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

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**Making
Disciples
for Life** 

February 9, 2026

A Letter from Rev. Mark Eddy

ACTING DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

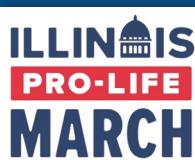
Many of you have heard the difficult news that on January 28, 2026, Central Illinois District President Michael Mohr was arrested by federal law enforcement on charges related to child pornography. We pray that God's hand of justice and mercy will prevail for all affected by this situation and for Christ's Church. We ask the Lord for His continued grace and wisdom during this painful time. In view of President Mohr's incapacity, on February 2, 2026, the District Board of Directors designated me to serve as Acting District President and to carry out the responsibilities of that office.

These events have shaken our district and have brought grief, confusion, anger, and sorrow. For times like these, we can find stability, encouragement, and guidance in God's word. Psalm 120:2 reminds us, *"My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."* When sin and betrayal wound members of Christ's Church, we do not deny the seriousness of sin or the pain it causes. God's holy Law rightly condemns sexual sin, exploitation, and anything else which harms our neighbors. Such sin damages victims, families, congregations, and the witness of the Church. We grieve with those who are hurting, and we commit ourselves to care for victims with compassion, truth, and support. In our grief and distress, our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

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Our help is ultimately found in the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ single-handedly took on the burden of human sin. He is also the righteous Judge, and He extends forgiveness because He died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, and was raised for our justification (Rom. 4:25). The Church consists totally of sinners. So Christ established local churches as places where we come in repentance,

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Plan to attend the **ILLINOIS PRO-LIFE MARCH** on March 19th in Springfield.

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A Letter from Rev. Mark Eddy, Acting District President

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and leave with forgiveness and restoration. We entrust all earthly investigations and legal proceedings to the governing authorities established by God, while we entrust every soul to the mercy and judgment of Christ. “Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity” (Ps. 32:2). This is our confidence—not in any human leader, but in the crucified and risen Lord who remains the head of His Church.

Finally, our help in Christ guides us as we move forward together. The mission of Christ’s Church continues. We still proclaim the Gospel, administered the Sacraments, and care for Christ’s people. During this time, district leadership, circuit visitors, and pastoral leaders will continue working to support congregations, address needs, and maintain faithful ministry throughout our district. On February 12, the circuit visitors and I will meet to discuss the needs of Central Illinois congregations and the work that continues before us.

Moments like this test faith and challenge trust. Yet the Lord who created heaven and earth remains faithful to His promises. The Church does not stand on the strength of its leaders but on the unchanging Word of God and the saving work of Jesus Christ. Therefore, we do not lose heart. We lament sin honestly, proclaim forgiveness boldly, and continue the work which Christ has entrusted to His Church with humility and hope.

I also remind anyone with information to reach out to the FBI at (314) 589-2500 and to refer anyone in need of mental health support with this issue to Ms. Rebekah Wendling at (877) 276-1740. Please continue to pray for all involved in this situation, for the victims of sin, for repentance where it is needed, and for the strengthening of Christ’s Church throughout the Central Illinois District. May the Lord sustain us, guide us, and keep us steadfast in faith and love.

In Christ,
Rev. Mark Eddy, Acting District President
meddy@cidlcms.org



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CID is on Facebook, Instagram AND YouTube

Come find us @cidlcms! Our pages are filled
with prayer and encouragement for you
to share with those around you. Join us to keep
up to date on District happenings and learn about
new and exciting things coming soon!



Winter 2026

Small Church Summit

THE SMALL TOWN LUTHERAN CHURCH



If you think your church is small, YOU are invited to the Small Church Summit.

And everyone is welcome!

The principal topic for the Winter, 2026 Small Church Summit (SCS) meeting will be **“The Small Town Lutheran Church.”** New SID President Heath Curtis, author of a recent book on the small town Lutheran pastor, will speak both before and after lunch. Broadening his scope from the pastor to the entire congregation, he will offer observations and encouragement designed to meet small town churches where they are.

As usual, the SCS will include an opportunity for participants to get better acquainted with one another and the respective circumstances of their several congregations. This time, our “around the room” time will include the question: What unique customs or practices does your congregation have? Are any of them related to the church’s location in a rural area or a small town? Why or why not?

Short sectional presentations are set to be offered in the afternoon. Participants will be able to choose one of the following:

- Additional discussion with President Curtis
- Introducing the re:Vitality module “Shepherding our Strays” with Pastor Mike Burdick of St. John Lutheran Church, Effingham
- Utilizing Technology in Small Churches with Pastor David Benning of Trinity Lutheran Church, Nashville
- Safety Standards for the Small Church with Mr. Trip Rodgers of CID staff

The Winter SCS is scheduled to meet on Saturday at:

- **St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lexington**
February 21, 2026 (if weather is bad then Feb. 28)

Participants can choose to attend either meeting. In both instances, sign-in will be at 9:30 am, opening devotion will commence at 10:00 am, and closing prayer will be at 2:30 pm. There is no cost.

Please be sure to register for winter SCS by February 13, 2026 at
<https://forms.gle/eujwE5hmRC48wF7MA>

ILLINOIS PRO LIFE MARCH

March 19th in Springfield

On March 19, 2026, concerned citizens from all over Illinois will gather in Springfield for the annual Illinois Pro-Life March.

Trinity Lutheran Church (220 S. 2nd Street), across the street from the State Capitol, will again conduct a Matins service on the day of the March at 11:00 a.m.

Lunch will be available between Matins and the Rally/March at the State House Inn (one block north of the State Capitol). A donation will be collected to help cover the cost of the lunch.

The Rally will be held at the Lincoln statue in front of the State Capitol at 1:00 p.m.

The March begins following the Rally, at 2:00 p.m., from the Lincoln statue heading north on 2nd Street.

Attendees are encouraged to consider going to lobby their state legislator and senator following the March.

Worshipers may park in the State House Inn's west parking lot at the corner of Adams and 1st Streets, across 1st Street from the hotel building.



Local Congregations Support Prison Ministry

Beginning this year, Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Shelbyville has purchased a bulk subscriptions of "Today's Light." These ten copies are distributed at Taylorville Correctional Center along with 25 copies of "Portals of Prayers." Holy Cross has for years renewed the bulk subscriptions of "Portals of Prayers" from funds raised at Christmas time using an Angel Tree approach to sponsor different charities. They now have added this devotional guide which leads the reader to read through the Bible in two years. The men who attend the Lutheran Bible Study at Taylorville look forward to these devotional booklets.

Also, Taylorville Correctional Center has received two copies of the seven-volume large print Bible distributed by Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW). These Bibles are printed and assembled at St. John Lutheran Church in Effingham. Contact LBW to find out how to order a set of these volumes for an inmate or two to be placed in the chapel area of a local correctional center.

If you wish to support CID Prison/Jail Ministry in your area, contact the CID district office, prisonministry@cidlcms.org, or Rev. EM. Rodney Blomquist at (217) 825-6160.



OUR IDENTITY *as* STEWARDS

by Rev. William Jensen,
District Stewardship Executive

*“Create in me a clean heart,
O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”*

These familiar words from Psalm 51:10 are part of a prayer for a changed attitude. What does this have to do with our stewardship? I truly believe that many of us think of the role of steward as something that is thrust onto us, as more of a responsibility on top of the other duties and burdens that we bear. But a prayer for a changed attitude goes deeper, and encompasses so much more than duty.

This prayer is really an astounding acknowledgment: I know that my heart is not as clean as I want it to be, as clean as it should be. My spirit needs renewing. We all sense it whenever we have that deep-down feeling that something just isn't right inside us. It's something that we can't fix by ourselves. Our heart and our spirit drive us — from the inside to the outside, and when some aspect of our life as Christians begins to make us uncomfortable on the outside, we look inside and realize that only God can make us clean and new.

Stewardship and mission work truly walk hand-in-hand. They are the fruit of righteousness, fruit that God causes us to produce. But these aspects of our life as Christians don't always come as naturally as we'd like, and sometimes they even feel a little foreign to us. That results in a kind of tension inside of us. What do we do when we're aware that the fruit we produce is not as bountiful as we'd like it to be? Can we try harder? Sure, we can try... Can we concentrate all our efforts and push out better fruit? Try all we want, it's only by God's grace that such fruit will emerge. But here's the good news: we know that God wants us to be productive!

Only God causes the tree to change from being unproductive to being fruitful! The change comes from the inside-out. A heart cleansed by God through the forgiveness of sins, and a spirit renewed by Him through Baptism bring about the change. This is His will for us. And when we "delight in His will", He causes us to "walk in His ways, to the glory of His holy name". In short, He sanctifies our lives in ways that only He can.

God says [Hosea 6:6], "For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings." The knowledge of God's will causes us to repent of our sins in faith. This brings about the fruit of steadfast love, both for God and for others. Our brothers and sisters in the Church and our neighbors who don't yet know of God's loving will for them all benefit from the fruit of our mission efforts, carried out by the faithful stewardship of God's gifts. May 2026 begin a year of clean hearts and renewed spirits for all God's family!



2026 CID Youth Bible Bowl

TOPIC: The Gospel According to St. Matthew

DATE: March 22, 2026

PLACE: Camp CILCA

AGES: youth involved in their church's junior or senior youth group, grades 6-12, up to age 19

The **Gospel according to St. Matthew** summarizes what we need to know to receive salvation from sin, the devil, and death. The Gospel of St. Matthew records the most important teachings of Jesus and the key events in Jesus' life. Plan to study "the Gospel according to St. Matthew" with youth as thoroughly as you can, to prepare them to answer questions in your Circuit and at the District Bible Bowl, and (most importantly) so that by God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit they grow in their faith that Jesus truly is the Son of God and our Savior.

Contact Trip Rodgers at the District Office (trodgers@cidlcms.org) for additional information.

A Dollar for Missions News

Current DFM Project

The current DFM project is for \$11,000 to replace original kitchen equipment in the sexton's apartment at Immanuel Lutheran Center in Macomb. The Student Center was dedicated in 1969, but some of the equipment in the kitchen of the apartment for the live-in student who takes care of the student center (the sexton) has not been replaced since then.



DFM Online

New this year, you can now support DFM through online giving. Many people no longer carry cash but still want to support the Central Illinois District's mission work. One-time and recurring donations are now available online at

<https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/LCMSCentralIllinoisDistrict/D4M>



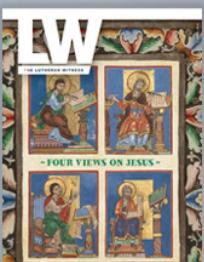
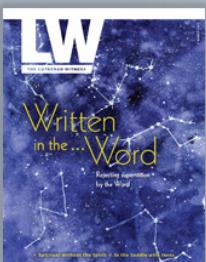
or by using the QR code. *All new recurring gifts will be matched by a special one-time gift, up to \$20,000.*

PRAYER

O Lord, open the hearts of your people to support the proclamation of the Good News about Jesus in ways large and small. Bless the Dollars for Mission that support mission work in unusual ways. In Jesus' name. Amen.



You can always find out more about DFM, including the present project at any time, at <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html>



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Lutherans For Life 2026 Illinois Essay Contest

Sponsored by the LFL Council of Federation Presidents

For Students in Grades 6-8 and 9-12

Any student in a Lutheran school or Lutheran congregation (e.g., confirmation class, youth group, Lutheran home school) is eligible when validated by their teacher or pastor, along with parental consent.

THAT THEY MAY HAVE

LIFE



Contest Guidelines

Students will write a life-affirming essay based on the theme **“That They May Have Life”** using John 10:10, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

1. Examples of topics the essay could deal with are – but are not limited to – abortion, disabilities, adoption, foster care, infanticide, physician-assisted suicide, hospice care, sexual purity, etc. For more information on life topics, see lutheransforlife.org.
2. The first page of the essay must include the student's name, grade, school or church, a personal mailing address, email address, and phone number (of the student or parent).
3. All entries must be submitted by a teacher or pastor and include their contact information.
4. Grades 6–8 should submit essays up to 400 words. The word count does not include the title, footnotes, or bibliography.
5. Grades 9–12 should submit essays up to 750 words. The word count does not include the title, footnotes, or bibliography.
6. Entries must be submitted digitally using **Microsoft Word or Google Docs** (*PDF files or other formats will not be accepted*). Email your entry to **Cathy Benning** at cathy.benning.os@gmail.com by March 15, 2026.
7. The omission of any of the following required items will cause disqualification of the essay:
 - a. The essay must include the entire theme and entire theme Bible verse as part of the written text.
 - b. Each essay must include a title. Using the required theme as a title is acceptable but does not replace using the theme and verse within the essay.
 - c. The essay must be in complete agreement with the Lutherans For Life mission to “Equip Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life”.
 - d. A Bibliography listing sources used is required.
 - e. Exceeding the appropriate word count is not acceptable.
8. Essays should make good use of standard essay writing components, including introduction and conclusion, main points, organization, style, mechanics, sources, and bibliography (*See sidebar for directions on using these elements*).
9. There will be a \$200 first-place award and a \$100 second-place award for each of the two categories. The two first place category winners will advance to the national contest.
10. The national award for the winning entry in each category is \$500 for first place, plus free conference registration to the 2026 Lutherans For Life conference for the student and his/her parents, one-night stay at the conference hotel for the student and his/her parents, \$200 travel expense reserved for conference travel only, and a framed certificate. The second-place award is \$250 and a framed certificate.
11. All entries, including exclusive copyrights, become the property of Lutherans For Life.
12. For support or resources on the sanctity of life, see lutheransforlife.org.

Helpful Information about Good Essay Structural Elements

Introduction and Conclusion – The reader is engaged by a well-developed introduction that creates interest. The conclusion effectively wraps up the essay by clearly drawing a conclusion to support the essay position.

Main Points – The main idea and statements are clear and may come from a variety of sources, including personal experience, observations, feelings, or prior knowledge. Supporting details are accurate and helpful to the main point. Statistics and other research, if used, are used effectively.

Organization – The essay shows a logical progression of ideas that enhance the essay. Transitions are graceful, with a smooth flow.

Style – The paper is honest and enthusiastic. The language is natural and shares a message from the heart of the writer. Writing is smooth, skillful, and makes sense.

Mechanics – Punctuation, spelling, and capitalizations are correct with no run-on sentences.

Sources – All sources for references, statistics, and quotes are referenced within the essay by listing the author or source in parentheses after the quote.

Bibliography – A simple bibliography/works-cited page gives references for the sources used including the author, source title, page number or website.



**LUTHERANS
FOR LIFE**

CENTRAL ILLINOIS LLL DISTRICT CONVENTION

Faith Formation in the Household

**But as for me and my household,
we will serve the Lord.**

Joshua 24:15



**SATURDAY,
MARCH 21, 2026**

**Christ Lutheran Church
311 Hershey Road • Normal, IL 61761**

9:00 a.m. Registration Opens
9:30 a.m. Convention Begins
3:00 p.m. Convention Concludes

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:



GUEST SPEAKER

Rev. Dr. Peter J. Scaer
Chairman and Professor of Exegetical
Theology, Concordia Theological
Seminary, Fort Wayne



Polly Faszholtz Gregali
Community Facilitator, LLL
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REGISTRATION FORM 2026 CID LLL DISTRICT CONVENTION

Registration deadline **March 16**
Make check payable to
CID LLL District

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Number of Attendees: _____ at \$25 per person (includes lunch) Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer, Speaker for the 2026 CID LLL Annual Convention

Mark your calendars! On March 21, 2026, at Christ Lutheran Church, Normal, IL, the Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) will have their Annual Convention. And EVERYONE IS INVITED. Our speaker will be Rev. Dr. Peter J. Scaer, Chairman and Professor of Exegetical Theology at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN. He is often on CTSFW Lectionary Podcasts, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty Podcasts, Facebook, and YouTube. His topic will be "Act Like Men: Be Strong in Christ." For more information, email delorisblessman@yahoo.com. Registration information can be found on Page 8 of this GatePost issue.



Sign-up now at www.cidlcms.org to get *The GatePost* and News You Can Use emailed to you.



Easter Baptisms

On Easter Sunday 2025, Rev. David Buelmann baptized five people from three different families.



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Four Witnessing Helps sheets accompanied by two-minute introductory videos are available at <https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-witness-ministry.html>

Witnessing Helps

find more at cidlcms.org

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TIERED PRICING

We believe every child should experience the joy of camp, regardless of finances. To keep camp affordable while maintaining quality, we offer tiered pricing—allowing families to choose what works best for them and, if able, help support the true cost of a Camp CILCA experience.

- **Tier A** prices reflect the **TRUE COST** of a camp experience.
- **Tier B** prices are *partially subsidized* by donors.
- **Tier C** prices are *significantly subsidized* by donors.

Prices below are listed Tier A/Tier B/Tier C

Register before **January 1, 2026** to receive a **\$25 discount** on your selected tier.
Register before **April 1, 2026** to receive a **\$10 discount** on your selected tier.

SUMMER PROGRAMS 2026

The **Central Illinois Lutheran Camp Association (CILCA)** exists to foster and strengthen faith in Jesus Christ and fellowship with others in a unique outdoor setting. CILCA strives to reconnect Christians to Christ and creation.

Registration ages are based on the grade **completed** during the 2025-2026 school year.

DAY CAMP

Tiered Pricing: \$200/\$150/\$125

- May 28 & 29 (1st-8th) *\$60*
- June 1-5 (1st-8th)
- June 8-12 (1st-8th)
- June 15-19 (1st-8th)
- June 22-26 (1st-8th)
- June 29-July 3 (1st-8th)
- July 6-10 (1st-8th)
- July 13-17 (1st-8th)
- July 20-24 (1st-8th)
- July 27-31 (1st-8th)

MINI WEEKS

Tiered Pricing: \$200/\$150/\$125

- May 27-29: Pathfinders I (1st-4th)
- June 7-9 or 9-11: Joyful Hearts (13 years & older)
- June 28-July 1: Intrepid Hearts (9th-12th)
- July 1-3: Intrepid Hearts (9th-12th)
- July 5-7: Bold Spirits (4th-6th)
- July 8-10: Dauntless Souls (6th-8th)
- July 26-29: Pathfinders II+* (1st-4th)

* \$225/\$175/\$150

FULL WEEKS

Tiered Pricing: \$450/\$350/\$275

- May 31-June 5: Bold Spirits I (4th-6th)
- June 7-11: Joyful Hearts (13 years & older)
- June 14-19: Dauntless Souls I (6th-8th)
- June 14-19: Art, Drama, Athletics (5th-8th)
- June 21-26: Survival (6th-8th)
- June 28-July 3: Intrepid Hearts (9th-12th)
- July 12-17: Bold Spirits II (4th-6th)
- July 12-17: Aqua Week (4th-6th)
- July 19-24: Dauntless Souls II (6th-8th)
- July 19-24: Night Owl (6th-8th)

GENERATIONAL CAMPS

- June 5-6: Generations I (4 years & older) - \$75 per person
- June 21-23: Family Camp (all ages) - \$100 per person
- June 26-27: Generations II (4 years & older) - \$75 per person

WE NEED YOU!

9th-graders and up, serve as a Junior Counselor or Joyful Hearts Volunteer and make lifelong camp memories for free!

- Joyful Hearts Volunteer - June 7-11
- J.C. Training - May 17 or May 26

REGISTER TODAY!

Find in-depth details on each camp & register on our website!

Ages based on grade **completed**.

WWW.CILCA.ORG



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

2.50% 5-year term 2.25% 3-year term
 2.00% 1-year term 0.75% 6-month term

Special Term and Rate – Limited Time!!!

3.75% - 11-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

<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Flexible Savings Account	Interest Rate: 0.40%	Minimum: \$25	– available to all customers
<input type="checkbox"/> 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

Signature of Account Owner/Trustee/Custodian/Authorized Signer

Date

Signature of Account Owner/Trustee/Custodian/Authorized Signer

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.