



Assistance Guidelines and Application

Our Evangelical Lutheran Synod is concerned about people who have suffered losses from situations beyond their control. This is the reason behind the World Needs Fund, which is supported by a collection taken in the synod's congregations each year on Mother's Day. This World Needs Fund is administered by the Board for Christian Service. It is used to help individuals and families who have suffered severe losses from situations beyond their control, such as natural disasters, medical hardships, etc. (It is not the intent to render aid to most individual poverty situations). The Board usually attempts to respond to larger worldwide natural disasters in conjunction with WELS Relief.

Before submitting a request for assistance, the Pastor should exhaust all local assistance (insurance, congregational support, community or government assistance). To request assistance, please fill out the information below and submit this form to the Chairman of the Board for Christian Service.

Name of Congregation/Pastor:

Name of Organization/Individual:

Date:

Brief Description of need and documentation:

Requested assistance amount:

List all local sources of assistance (e.g. insurance, congregation, government):

*All decisions by the BCS are based on general assistance guidelines and available funds.