

**South Dakota District - LCMS**  
**Church Worker Education Debt Assistance Program (CWEDA)**  
*Policies and Procedures*

Preamble

The creation of a Church Worker Education Debt Assistance Program is a response to the direction of The South Dakota District Convention in February 2000 – Resolution 1-32, as amended. Its purpose is to assist professional church workers in the repayment of education debt.

1. Eligibility

- Full-time professional church workers of the South Dakota District who have graduated from Synodical universities or seminaries of the LC-MS, are eligible to make an application.
- Applications are due in the District Office by October 31. Applications can be obtained by contacting the District Office.
- CWEDA Committee may elect to do a personal interview.

2. Distribution of Funds

- Grants will be awarded annually during the month of November.
- Grants will be based on need, special circumstances, and availability of funds, as determined by the Committee.
- Grants are not expected to be paid back to the District.
- The minimum debt balance eligible for a Grant is \$5,000.00.
- To preserve privacy and confidentiality, the names of recipients and amounts will not be published in the minutes of the Board.

3. Debts

- Indebtedness is defined as any educational debt that you have incurred, whether in the form of federally subsidized student loans, commercial loans, or credit card debt for tuition, books, room and board, or housing in the case of married students, and fees while attending one of our seminaries or universities.