

the GatePost

"I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved" John 10:9

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Making Disciples for Life 

The Church and the "New Normal"

We're all waiting for the "new normal." When, exactly, will it set in? If it is to come in stages, how many might there be? Will it be interrupted by sporadic coronavirus flare-ups?

Furthermore, what will this new normal be like? Are we all going to be wearing masks in public? Will there be enough toilet paper? What about more consequential concerns, such as employment for the many, many people who have recently lost their jobs?

"And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age"

(Matthew 28:19-20)

These questions can go on and on. Changes might end up being numerous.

Yet some things are not going to change. Here are a few, which we have on the Highest Authority:

Sin remains dreadfully real. It is as true as ever that "my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water" (Jeremiah 2:13).

With sin comes decay and death. "For the creation was subjected to futility . . . the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth" (Romans 8:21, 22). "For the wages of sin is death . . ."

Yet ". . . the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

It has never ceased to rate first in importance "that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day [and still lives!] in accordance with the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). He was "delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification" (Romans 4:25).

The Holy Spirit keeps on bringing us Christ and the fruits of His work through the Gospel and sacraments: "receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21). "Baptism . . . now saves you" (1 Peter 3:21). "This cup is the new testament in my blood" (1 Corinthians 11:25).

All who believe in Christ through these means are members of one holy Christian church. "There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call – one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all" (Ephesians 4:4-6). In particular locales, God gathers believers around His saving Gospel and calls them "church," such as "the church of God that is in Corinth . . . those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints . . ." (1 Corinthians 1:2).

From the President's Desk

"In Pursuit of Patience, Peace, and Promise"

For several years, entertainment venues have had as a recurring theme the imminent demise of humanity. Apocalyptic scenarios were played out for our amusement in movies such as "Outbreak," "2012," the Bruce Willis feature "Armageddon," and on television in "The Walking Dead." Since Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein's Monster," and Bram Stoker's "Dracula," many have enjoyed being frightened by portrayals of human and temporal alternatives to resurrection. Most of the initial intentions end badly. Something always goes wrong, reflecting the real horror of life in a fallen world in which people without eternal hope are left destitute and in despair.

The media, at the present time, has conjured a new apocalyptic picture that a disease with a 98% survival rate is the greatest threat to humankind since death itself first took hold of flesh in the Garden. People are panicked and paralyzed by the words of self-professed prophets, pundits and politicians which in some cases would seek to overrule God's own truth. Even Christians have been affected by the times to question God's continued interest in the saving of our race.

**He promises and
He fulfills, and He
never has deserted
His people or His
promises!**

I am not trying to be crass or irresponsible. For the most part, my advice to congregations has been to abide with the current restrictions stipulated by our President and Governor based on the information they have received from their advisors. I continue to hold the same opinion! As churches open up, it will

be with small baby steps that we will see congregations meeting again as they once did. Many more services with fewer in attendance might be offered. People will not be sitting so closely. Communion will be distributed again, but, perhaps apart from the rail and with protective gear worn by those who distribute. Bible studies will be held in larger spaces. Some "fellowship" gatherings will be curtailed for some time. On-line proclamations of the Word may continue but not as a replacement for live and in person worship. Who knows what parochial education will look like this summer and into the Fall?

Prayer and support are needed for our conscientious church-workers who feel guilty for being unable to fulfill their calling as trained. They are also being run ragged by the addition of many responsibilities that cannot be attended to in large numbers and through single and sweeping opportunities. Some may have been economically sideswiped for the time being. I pray daily for our pastors, parishes, people, parochial schools and teachers here in CID. God has been and still is good toward those He loves and whose love was proven by the life, suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. We are together desperate for such love.

What we need is more of what is a godly characteristic: patience. God has been "long-suffering," that is, patient with His people. We tend toward wandering; He tends toward pursuing us when "we like sheep have gone astray." It didn't take long for newly formed man and woman to test the waters of independence from their Creator at Satan's prompting. To be like God didn't sound so bad. Adam and Eve were impatient, but our Lord, in response, suffered long with our first parents and their subsequent descendants and sent the Promised Savior who brings us hope and life to carry on, no matter what. We pray for patience as once again God moves everything to bring us His saving deliverance.



Rev. Mark A. Miller, President

He gives it!

Our Lord Jesus also brought peace. We were destined for hell, and Jesus rescued us from that fate by His sacrifice. We lived apart from our Father, and Jesus healed the rift. We fell into one and another of Satan's snares and Jesus snatched us from the jaws of death. We shiver and sink when we observe the wind and waves around us and, with one word, Jesus' brings us the world around us peace. His peace is not as the world gives it, but it is calming in the face of the world's hostilities and obstacles. We pray for peace, and He gives it!

Our lives – though tossed about until we, through faith in Christ, enter His heavenly Kingdom for good – are built on God's irrevocable Word. He promises and He fulfills, and He never has deserted His people or His promises! His timetable is not ours; His ways and thoughts are beyond ours; We remember His constant record of faithfulness toward Israel and us. There is no doubt that His compassion endures, and we are the objects of His desire. For us He gave His only begotten Son! He will cause us to walk on dry land, through the towering waves, and lead us safely to the other side, whether that be through these trying times or on to the heavenly shores. That's His promise!

— Rev. Mark A. Miller, *President*
1 Corinthians 2:2



CID is now on Facebook!

Come find us at www.facebook.com/cidlcms to **like and follow** our page! Currently, we are sharing weekly videos to help cope with the feelings of grief during this pandemic, as well as sharing a variety of exciting things from our District churches! We will be using the page for a LIVE bible study on Paul's Missionary Journey, beginning May 9. Come find our page for a short devotion or daily bible passage and share with your fellow congregations!

Study of Acts . . . Wherever You Are



To help pastors and their congregations during these busy times, Concordia Publishing House plans to make available online a six-lesson video Bible study on Paul's Missionary Journeys. Taught by CID Mission Executive Ken Schurb, this is one of CPH's video FaithCourses.

This free study will come out one lesson a week, starting on May 4. Each weekday for six weeks, a new short section of that week's lesson will be released.

To join this study from wherever you are, go to <https://cphfaithcourses.com/dailypmj/>

Also, Dr. Schurb will be doing Facebook live sessions from the Central Illinois District Facebook page on Saturdays, 9:30 to 10 a.m. CDT, starting May 9. These sessions will cap each week's learning, and anticipate the following week. To access these events on Facebook:

1. Log in to your Facebook account.
2. Search "CID LCMS" or "Central Illinois District LCMS"
3. "Like" our page so you get updates.
4. On the left side of the screen, choose Events tab.
5. In Events tab, find "Paul's Missionary Journey" event and choose "Attending/Interested" or "Maybe" to receive updates for the event. If you choose "Not Going/Not Interested" you will not receive additional information.
6. Check the page and the event for the most up-to-date information.

For updated information please see: <http://www.cidlcms.org/news.html>



NOTE: If you do not have a Facebook account, you are able to put in the following link: www.facebook.com/cidlcms and view the video live or recorded. It will ask you to set up a Facebook account, but you can choose "Not now."

Keeping Our Bearings

As our churches endeavor to “pick up where we left off” prior to coronavirus-induced sheltering in place, it could be that some of our usual customs may no longer seem so important or valuable. For example, routine handshakes might become a thing of the past, as perhaps also a lot of in-the-same-room church meetings.

At the same time, inventions born of recent necessity might find regular or at least semi-regular places in church life, such as a church sending daily digital devotions to members. While we may pine for a return to what is comfortable and familiar, we will likely venture onto some rather new paths too.

Keeping our bearings will be tricky. We could use an informed perspective.

Perspective requires distance. In 1951 Hermann Sasse, an astute German Lutheran theologian teaching in Australia after World War II, wrote an essay scrutinizing The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. This paper, from almost 75 years ago and half a world away, offers perspective. We do well to consider a few of Sasse’s penetrating comments. (Quotations from his essay appear in italics below.)

Sasse wrote about the key to the Missouri Synod’s success in domestic mission: *The secret lies in the existence of genuine congregations which are able to attract people and to integrate them into themselves, to stir up their slumbering faith and to draw them into the service of Christ. The secret of the missionary successes of Missouri is the living congregation of the Missouri Synod.*

Often we are tempted to think that strengthening congregations is one thing, and evangelistic activity quite another. Not so, Sasse cautioned – certainly, not historically! After all, when congregations gather around God’s Word in church services, church members taste and see that the Lord is good (Psalm 34:8). These same members can then savor the sweet taste of His Gospel as they speak with their neighbors. Of course, they cannot tell this

Good News of Jesus if they do not know it! What’s more, in church the Lord has given them the gift of hearing it from preachers He Himself has sent (Romans 10:14-17).

Sasse referred to the fact that for years Missouri Synod congregations had brought in straying souls, many on the American frontier and in various other places. Today our congregations stand poised on the brink of great opportunity to reach out with the message of God’s Law and Gospel. Many people around us have become acutely aware of their own helplessness before forces they cannot control.

A distinctive feature of the Missouri Synod, Sasse wrote, is that *here the Lutheran conviction is taken seriously, that not the faith and ethos of men create the congregation, but the means of grace, through which God calls His congregation.*

We find our present time increasingly marked by open hostility to Christianity. Still, especially in a time of need, people may nonetheless be impressed by the strong faith that church members show or the profound sacrifices that faith moves these members to make. It is true that actions demonstrating kindness or conviction may prompt people to notice us Christians and ask us about the hope we have (1 Peter 3:15). For our part, we certainly are to serve our neighbors in love (Galatians 5:13; 6:10).

Yet the fact remains that the faith and ethos of human beings do not create the church. Only God can do this. It is a miracle. He does it through Word and Sacrament. The church is “built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit” (Ephesians 2:20-22).

Christ’s church is called and gathered by Holy Spirit through the Gospel – that is, the voice of the Good Shepherd in His Word (John 10:27). Important as our general works of

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love are, and however vigorously we may apply ourselves to them, they do not build the church. Neither does our personal touch, tender as we can make it. Such things are not the saving Gospel. Elsewhere, Sasse observed an abiding difference between Lutherans and the Reformed. “Both acknowledge that the chief article of the Christian faith is the forgiveness of sins: the Lutherans consider it the *whole* content of the Gospel, while the Reformed consider it the *principal* content of the Gospel” (*Here We Stand* [New York: Harper, 1938], 121, italics original).

One more point from Sasse’s 1951 essay: in the congregations of the Missouri Synod, that is, *where the Lutheran Church became popular, there the Lutheran Confession also again became popular. It was no longer the property of the teachers of the church, but once again it belonged to the whole congregation.* Today the church has unprecedented tools for teaching the catechism. It can teach learners at all levels, and with increased frequency. Lately, perhaps most of us have been pressed into a more active use of these tools. As we take these tools into the future with wisdom, they can help so the catechism again belongs to the whole congregation.

How do we keep the Lutheran Confession central to the lives of our congregations, not only individually but also corporately? Let’s set this question in full view as we move ahead and reach out. It will help us keep our bearings.



Chaplain's Corner

Living in HIS Presence Series

Our current Facebook Feature is our Chaplain's Corner! Rev. Jeff Harter, Chaplain at Concordia Village in Springfield, IL, has been recording short devotions in his series titled "Living in His Presence" based on Psalm 46:1. This is a 15-part series that we are pairing with short two-minute videos and sharing twice per week on our Facebook page. To watch the videos, go to www.facebook.com/cidlcms and see all that have been shared. There is also a downloadable document available at www.cidlcms.org/news.html that contains all of the devotions.

Here is the first devotion of the series for your enjoyment:

Little Things Aren't Always Little Things **Read Matthew 6:25-34.**

**Matthew 6:33: "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well."**

"That's no big deal," someone might say when we have lost something that others may consider insignificant. Yet, many of the little things we have grown accustomed to are big deals when they are gone. These may be intangible things such as companionship, independence, or a sense of security and safety. These little things may include the ability to be with loved ones, or to worship and commune with fellow believers. It is natural and normal to feel sad, frustrated, or angry when things are gone. We may feel the need to treasure little things such as mementoes or photographs of loved ones from whom we are separated.

As some of life's little blessings are taken away, we may realize God is teaching us that we don't necessarily need all we want, and that his blessings should never be taken for granted. We can be comforted in knowing that God will give us all we need when we put him first. Besides food, clothing, shelter, love, and medicine, he gives us things that we might have previously considered little. These include cards, letters, telephones, internet, TV, and radio that enable us to stay connected with others as well as be informed and entertained.

When we are able to come together as families, friends, and congregations, we may recall how God cared for us even as we missed those little things. And we may be moved to thank God for his big and little blessings every day.



Rainforest Explorers

Jesus Leads the Way



5 STEPS FOR CREATING A VIRTUAL VBS

1 REVIEW YOUR DIGITAL DIRECTOR MATERIALS

Before getting started with your digital VBS, be sure to review all of the materials in your digital starter kit. If you purchased your starter kit on cph.org, the digital kit was included automatically with purchase of your physical starter kit. The Rainforest Explorers downloads page also contains bonus resources such as art and shareable social media images.

2 PLAN YOUR CONTENT

Mix video elements with hands-on activities for VBS. Videos make VBS fun and personable for kids, especially when they are separated physically! Supplement your personal videos with teaching videos and passalong music to complete the VBS experience.

Though some churches may choose to create all teaching video content on their own, CPH is creating a series of teaching videos each day for three VBS sites: Puppet Skits, Storytelling and Bible Challenge. These teaching videos will help you stay focused on what you do best: building personal content for your children and families.

For best results, share the family lesson outlines at cph.org/familyvbs

3 ASSEMBLE YOUR STUDENT PACKS

Hands-on activities such as crafts, snacks, and music help create lasting VBS memories. For each student, create a physical student activity pack for them to use at home during the week of VBS. The student pack can include a personal note, leaflets, music, and crafts that the student could use during the week.

When assembling and distributing the student packs, be sure to follow the CDC and government regulations for your area. You

may choose to ask families to pick up packets at your church, find volunteers to drop them off at students' homes, or even mail out materials.

4 CREATE YOUR HUB

With all your digital content in place, the next important step is planning how families will access it. It's important to have a central hub, such as a website page, to collect all of your church's VBS information and provide links to publisher materials. A hub makes it easy for families to access important forms, videos, downloads, and any other information that is unique to your church. This is often the first place people will check when looking to find more information about VBS.

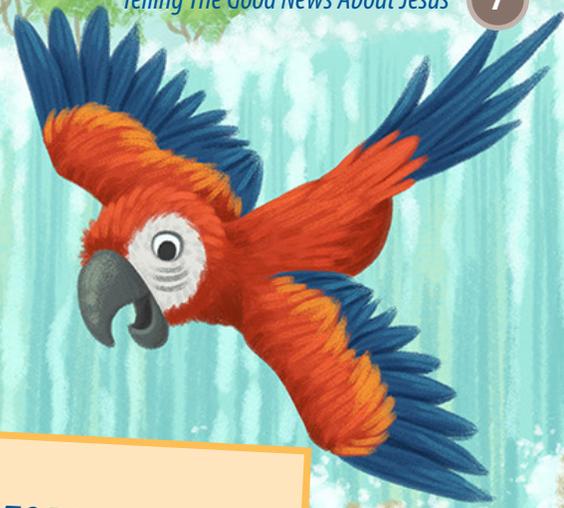
You also may choose to use another platform such as Zoom, Google classroom, or a Facebook group to help facilitate discussions during the week. If you decide to use these platforms, be sure to provide a link and instructions on your main site page.

Content Hub Checklist

- VBS Dates & Times
- Registration information
- Student Pack distribution Information
- Link to family materials
- Supply Lists

Privacy and copyrights regulations are two other important factors when building your content hub. Use the following general guidelines when deciding what to put online.

Privacy — When working with children, it is essential that their privacy is protected. If you wish to build an interactive environment where students and volunteers are having two-way conversations, make sure it is not publicly accessible and password protect materials.



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WEBSITES

Theme Site: rainforestexplorers.cph.org

Shopping Site: cph.org/shopvbs

Digital Family Guides: cph.org/familyvbs

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook Page: CPH's VBS

Instagram: [@cph_vbs](https://www.instagram.com/cph_vbs)

Pinterest: CPH VBS

YouTube: CPH VBS

Facebook Group: [Concordia VBS Rainforest Explorers](https://www.facebook.com/ConcordiaVBSRainforestExplorers)

Copyrights — Copyrights regulations protect the work of content creators. Here are some general guidelines for navigating VBS copyrights.

- Don't share copyrighted materials such as music or student leaflets on public forums.
- When possible, share links provided directly from your publisher. Here are a few examples from CPH:
 - Rainforest Explorers Downloads
 - CPH VBS Digital Bonus Materials
 - CPH VBS YouTube
 - CPH VBS Pinterest
- When in doubt, ask! If you have a question or concern, send us an email at copyrights@cph.org.

5 SPREAD THE WORD

With your content plan in hand, your final step for hosting a digital VBS is to get the word out. When planning to spread the news, make sure that all of your **inbound communications** point to your content hub on your website. This includes things such as newsletter articles, emails, Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

If you have additional links for resources that people will use during VBS, filter these **outbound communications** through your hub first. This will help avoid unnecessary confusion about where to learn more and serve as a reference point when people have questions. This includes things such as downloads, forms, lesson materials, and teaching videos.

Communication Tips — Creating a communications plan can definitely be intimidating, but remember you're not alone. Use these best practices to help you get started:

1. **Start small:** When planning your communications, quality definitely matters over quantity. When starting, aim for one email a week and one social post. Focus on short, meaningful messages to share with your congregation.
2. **Mix it up:** Plan a mixture of photos, videos, and written communications. A good variety of content will help capture and keep people's attention.
3. **Make It Personal:** Share personal stories of what VBS means to your congregation members. Ask some children what they love best about VBS. In times of physical separation, personal connections matter more than ever.



Official Notices

2/24/2020 – 5/1/2020

Ordained

Change In Status

- Rev. Jeffrey Siegel, St. Luke/Christ, San Jose/Delavan to EM

Transferred Out

- Rev. Adam Jacobsen, St. John, Mattoon to MNS
- Rev. Jeffrey Siegel, EM to IDW

Call Accepted

- Rev. David McBurney, MO to Associate Pastor, Trinity, Bloomington

Vicar Placement

- Alexander Goodwin (Esther), CSL, Our Savior, Washington
- Nathaniel W. Konkler (Hannah), CTSFW, Holy Cross, Moline
- Michael R. Wilke, CSL, St. John, East Moline



The Church and the "New Normal"

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Christ still directs His church, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” Word and sacrament form the key to making disciples for life.

Our Lord also made a promise. It remains, too: “And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20).

Some changes may occur in the precise ways by which God’s Word is taught and learned in the future. Still, this teaching of the Word will remain vital.

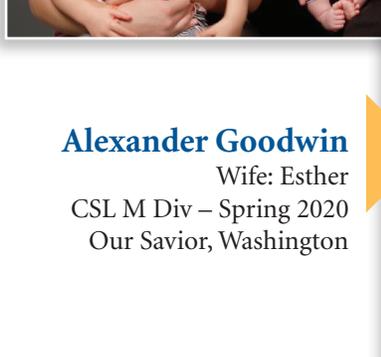
The church cannot inertly accept whatever society hands us as the “new normal.” Our new normal needs to feature the Word that brings Christ, keeping it — and Him — at the heart of everything.

CID Vicar Placement



Nathaniel W. Konkler

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Children: Karla and Carolynn
CTS M Div – Spring 2020 Vicar
Holy Cross, Moline



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Grief: Common to All, Different for Each

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God” (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

We all need comfort, and we can all give comfort in Christ. There are common denominators in grieving, yet these play out differently in each person’s life.

Every single one of us will, to some degree, grieve over the sting of death. For the moment, I refer not so much to each person’s own death as to the way death stings us when others die.

Death’s sting results from sin. The point is not to look for a particular sin as the cause of a specific death. The sting comes from the fallen nature we have all inherited from our first parents, Adam and Eve. We were not created to die. Your loved ones weren’t created to die, either. Death is not a natural process of evolution. No, death is spiritual. It is the wage that sin pays, in all human lives since the fall.

Yet this sting impacts differently on each of our lives. The intensity of the sting can fluctuate within each person, and from one person to another. A number of factors may cause such fluctuations, such as: the closeness of your relationship with the deceased, the nature of the tragedy, and even one’s experience of faith in Christ.

Even these factors can differ from case to case. This may come as a surprise, for example, but some people may suffer a deeper sting upon hearing about a child dying in some distant place than when they learn about the loss of some close loved one.

Or: some Christians’ strong confidence in the Lord does not seem to blunt death’s sting for them, even though it leads them to cling to Christ through their difficult times of grief. Yet for other Christians, faith in Christ indeed lessens the pain of death as it leads them to rejoice that their departed loved ones are safe in the arms of God.

There are no set rules or predetermined responses for the believer in Christ when facing the deaths of loved ones and separation from them. Still, there is a common denominator: all experience in grieving leads us to receive comfort from those who have experienced something similar to our own experience. Also, each person handles grief differently. Knowing that you are not crazy or weak can help you to seek comfort from those who have been through circumstances similar to yours.

God provides help. It may come to us from any number of different people – family, friends, neighbors, strangers, counselors, or pastors. Yet God gives ultimate help for grieving people through His Word, whoever speaks it. That remains true for us all.

May He grant you peace, comfort and courage in Christ!

Pastor Rodney Blomquist

Trinity Lutheran Church, Taylorville

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INVESTMENT CERTIFICATES - Minimum Investment: \$500 - Interest paid/applied semi-annually

- 1.75% 5-year term 1.50% 3-year term
 1.00% 1-year term 0.50% 6-month term
- Special Term and Rate – Limited Time!!!**
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INTEREST PAYMENT METHOD (Choose one)

- Accumulate interest and add to investment
 Investment check semi-annually (if over \$25)
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INTEREST RATES ARE EFFECTIVE 4/3/2020 AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE – CALL TO CONFIRM CURRENT RATES

FLEXIBLE SAVINGS – Interest added to account quarterly

- Regular Flexible Savings Account Interest Rate: 0.25% Minimum: \$25 – available to all customers
 Capital Campaign Flexible Savings Account Interest Rate: 1.00% Minimum: \$500 – available only to religious organizations

Account Ownership (Complete A, B, or C. Please print)

A. Sole or Joint Owners (One or more owners as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship and not tenants in common. Beneficiaries may be designated on "Beneficiary Designation" form. Interest is reported to the IRS using the Social Security number of the first owner listed.)

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2. _____
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3. _____
Last First MI Social Security # Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

Check if "Beneficiary Designation" form is attached Check that all joint owners have signed application

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Name of Trust Social Security #/TIN

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Investment Certification and Signature

By signing this application ("I" refers to all applicants, whether one or more), I certify that:

- All information provided is true and correct.
- I am of legal age and not a minor.
- I authorize the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund to initiate any correcting debit or credit that may be necessary.
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