

1. To provide for Laurentian District MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FUND

WHEREAS Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada exists to support Lutheran Church–Canada in its mission and ministry, and

WHEREAS one of the ways in which this is done is the gathering of mites to support the outreach of Lutheran Church–Canada, both within Canada and in other parts of the world, and

WHEREAS specific projects are chosen at each triennial district and national convention with mites being gathered throughout the triennium to support these projects, and

WHEREAS during the past several trienniums monies designated for a number of projects that have been chosen at Laurentian District conventions have, for various reasons, not been requested, be it

RESOLVED that, as in the past, an amount for mission projects be budgeted, but rather than have a number of projects there be only one titled Mission Opportunities Fund and all requests for financial assistance be made through this fund. The criteria would remain as it is with the projects directly supporting Lutheran Church–Canada's outreach and for which there aren't other funds available, and be it finally

RESOLVED that the Laurentian District of Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada assembled in convention April 26-27, 2019, adopt the Mission Opportunities Fund as the fund through which all projects are requested.

2. To provide for the purchase and sending copies at \$4.00 each (plus shipping) of *Les Petites Rencontres avec Jesus* (French version of "Little Visits with God") a Lutheran children's devotional, published by Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines, intended to spread the Gospel in simple language in French communities through congregations in Quebec, and in French regions of Africa **\$1,500.00**

WHEREAS Lutheran Church–Canada supports the spread of the Gospel in Quebec; and;

WHEREAS Lutheran Church–Canada seeks to show moral support to congregations in Quebec and French ministry in Canada and;

WHEREAS Lutheran Church–Canada supports the spread of the Gospel around the world; and

WHEREAS a useful and inexpensive tool in achieving that end has recently been published by CLTS and has proven to be an attractive and effective means of spreading the Gospel; and

WHEREAS exposure to our seminaries through publications offer a means of attracting potential seminary students from Canada and abroad; be it therefore

RESOLVED that Lutheran Women’s Missionary League–Canada Laurentian District adopt as a mission grant for the 2019-2022 triennium the allocation of \$1,500 towards the purchase and shipping of *Les Petites Rencontres avec Jesus*, to be administered, printed, and shipped by Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines.

3. To support outreach to Francophones in the Greater Moncton Area of N.B. \$2,500.

WHEREAS Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has been active since 1986 in ministry and mission both in Moncton, New Brunswick and throughout Atlantic Canada, in English and in the languages of other newcomers to Canada; and

WHEREAS more than 1/3 of people in Moncton, N.B. identify their first language as French, with a continuous influx of francophones from the Acadians of northern New Brunswick, international students, newcomers to Canada, and others, since Moncton provides the greatest French-language opportunities and resources to this population in the Maritimes (e.g. French university, college, schools and community resources, hospitals, employment, shopping, retirement homes, daycares, etc.); and

WHEREAS reflecting this, God has given the congregation a great desire to reach out to their francophone neighbours in their area and has further provided almost half of the active members of Good Shepherd congregation as francophones (including their pastor, Rev. David Milette); and

WHEREAS Good Shepherd’s ministry and mission needs to also offer the Gospel (e.g. Bible studies, services, resources and visibility) in French in order to be effective in sharing the Gospel among francophones in their area; and

WHEREAS never before have so many faithful Lutheran print, multi-media and internet resources been available for use and sharing in French to support local missions and ministry toward francophones; and

WHEREAS since 2014 Good Shepherd congregation has had to ask their pastor to find other work in the community in order to support his family while he serves them as pastor, leaving him only 1.5 days per week for church work; and

WHEREAS this leaves little time for intentional outreach -- yet the Lord is still at work in their midst and has increased both opportunities for the Gospel and the number of hearers over the last few years; and

WHEREAS Pastor Milette's employment allows him some flexibility to work more or fewer days according to his availability and therefore would be available to serve the church more for particular periods of time; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Laurentian District of Lutheran Women's Missionary League-- Canada assembled in convention April 26-27, 2019, adopt funding in the amount of \$2,500

- (a) to be used to provide pastoral support allowing the pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Moncton, N.B., to dedicate an initial exploratory period (thirteen days, or one day/week x 13 weeks = 3 months) to outreach and follow-up toward francophones in that area; and
- (b) any remaining funds to be used to cover related ministry and mission expenses in connection with this exploratory outreach project toward francophones.