

News and Notes

Lutherans For Life Resources ON SALE!



- These great Lutherans For Life resources are on sale now at 75% off! Order now before they are gone!

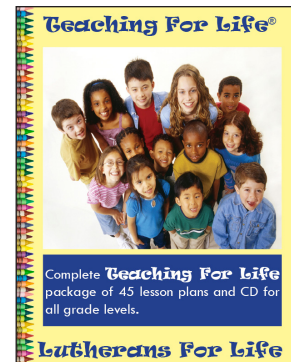
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Find order and download links at: www.lutheransforlife.org/article/real-loverreal-life

LifeMarks is a set of seven bookmarks designed to directly apply the Bible’s teachings on life as found in *Luther’s Small Catechism*—and they fit right into the catechism itself! This is a wonderful resource for confirmation, congregational, Sunday school, and home use!

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Teaching For Life—a unique, Gospel-centered, positive way to help Lutheran school teachers apply God’s Word to the life issues: www.lutheransforlife.org/store-teaching-for-life



- The opportunities for LFL’s Frontlines to apply the For Life message are endless. For example, November is **National Adoption Awareness Month**. Check out and order LFL’s resources on adoption (booklets, brochures, bulletin inserts) and share them with your congregation: www.lutheransforlife.org/life-issues/adoption. Here’s one more: **Orphan Sunday** (<https://cafo.org/orphansunday/>) is November 13.



The Christian Alliance for Orphans (www.christianalliancefororphans.org) offers a wealth of resources to help Christians stand for the orphan ... defend the fatherless ... care for the child that has no family ... visit orphans in their distress.



- **LifeDate is another way to share the For Life message with your congregation!** Order LifeDate in bulk quantities at no charge. (Donations for shipping cost will gladly be accepted.) Call 888.364.LIFE (5433) to order!
- **We have a Facebook group for Life Chapters, Life Teams, and LMCs.** The group includes an idea exchange and is a place to connect with other frontline volunteers. To join or contribute an idea, please email lhighby@lutheransforlife.org and indicate “Sign Me Up!” in the subject line.
- **Life News is available each month to download and print!** *Life News* is a monthly bulletin insert with life-issue news and more. *Life News* is available as a free reproducible PDF at www.lutheransforlife.org/media/life-news.
- **Lutherans For Life Frontlines:** LFL has 11 State Federations, 97 local Life Chapters, 118 Life Ministry Coordinators, and 104 Life Teams in the US.
- **AmazonSmile** – Shop at AmazonSmile, and Amazon will make a donation to Lutherans For Life! Check it out through the link on our Store and Give pages at www.lutheransforlife.org and in our weekly *Life Notes* e-newsletter. (This is not an endorsement of all things Amazon, but it is a free opportunity for Amazon shoppers to support Lutherans For Life.)
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Gospel and Government: A Bible Study

Elections are approaching. Should Christians stay out of politics and stick to spiritual concerns? How can we keep church and state separate when one Lord rules both, when we hold heavenly citizenship but still inhabit earth, and when political issues often double as spiritual matters? God's Word records no 501(c)(3) regulations, but making the Gospel into laws violates Scripture (and our Lutheran Confessions), and legislating or forcing faith negates grace. Temptations to abuse government for one's own gain remain great. Since no man can serve two masters, what does it mean to render unto Caesar and unto God?

1. What keeps church and state connected (Ephesians 1:20-21; Colossians 1:15-17)?
2. From what source does the government derive its authority (Romans 13:1-6; 1 Peter 2:13-18)?
3. Who ultimately inherits and already shares God's kingship (Genesis 1:28; 1 Corinthians 6:2-3; Revelation 5:9-10)?
4. What political privileges does the Gospel entitle and encourage us to exercise (Acts 25:11-12; 1 Timothy 2:1-3; Romans 16:23; Acts 8:27; Matthew 19:24-27)?
5. What are some additional rights our current context provides for participating in government?
6. What motivates us to do these things (Titus 3:1; Colossians 3:23-24; 1 Corinthians 10:23-24)?
7. How do we respond when the law of the land conflicts with the Word of the Lord (Acts 5:28-29; 2 Timothy 4:2; 1 Peter 3:15-16; Matthew 10:17-20; Luke 21:15)?
8. What assurances comfort us when these vocations become uncomfortable (John 16:33; 1 Peter 2:9-11; Philippians 3:20-21)?



Keep the Change

by Rev. Michael W. Salemink, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life

“There is nothing new under the sun” (Ecclesiastes 1:9b). The sun rises, the earth turns, and people sin. Sun sets, clouds come, we rinse and repeat. As fond as we are of fantasizing that former means better, previous generations were no less evil than present ones, and our youth was just as wicked as today’s kids are. Our culture may fancy itself particularly creative, but we’re only rearranging deck chairs and recycling retired flavors. Greeks aborted and euthanized millennia ago, and Mesopotamians experimented with sexuality ages before. As Lutherans have sung for centuries,

All mankind fell in Adam’s fall; One common sin infects us all. From one to all the curse descends, And over all God’s wrath impends. (LSB 562)

The real problem isn’t novel crimes but corrupt nature. It’s not that these original sins haven’t been around long, but that original sin has been around all along.

In fact, as bad as it is that nothing’s changed, nothing’s better than the fact that nothing changes. The Almighty Maker remains more changeless than anything else:

“For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed” (Malachi 3:6).

“[I]f we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself” (2 Timothy 2:13).

“But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children’s children” (Psalm 103:17).

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change” (James 1:17).

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8).

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. (LSB 809)

I AM. Alpha and Omega. He was, and is, and is to come. It is finished. Once for all. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. We cannot be uncreated, unforgiven, unaccepted, unreconciled, unbaptized, unjustified, or uncalled any more than Jesus can be unborn, uncrucified, or unresurrected. His rising again and ascending into heaven ensures that His cross’s atonement will align and assimilate everything, and sooner rather than later.

Prayer: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You have promised, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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Here We Stand

“Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason ... I am bound by the Scriptures ... and my conscience is captive to the Word of God.

“I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience.

“I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, may God help me, Amen.”

Martin Luther at the Diet of Worms, 1521



**Watch for new
resources from
Lutherans For Life!**

Bulletin Inserts

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The Life and Travels of a Quilt

by Ellie Menz, IOWAY (Individual Outreach with Adults & Youth) Director for Iowa District West (LCMS)

This article by Ellie Menz—a friend to Lutherans For Life—is shared as an example of faith in action. Consider adapting the idea as an outreach project for your Life Chapter or Life Team.

I'd like to introduce myself and my cute friends. We are still young, so we do not know where we were born or how we were made into fabric, but we do know that one day we all found ourselves on a shelf in Lone Rock, Iowa, at the Sew and Sew Quilt Shop. It is where Karen Segebarth and some of her friends like to hang out. They like to sew and they like to talk. Oh, and they also like to drink coffee.

This is where I found myself and many of my brothers and sisters one day. I heard the ladies talking. Karen explained that she had been on a mission trip to Pasadena, California, and while there, she met a lady named Kimberley. Kimberley is an amazing teacher in the public school in Compton, California, where there is much poverty and many of the children do not live with their biological parents. This teacher has a heart for these children because she herself was without a home for a while after her father left her and her mother. What is unique about Kimberley is that she asks the school to put the children with the most challenges into her room because she said she can help them.

Karen continued, "After getting back to Iowa last January, I decided to make each of the children in Kimberley's class a lap quilt." She asked some friends to join her, and the buzz of the sewing machines could be heard all the way to Algona.

After they had about 60 quilts made, I heard her make a phone call to Ellie Menz, who I understand works with missions somehow and has known Kimberley for 10 or more years. Karen asked Ellie if she could find women who would be willing to help by tying and binding the quilts. I could tell by the conversation that this was a new challenge for Ellie, but she was up to the challenge. She said she'd call Kimberley to see if she was OK with receiving quilts for her students and then see if anyone would like to help finish the quilts.

I understand that after Ellie made many phone calls and wrote many emails, the day arrived that we were up for adoption! First though, Karen lovingly added the batting and backing for us before sending us out into the world to be adopted.

My 60 brothers and sisters and I all ended up over in a place they call Iowa District West (LCMS).

Some of us were cared for in homes, in churches, and in fellowship halls. While they worked, there was coffee and cookies too. I don't know what it is with these Lutherans and their coffee and cookies!

All in all the adoption thing turned out really well. We had many stories to tell each other as we



were completed, and we all met again at Ellie's house. She then took us on a road trip to a church basement in Schaller, Iowa. We hung out for a few weeks before hearing what we would be doing next.

While we waited, our family grew. We soon had another 40 brothers and sisters. Here's the story. I heard that Ellie asked Kimberley about the quilts. She was really excited about having a great gift for her students, but Kimberley thought the women at the Colorado River Indian Reservation where she would be visiting and doing mission work would enjoy the quilts even more than her students. She asked if that would be OK. I was surprised when I heard Ellie say "No!" but then quickly added that they had been made by Karen for the children. She agreed to ask Karen.

Did you notice that I learned a lot by listening? I wonder if everyone is as good a listener as I am. Oops, back to the story. When Ellie told Karen about Kimberley's request, Karen said, "Well, I'll just make 40 more!"

Then a request went out to the ladies of this place called Iowa District West to send Karen material so more quilts could be made. Next thing you know, I had 40 more brothers and sisters. I've heard rabbits multiply fast but maybe not as fast as quilts in the hands of God's women.

In the basement at Schaller, I noticed not only our quilt family, but many backpacks and school supplies. I started to ask questions, and this is what I found out.

Ellie had been working with Tim Norton, LCMS Vicar, who had been working with a mission church on the Navajo Indian Reservation in New Mexico. It was decided that one of the best ways for Iowa District West to help him and his community would be to send 50 backpacks loaded with supplies. Ellie put out the request, and some happy workers at Orphan Grain Train in Ida Grove got to work. Soon there were 50 loaded backpacks.

When this happened, Ellie got another phone call (I heard from her husband that she is on the phone a lot) asking her where the backpacks should be delivered. Later that day, Nancy Bruns just happened to stop in at the district office, and Ellie told her about the backpacks. Nancy said, "Oh, I will pick them up. I am going to the Orphan Grain Train tomorrow."

Ellie thought God was just having some fun with this now. So many things were falling into place. Warning: the big piece to fall into place is yet to come!

On a very hot summer afternoon, Nancy and Dale Bruns and Lynn and Ellie Menz came to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Schaller with a van load of finished quilts and all the backpacks and supplies for the children at the Navajo Reservation. Ellie also brought more backpacks and supplies that had been donated for Kimberley's kids in California. I seriously do not know where these Iowa District West people get all these things they collect and give to other people!

When I saw Ellie taking a family picture of us and the backpacks, I heard her express concern on how all this was going to get to California. California? That sounded fun! That night I told everyone in my family that it sounded like we were going to take a trip to California. We all had



a party! We partied late at night, though, after Pastor Lyons went home so we would not disturb his work.

When Ellie got back to her home, she was thinking about how much it would cost to ship us and all the backpacks. She then had the bright idea to see if anyone would be willing to take the load to New Mexico and Arizona. What a crazy idea that was! Didn't she know it would take a full week to drive to the California border and back to Iowa?

She sent out an email to her IOWAY friends and within literally three minutes, Darwyn Hansen from Schaller texted and said, "We'll go!" Wow, was she excited! Now she knew God was having fun with this outreach!

After many texts, emails, and phone calls to California, New Mexico, Arizona, and Schaller, Iowa, Ellie had everything lined up for the cross-country trek. In the meantime, Darwyn and Sharri were busy buying extra equipment and figuring out how to get all the items into and on their Expedition.

We, my quilt family and all the school supplies, were really crowded, but we squeezed together and soon the big day came. Darwyn, Sharri, and their daughters, Staci and Heather, headed out on our great adventure at 5:00 a.m. Heather was excited as they went through Kansas. She said, "Oh look, there is Toto and Dorothy!" We did not get to see them because we were too crushed, but I am glad she got to see them.

We rode over 12 hours in mostly 103-107 degree temperatures, before arriving in New Mexico for our first night. This was fun! We were going to new homes to make little kids happy!

The next day, I got to meet some cool kids on the Navajo Indian Reservation when the Hansens met Vicar Tim Norton. Fifty backpacks got to stay there, and it was fun to see how happy the kids were to get a backpack. Their parents were happy too. We learned that the county that Gallup, New Mexico, is in is the second poorest county in the U.S. and that the county is 70% Navajo. We also learned that two of the kids who received a backpack had been baptized at Easter time. I was happy to hear that. I also heard that when Vicar Norton and his family came to the reservation, there was only one family coming to church. Now the membership is 25!

Then I could not believe my eyes! Yes, it really was the Grand Canyon! Wow, God did a great job when He created that big hole in the ground! The next day we enjoyed the Grand Canyon and then journeyed to Needles, California, to meet Kimberley.

What? Can't meet her? I was not happy! Kimberley had problems and had to get two new tires, so we went to Grace Lutheran Church in Needles, California.

Ellie had checked the LCMS website for a Lutheran church in Needles and found that there was one with 12 members and an average attendance of eight. There must not be too many Lutherans out in this hot state. Maybe it is because Lutherans can't drink their coffee when it is 108 degrees.



Two of the members helped put all of us in a special room at the church until Kimberley got her new tires and came to take us to our new home.

I wondered who would be my new friend in California. I love to give hugs, and you know when someone wraps in a quilt, it is like getting a hug! Wow! My new life had begun and now I get to live in sunny California! We all waved good-bye to the Hansens as they headed back to Iowa.

On Facebook later, I saw that they got to enjoy some sightseeing on their trip. They toured the Hoover Dam, visited some old friends, checked out Las Vegas, ate at In and Out and in the end, added 3,400 miles to their Expedition. I am happy for them. Nice people, those Hansens!



Owen's Mission—in Williamsburg, Iowa

From Rev. Karl J. Heck, Saint Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church, Williamsburg, Iowa:

“On Sunday, August 14, Saint Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church combined her adult Bible class and Sunday school hour (well, a little more than an hour!) and gave a great life presentation using Scriptures and some tract materials, brochures, posters, etc., (as well as other materials we had prepared) that we use in catechetical instruction and other educational in-reach and out-reach. We also used the Touch of Life fetal models we secured from you some time ago. It was great for the elderly all the way down to the little ones. We also unashamedly tied this in with the current political climate in this country and the upcoming elections this fall; votes of Christians do matter! Anyway, it was a wonderful educational time; the models were wonderful. The children relished the babies. We had no problem retaining their attention!”

In the photo (l-r): Isabella Schlesselman (holding the 12-week-old model), Angelina Heck (holding the 26-week-old model, and Samantha Schlesselman (holding the 22-week-old model). Pastor Heck wrote, “Note how carefully and lovingly they are holding each of the babies. Absolutely beautiful! God’s blessings!”

www.lutheransforlife.org/about/owens-mission



Owen's Mission – Little Babies Making a Big Difference

by Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

“My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret” (Psalm 139:15a).

Over 41,000 students have now heard about Owen's Mission! Many of you know the effect that the *Touch of Life* fetal models have on students of all ages. From preschoolers to seminarians, they give visual and tactile reality to God's handiwork in that “secret place” of the womb. The impact of that reality stays with them and can inform future decisions and choices. A Lutheran schoolteacher shared with me the impact seeing these babies had on her when she was in elementary school. Later on she was able to help a friend dealing with an unplanned pregnancy see and understand the reality of her unborn baby.

Wouldn't it be great if we could place a set of these models in every Lutheran school in the country? Wouldn't it be great if we could touch the lives of over 139,000 students? Yes, it would! And we will!

That is the goal of Owen's Mission. Our 21-week-old grandson, Owen James, who died during fetal surgery to remove a large tumor, inspired Owen's Mission. The nurse brought little Owen's body to our son and me as we waited in the recovery room for Owen's mom, Heather. Owen was wrapped in a little blanket and had one of those little stocking caps on his head. Holding Owen in my hand affected me profoundly. I had held the 20-week fetal model in that same hand hundreds of times over the years, but I had grown numb to the reality of what the model represents. Owen brought me back to that reality and the urgent need to help others see it as well. Owen's Mission desires to honor the Lord of Life by presenting these models to every Lutheran elementary and high school in the country. That's a big project! Would you like to help? Here are some ways to do so.

- Pray that the Lord will bless this mission with His mighty power and provide the people and financial resources needed.
- Pray that God's Holy Spirit will be at work through these models in classrooms around the country.
- Give personally to this mission. Our financial goal is \$175,000.
- Conduct a fundraiser in your area.
- Volunteer to be a presenter to schools in your area. We have a DVD and guidelines for its use to make this as easy as possible. If interested, contact your state federation president or regional director. If you are not in a state that has these or you are just not sure, contact us at 888.364.LIFE (5433) or info@lutheransforlife.org.
- Use the flyer we have included to promote Owen's Mission.

Thank you for all that you do to help equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life! Owen's Mission will provide yet another avenue to do so. May the Lord of Life continue to bless your service to Him through Lutherans For Life.





Owen's Mission

**"A PERSON'S
A PERSON,
NO MATTER
HOW SMALL"
-DR. SEUSS**

Horton the elephant was right! The Bible agrees! In fact, the Bible says more: A person's a person created by God (Psalm 139:13-14), a person redeemed by Jesus (Galatians 3:13), and a person the Holy Spirit wants to call to be His child (1 Timothy 2:4), **no matter how small!**

Owen's Mission is a very special project of Lutherans For Life. The goal of this project is to honor Jesus by presenting a set of *Touch of Life* fetal models to every Lutheran elementary and high school in the country. (That's 1,078 schools affecting 139,000 students!) We want students to understand the God-given value of each life from the moment of conception. We want students to be motivated by what God has done as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier that gives value to life. We want students to value themselves and to value others as persons because of this God-given value.



Where did Owen's Mission come from? From a very small and special baby named Owen. Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life, shares his story:



"I held my little grandson, Owen, in the palm of my hand. He died at 21 weeks during prenatal surgery to remove a large tumor. The nurse brought him to our son as we waited in the recovery room for Owen's mother. I find it difficult to describe what I felt when I was able to hold him. I had held the 20-week *Touch of Life* fetal model in my hands hundreds of times in front of students from preschoolers to seminarians. Holding Owen revived in me the reality behind those models. I will never hold them in the same way again."

As Owen's grandpa, Dr. Lamb wanted to do something special to remember Owen, honor Jesus, and help others understand the value God gives to even the smallest of lives. With the help of Owen's family, *Owen's Mission* was born. We are training facilitators to present these fetal model sets along with a DVD message from Dr. Lamb.

Our Goal: \$175,000

You can support Owen's Mission by:

- Giving a personal gift
- Encouraging your school to give
- Encouraging your congregation to give
- Encouraging groups within your congregation to give

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Please keep Lutherans For Life in your prayers.

You can also find out about many other ways to give, including estate-planning assistance, at our Give page.

“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10).

Amount Raised So Far: \$132,000 plus!

You will find many more photos from Owen’s Mission events on LFL’s Facebook page.



Lutherans For Life is a Recognized Service Organization of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. We are a nonpolitical ministry whose mission is to equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. We produce a variety of multimedia resources that connect the life issues to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We affirm life at all stages of development and in all conditions of health. We are For Life, not because we live in a society that isn’t, but because we serve a God who is.

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“Defend the cause of the fatherless.” Isaiah 1:17

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General speaker guidelines (may vary by individual):

- Airfare/Mileage: Actual airfare and/or current standard IRS mileage rate to airport or event.
- Lodging: Quiet, nonsmoking hotel room.
- Honorarium: Affiliated speakers for Lutherans For Life are not in a paid position. Therefore, we ask that sponsoring groups provide an honorarium for affiliated speakers. The sponsoring group determines the amount of the honorarium. Honorariums depend on number of events. Honorariums begin at \$200.
- Meals: \$25 per day unless other arrangements are made.
- Other: A lectern will be needed. A TV, video projector, DVD player, and screen may be needed.

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Speaking Engagement Report Form

We appreciate the many hours our faithful frontline workers contribute to sharing the For Life message. If you or your State Federation/Life Chapter have the opportunity to speak on life issues in your community, please let us know! This information will help us as we look at our strategic plan and determine the resources that are most needed to help you carry forth your mission For Life! Please return to the Life Center or email jrichard@lutheransforlife.org.

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Since Roe v. Wade in 1973: 57,762,169 abortions in America

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The Basics of Lutherans For Life

Our Mission: Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.

Our Vision: Every Lutheran congregation upholding the God-given value of human life and influencing society to do the same.

Structure and Relationships

A local Life Chapter is a local organization that has been chartered by National Lutherans For Life. The Life Chapter is formally associated with and subject to, but not a part of, the corporation known as Lutherans For Life, Inc.

A State Federation is an organization that has been chartered by Lutherans For Life, Inc. in a state where there are at least five chartered Life Chapters. In a state where a State Federation exists, the Life Chapters also become affiliated with the State Federation. This occurs automatically at the same time a Life Chapter becomes chartered by Lutherans For Life, Inc. These relationships are basically the same whether or not the Life Chapter is incorporated. Thus, Lutherans For Life consists of a network of individual entities formally associated with each other.

Membership Information

All officers of State Federations and Life Chapters and Life Ministry Coordinators must be members in good standing of Lutheran congregations and members of National Lutherans For Life.

Membership contributions are divided among the national organization, State Federation, and local Life Chapter if it is chartered.

Life Chapters that wish to include a membership form in newsletters or correspondence are asked to maintain the form and information provided by the national office.

The local Life Chapter may not establish its own membership program since LFL has a “unified membership” program. When sending a membership form to the national office, make sure the Life Chapter name and number, if chartered, is written on the form in the space provided. This will ensure that the State Federation and local Life Chapter receive the proper remittance payment.

Membership Classifications

Annual Membership

- Annual members join by making a membership donation accompanied by a completed copy of the membership form (or by joining online).
- Annual memberships run from July 1 through June 30. New memberships will expire on June 30 of the year following the initial membership donation.
- An annual membership drive will begin in May of each year. Current members will receive renewal information at that time. The membership drive will also encourage new memberships, although they will be accepted at any time of the year.

Sponsor Membership

- Sponsor members pledge to contribute a certain amount each month and to pray regularly for Lutherans For Life.
- Sponsor members receive a monthly letter from the executive director.
- Sponsor members are asked to renew their monthly pledge each year as part of the annual membership drive.

The Remittance Program of LFL

All MEMBERSHIP donations are shared with the chartered State Federation and/or local Life Chapter to which the particular members may belong. The membership donations are divided as follows:

Annual Memberships:

- 20% goes to the local Life Chapter (If there is no local Life Chapter, this 20% goes to the State Federation.)
- 20% goes to the State Federation
- 60% remains at national

Sponsor Memberships:

- 1/12 goes to the local Life Chapter (If there is no local Life Chapter, this 1/12 goes to the State Federation.)
- 1/12 goes to the State Federation
- 10/12 remains at national

