



LWML South Dakota District Mite Devotion
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Stronger Pastors for Southeast Asia with the Book of Concord
\$4000

Leader: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

All: ***They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” (Luke 24:32)***

Leader: The Holy Spirit uses the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) to translate books that explain Scripture for people around the world. Today, LHF’s work has expanded to include 100 different languages in 80 different countries, including those in Southeast Asia. LHF is dedicated to keeping congregations, pastors, individuals, and missionaries spiritually healthy and give them courage by providing books that are Bible-based, Christ-centered, and Reformation driven. Today, one of those books desperately needed to keep the Lutheran faith alive in Southeast Asia is the *Book of Concord*. Those who are called to spread God’s Word are needed throughout all the ends of the earth. They are called to expand their knowledge and skills to strengthen and grow in their service to their Lord and their church.

All: **“How shall they hear,” who have not heard
News of a Lord who loved and came;
Nor known His reconciling word,
Nor learned to trust a Savior’s name?**

**“To all the world,” to every place
Neighbors and friends and far off lands
Preach the good news of saving grace;
Go while the great commission stands.**
(LSB 831, vs 1-2)

Leader: Let us pray: Lord, we ask in your Name that our mission grant of \$4,000 will help pay for the printing costs of the first translation of the *Book of Concord*, so pastors and leaders in Southeast Asia have the resource they need to teach and lead their people in the their language. In your name we pray. Amen