

New Investment: \$ _____
Make check payable to:
CID Church Extension Fund

-OR-

Existing CID-CEF Investment Certificate # _____
(Signed Investment Certificate or Lost Certificate Affidavit and Indemnity
Agreement must be returned with Application)

Reinvest \$ _____ Redeem \$ _____

INVESTMENT CERTIFICATES - Minimum Investment: \$500 - Interest paid/applied and statement sent semi-annually

- ☐ 2.50% 5-year term ☐ 2.25% 3-year term
☐ 2.00% 1-year term ☐ 0.75% 6-month term
Special Term and Rate – Limited Time!!!
☐ 3.75% - 11-month term

INTEREST PAYMENT METHOD (Choose one)

- ☐ Accumulate interest and add to investment
☐ Investment check semi-annually (if over \$25)
☐ Direct Deposit – requires completed enrollment form
(Go to www.cidlcms.org or contact CEF to request the form)

INTEREST RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE – CALL TO CONFIRM CURRENT RATES

FLEXIBLE SAVINGS – Interest added to account monthly, statement sent quarterly

- ☐ Regular Flexible Savings Account Interest Rate: 0.40% Minimum: \$25 – available to all customers
☐ Capital Campaign Flexible Savings Account Interest Rate: 1.00% Minimum: \$500 – available only to religious organizations

Account Ownership (Complete A, B, or C. Please print)

A. Sole or Joint Owners (One or more owners as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship and not tenants in common. Beneficiaries may be designated on "Beneficiary Designation" form. Interest is reported to the IRS using the Social Security number of the first owner listed.)

1. _____
Last or Religious Organization Name First MI Social Security # or TIN Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
2. _____
Last First MI Social Security # Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
3. _____
Last First MI Social Security # Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

☐ Check if "Beneficiary Designation" form is attached ☐ Check that all joint owners have signed application

B. Trust ("Certificate of Existence of Trust and Authority to Act" must be completed and sent with application)

Name of Trust Social Security #/TIN

C. Custodian Investment for Minor (Under the Illinois Uniform Transfers to Minors Act)

MINOR Last First MI Social Security # Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

CUSTODIAN Last First MI Social Security # Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

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Contact Information for Account

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City State Zip

Home Phone Cell Phone Email Address

Supporting Investments

(Please provide the organization to be recognized for current or future investment requirements)

Your Home Congregation or Other LCMS Organization City

Investment Certification and Signature – Signatures of all account owners are required.

By signing this application (“I” refers to all applicants, whether one or more), I certify that:

- All information provided is true and correct.
- I am of legal age and not a minor.
- I authorize the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund to initiate any correcting debit or credit that may be necessary.
- I have received a current Offering Circular of the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund.
- I am a member of, contributor to, or participant in The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod or any district or other program, activity, or organization which constitutes a part of the Synod or any of its districts, or I am an ancestor, descendant, or successor in interest to such person.
- I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).
- The Social Security or Tax ID number shown for me on this application is correct.
- I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) the IRS has not notified me that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding. Please draw an “X” through the preceding sentence if you ARE currently subject to backup withholding. Due to IRS regulations, the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund cannot record your investment until your Taxpayer Identification Number is provided and the above certification signed. The IRS does not require your consent to any provisions of this application other than the certifications required to avoid backup withholding.

Signature of Account Owner/Trustee/Custodian/Authorized Signer Date

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The CID-CEF reserves the right to call this investment for redemption upon 60 days’ written notice and reserves the right to request 30 days’ notice of redemption prior to maturity on certificates and 15 days’ notice on flexible savings accounts. Certificates renew automatically unless the CID-CEF is notified otherwise within 10 days after maturity. Certificate is non-negotiable, redeemable with the CID-CEF upon proper endorsement, and subject to an early redemption penalty.

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