



## **GUIDELINES FOR VOTING ON MISSION GRANTS FOR THE LWML NJ DISTRICT CONVENTION**

It's convention time, and time to vote on Mission Grants for the next biennium. There are many needs in the mission field at the local level, at the NJ District level, nationally, and globally. It is your job as a delegate to review the grant submissions and educate yourself on the proposed slate. Grants can be prioritized at the local or state level for projects that will not be funded by other means.

Keep the following things in mind as you prayerfully consider which grants to select as a delegate:

1. The grant should be mission focused. This means that the project would extend the ministry of the Word and not be a purely humanitarian concern.
  - a. Here are some questions to ask when you consider voting for a grant:
    1. How will this help spread the Gospel?
    2. Who will this benefit? Focus on people, not things.
    3. Is this where God would have these monies used?
    4. Where is help available? Who else may be helping with this grant?
    5. Is the grant ready for implementation?
2. Grants may be proposed by individual members, societies, zones, organizations, or Synodical Boards.
3. Grants may be prioritized for those which have no adequate provision in the budget of the District or Synod, and should be completed within the biennium in which they are adopted.
4. Grants which involve mission work in sister churches:
  - a. Should be approved by the NJ District Committee of Mission Outreach
  - b. Should not impose our ideas of what their needs are
5. Grants should be well documented:
  - a. The need and purpose clearly stated.
  - b. Person, persons, or office receiving funds implementing the grant and reporting progress should be clearly designated. In most cases, District grants will be cleared through the District Office
  - c. The grant goals, the need, the purpose, and amount of requested funds should be outlined.