

the GatePost

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

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**Making
Disciples
for Life** 

For The Children

By David Ward, CID Life Coordinator

As we contemplate our Life Ministry here in central Illinois, it's hard to assess just where we should focus our limited resources. The devil is fiercely attacking humankind in so many various ways in the world today. This onslaught of evil can easily overwhelm us Christians, causing us to become disheartened in this seemingly hopeless situation.

But there is good news! We need to remind ourselves, and each other, that our Heavenly Father—He is Almighty God! Our Lord Jesus Christ has always been and forever will be victorious. The Holy Spirit has been given to us to sustain and guide us, even unto the end of the age.

And so, it is a foregone conclusion that the devil cannot prevail. We can, therefore, engage in this spiritual battle with confidence and conviction. We need to allow the power of the Holy Spirit to be manifest in the glory of God.

So what battle do we choose? There are so many lines of warfare Satan has drawn. It seems to me that the primary battleground is forming around our children. It is obvious that the devil hates them. They are the most vulnerable.

Their trusting hearts leave them particularly susceptible to the attacks of the evil one. It would appear the devil is using three strategies to destroy the souls of our children.

The first is abortion. The devil is a murderer, and here he is most efficient and deadly. Since abortion was initially legalized in 1973 by the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision, there have been over 63 million "pregnancy terminations" in America. Sixty-three million children have gone missing. Even though this decision has been overturned, our state and federal governments continue to do everything in their power to promote and expand what they call "women's health care" that leads to the death of their little ones. Christians understand that this evil can only be overcome by the power of God. That is why we absolutely must

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We must remain vigilant in prayer for God's children and unwavering in our declaration of God's truth.

From the President's Desk

Cloud of Witnesses

A mother leans over her child. She knows these words by heart, but she leans over and places her finger on the page and traces out each word in the hymnal. Her son watches in wonder as these letters he has just learned at school form the words he's been hearing these past few years—words of faith spoken into his ears... words he can now read and speak together with his parents, grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles... words his own finger begins to trace on the page as he speaks together with Sunday School teachers and classmates, and even pastor, too.



We learn from those who surround us. We are called out of the darkness of our sin to gather together in the light of God's grace. We are buried through baptism do die to self and to be united with Christ in death and in life. We hear the Word of God proclaimed together. We receive the testimony of God's

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forgiveness for us in a sacrament whose very name means “together as one” (*communion*) even as we gather together in a place that is called by the Latin term for coming together (*congregation*). And this swirling cloud of

witnesses teach us the faith that we confess together. Paul names those who instructed Timothy—his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice (2 Tim. 1:5)—as he reminds Timothy to bear the fruit of the Spirit who lives that faith in us. Most of Paul's letters conclude with greetings to individuals in various places who have helped Paul grow in his knowledge and trust of the Lord. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews includes a long list of forerunners in the faith in Chapter 11, reminding us that we are not alone in this journey.

“Therefore,” continues the author of Hebrews, “since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Heb. 12:1-2) We see the witness of their faith, and it points us not to their fame, but to Jesus. The faith we confess upon our lips is the same faith confessed by Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. It is the same faith confessed by Peter and James and John. It is the same faith confessed by Ambrose and Augustine and Jerome. It is the same faith confessed by Luther, Melancthon and Chemnitz. It is the same faith confessed by Walther and Pieper and Wyneken. We may not remember all of their names, but these were not nameless hoards. They were real people with real words to

express their faith, and real fingers tracing out this expression of faith upon the page—fingers that point not to themselves, but to the one who creates our faith and makes it complete; fingers that point us to Jesus.



Rev. Michael W. Mohr, CID President

Rejoice with me, brothers and sisters in Christ, and give thanks for this cloud of faithful witnesses who constantly point us to our loving Savior.

— **Rev. Michael W. Mohr, CID President**
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*Though uninscribed
with date or place, With
title, rank, or name,*

*As living stones their
stories join To form a
hallowed frame*

*Around the myst'ry in
their midst: The Lamb
once sacrificed,*

*The Love that wrested
life from death, The
wounded, risen Christ.*

LSB #678:2

For The Children

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seek His help and mercy through prayer. [See “A Prayer for Wednesday’s Child” to the right and on the Life page of CID’s website.]



A second satanic attack on children has to do with gender confusion. The devil is a liar and the father of lies. Here children are told they “may have been born in the wrong bodies”. They are told that “trans, non-binary, or queer” lifestyles are normal. Parents are told that this is just part of educating students about gender diversity and inclusion. Children are then provided with life-altering hormonal treatments or medical surgery for sexual transformation, sometimes without parental consent. Satan uses these lies to destroy the bodies of our children and to harm their souls. The young need to hear the truth, that the Lord made them as they are in accordance with His good ways and purposes and that our sexuality is beautiful gift from God.

Finally, the devil attacks our children by “sexualizing” them. He exposes them to perverted sexual influences to corrupt and ultimately destroy them. He uses drugs to break down resistance and pornography to normalize deviant sexual behavior. Both are intensely addictive and create powerful bonds to sin. Today little children are exposed to “groomers” and pedophiles through “Drag Queen Story Hour” and sexual propaganda in children’s books. Compounding the Problem are tens of thousands of unaccompanied children entering our country across the open border. They are seeking a better life and future, but many find instead the dark world of human trafficking and sex slavery. [See the newly released film: *Sound of Freedom* – www.angel.com/freedom].

God loves children. He even assigns special angels for their care and protection. The Bible indicates that those who harm them will be severely judged. In the meantime, we must remain vigilant in prayer for them and unwavering in our declaration of God’s truth.

A Prayer for Wednesday’s Child

A prayer to say every Wednesday:

Monday’s child is fair of face, Tuesday’s child is full of grace. *Wednesday’s child is full of woe,* Thursday’s child has far to go. . .

— from *Traditions of Devonshire* by A. E. Bray

Pray Believing:

“Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt . . . even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ it will happen. And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.” (Matthew 21:21–22, ESV)

Dear gracious Father, Source of all life, grant us forgiveness for our failures to protect the lives of the helpless and the innocent. Dispatch Your holy angels to safeguard the unborn babies presently under the shadow of death. Show Your mercy to mothers who are alone and afraid and grant them the courage and resolve they need to choose life for their little ones. Hear us, O Lord, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ, whose blood cleanses us from even the most grievous of sins. Amen.



SOUND OF FREEDOM

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STUDIOS

Protecting our Church and School

This is a typical discussion that many boards should have as they plan their activities. It is common to see various news reports and stories reporting court filings against various religious organizations. We start to wonder if this could happen to our church or school.

There are reasons that we should be concerned about legal issues that may affect our ministries. During the last few years, Synod has worked on various ways to support our ministries.

Several years ago, we developed a relationship with The Alliance Defending Freedom and produced a legal guide for LCMS Congregations, Schools, and Ministries. “Protecting Your Ministry from Sexual Orientation Gender Identity Lawsuits” (ADFlegal.org) was provided to ministries to guide them in reviewing and developing policies to help protect their ministries.

The Central Illinois District (along with other LCMS Districts) has increased this relationship during the past year by joining their Ministry Alliance. We have teamed up with them to prepare better and protect our CID ministries. The ADF membership will provide legal help to ministries that join. Their benefits include religious liberty document review, pro bono legal representation, and direct access to an ADF attorney for your religious liberty questions. This program is being provided to ministries within our District at a discounted price. You can apply at ADFChurchAlliance.org, and use the promo code *LCMSdistrict* to receive a 20% discount.

Another program being offered is the MinistrySafe (MinistrySafe.org) program. MinistrySafe is a program offered and funded by Synod to all ministries in the LCMS by the Synodical Office until June 2024. After June 2024, the Districts have been requested to cover the program’s cost for their ministries. MinistrySafe provides tools to protect the ministries from abuse and sexual misconduct issues. They provide resources that include training videos, sample policies, and background checks at a discounted price. We encourage all ministries within our district to join up and use the many resources MinistrySafe provides. As we end this free period (June 2024), we will ask our ministries to provide us with feedback so that we can evaluate the expense of continuing with the program. Please do not assume that these issues can not happen within your ministry...

“Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. “The devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.” (1 Peter 5: 8-9)



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CHURCH ALLIANCE





Save the dates!

2024 Illinois March for Life

The Illinois March for Life, Springfield, will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 (*note: this date has changed!*). Matins at Trinity Lutheran Church, Second and Monroe Streets, across from the state capitol, will precede the various March for Life events.



Beyond the Classroom Training

Training sessions for Beyond the Classroom, outreach for congregations with Lutheran schools, will begin after Easter, in April, 2024. Watch for additional information!

Institute on Liturgy, Preaching, and Church Music

The Synod will conduct an Institute on Liturgy, Preaching, and Church Music at Concordia University Nebraska on July 9-12, 2024. The theme is to be "Songs of Deliverance: Psalms in the Great Congregation."

Official Notices

Ordained

Transferred Out

- **Rev. Billy Newell** – to Lord of Life Lutheran-Sioux Falls, SD (SD) – 7/27/23
- **Rev. Simeon Raddatz** – to Concordia University-Chicago (NID) – 9/25/23

Transferred In

- **Rev. Richard Salcido** – Emeritus from Iowa – 8/16/23

Making Disciples for Life



Did you know?

The First LCMS President

The Rev. Dr. C.F.W. Walther (Oct. 25, 1811 – May 7, 1887) served as the first president of the church body. As a young pastor, Walther joined the Saxon Germans who immigrated to the United States in 1839, and, at only 27 years old, he was the leader of the group that settled in Perry County, Mo.

Dr. Walther played a key role in the founding of the LCMS in 1847, and he served as the church body's first president, holding office from 1847 to 1850 and again from 1864 to 1878.

Walther presided over the young Synod, leading its growth through the years of the great migration of German immigrants. He served as president of Concordia Seminary from 1850 to 1887, and he was editor of *Der Lutheraner*, a leading magazine of the day that reached Confessional Lutherans across the country.

Today, Walther is revered as the leading Lutheran theologian of his time, and he's fondly known as the "Father of the Missouri Synod."

Source: <https://www.lcms.org/about/lcms-history>



Keeping Christ on *Campus*



In 2017, before the COVID pandemic, LifeWay Christian resources surveyed about 2,000 people. It found that only one in three who were then in their twenties said they were still going to church. Nearly half of those who had left church said that going to college was a big factor. They cited various factors, but nearly three-quarters (71%) of those who left said their leaving had not been an intentional decision. They drifted away. Perhaps church had not been very important to them when they first arrived at college. In any event, as other appealing things presented themselves, these folks followed the appeal.

Sobering, isn't it? We often think of all the openly malign influences and temptations, intellectual and otherwise, with which college students are bombarded. These present real and serious risks, all right. Yet in the survey referenced above, most who left the church did not reach a point where they said something like this: "College convinced me that Christianity was just flat wrong, so I decided to break with the church." Instead, they just drifted away.

What are *your* congregation's college students doing?

CID supports campus ministry at four important state universities in central Illinois: University of Illinois, Illinois State, Eastern Illinois, and Western Illinois. Perhaps members of our churches are under the impression that these campus ministries somehow receive some sort of routine information on the college students from their congregations. There is no such "inside information," though. Our campus ministries often learn that LCMS students are on campus when these students first attend a service or other activity at the campus ministry.

You can refer your congregation's college students to the appropriate campus ministry. Many of our churches keep track of their students' campus contact information so people back home can offer them encouragement. How about providing this information to the appropriate campus ministry? Or send it to Dr. Ken Schurb at the District office, and he will make sure it gets to the right place—even for students attending colleges out of state! His e-mail address is kschurb@cidlcms.org



There is never a bad time to make a student referral, but now is especially good, toward the beginning of a new academic year. Please take a moment to do so.

***College is tough. People need Jesus.
Won't you help?***



The Match is Back!

In 2023, campus ministry endowments generated the following amounts. These help CID to support and maintain campus ministry:

- For WIU: \$1,833
- For EIU: \$1,547
- For U of I: \$1,129
- For ISU: \$632

Earnings for CID from each of these endowments are based on the total amount of money in that particular endowment fund. To contribute to one or more of the funds, with a 20% matching amount added by Lutheran Legacy Foundation, go to <https://www.lutheranlegacyfoundation.org/fund/central-illinois-district-campus-ministry>

For more information:

See the CID Website: <http://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-missions-campus.html>
Contact Ken Schurb at the District office: (217) 793-1802 or e-mail kschurb@cidlcms.org

To donate: <https://www.lutheranlegacyfoundation.org/fund/central-illinois-district-campus-ministry>

Have you visited the CID website lately?



You'll find a wealth of information as you browse around the CID website, including...

Back issues of *The GatePost* district newsletter

➤ <https://www.cidlcms.org/news-gatepost-newsletter.html>

Back issues of CID's *See? WOW!* evangelism newsletter

➤ <https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-cwow.html>

Back issues of CID's "Keeping Christ on Campus" newsletter

➤ <https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-missions-campus.html>

Information on A Dollar for Missions and the current project at any time

➤ <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html>

Video and brochure to get your congregation started talking about church planting

➤ <https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-church-planting.html>

"Living as Christian Citizens in the Here and Now," including updates on the Illinois legislature

➤ <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-human-care-christian-citizenship.html>

Studies, including assimilation (incorporation) of new members, biblical studies, contemporary issues, evangelism, Reformation

➤ <https://www.cidlcms.org/resources-studies.html>

Link to Central Illinois District - Church Extension Fund

➤ <http://www.cid-cef.org/>

Several resources for combating cultural idols with God's Word

➤ <https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-cultural-idols.html>

Congregational life contacts

➤ <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-congregational-life.html>

More than 70 "Myth or Faith?" audio shorts that can accompany adult catechetical instruction

➤ <https://www.cidlcms.org/myth-or-faith.html>

Companion audio to accompany CPH LifeLight Foundations course, *The Christian's Mission*

➤ <https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-course-companion-audio.html>

List of several presentations available from CID

➤ <https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-presentations.html>

Partnership in the Gospel booklet (on the work of CID)

➤ <https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-brochure.html>

Video resources for church worker recruitment and Christmas and Easter church advertising

➤ <https://www.cidlcms.org/resources-video.html>

A Dollar for Missions News



Two Dollar for Missions projects came to completion in August. The first was to fund a van purchase for University Lutheran Church, Champaign. St. Paul, Milford ended up selling its van to UniLu, and not for as much money as had been thought necessary. The District did not have to grant the anticipated \$35,000, but \$15,000 instead.

The second project was to augment the pay amounts for two veteran prison chaplains paid by the District for years, Rev. Charles Olander and Rev. Steve Southward. Over the summer, Pastor Olander decided to retire from prison ministry, as Pastor David Dunlop of Zion, Chestnut and Christ, Clinton takes over the work at two prisons in Lincoln. Pastor Southward was transferred to the Church Triumphant on July 4. That second DFM project therefore gives way to this one:

This project is to expand CID Prison Ministry by getting more congregations and pastors into the act. Following the model of our sister District, Southern Illinois, CID would like to award \$5,000 a year to any congregation whose pastor regularly visits a nearby prison or county jail once a week. He need not be there for an entire day, perhaps only a morning or an afternoon. The current DFM project is to raise \$20,000 to fund this sort of ministry at four new prisons or jails in 2024.

Dollar for Missions will enable CID to implement this new prison ministry model, and to do so on a broader scale. It promises to expand prison ministry in central Illinois, reaching incarcerated men and women who need to hear God's true message of Law and Gospel. Dollars from your congregation's members will help to make this happen. They add up!



For more on a Dollar for Missions and on the current project, go to <http://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html>



Prison Ministry Materials *Reimbursement*

There is only about half a year left in which a generous LWML grant will enable CID to reimburse our churches or individual members within those churches who want to donate up to \$400 worth of Gospel-centered materials to prisons or county jails near them. For details, contact Prison Coordinator Rev. Rodney Blomquist at prisonministry@cidlcms.org

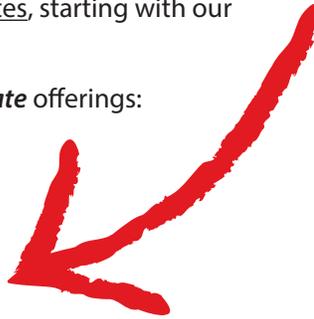
Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF)

CID-CEF New Investment Interest Rates!

Yes, we've raised our investment interest rates, starting with our *18-month Special Offering at **4.0%***!

Following are the rates on all of our *Certificate* offerings:

6 Month	0.75%
1 Year	2.25%
3 Year	2.50%
5 Year	2.75%
18 Month Special	4.00%



Rates have also increased on our *Flexible Savings Accounts*:

Regular Savings	0.40%
Capital Campaign Savings	1.00%

Please note that we are **not** increasing the interest rate charged on loans as we strive to provide low-cost funding to our LCMS churches, schools, and organizations in our District.

Did you know that your Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund is the *only* church extension fund in the LCMS that provides loans to churches and schools in the Central Illinois District? It is easy to confuse the CID-CEF with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF), which serves the districts that do not have their own independent church extension fund. The CID-CEF focuses all of our financial resources solely on our churches, schools, and organizations within our District. We do this through *your* investments—partnering our investors with the churches, schools, and organizations needing funds to expand and grow His Kingdom.

As your Church Extension Fund, we are here to support you, as you support our LCMS churches, schools, and organizations throughout our District with your investments. Thank you for enabling us to do so as together we share in the blessing of growing His Kingdom!

SONGS OF DELIVERANCE

PSALMS
IN THE GREAT CONGREGATION

**2024 INSTITUTE ON LITURGY,
PREACHING & CHURCH MUSIC**

July 9-12, 2024

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, NEBRASKA (CUNE), SEWARD, NEB.

Small Church Summit

INNOVATING AGAIN



Facilitators for Small Church Summit discussions, winter, 2024:

President Michael Mohr (CID)

President Timothy Scharr (SID)

Pastor Micheal Strong
(Zion Evangelical Lutheran,
Farmersville; SCS founder)

Vicar Timothy Good (Trinity,
Springfield)

Mr. Trip Rodgers (CID staff)

Dr. Ken Schurb (CID staff)

Next time there is a Small Church Summit (SCS), there will be two: one in CID and another in the Southern Illinois District (SID). It's not that the CID and SID attendees rubbed each other the wrong way last June, so decided to split. Rather, the attempt here is to make the SCS more accessible to greater numbers of people in each of these Districts.

The next SCS meeting in CID will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024 (or, if weather is bad that day, on Feb. 10) at Faith, Lincoln. CID folks are also invited to attend the SCS in SID on Jan. 6 (bad weather date: Jan. 27) at Messiah, Carlyle. In any case, the day's programs will resemble one another.

The program will emphasize conversation between participants. Experience has shown that folks from our small churches not only thrive on the Good News of the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ; they also love sharing ideas for engaging in the church's mission with people from other small LCMS churches.

The day's activities will be designed to highlight discussion. In the morning, people will introduce themselves and briefly tell the group about something their church has done in the last five years. Later in the morning, SID President Timothy Scharr will make a presentation on reaching out to inactive members.

The afternoon will feature time for small group discussion. The topics will include:

- Bible Study in the Small Church
- Congregational Partnerships
- Stewardship of Spiritual Gifts

Three other topics will also be offered, six in all. The other three topics on a particular afternoon will be based on what participants said in the morning. Each participant will be able to join in a total of four different discussions from among the six topics. Discussions will run for 25 minutes each.

Looking ahead, in June of 2024 a single Small Church Summit meeting is planned. People from both CID and SID will be invited to attend together. This "cross-fertilization" proves valuable.

Registration is now open at <https://forms.gle/5eEQYVGgAwMdtj4v6>

Remember, if you *think* your church is small, YOU are invited to the Small Church Summit to talk and listen, to be encouraged and to encourage brothers and sisters in Christ in other small churches. It will work best if you bring two or three others with you from your church.

Mark your calendar now!

INVESTMENT APPLICATION



CHURCH EXTENSION FUND, INC. (CEF) Central Illinois District - LCMS (CID)

1850 North Grand Avenue West
Springfield, IL 62702-1626
TELEPHONE: (217) 793-1802 FAX: (217) 793-9454
EMAIL: cef@cidlcms.org www.cid-cef.org

New Investment: \$ _____
Make check payable to:
CID Church Extension Fund

-OR-

Existing CID-CEF Investment Certificate # _____
(Signed Investment Certificate or Lost Certificate Affidavit and Indemnity Agreement must be returned with Application)

Reinvest \$ _____ Redeem \$ _____

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

- 2.75% 5-year term 2.50% 3-year term
 2.25% 1-year term 0.75% 6-month term

Special Term and Rate – Limited Time!!!

- 4.00% - 18-month term

INTEREST PAYMENT METHOD (Choose one)

- Accumulate interest and add to investment
 Investment check semi-annually (if over \$25)
 Direct Deposit – requires completed enrollment form
(Go to www.cidlcms.org or contact CEF to request the form)

INTEREST RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE – CALL TO CONFIRM CURRENT RATES

FLEXIBLE SAVINGS – Interest added to account monthly, statement sent quarterly

- Regular Flexible Savings Account Interest Rate: 0.40% 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.)

1. _____
Last or Religious Organization Name First MI Social Security # or TIN Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
2. _____
Last First MI Social Security # Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
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

B. Trust ("Certificate of Existence of Trust and Authority to Act" must be completed and sent with application)

Name of Trust Social Security #/TIN

C. Custodian Investment for Minor (Under the Illinois Uniform Transfers to Minors Act)

MINOR Last First MI Social Security # Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

CUSTODIAN Last First MI Social Security # Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

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Contact Information for Account

Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email Address

Supporting Investments

(Please provide the organization to be recognized for current or future investment requirements)

Your Home Congregation or Other LCMS Organization

City

Investment Certification and Signature – Signatures of all account owners are required.

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.*
- *I have received a current Offering Circular of the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund.*
- *I am a member of, contributor to, or participant in The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod or any district or other program, activity, or organization which constitutes a part of the Synod or any of its districts, or I am an ancestor, descendant, or successor in interest to such person.*
- *I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).*
- *The Social Security or Tax ID number shown for me on this application is correct.*
- *I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) the IRS has not notified me that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding. Please draw an “X” through the preceding sentence if you ARE currently subject to backup withholding. Due to IRS regulations, the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund cannot record your investment until your Taxpayer Identification Number is provided and the above certification signed. The IRS does not require your consent to any provisions of this application other than the certifications required to avoid backup withholding.*

Signature of Account Owner/Trustee/Custodian/Authorized Signer

Date

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Date

The CID-CEF is a nonprofit religious organization, therefore CID-CEF investments are not SIPC- or FDIC-Insured deposit accounts.

The CID-CEF reserves the right to call this investment for redemption upon 60 days’ written notice and reserves the right to request 30 days’ notice of redemption prior to maturity on certificates and 15 days’ notice on flexible savings accounts. Certificates renew automatically unless the CID-CEF is notified otherwise within 10 days after maturity. Certificate is non-negotiable, redeemable with the CID-CEF upon proper endorsement, and subject to an early redemption penalty.

The Mission of the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund, Inc. (CID-CEF) is to aid member congregations and agencies in the Central Illinois District of the LCMS in building and expanding their facilities and their ministry for the growth of God’s Kingdom.