

Dear WELS school,

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](http://wels.net/missions) or contact the Missions Promotions office by e-mailing [missionspromotions@wels.net](mailto:missionspromotions@wels.net) or calling 414-256-3237.

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## Ten easy ways to promote WELS Missions in your school

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

We pray that you can display all of the materials listed below somewhere in your school to bring awareness to our Home, World, and Joint Missions efforts:

- Home and World Missions maps (2)
- WELS Missions poster (1)
- Mission Journeys poster (1)
- Campus Ministry poster (1)
- "What can I do to help" poster (1)
- Taste of Missions poster (1)
- 100 missions in 10 years poster (1)

In addition, every school can request large-scale home and world mission maps (24"x36") free of charge. To request large-scale mission maps, visit [wels.net/mag-maps](http://wels.net/mag-maps). You can find and print off other photos for bulletin boards from our Flickr site at [flickr.com/welsmissionsphotos](http://flickr.com/welsmissionsphotos).

### 2. Request a Missions speaker at your school

Mission speakers from Home, World, and Joint Missions are available to present at your next school assembly by request at [wels.net/speaker-request](http://wels.net/speaker-request).

### 3. Find mission project opportunities

Every other year, the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) and WELS Missions prepare a Home and World Missions Projects Booklet meant to outline projects for which prayers, encouragement, and gifts are truly needed. This is a great tool to use when deciding which WELS Missions projects to support through your school. To view and download the most recent edition of the booklet, visit [missions.welsrc.net](http://missions.welsrc.net).

#### **4. Use Kids c.a.r.e. resources in your classroom**

The Kids c.a.r.e. program, produced by the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS), is designed to teach children about mission outreach. The LWMS project for 2023 –2024 is Missionary Kids Retreats. Missionary kids return stateside to schools, sometimes without their families, or return with their families to new American ministries, schools, and culture. World Missions realized a program was necessary to help our teenagers and young adults transition to their new stateside lives. Learn more at [lwms.org](http://lwms.org).

#### **5. Participate in the Taste of Missions School Challenge**

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. The second annual School Challenge was held in spring, where 29 different Lutheran grade schools completed Missions-themed activities and were entered to win a Taste of Missions party for their classroom. View photos from the challenge and the winning schools at [tasteofmissions.com/schools](http://tasteofmissions.com/schools).

Be on the lookout for additional information regarding the fourth annual Taste of Missions School Challenge coming out in Spring 2024! In the meantime, consider sharing videos from Taste of Missions in your classroom, on your school social media pages, or during a religion class to help facilitate a discussion around mission work. You can find all the videos at [tasteofmissions.com](http://tasteofmissions.com).

#### **6. Share encouragement with home and/or world missionaries**

We encourage classrooms to send notes of encouragement or holiday cards to our 49 world missionaries and/or home missionaries at 144 congregations. The full list of world missionaries and their biographies can be found at [wels.net/missionarybios](http://wels.net/missionarybios), and you can find information for all home missionaries on the interactive Google map at [wels.net/homemissions](http://wels.net/homemissions). While security concerns don't allow us to share mailing addresses for world missionaries, you can scan a letter and/or take photos of artwork to share, e-mail it to [missionspromotions@wels.net](mailto:missionspromotions@wels.net), and our office will safely pass it along to our world missionaries.

#### **7. Follow WELS Missions on Facebook**

Like us on Facebook at [fb.com/WELSMissions](https://fb.com/WELSMissions). Let your students and their parents know what their synod is doing to share the gospel at home and around the world by sharing posts from WELS Missions on your school's Facebook page. Keep an eye out for WELS Missions Instagram coming soon.

#### **8. Share weekly Missions Blogs with your students**

Consider sharing weekly Missions Blogs with your students to give them a view into gospel outreach happening throughout the world and in their own backyards. View recent Missions Blogs and subscribe at [wels.net/missionsblogs](http://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. Consider putting together a mission trip team from your school or youth group! Learn how your school can get involved at [wels.net/missionjourneys](http://wels.net/missionjourneys).

#### **10. Download and use promotional resources from WELS Missions**

Download and view PowerPoints, mission field overviews, maps, videos, and more at [missions.welsrc.net](http://missions.welsrc.net). From there you can also request a mission kit display ([welsmissionkits.myturn.com](http://welsmissionkits.myturn.com)) and view and download photos from our various home and world mission fields ([flickr.com/welsmissionsphotos](http://flickr.com/welsmissionsphotos)).