

**Proposed Projects for Jesus Is Lord Mission  
2011-12 Fiscal Year**

**Members will be casting their votes on ballot received between April and June,  
2011**

**AFRICA**

**Lutheran Center for Theological Studies (CLET) \$90,171**

The Lutheran Center for Theological Studies (CLET) in Togo serves to educate pastors for Lutheran church bodies all through French-speaking Africa, including Togo, Benin, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso, Congo-Brazzaville and the Democratic Republic of Congo. In past years, one large project was written to support sending students from these countries to the CLET. In order to try and help the school to function more independently, the funding parameters have changed for the 2011-12 school year. Beginning with the 2011-12 fiscal year, each student, along with his family, will be a "project" and will need to be funded as such. All costs will be built into the project, including the running of the school, transportation, medical emergency costs, visas, etc. These students will either be new students in their first year or students finishing their final year at the CLET. There is no longer one project labeled "CLET Support." Following is a list of students needing funding:

- Congo-Brazzaville – Two students finishing their studies this year and moving on to their vicarage. \$12,448
- Ivory Coast – Three students beginning their first year of study. \$23,256
- Democratic Republic of Congo – Two students beginning their first year of study. \$14,828
- Guinea – Two students finishing their studies this year and moving on to their vicarage. \$20,457
- Togo – Three students beginning their first year of study. \$19,182

**Nigeria Seminary \$5,646**

The Lutheran Church in Nigeria (LCN) is the LCMS's oldest partner church in Africa. The Jonathan Ekong Memorial Seminary in Obot Idim continues to be an important partner for Gospel proclamation, preparing young men for ministry in the LCN. Funding for this project would help to provide meals, medical care, textbooks and materials, and family support for the 67 students studying at the seminary, as well as partial support for utilities for the seminary and the 21 full and part-time staff.

**LATIN AMERICA**

**Rev. Walter Ries in the Dominican Republic \$50,000**

Pastor Walter Ries, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil, continues to be the cornerstone of the Lutheran mission team that was formed in partnership with the LCMS in the Dominican Republic only five short years ago. There is much to celebrate! There are now five missions and the second of five sanctuaries has been constructed. The first Dominican Lutheran pastor was ordained in March and a protocol document has been signed with

Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina, for the training of seven men for the pastorate in a four-year program. A school has been established with its own Dominican Lutheran principal and 100 students. Attendance is expected to double next year. Last year, Good Shepherd Lutheran Homes was established and serves six children with developmental disabilities. The government is looking at this as a new model for serving children with disabilities, in place of the institutional warehouse approach that is currently being used. More than 30 people have been confirmed and become members of the five missions since the beginning of 2011. The goal for the coming year is to begin two more missions in Santo Domingo. Funding from this project provides support for Pastor Ries and his wife, Ana.

## **ASIA**

### **Stipends for Probationers-as-Church Planters in India \$22,000**

The practice of the India Evangelical Lutheran Church (IELC) is that seminary graduates, both in the deaconess program and pastoral program, are assigned to unchurched areas for evangelism and church planting for three years before consecration/ordination and receiving a call to a regular ministry/congregation. It is expected that each probationer establish at least one congregation during this period. The program not only enables dynamic outreach of the Gospel and baptisms, but also training for lifelong zeal in outreach and church planting. Funding for this project provides a minimum stipend, along with support for rental in the area and program expenses.

### **Stipends for Probationers-as-Church Planters in Sri Lanka \$2,500**

As in India, new seminary graduates, called "probationers," are sent out on three-year assignments to unchurched areas as church planters. Most of their work is done on the distant tea plantations. They commute from their homes daily for three to six hours by bus and on foot. This means that they often must stay overnight, since the workers are only able to meet with them in the late afternoon and evening and the buses stop running. Each probationer works on two or three tea plantations. Each has had many baptisms, which are performed by one of the five ordained LLC pastors who come once a month to administer Holy Communion. They provide regular reports on their work to their supervising pastors. There are currently eight probationers. Funding provides them with a monthly stipend to cover their travel expenses.