

# STRATEGIC PLAN

For the 2018-2021 Triennium



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## **Mission**

Encourage, Network and Equip Lutheran congregations of the North Wisconsin District LCMS to vigorously make known the love of Christ.

## **Vision**

North Wisconsin District church workers and congregations will work collectively to carry out Making Disciples for Life.

## **Core Values**

- Faithfulness to the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions
- Excellence in all endeavors
- Integrity in all relationships
- Sustainability in all ministries
- Harmony in life together

## **Outcomes**

### **Outcome #1: PROFESSIONAL CHURCH WORKERS**

Church workers will be encouraged, networked and equipped to fulfill their Calls and vocations.

Goal 1. Aid workers in all tasks related to calls.

- (1) PIF-SET and CMIF Updates
- (2) Roster Status Paperwork
- (3) Accepted Calls Paperwork
- (4) Ordained/Commissioned Call Lists
- (5) Financial Support – Hardship
- (6) Worker Visits

Goal 2. Equip workers for wellness in all facets of their life.

- (1) Encourage Using Grace Place and Doxology Ministries
- (2) Provide Counseling Support (Kohn)
- (3) Provide Worker Health Support (Lundgren)
- (4) Camp Luther Use Promoted
- (5) Utilize a Worker Wellness Task Force
- (6) Provide Retirement Workshop
- (7) Provide Team Ministry Workshop for Personal Leadership

Goal 3. Encourage and aid worker participation in discovering and utilizing resources available from the NWD and Synod.

- (1) Pastor Conference
- (2) Teachers Conference
- (3) New Worker Gathering
- (4) Circuit Visitor Gathering
- (5) Principal Academies
- (6) Early Childhood Director Gathering
- (7) Early Childhood Regional Meetings
- (8) Early Childhood Consultant
- (9) State/National Youth Gathering

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- (10) Office Support Staff Gathering
- (11) Retirement Planning
- (12) Soldiers of the Cross
- (13) All Schools Summit
- (14) Stewardship: Assessing and Equipping
- (15) Colloquy Financial Support
- (16) FLAME-SLED Financial Support (Future Leader Administrators Midwest Educators)
- (17) Ministry Safe Abuse Prevention tools
- (18) Lutheran Special Education Ministry Group Purchasing
- (19) WI Council for Religious and Independent Schools Resources
- (20) PALS

## **Outcome #2: CONGREGATIONS**

Congregations will be encouraged, networked and equipped to minister to the needs of all through Word and Sacrament.

Goal 1. Aid congregations in all work related calls and contracts.

- (1) University Placement
- (2) Pre-call, Call Meeting, Installation/Ordination Process
- (3) Reduction in Force Guidelines
- (4) Performance Improvement Plan Support
- (5) Calls vs Contracts Support
- (6) Severance Support

Goal 2. Equip congregational leaders to identify and manage conflict.

- (1) Circuit Visitor Training
- (2) Ambassadors of Reconciliation Promoted
- (3) Coaching Support
- (4) Board Training/Roles

Goal 3. Encourage and aid church leaders to develop and implement a plan for ministry.

- (1) Board Governance Transition
- (2) Rural/Small/Dual Congregation Task Force
- (3) Congregational Stewardship
- (4) Ministry Clarity (LCEF)
- (5) Provide Team Ministry Workshop
- (6) Provide Leadership Meetings

### **Outcome #3: DISTRICT MINISTRY RESOURCES AND AID**

Ministry opportunities will be identified and resources deployed to collectively carry out Making Disciples for Life.

Goal 1. Support ministries that carry out Making Disciples for Life.

- (1) Campus
- (2) Chaplain
- (3) Deaf
- (4) Hmong
- (5) Camp Luther
- (6) Peru
- (7) Hearts for Jesus

Goal 2. Identify and support new ministries based on potential impact on Making Disciples for Life.

- (1) Mission Mini Grants
- (2) Rural Small Town: Identify Needs, Provide Resources
- (3) Mission Start

*\*Making Disciples for Life is a new Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) initiative to provide resources, training and opportunities for congregations as they witness to Christ and His eternal gifts. The four priorities of MDFL include: evangelizing the lost, retaining the faithful, strengthening congregations and planting churches.*