

A Dollar for Missions Update – September 4, 2020

Our third season of 1-1-1!

On September 1st we began a new year of 1-1-1. This is exciting because 1-1-1 is based on the concept that many doing little can accomplish much. Much has been accomplished indeed. In the first two years of God's people to participating in 1-1-1 over \$100,000 was gathered and disbursed to the identified missions. That is the provision of God through his people joyfully placing "One dollar-per member-per week" into their congregation's 1-1-1 collection container.

We have over sixty "1-1-1" participating congregations, which is a very good number! Truly, the 1-1-1 saying has proven true, "there is power and strength in many giving a little!" Thanks be to God!

Bishop Hardy and the District Missions Council have identified English District Campus Ministry as the next mission focus for our 1-1-1 gifts from September 1, 2020 until August 31, 2021.

Campus Ministry/Missions is different than helping to start a new congregation. Our pastors work with our own Lutheran young adults and young people from many different backgrounds. They also invest themselves connecting with students from different parts of our world, of different religions, and those who have been raised in a secular culture that know nothing of the True Lord of the world. Indeed, the campus is a tremendous mission field! Many of the students touched by the Word of God on campus will go into the world as Christian leaders and leaders in our churches. We truly need more Christian leaders!

Families, congregations, districts, and even our Synod are feeling financial pain because of COVID in these days. All our LCMS congregations are part of the church body. So, if the congregations have financial problems it affects the districts to whom they give, and then the Synod. While our English District does have very good leadership in our President/Bishop Hardy, our District Board of Directors, and financial leadership at the district level, our district will see a decline of \$50K next year for the specific mission field of Campus Ministry.

In the midst of Covid limitations, our 1-1-1 flagship congregation, Lutheran Church of the Prince of Peace in Menomonee Falls, WI, has gathered a little over \$4,600 when the congregation's attendance was much lower than normal. This illustrates the power of many giving little. Pastor Engler points out that these gifts are not in the church budget but are from the families and individuals who just put in the extra dollar per week when they do come through the doors of the church building for worship or send in what they have set aside each week in their homes! The English District is thankful to Lutheran Church of the Prince of Peace for continuing to show the way, being a model for greater mission funding through 1-1-1.

"Dollar for Missions" is adapting and adjusting to the circumstance that has come upon us all because of COVID. Although no one would have chosen the way things have happened, God works through it all for His good purposes, worked out for the good of His Church and people.

Thank you again for your continued weekly dollar offering and for continuing to show that this model of giving can be effective for a greater churchly good!

If you have any questions there are answers on our District [website](#) or please contact [Justin Laughridge](#) or myself.

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