

Dear fellow servants of Jesus,

I'm communicating with you today to let you know about an urgent need to support our brothers and sisters in the Michigan District of the LCMS by pledging financial support so one of the beloved Concordia Universities in the LCMS can continue operations: Concordia University, Ann Arbor, Michigan.



Throughout the years, the 35 districts of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod have helped each other in times of trouble and crisis. We are truly one Synod walking together. The Texas District has received generous gifts from many LCMS districts after hurricanes, floods, fires, and shootings have harmed our precious congregations, church workers, church members, and communities. The Texas District has likewise donated to fellow LCMS districts and publicized donation opportunities so our congregations, church workers, and church members could bless our sister districts with financial assistance in times of need.

Today, in this spirit of supporting one another during ministry challenges and needs, I am letting you know about the Michigan District's effort to raise \$5 million so the Concordia University Ann Arbor campus can continue operations. Michigan District President Dave Davis hopes and prays that, with these funds, the closure of the historic main campus can be paused and new options can be developed that ensure the continued operation of this important ministry. **PLEDGES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00 pm, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH.**

Please listen to President Davis summarize the need at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aq3SJWUldh0>

You can make a pledge and find more information here:

<https://michigandistrict.org/pledge-support-for-concordia-university-ann-arbor/>

Above all, please pray that the Lord of the Church will open a door for our beloved LCMS to continue its vibrant and meaningful ministry through its Concordia Universities—especially at this time, our University in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Thank you for your prayers and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael W. Newman".



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