

Grant Name	Ministry Scholarships for Shepherd's Canyon Retreats
Mission/Project Summary	Shepherd's Canyon Retreat is an LCMS RSO (Recognized Service Organization) that provides week-long counseling retreats and has successfully helped hundreds of ministry workers over the years who are in various stages of burnout, stress, loss, compassion fatigue, and conflicts of all kinds, many of whom were ready to quit the ministry. The Rocky Mountain LWML Mission Grant funds will be used for scholarships for pastors, ministry workers, and spouses who need extra financial assistance to attend a Shepherd's Canyon Retreat at one of our two locations in Arizona or Missouri.
Project Description and Details	Pastors, ministry workers, and spouses are on the "front-lines" of bringing hope, help, and healing to the people, ministries, and communities that they serve. Just like cars need to go to the shop in order to keep running well for years, our church workers need the hope, help, and healing they can get, by God's grace, from a Shepherd's Canyon Retreat in order to continue sharing the Gospel and leading people to our Savior in Colorado, New Mexico, north eastern Arizona, western Texas, and north eastern Utah.
The recipient must be affiliated with one of the following. Please select the one that applies to this request:	Registered Service Organization (RSO)
Amount requested:	8000
Project Goals and Objectives	The LWML Rocky Mountain District Mission Grant funds will be used for scholarships for pastors
Budget Outline and Financial Plan	<p>Shepherd's Canyon Retreats cost \$5,000 for pastors, teachers, DCEs and others in full-time ministry (and \$6,000 for couples). This \$8000 grant would help at least 16 individuals or couples (including those from the Rocky Mountain District) receive up to \$500 each to pay for their counseling retreat.</p> <p>\$405,000 in Total Expenses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$90,000 - Therapist Stipends & Travel (15 retreats) - \$10,000 - Chaplain Stipends & Travel (15 retreats) - \$5,000 - Ground Transportation costs for Guests - \$250,000 - Staff salaries, meals & housing during 15 retreats - \$50,000 - Marketing
Additional Comments or Information	Thank you for your consideration.



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To: LWML Selection Committee

I send you greetings in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As you are aware, one of my personal goals for the Pacific Southwest District is to care for all our church workers. Shepherds Canyon Retreat has blessed many of our workers with the opportunity to be refreshed and restored. I am grateful for the work of Shepherds Canyon and their healing ministry for our workers.

I thank God for Kevin's leadership in making this experience a reality and am impressed by the people who staff the retreats. Shepherds Canyon is truly a blessing to those who attend and to the Synod for protecting and preserving our workers.

I support their work and pray for your consideration of their grant request.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Dr. Mike Gibson
District President, Pacific Southwest District - LCMS