

What is the Legacy Fund?

The Legacy Fund began as the Al Gunderman Memorial Grant Fund of the



LCMS Kansas District. Alan D. Gunderman served as the Executive Director of Education for the LCMS Kansas District

LCMS for more than a decade. He promoted, encouraged and administered the ministry areas of youth, singles, Directors of Christian Education, and elementary and early childhood education. On Christmas Day in 2003, he was called by God to enter Eternal Life.

In 2004, the LCMS Kansas District Board of Directors passed a resolution to allocate \$2,000 of undesignated funds for the purpose of providing continuing education opportunities in the Kansas District. These funds were set up in memory of Alan D. Gunderman and were to be administered by the Board of Education of the Kansas District.

The Board of Education was to offer grants to servants of the Church (professional or lay leaders) for the expressed purpose of attending seminars, classes or training workshops to enhance their personal education.

By 2007, only \$800 remained in this fund. At the same time, the Kansas District Media Library was in the process of

closing, and there remained some funds in the Media Library account that was also administered by the Board of Education of the LCMS Kansas District. In August of 2007, the Board of Directors of the Kansas District passed a resolution to combine these two funds (the Al Gunderman Memorial Grant Fund and the Media Library Fund) into the Education Legacy Fund. The Board of Education was again set as the governing body for these funds in accordance with its goals. Jim Bradshaw, Executive Director for Educational Services, was asked to create guidelines for administering these funds to be presented to the Board of Directors for their approval. The guidelines below were approved in 2008 and remain in effect today.

Guidelines and Administrative Procedures for the Education Legacy Fund

- ✦ The Board of Education (BOE) of the LCMS Kansas District Board of Directors (BOD) is to publicize the availability of these funds for the advancement of Christian education in the parish/school and/or for the workers of said parish/school.
- ✦ These requests from congregations/schools/workers should be sent to the BOE. The BOE will acknowledge

receipt of these requests, and they will be reviewed quarterly at their meeting.

- ✦ The BOE will determine approval of these requests based on the following: (a) availability of funds, (b) scope of the project, and (c) potential impact at the local level for the congregation, school and /or worker.
- ✦ The amount of funding for a given year will be determined annually by the BOE. These requests should not exceed \$500, and only one request per congregation, school and/or worker will be considered each year. Requests for assistance for Kansas District required events will not be considered as congregations/schools are expected to fund these events and conferences as part of their budgeted operating expenses.
- ✦ The BOE will report each quarter to the BOD those grants that have been approved.
- ✦ The approved grants will be acknowledged in writing and will be accompanied by the grant funds. Denied grants will be acknowledged in writing with an explanation for denial.
- ✦ The BOE requests a written summary report be submitted by the congregation, school and/or worker of the successful project.

Funding of the Education Legacy Fund

Through the years, gifts have been made to the Education Legacy Fund through congregational and individual bequests or direct gifts. Please send donations of this kind to the LCMS Kansas District with the designation that they be placed in the Education Legacy Fund.

Other gifts can take the form of charitable gift annuities, insurance policies, charitable remainder trusts or charitable lead trusts. Donors using these forms of support are urged to seek the advice of professional counsel (tax accountant or attorney) concerning the best giving option for them.

Won't you help provide educational opportunities to congregations, schools and church and lay workers so that the people of God in the LCMS Kansas District LCMS may be better served with the precious Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ?

All gifts to the Education Legacy Fund of the LCMS Kansas District are considered tax-deductible. The LCMS Kansas District is a 501(c)(3) corporation under the Internal Revenue Code.

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