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## "I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing." Genesis 12:2

Dear Friends of the North Wisconsin District,

Grace and peace to you as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

With the accounting of 2018 fully behind us, it is time once again to boldly say **THANK YOU** for your partnership in ministry. May God bless each of us as we seek to be a blessing, reflecting His love in our communities and throughout the world!

As your District Resources team, our mission is simple: to encourage, network and equip Lutheran congregations of the NWD—LCMS to vigorously make known the love off Christ.

To achieve that mission, we intentionally focus on three outcomes...

- Professional Church Workers
- Congregations
- District Ministry Resources

To learn more, the goals to achieve these outcomes are found in the strategic plan, under the About Us tab of the NWD—LCMS website at <a href="https://www.nwdlcms.org">www.nwdlcms.org</a>.

I have included here some of the highlights of our progress in 2018. As always, please contact me with any questions about our shared ministry and your ongoing support.

Thank you again for your prayers and your financial support. May God continue to bless our partnership in 2019.

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Rev. Dwayne M. Lueck District President **2018 Expenses:** \$2.35 million 2016 Expenses: \$2.58 million

39% of Gifts to Synod Ministry

216 NWD Congregations 38 Stand-alone PS/CC 19 Elementary Schools 3 High Schools

## **Professional Church Workers**

- Strategies to address worker debt
- Counseling
- Called worker placement
- Youth worker care
- Connecting to Synod Resources
  - o Conferences
  - o Tools

## Congregations

- Call support ordained/commissioned
- New compensation support tool
- Performance review support
- Circuit visitor training
- National Youth Gathering prep
- Board training and development
- Strategic planning
- Early Childhood regional meetings
- Schools
  - Accreditation support
  - o Curriculum mapping
  - o Technology integration
  - o New principal development
  - o Colloquy/Lutheran ethos
  - o Professional development

## **District Ministry Resources**

- Camp Luther
- King Veterans Home
- Peace Campus Center
- Deaf Ministry
- Hmong Ministry
- Peru
- Mission Mini-Grants