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Resource centre for PAT program

LWML–Canada approved a \$16,000 grant from their Mission Opportunity Fund to support the PAT program (Pastors with Alternate Training). The grant will provide funds for a resource centre of sound Lutheran books,



CDs, videos and the like in the languages of students in the PAT program: Oromo, Spanish, Punjab, Arab, French, etc., and support an online library (in conjunction with Concordia University College of Alberta) for study and research carried out by the students.

Established by Lutheran Church–Canada in its 2002 convention, the

PAT program has grown as a new model for pastoral formation for specific geographical and cultural contexts and communities of faith. The program is overseen by the Council of Presidents, Rev. Dr. Leonardo Neitzel and a PAT committee with representation from both LCC seminaries and one PAT mentor coordinate the program.

Eleven international students from different cultural and ethnic origins, actively working in several vocations, are studying in the PAT program and working in places like Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Edmonton and Surrey.

Prayer: Holy Father, more and more You are bring the mission field to our own country. People from around the world are coming to Canada eager to see your light and to share that light with others in their community. Thank-you for the men of these communities who have now committed to train to be pastors in their communities. Thank-you for the opportunity to assist by providing resources for their studies. Bless the work of these students as they shine your light. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



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From Monkton to Moncton

In July 2011 ten young people, ages 11 – 18, and three chaperones are travelling from Monkton, Ontario, to Moncton, New Brunswick. The youth group is a joint group from the rural dual parish of Redeemer, Monkton and First, Logan (Mitchell). This small rural parish has always been active in mission work. Each year for several years the group has raised funds through a variety of projects and FaithLife Financial matching grants to provide financial assistance for missions in their congregation and their district as well as other community projects.

This year the youth have been inspired to undertake a project unlike anything that has been done by either congregation. They will travel over 1,600 km to conduct a vacation Bible school for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Moncton, New Brunswick and also visit the mission congregation, Faith, Dartmouth. In addition to the work they will be doing, their pastor hopes this experience will energize and inspire these young people to a lifetime of support of God's missions as it has for him since he spent two weeks preaching in Dartmouth a few years ago.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank-you for the mission field You have provided and also the eager workers. Bless these young people with safe travel. Send the Holy Spirit to give them the strength and the words they need to show Your light to the people they visit. Open the hearts and minds of those whose paths they cross to receive the message of Your saving grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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