



Here We Stand

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Psalm 71:17-18

HAVE QUESTIONS or need to meet to discuss participation? Would you like to have a presentation at your church? Call Ray or Linda at 888.225.2111.



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A Final Report

We would like to take this opportunity to share one final report with you regarding the Here We Stand Campaign.

As you may already know, the Here We Stand (HWS) Campaign was very successful and did indeed reach its goal of \$10 million - \$10,371,754. We are so thankful to the many congregations, donors, organizations, and the Michigan District Church Extension Fund (CEF) who have supported this campaign over the last 7 years. Without each of you, we would not have the ability to reach and impact the many lives that will be touched as a result of your generous hearts.

The HWS campaign, based on the words “O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come” (Psalm 71:17–18), had four initiatives, or purposes. They were Professional Church Worker (PCW) Scholarships (\$3 million goal), Innovative Missional Ministry (\$3 million goal), Michigan District Endowment (\$3 million goal), and International Ministry (\$1 million goal). We are so pleased to share that we exceeded our goals for 2 of those 4 initiatives! Innovative Missional Ministry received \$4,556,451 and International Ministries received \$2,700,916. While our other two goals fell short, we are extremely pleased that the PCW Scholarships received \$1,719,589 and our District Endowment received \$1,338,117.

During the campaign we held several other events and programs. Our Crafted By Truth Bible Reading program through YouVersion has had over 21,600 participants start the program and over 3,300 have completed it so far! We were able to hold several Here We Ride bike riding events and several individuals and congregations participated in our Reformation 500 Walk, Run, Bike program each year, raising funds not just for the campaign but also for congregations and schools through pledges procured by the participants. In October 2017, through the financial support of CEF, we held

a Reformation Service at the Breslin Center at Michigan State University with over 13,000 in attendance.

Over the past 4 years the impact of the campaign has been vast. Here are just a few examples of how these dollars raised have touched lives:

- \$75,000 was divided equally each year between the missionaries from the Michigan District who are deployed through the LCMS (\$300,000).
- 331 Professional Church Worker Scholarships have been given for a total of \$529,000.
- \$688,000 has been given to St. Peter Confessional Lutheran Church in Middelburg, South Africa for its thriving ministry there.
- \$90,000 has been committed to support MOST Ministries work in Africa.
- \$1.8 million has been given to a variety of Innovative Missional Ministries in the Michigan District such as our Acts 2 Enterprise, The Flint Mission Network, The Luke Clinic, Benton Harbor, Elli’s House, and more!
- We anticipate 5 more years of impact from the Campaign on ministry in the Michigan District and around the world because of our generous supporters!

We once again want to thank you for coming alongside the Michigan District during this campaign. We thank all of those that participated in the planning of the campaign, chaired various events/programs, encouraged others, donated, and, most importantly, lifted this campaign in prayer. Without your partnership, none of this would have been possible. May God bless the lives who are touched.

Campaign Progress

Over \$10.37 million in gifts, pledges, and congregational goals to date.