

Southern District Support and Services Fact Sheet

Your Southern District working for you

<http://southernlcms.org/>

Your Southern District supports our Synod

Following God's direction, your Southern District better than tithes to our Synod.

God speaks and His people respond! Our prayer is that, with the help of God, all congregations will support the efforts of the Southern District so we may enhance that which we are already doing and add resources that will assist congregations to a greater extent in their ministries.

Where to find out what's going on in the Southern District:

- Southern District – LCMS Newsletter “Cross Point” sent out monthly
- This Ministry That We Share, Southern District – LCMS sent bimonthly on the 1st and 15th
- Spirit of Southern -- Electronic and paper media every two months

These publications contain additional information, articles and resources available that could help your/our ministry.

Camp Restore/RAI Support “Restore & Be Restored”

Our mission is to restore faith, home, and community in the Name of Jesus.

We work to achieve this by providing housing, meals, and service project coordination to thousands of volunteer and mission trip groups from across the country and beyond as they serve with us and our partner nonprofits in New Orleans, Louisiana... <http://camprestore.org/>

Manage, Organize, and Support District Disaster Response Team

Many in the Southern District have benefitted in the past.

Mission & Ministry Facilitator

Rev. Eric Johnson can assist in areas such as Small Groups, VBS, Sunday School, Confirmation, Building Bridges to the community around your church, Outreach/Evangelism and Youth....

You can reach Eric at <http://www.missiotoday.org/> or (985) 796-7175.

Mission Grants available

The Southern District partners with its congregations' outreach efforts through Spirit Kindle Grants. These grants will match the cost of a congregation's outreach efforts up to \$5,000.00. To see the grant guidelines, click [HERE](#) or <http://southernlcms.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Spirit-Kindle-Grant-Expectations.pdf>. To fill out a grant request online click [HERE](#) or <http://southernlcms.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Spirit-Kindle-Grant-Application.pdf>. For more information contact Rev. Eric Johnson at e.johnson@southernlcms.org Phone (985) 796-7175

Mission & Ministry Tool Box <http://southernlcms.org/connect/tool-box/> This link includes resources on stewardship, VBS, outreach, web site design, and more.

Post Seminary Applied Learning and Support - PALS

Helping pastors and their wives in the transition from seminary to congregation. PALS is an acronym for Post-Seminary Applied Learning and Support, a collaborative effort of our Synod and District that regularly brings together groups of recent graduates of our seminaries throughout the first three years of their ministries. In these meetings, the new pastors worship, study, and discuss new ministry experiences in the company of an experienced pastor.

Ministerial Assistance Program – MAP

<http://southernlcms.org/counseling-services/>

Ministerial Assistance Program is a service provided by the Southern District (LCMS) in conjunction with Lutheran Counseling Services (LCS). This confidential service is designed to help clergy, church workers (i.e., educators, parish nurses, secretaries, etc.) and their families cope with the challenges and demands of church life and work. Contact Rev. Dr. Rick Armstrong (800-444-2842).

Scholarships Available

Offer Scholarships to those attending LCMS Colleges and Universities

PLI – Pastoral Leadership Institute was recently offered

For more information contact Mr. Glenn Gerber, Foundation/Schools Phone (985) 218-0335

Southern District Church Extension Fund (CEF)

Stamps are back (\$1 each, sold in sheets of 25 to churches)

YES (Young Elite Savers) account that pays 3% interest up to \$3,000.00 for those up to 18 years of age <http://southerncef.org/>

Youth Ministry and Youth Gathering Organization and Support

- 2015 Southern District Youth Ministry Leaders' Conference
- Jr. Youth Gathering
- Sr. Youth Gathering
- National Youth Gathering

Stewardship Resources

The Stewardship Committee advocates stewardship participation, enhances stewardship awareness, and encourages growth in stewardship of our congregations. The Stewardship-Finance webpage provides specifics on Who We Are and How We Can Help.

<http://southernlcms.org/stewardship-2/>

Demographics Study

Discovering your church's ministry opportunities has never been easier. The Southern District in partnership with The Southern District Church Extension Fund provides you free unlimited access to <http://missioninsite.com/> data. Contact Steve Linck (800-843-5233) for the District's access code and click <http://missioninsite.com/products/local-churches/register/> to register.

<http://southernlcms.org/demographics-study/>

Director for Schools and Southern District Lutheran Foundation

Contact Glenn Gerber (985-796-7175) for more information on the congregational endowment fund. He will conduct estate planning seminars for your congregations.

Concordia College, Alabama

Concordia College prepares students through a Christ-centered education for lives of responsible service in the Church, community and the world. Your Southern District works with and financially supports this historical college. Please take time to learn more about this college and Rosa Young... <http://www.ccal.edu/>

Pastoral Growth and Support Project

The Pastoral Growth and Support Project (PGSP) is a yearly project that was initiated by the seminaries in Ft. Wayne and St. Louis, the Council of Presidents, and the former LCMS Board for Pastoral Education. Pastors who graduated from Synod's seminaries two and five years ago are expected to participate with specified members of their congregations to report observations of these pastors in order to aid in the curriculum development and preparation at our seminaries.

If your congregation has a need, please contact the Southern District Office and let us know so that we have an opportunity to help.

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