

Here We GO

Your role in our partnership

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In grateful thanksgiving for the multitude of blessings given by our gracious and merciful God, the Board of Directors and staff of the Michigan District, LCMS ask you, the members and congregations of the District, to prayerfully consider your faithful and generous investment in the future of our Church.

The Lutheran Church has truly been a blessing to millions of people through its first 500 years. Without doubt, heaven is filled with people who were drawn during past generations to the eternal truth of the Gospel, spoken in countless communities through the congregations of the Lutheran Church. We thank those who came before us, from the early days of the Church through recent generations. Through their love of God, they built the foundation on which the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod stands today. We give great praise and adoration for their willingness to listen to, and act upon, God’s voice speaking to them during their time in the history of the Lutheran Church.

From them we have received a great and wonderful gift—the gift of our Church, and now it is our turn to continue to build, strengthen, and prepare our Church for the generations that will follow. Simply stated, it is our turn to pass on this great and wonderful gift.

That is what the *Here We Stand* campaign is all about: preparing our Church to pass on to the next generation the life-saving message of the Gospel while growing the Kingdom today. To accomplish this, your help is needed and we are respectfully making these requests of you:

- Regularly pray for the ongoing work of the Michigan District and its congregations as they diligently work to disciple the saved and evangelize the lost through the four initiatives of this campaign.
- Seek out ways within your family, church, and community in which you may assist the Michigan District in its efforts to reach the goals that have been summarized in this booklet.
- Prayerfully consider the level of generous and sacrificial gift you can make over a 3 to 5 year period to help in the accomplishment of the campaign’s four initiatives.

Please remember the words of Psalm 71:17-18 as you prepare your heart to make a gift/pledge commitment to the *Here We Stand* Campaign. Thank you for your prayers and faithful participation. May God be praised for what He has done, and will continue to do through the congregations and families of the Michigan District, LCMS. Please join us in this historic endeavor.



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