

## **Foundation Grants Awarded in 2018**

In 2018, The Christ the King Foundation received seventeen grant proposals that requested financial support totaling \$119,815. Fourteen proposals were funded that totaled \$62,065. A brief summary of each of the awarded grant proposals follows:

### **Christ the King Diversity Team, submitted by Isaac Warner, \$500**

The CTK Diversity Team exists to help implement the CTK Welcome Statement. These funds will be used to pay for small, unbudgeted items that while incredibly cost effective, make a big difference. For example, bilingual signage at particular points throughout the church, degendering single person restrooms, and improvements to the physical accessibility of the building.

### **Believer Bible Chapel, submitted by Priscilla Berg and Victor Nyekan, \$5000**

This award will provide partial funding to build a school with our partner congregation in Liberia. The grant funds will help purchase construction materials. Volunteer labor will be provided by the parents of the school children and the members of the congregation.

### **Bread Oven, submitted by Pastor John Schwehn, \$6000**

Funds will be provided to build a community bread oven on the grounds of Christ the King that will provide a ministry of food hospitality and fellowship – both to the current, multigenerational membership of Christ the King and to our many neighbors who walk by our building each and every day.

### **Community Partners in Youth, submitted by Mary Stewart, \$5000**

Community Partners with Youth (CPY) unites the low-income, at risk youth in our community with caring individuals to build pathways out of poverty through the implementation of after school and summer programs. Each year, we work to improve the lives of the youth we serve within the Mounds View School District (and beyond), serving over 500 youth each year, right here at Christ the King Church. CPY focuses on providing high quality, engaging programs to our youth – offering them an opportunity to have those experiences that are too often beyond the resources of the families that are served by CPY.

### **ALMC Oxygen Plant, submitted by Marlys Melius and Jean Spong, \$5000**

The Arusha Lutheran Medical Center (ALMC), a primary hospital in northern Tanzania, provides “healing and hope in the heart of Arusha.” This grant request is for assistance with required maintenance of the hospital oxygen production plant. This plant produces the oxygen which pipes to 75 points throughout the hospital. It is literally a life saving component of the hospital. Each year it requires regular preventive maintenance and a major service at the end of the year. This requires replacement of parts, filters, and having a team come from Nairobi to carry it out. The funds will be used for equipment parts, labor and logistic costs.

**Collaborative Learning Internship, submitted by Pastor Peter Hanson, \$5500**

Wartburg Seminary's new Collaborative Learning (CL) program allows students to be fully embedded in a congregational context as soon as they begin their studies, and to remain in that same context for the entirety of their Master of Divinity degree. This grant would help CTK meet the financial obligations of such a position by *matching* the existing salary line item for "Adult Faith Formation" (formerly the Small Groups Ministry position), effectively expanding it from a quarter- to a half-time position. The intern would serve in this position for four years, with the gradual addition of pastoral duties beginning in the third year. An additional \$11,000 will be provided by the Foundation in 2019. Continuation of this project beyond 2019 will be dependent upon funding from other sources.

**D. R. Congo School Project, submitted by Kiloloma Kisongo, \$5000**

The project proposed is to build a school in a village of Baraka in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Baraka is located in the territory of FIZI. This territory has the size of 16,118 square miles. Baraka itself is estimated to have a population of no less than 120 thousand. The territory of FIZI is found in the South Kivu Province in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The school that we have envisioned will be one of its kind in Baraka. It will be one of its kind because this school is going to have running water, a computer lab, internet access and electricity. Schools in FIZI don't have electricity, running water let alone internet access and computer labs. The grant requested will help us complete the building of this envisioned school. The school will consist of six (6) regular classrooms and one computer lab, one administrative office and multiple male and female restrooms. We have acquired enough land on which to build the school. Kilo Kisongo and his wife Mlasi Rehani have donated the land. To construct the school, it will cost \$26,000. Upon the completion of the school, we intend to enroll 250 students from first to sixth grade children in the morning session which starts at 7:30AM to 2:00PM. Then, we will have about 250 more high school students in the evening time.

**Support Youth Attending National Youth Gathering, submitted by Steve Fischer, \$5000**

Funds were provided to support attendance of Christ the King youth at the ELCA national youth gathering in Houston, Texas. An additional \$5000 was also provided in 2017 to support this effort.

**Microfinance at Nduli, Tanzania, submitted by Roger Blomquist, \$5000**

This grant is intended to facilitate the establishment of an infrastructure at Christ the King's companion congregation [Nduli] in Tanzania to provide small loans to farmers and shopkeepers giving them access to the credit they need to earn a living. Funds will be used to provide partial support for a Savings and Credit Cooperative Society [SACCOS] that will be established to facilitate distribution of the loans and a village-based co-op called AMCOS [Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Society] to provide access to agricultural inputs and to help with training and marketing.

**Cristo Rey Worship/Music, submitted by Pastor Peter Hanson/Ana Becerra, \$4000**

This project specifically addresses the further development of a Lutheran identity among the Cristo Rey community, making use of worship and music resources to both deepen the worship life and further equip members for worship planning and leadership.

**Hmong Outreach/Education Event, submitted by Vern Rice and Pr William Siong, \$3000**

Funds will be used to support a one day event to which Christian and non-Christian Hmong people from the Twin Cities will be invited to hear an outreach oriented ELCA Hmong guest pastor who will teach and evangelize Hmong youth, young adults and elders at Hmong Good Samaritan Lutheran Church whose home is at Hope Lutheran Church, 1340 Hazel Street North, St. Paul MN 55119. This will be a two session event with a sermon and a panel discussion with a community meal which is essential in this kind of event.

**Case Management Software for Daily Work, submitted by Julie Hoff/Dale Erickson, \$5130**

Support from Christ the King Foundation will cover the first year's operating costs for an online case management software system called Apricot. Daily Work currently uses paper files, Survey Monkey and Excel spreadsheets for gathering data about and reporting outcomes for the job seekers we serve. As a small organization with many short-term volunteers and interns with varying computer skills, backgrounds, and intermittent schedules, it is very challenging to accurately collect the required data using the methods above. Additionally, these systems only allow us to report on outcomes by individual. In order to analyze overall trends and outcomes among all job seekers, we must separately enter all data collected into Excel spreadsheets.

**Exodus Lending, submitted by Sara Nelson-Pallmeyer, \$3000**

Exodus Lending is a nonprofit dedicated solely to providing trapped Minnesotan borrowers a just pathway out of payday loan debt and toward financial stability. The program pays off payday loan(s) of program participants up to \$1,000 and sets up a plan with them to repay Exodus Lending over the course of 12 months with no interest or fees. The program also includes initiatives for participants who attend financial counseling sessions with partners and contribute to a personal savings account. Funding from Christ the King Foundation will equip the program to build on the success of 2018 by increasing our enrolled participants in 2019. So far in 2018, there are 58 new enrollments for whom the program has refinanced \$42,653 in payday loan debt.

**Worship and Music Instruments, submitted by Nate Crary, \$4755**

This grant provides for the purchase of additional musical instruments to support and accompany the songs that are sung in Church services. It will also allow lay volunteers to be leaders and enable Christ the King to broaden the style of music used in worship.