“In the tumultuous time that we’re going through as a country, we’re also seeing that affect our church workers in very tangible, financial ways,” said the Rev. Dr. Ross Johnson, director of LCMS Disaster Response, who is overseeing the Veterans of the Cross program. “Veterans of the Cross is a way that we can help our church workers who are going through financial hardship.”

**Retired Church Workers** who receive modest or no retirement benefits often struggle to make ends meet, particularly when burdened with health issues or other financial strains. The LCMS responds to the needs of our church’s veteran workers by providing pastoral care and case management. The Veterans of the Cross program supplements low or inadequate pensions to help retired workers and their surviving spouses secure necessities, such as medications, food and basic utilities.

**PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A GIFT** so that our retired church workers can receive this much-needed assistance. Veterans of the Cross is funded by donor-designated contributions as well as by income from a special endowment fund that was established by the Lutheran Laymen’s League in 1920.

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