

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 126 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 40 foreign countries and is exploring outreach opportunities in 25 prospective new mission fields. Joint Missions oversees any mission opportunity that is a combination of Home Missions, World Missions, and Ministerial Education. This includes people-group ministries, cross-cultural ministries, the Pastoral Studies Institute (PSI), and new 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](https://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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## How 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 some, if not all, of the materials listed below somewhere in your school to bring awareness to our Home, World, and Joint Missions efforts:

- WELS Missions poster
- Mission Journeys flyer
- Campus Ministry poster
- Home and World Missions map
- “What can I do to help” postcard
- “Connect with WELS Missions” flyer
- Home Missions Update Sheet
- World Missions Update Sheet

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

Missions speakers from Home, World, and Joint Missions are available to present at your next school assembly by request at [wels.net/speaker-request](https://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. Three days of lesson plans have been written by WELS teachers with activities at two age levels of instruction. These lessons are designed to integrate with the Christ-Light curriculum and are user-friendly for parents, grandparents, Sunday school teachers, and early childhood centers to use. Learn more at [lwms.org](http://lwms.org).

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

Like us on Facebook at [fb.com/WELSMissions](https://fb.com/WELSMissions) to stay up to date on news from home and world mission fields, read inspiring stories of the gospel at work, and take advantage of the many resources WELS Missions has to offer. Let your students and students' 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.

#### **6. Share WELS news in your school newsletter**

Subscribe to the bi-weekly Together e-newsletter that features synod news and ministry updates at [wels.net/subscribe](http://wels.net/subscribe). Share these updates in you school's newsletter using the PDF version made available each issue for easy printing or by copying and pasting content into your own design.

#### **7. 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).

#### **8. Put together a short-term mission trip through WELS Mission Journeys**

WELS Mission Journeys, the official WELS program for short-term mission trips, provides an opportunity for all WELS members to walk together in the Great Commission. Through church- or school-based volunteer trips to WELS mission fields at home and abroad, members have the opportunity to engage in Christian service. Consider putting together a Mission Journeys team from your school or youth group! With the Lord's blessing, these trips will inspire a lifelong journey of service and outreach for all who volunteer. Want to learn more about how your school can get involved? Visit [wels.net/missionjourneys](http://wels.net/missionjourneys).

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

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