

Abrazel **Grants for
New & Existing Congregations of
The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod**

Program Goal: To increase membership of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod by providing grants to develop new congregations and to help existing congregations share the Gospel with at least ten unreached or uncommitted people in the United States per week.

Criteria: Grants will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Clear, realistic plan to share the Gospel with ten people per week
- Measurable project objectives targeting one or more new missions
- Involvement of congregations and lay leaders
- Project budget
- Plan for evaluating the effectiveness of the project
- Commitment to report results of the grant

Process: Answer each question on the form and submit to:

LCMS World Mission

**Submit proposal for 2004 to
The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod
Attn: Debbie Williams
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by October 15, 2003**



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Application

Date of application _____ **Amount of grant request** _____

Name of congregation _____

Street address _____

City, state, zip _____

Contact person's name _____

Position _____

Contact person's signature _____

Telephone () _____ **Fax ()** _____

E-mail address _____

Project leader's name _____

Position _____

District name _____

District executive's name/position _____

District executive's signature _____

I. Proposal

- Describe the need, the measurable objectives of the new congregation, the mission strategy and activities through which the objectives will be met, and the role of the lay leaders. Describe specific plan for sharing the Gospel with unreached and/or uncommitted people in the United States. How will this project help you share the Gospel with two people per day, ten people per week?

II. Community Description

- Describe the population to be served.
- What is the economic profile of the community?
- What is the ethnic makeup of the community?
- What demographic changes are expected in the next ten years?
- Provide other information specific to your community.

III. Description of Congregation

- Year incorporated or proposed organizational date _____
- Statistics for previous four years (if applicable)

	2000	2001	2002	2003
Baptized Membership				
Average Worship Attendance				

IV. Financial Data

- Total project cost: \$_____
- List below all funding sources (district/congregation)
- Identify additional sources of long-term funding.
- Complete enclosed detailed budget sheet outlining all expenses and income.

Budget Information Sheet
Total Project Budget

Itemize Project Budget Expenses

Amount

\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____

Total Expenses: \$ _____

Itemize Project Budget Income

(list all sources of income including fees, church body contributions, grants, etc.)

Amount

\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____

Amount of grant request

Total Income: \$ _____

V. Evaluation

- Describe the evaluation process. What are the criteria and evaluation methods to be used? Include name, title and qualifications of evaluator. (An outside evaluator is encouraged.) How do you intend to report your activities and results in sharing the gospel with ten people per week?

VI. For Ethnic-Specific and Cross-Cultural Mission Projects

The following three criteria must be met:

- If the existing congregation provides facilities to another ethnic group, explain its decision to do so, and its readiness to accept cultural differences.
- Is the church worker *fluent* in both English and the language of the other ethnic group? Explain.
- The project must have been discussed with the district and with the appropriate Board for Mission Services mission facilitator. Provide names and titles of these persons.