

Dear WELS congregation,

WELS Missions—made up of Home, World, and Joint Missions—seeks to share Christ's love with the lost across the globe. Home Missions supports 144 congregations in the United States, Canada, and English-speaking West Indies and assists hundreds of other congregations with their campus ministry programs. World Missions conducts gospel outreach in 45 foreign countries and is exploring outreach opportunities in 19 prospective new mission fields. Joint Missions oversees any mission opportunity that is a combination of Home Missions, World Missions, and Ministerial Education. This includes diaspora (people-group) ministries, cross-cultural ministries, the Pastoral Studies Institute (PSI), and programs like WELS Mission Journeys.

WELS mission work is supported by you: the congregations, schools, and individuals who support it through congregation mission offerings and special gifts to WELS Home, World, and Joint Missions. We pray that the tools we've provided on the WELS Missions Resource Center will help tell the story of how we are walking together as a synod to share the gospel message with every neighbor and in every nation.

To learn more, visit wels.net/missions or contact the Missions Promotions office by e-mailing missionspromotions@wels.net or calling 414-256-3237.

Ten easy ways to promote WELS Missions in your church

1. Use the materials provided in this mailing to put together a bulletin board

We pray that you can display some, if not all, of the materials listed below somewhere in your congregation to bring awareness to our Home, World, and Joint Missions efforts:

- Home and World Missions maps
- WELS Missions poster
- Mission Journeys poster
- Campus Ministry poster
- 100 Missions in 10 Years poster
- Taste of Missions poster
- "What can I do to help" poster

2. Host a mission festival (or two!)

Speakers from Home, World, and Joint Missions are available to present at your next church mission festival by request at wels.net/speaker-request. While fall is often considered to be prime time for a mission festival, consider hosting a speaker during the fall months. Summer is also a great time to request a mission speaker, as world missionaries are often home on furlough (extended time off field) during the summer months. Get your requests in early, as speakers' schedules fill up fast! Missions Promotions will mail you promotional materials and e-mail you digital resources to help promote your mission festival.

3. Request a speaker for your small church group

Mission speakers are also available to present at your next small group Bible study, men's or women's church group meeting, school assembly, LWMS rally, etc. Submit your request at wels.net/speaker-request.

4. Request copies of *Faces of Faith* and large-scale mission maps for your church

Every congregation can request up to 50 copies of *Faces of Faith*, our annual Missions magazine, and large-scale home and world mission maps (24"x36") free of charge. To request copies of *Faces of Faith* and/or large-scale mission maps, visit wels.net/facesoffaith. Note – all congregations hosting a mission festival will automatically receive copies of *Faces of Faith*.

5. Share Taste of Missions with members

Taste of Missions, an annual hybrid event, was held on June 10 to provide all WELS members an opportunity to be an important part of gospel outreach occurring in our synod. All archived videos, including the livestreamed worship service and presentations, Moments with Missionaries video updates, recipes, family activities, etc., can be found online at tasteofmissions.com. Consider sharing these videos before or after church services, on your church social media pages, or show videos during a Bible study hour to help facilitate a discussion around mission work. Join us at next year's Taste of Missions on **June 15, 2024**, at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis., OR online to get a "taste of missions," no matter where you might be around the world.

6. Follow WELS Missions on Facebook

Like us on Facebook at fb.com/WELSMissions. Let your members know what their synod is doing to share the gospel at home and around the world by sharing posts from WELS Missions on your church's Facebook page. Keep an eye out for WELS Missions Instagram coming soon.

7. Share WELS news in your weekly bulletin

Subscribe to the bi-weekly Together e-newsletter that features synod news and ministry updates at wels.net/subscribe. Share these news updates in your weekly bulletin using the PDF version made available for each issue for easy printing.

8. Share weekly Missions Blogs in your church e-mail communications

Consider linking to weekly Missions Blogs in your weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly e-mail communications to give members a view into gospel outreach happening throughout the world and in their own backyards. View recent Missions Blogs and subscribe at wels.net/missionsblogs.

9. Put together a short-term mission trip through WELS Mission Journeys

WELS Mission Journeys provides an opportunity for all WELS members to walk together in the Great Commission. Domestic mission trips are now available, and international mission trips will begin soon. Learn how your church, campus ministry, or other small group can get involved, either by sending or hosting a team, at wels.net/missionjourneys.

10. Download and use promotional resources from WELS Missions

Download and view PowerPoints, mission field overviews, maps, videos, mission festival promotional resources, and more at missions.welsrc.net. From there you can also request a mission kit display and view photos from our various home and world mission fields.