



Nurturing Children Through Worship & Prayer Initiative

2024

In September 2024, Lilly Endowment approved 91 grants to organizations across the United States through a competitive round of its Nurturing Children Through Worship and Prayer Initiative. The aim of the initiative is to help Christian congregations more fully and intentionally engage children in intergenerational corporate and prayer practices. Ranging from \$126,845 to \$1.25 million, the grants will fund programs at a variety of organizations, including denominational agencies, faith-based resource agencies, church-related colleges and universities, theological schools, Christian publishing houses and congregations. The Endowment has made a \$4,200,210 grant to Indiana Wesleyan University, which is leading a coordination program for grantees in the initiative.

In addition to the grants listed below, the Endowment made grants to 33 organizations in 2023 through an invitational round of the Nurturing Children initiative.

Organization	Location	Amount
Adult & Teen Challenge of Texas	San Antonio, TX	\$1,199,000
American Baptist Home Mission Society	King of Prussia, PA	\$1,250,000
Asbury Theological Seminary	Wilmore, KY	\$1,210,635
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary	Austin, TX	\$1,250,000
Azusa Pacific University	Azusa, CA	\$1,249,818
Baptist Grove Church	Raleigh, NC	\$1,250,000
Biola University	La Mirada, CA	\$1,019,782
Boston College (Boston College Trustees)	Chestnut Hill, MA	\$971,000
Boston University (Trustees of Boston University)	Boston, MA	\$1,250,000
Catholic Diocese of Austin	Austin, TX	\$1,250,000

Catholic Diocese of Bridgeport (Bridgeport Roman Catholic Diocesan Corp. Catholic Center)	Bridgeport, CT	\$1,237,000
Catholic Diocese of Dallas	Dallas, TX	\$1,022,357
Center for Youth Ministry Training	Brentwood, TN	\$1,249,965
Central Christian College of the Bible	Moberly, MO	\$1,245,160
Christian and Missionary Alliance	Reynoldsburg, OH	\$1,250,000
Christian Theological Seminary	Indianapolis, IN	\$909,871
Concordia Seminary	St. Louis, MO	\$762,497
Convencion Bautista Hispana de Texas	San Antonio, TX	\$1,249,884
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship	Decatur, GA	\$1,250,000
Dagmit Debre Libanos St. Teklehaimanot Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Church	Watertown, MA	\$836,385
Disciples Home Missions (Division of Homeland Ministry)	Indianapolis, IN	\$1,240,000
Discipleship Ministries (Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church)	Nashville, TN	\$1,250,000
Dordt University	Sioux Center, IA	\$1,250,000
Duke University	Durham, NC	\$1,250,000
Engaging Disability With The Gospel	Brandon, MS	\$1,250,000
Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis	Indianapolis, IN	\$1,250,000
Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles	Los Angeles, CA	\$1,245,167

Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina	Raleigh, NC	\$1,250,000
Episcopal Diocese of Virginia	Richmond, VA	\$1,248,768
Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia	Charleston, WV	\$1,250,000
Evangelical Covenant Church	Chicago, IL	\$1,250,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	Chicago, IL	\$1,250,000
First Baptist Church of Asheville (FBCA Foundation)	Asheville, NC	\$1,250,000
First Congregational Church of Bridgton, United Church of Christ	Bridgton, ME	\$1,250,000
Flagler College	St. Augustine, FL	\$1,250,000
Focus on the Family	Colorado Springs, CO	\$511,415
For The Children	Santa Ana, CA	\$1,250,000
Fresno Pacific University	Fresno, CA	\$1,179,040
Global Impact	Alexandria, VA	\$1,250,000
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America	New York, NY	\$1,250,000
Hispanic Access Foundation	Washington, DC	\$1,155,267
Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church	Allston, MA	\$493,010
IMPACT Ministry Training Center (Impact Ministries International)	Rockaway, NJ	\$1,250,000
Instituto Fe y Vida (Instituto de Formacion Fe y Vida)	Romeoville, IL	\$1,250,000

Kidz at Heart International	Mesa, AZ	\$1,250,000
La Crosse Area Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	La Crosse, WI	\$1,250,000
Lake Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church	Berrien Springs, MI	\$1,217,260
Latin American Theological Seminary	La Puente, CA	\$980,210
Lee University	Cleveland, TN	\$970,268
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod	St. Louis, MO	\$750,000
Mahibere Kidusan Coordinating Center in North America	Silver Spring, MD	\$1,250,000
Mars Hill Bible Church	Grandville, MI	\$831,288
Ministry Council of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church	Cordova, TN	\$1,250,000
Missouri Conference, The United Methodist Church	Columbia, MO	\$1,250,000
Movement West Michigan	Holland, MI	\$576,000
National Lutheran Choir	St. Paul, MN	\$1,122,258
North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	Salisbury, NC	\$608,050
Oak Park Pentecostals (Oak Park Church)	Richmond, IN	\$1,250,000
Open Door Presbyterian Church	Herndon, VA	\$1,171,240
Our Daily Bread Ministries (RBC Ministries)	Grand Rapids, MI	\$1,250,000
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church	Minneapolis, MN	\$1,244,440

Parish of Calvary-St. George's	New York, NY	\$1,249,750
Pentecostal Churches of the Apostolic Faith International	Louisville, KY	\$1,250,000
Presbyterian Association of Musicians	Louisville, KY	\$1,209,973
Presbyterian Publishing Corporation	Louisville, KY	\$1,250,000
Presbyterian Theological Seminary in America	Santa Fe Springs, CA	\$1,250,000
Providence College	Providence, RI	\$1,094,746
Real Resources	Golden Valley, MN	\$1,143,958
Redeemer City to City	New York, NY	\$1,250,000
Reformed Church in America (The General Synod Council of the Reformed Church in America)	Grand Rapids, MI	\$1,250,000
Rio Texas Conference, The United Methodist Church	San Antonio, TX	\$1,250,000
Samford University	Birmingham, AL	\$1,250,000
Seton Catholic Schools	St. Francis, WI	\$1,250,000
Simmons College of Kentucky	Louisville, KY	\$126,845
South Carolina Conference, The United Methodist Church	Columbia, SC	\$1,110,305
South Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	Sioux Falls, SD	\$1,224,172
Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	Philadelphia, PA	\$1,249,933
St. Andrew Lutheran Church	Eden Prairie, MN	\$1,250,000

Union Presbyterian Seminary	Richmond, VA	\$1,250,000
United Methodist Publishing House	Nashville, TN	\$1,250,000
University of Dayton	Dayton, OH	\$1,192,953
University of the Incarnate Word	San Antonio, TX	\$1,250,000
Virginia Conference, The United Methodist Church	Glen Allen, VA	\$1,250,000
Virginia Theological Seminary (Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary in Virginia)	Alexandria, VA	\$1,250,000
Wesley Theological Seminary	Washington, DC	\$1,250,000
Wesleyan Church	Fishers, IN	\$1,250,000
Western District Conferences of the Mennonite Church USA	North Newton, KS	\$677,730
Western North Carolina Conference, The United Methodist Church	Huntersville, NC	\$1,100,000
Westminster Presbyterian Church	Oklahoma City, OK	\$1,211,022
Wheaton College (Trustees of Wheaton College)	Wheaton, IL	\$1,250,000
Yvette A. Flunder Foundation	Oakland, CA	\$1,250,000
