



Mission Endowment Fund

Seed money for dreams.

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Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod

\$27,724 in Spring Grants Announced

Seminary Scholarships: \$15,000 was awarded from the Park Place Fund for Spring semester 2011 scholarships. These scholarships support candidates for Master of Divinity and Theological Education for Emerging Ministries (TEEM). See following article regarding Spring 2011 grants awarded by the Candidacy Committee.



Pictured are several persons in the candidacy program who attended the annual December retreat.

Campus Ministry: \$10,724 was awarded to Campus Ministry. This grant will be distributed by the Campus Ministry Committee where

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Spring Seminary Scholarships Announced

Scholarships were awarded by the synod's Candidacy Committee in January, 2011 for the spring semester. Three recipients are in the Master of Divinity program. Travis Meier and David Buco are at Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. Adrienne Merritt is attending Luther Seminary.

Five recipients are in the Theological Education for Emerging Ministries or TEEM program. They are Tammy Sharp and Adriana Johnson-Rivas at Lutheran Seminary Program of the Southwest, Duraimony Dickson and YouHui Han at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, and Ken Weiss at Wartburg.



Past scholarship recipients now servicing our synod.

Job Opening For Synod Gift Planner

This is a part-time job that reports to Bishop Mike, is sponsored by the synod's Mission Endowment Fund, and helps congregations and other ELCA ministries raise major and planned gifts.

Do you have these attributes?

- Active in an ELCA congregation
- Passionate about people and the mission of the church
- Relate well to people
- Good communicator
- Willing to be trained

Would you like a job description or an application?

- Contact the synod office
281-873-5665
- Talk with Pr. Steve Quill
713-249-8470 (cell)

Do you know someone who might qualify?

- Contact the synod office
- Call Pr. Steve Quill

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most of it will support Houston Lutheran Campus Ministry directed by Pr. Brad Fuerst and Brazos Valley Campus Ministry directed by Pr. Mindy Roll.

Houston Lutheran Campus Ministry sponsored a program during last year's spring break where students visited four congregations in our synod to raise awareness and to gather free-will offering to support Houston Rescue and Restore Coalition. They raised over \$1,000. This year, our students are inviting their peers to give an offering at HLCM's ecumenical midweek Taizé worship service. The money collected has been designated toward "Free the Slaves."

Seed Money: \$2,000 was awarded to help launch Lutheran Youth Organization Action Teams. This is a 2-year pilot program beginning at this year's assembly. The intent is to recruit adult mentors to help equip youth to use their gifts for ministry Via four teams:

- ◆ Disaster
- ◆ Global Mission
- ◆ Hunger
- ◆ Day Camps

Through their experience, training, support, and networking, youth will



Peggy Hahn, Assistant to the Bishop, will provide oversight



Pictures from Houston Lutheran and Brazos Valley Campus Ministry programs

respond to disasters that happen in various ways (Disaster Action Team), learn about and advocate for hunger (Hunger Action Team), partner with the Lutheran Church in Peru and the Central African Republic as well as other countries (Global Mission Action Team), and use their gifts to share Bible stories and practice Christian community in congregations (Day Camps Action Team).



Financial Report for 2010

Investments: The Mission Endowment Fund previously reported on the total investment it manages, both permanent and temporary. Going forward, reporting will focus on the permanent fund only.

The Permanent Fund consists of gifts given in perpetuity by individuals, congregations, and organizations. These gifts may be undesignated or designated for one of the Fund's objectives. At present there are two designated funds: the Park Place Fund primarily for seminary scholarships, and the New Congregation Fund primarily for support of new congregations.

Following is the restated financial status on January 31, 2011, closing date for fiscal year 2010:

Permanent Fund Gifts Received:	
Undesignated	\$ 706,266
Park Place Fund	1,039,208
New Congregation Fund	<u>131,905</u>
Total Permanent Fund Gifts	\$ 1,877,379
Unrealized gains/losses	<u>\$ 310,775</u>
Permanent Fund Total at Market Value	\$ 2,188,154

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Giving Directly From Your IRA

In December 2010 congress passed Tax Act 2010. One of the benefits extended direct charitable IRA contributions through December 31, 2011.

What does this mean?

It means that the direct charitable IRA rollovers first permitted in 2006 and 2007 for persons 70 ½ years of age or older may now be made through 2011

What does this mean to me?

It means you can make a direct contribution to the Mission Endowment Fund, to your church, or to the worldwide church from

your IRA of up to \$100,000 before December 31, 2011.

No income tax is paid on these contributions, but neither is the gift tax deductible.

These contributions count toward your required minimum distribution.

If you are 70 ½ years of age and have an Independent Retirement Account (IRA), you may wish to take advantage of this special provision. If would like more information, please call the synod office or contact your personal financial planner.



Next grant request deadline is September 15, 2011

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The Temporary Fund consists of money placed in the Fund which later may be recalled, and gifts that may be spend down. Earnings from this fund are used to increase money available for grants.

Grants: Grants are awarded from income, distributable gifts, and realized gains toward four objectives. Through May 2011, total grants awarded by objective are as follows:

Seminary Scholarships (largely from the Park Place Fund)	\$ 142,700
New Congregations	67,620
Campus Ministry	92,017
Seed Money	<u>71,644</u>
Total	\$ 373,981

Thanks to 2010 Contributors

Directors of the synod's Mission Endowment Fund thank the individuals and congregations listed below for contributing \$75,064 in 2010. Your support brought the Permanent Fund to \$1,877,379.

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Mission Endowment Fund Ministry Objectives

1. Develop leadership in church professions primarily through **seminary scholarships** for members of the synod.
2. Support **new congregation** development.
3. Support **campus ministry** by funding college chaplaincy programs.
4. Provide **seed money** for congregational and synodical projects.



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