

# WELS CONNECTION CLOSE-UP

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# WELS endowments support missions



Each July, WELS Joint Missions receives an annual distribution of funds from the WELS Missions Endowment Fund. These funds are used to expand gospel outreach through people group ministries and are critical to the current and future support of gospel outreach.

Projects like the International Friendship Center are supported by these funds. This pilot project works to connect with South Asians and other new Americans in a community near Milwaukee. The center offers a variety of events as well as English as a second language classes to build relationships—relationships that lead to opportunities to share the message of God’s grace.

“We are grateful to everyone who supports the WELS Missions Endowment Fund,” says Rev. Paul Prange, chair of the Joint Mission Council. “It is the single source of support for many of our efforts where immigrants come to faith here in the United States and then figure out how to take the gospel to their people group, either here or in their countries of origin.”

Endowments are permanent funds designed to make steady annual distributions that increase as the fund grows:

- **WELS endowments**—Synod-established endowments provide regular support and stability for Ministerial Education schools and WELS mission fields.
- **Donor designated endowments**—An individual or family can establish an endowment through WELS Foundation for the benefit of their church, school, synod, or other WELS ministry.
- **Congregation endowments**—A church or WELS organization can establish an endowment through WELS Foundation to benefit local ministry.

## WHAT CAN I DO?

For free assistance with setting up an endowment, call 800-827-5482 to speak with a WELS Christian giving counselor. Contribute to a synod-established endowment at [community.wels.net/welsendowments](https://community.wels.net/welsendowments).