



## **English District Covid-19 Soldiers of the Cross Information and Application**

### **The Soldiers of the Cross – COVID-19 Response**

Covid-19 has dramatically affected our world in a variety of ways, including making a global economic impact that has directly affected congregations and many church workers, perhaps even you. This has rapidly left many of our synod's workers in economic distress.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and the Lutheran Church Extension Fund have joined in creating a response to this economic downturn, designed to provide temporary relief for those suffering financially due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This assistance comes through the Soldiers of the Cross – Covid-19 Response Fund in partnership with our English District.

### **Who may apply for the Soldiers of the Cross – COVID-19 Response Fund?**

This fund is available to all rostered church workers, who serve in our English District ministries (congregations, schools, and RSOs). These funds will be allocated to those in need on a first come, first served basis until the fund is expended.

### **How is the Soldiers of the Cross – COVID-19 Response Fund to be used?**

This fund is to be used to provide temporary relief for those LCMS church workers from the English District who are suffering economically as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. This would include both those who have suffered directly from Covid-19 [you or an immediate family member has had the disease] and those who have suffered indirectly [you have suffered financial hardships because of the change in your resources as a result of the pandemic].

### **How do I apply for the Soldiers of the Cross – COVID-19 Response Fund?**

Please complete the application using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/CjEGKXatcq9U8yjp8>. Rev. Derek Mathers, our Soldiers of the Cross – Covid-19 Response grants coordinator, will review all submitted applications for district endorsement. Please contact him if there are questions at [dmathers@englishdistrict.org](mailto:dmathers@englishdistrict.org).

**Is this application process confidential?**

Yes, our Soldiers of the Cross – Covid-19 Response Team and our Synodical reviewers will keep your request confidential.

Rev. Derek Mathers, English District's Soldiers of the Cross – Covid-19 Response grant coordinator, may reach out to you, requesting your permission to use your name and story to share how this grant has helped families in need during this crisis, but your reception of this grant is not dependent on your release of such information.

**What happens once my application is reviewed?**

Once your application is reviewed and approved, a relief check will be sent to you from the English District office. You will also receive a confirmation letter from Synod stipulating the amount of funds you will receive or have received and stating your agreement to use the funds in the manner for which they were requested. This letter will require your signature and response.

**A tax Form 1099 (United States) will not be issued unless you have worked or are working for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod corporation.**