

Christian Heritage Endowment Fund (CHEF)

In 1983 through a gift to the New Jersey District Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, The Christian Heritage Endowment Fund (CHEF) was established. Its purpose was to assist the churches of the New Jersey District and its pastors to create new programs, enhance their ministries and spread the news of our Risen Lord and Savior.

At each convention of the New Jersey District, a Board of Trustees is elected to oversee the disbursement of the monies in the fund. During this past term, the trustees reviewed the By-Laws of the Fund and the formula for equitable distribution of the monies within. In 2010, the trustees invested the Fund in an annuity to provide a more reliable source of funding for disbursement during the two grant periods yearly, January 15 and August 15. This has proven to provide the consistency which was desired. This year the trustees also established a grant maximum of \$10,000. per request. Renewable grants remain renewable under this guideline.

The trustees also discussed increasing the categories for grants. After a brisk discussion, it was determined that the five categories presently utilized offer wide interpretation and thus congregations should be able to utilize them for any project being considered.

These are the categories for which grants were offered this past triennium:

- Grants for new ministry, out reach mission (3 yr. renewable)
- Grants for leadership development, house church leaders
- Grants for technology
- Grants to assist in bringing message to the disabled
- Grants for Church Workers sabbaticals

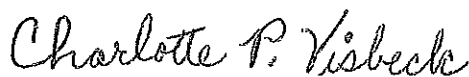
All grants are for up to 50% of the project

In honor of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, CHEF offered a grant of \$500. for celebration events involving a minimum of two churches. We were delighted that four events were held with nine churches involved.

The members of the CHEF Board of Trustees would like to remember Mrs. Ewald Mueller. It was her initial gift which began CHEF. We were saddened to learn of her passing this past year.

The following have served as Trustees of CHEF this past triennium: Rev. Brian Handrich, Vice Chair; John Blume; Chris Koerner, District Treasurer; Steve Naumowicz; Linda Panarella and William Zak. Advisors to the Trustees were President Rev. Dr. Anthony Steinbronn and Business Manager Bill Webster.

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte P. Visbeck, Chair

Grant Disbursements Fall 2015 – Spring 2018

Fall 2015

Holy Cross, Mahwah	\$ 8,000.	New Ministry *
Luther Memorial, Tinton Falls	3,900.	Technology

Spring 2016

Redeemer, Westfield	2,750.	Technology
St. Thomas, Manalapan	4,000.	Technology

Fall 2016

Holy Cross, Mahwah	8,000.	New Ministry
Holy Trinity, Lawrenceville	6,500.	New Ministry *
Calvary, Verona	7,945.	Technology

Spring 2017

Our Savior, Fair Lawn	5,000.	New Ministry *
Good Shepherd, Old Bridge	10,000.	Technology

Fall 2017

NJ District LWML	2,500.	Technology
Holy Trinity, Lawrenceville	6,500.	New Ministry *
New Jersey District LC-MS	8,000.	New Ministry *
St. Thomas, Manalapan	3,000.	Technology
Bethlehem, Ridgewood	8,500.	Technology

Spring 2018

Holy Trinity, Somerset	<u>10,000.</u>	New Ministry *
	\$94,595.	* Renewable 3 yr. Grant

500th Anniversary of Reformation Grants - \$ 2,250.

Augustana Picnic: Good Shepherd, Randolph and Trinity, Morris Plains
 Martin Luther Movie: Zion, Westwood; St. Paul, Closter and St. Matthew, New Milford
 Joint Services: St. Paul, Hopewell and Holy Trinity, Lawrenceville
 Holy Trinity, Somerset; Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Stanhope and Trinity,
 Morris Plains

Total Grants Fall 2015 – Spring 2018: \$ 96,845.

Financial Report July 1, 2015 – January 31, 2017:

CHEF Alliance Fund Annuity	June 1, 2015	\$ 464,515.00
	January 31, 2017	441,611.06
Affinity CHEF Checking Acct.	June 1, 2015	\$ 20,391.15
Affinity Account Closed	August 5, 2016	1,731.72
Northfield CHEF Checking Acct.	June 1, 2016	\$ 5,000.00
	January 31, 2017	13,784.13