Strong Faith, Fervent Love: Caring for the Church’s Workers

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s (LCMS) Soldiers and Veterans of the Cross are two programs that support the transitional and long-term spiritual and physical well-being of the current and retired servants of the church. When financial stress threatens to impede or diminish their proclamation of the Gospel, Soldiers of the Cross provides assistance to current workers. Since 2004, Soldiers of the Cross has provided financial support and pastoral care for LCMS church workers who are affected by natural disasters or other emergencies. Veterans of the Cross provides assistance to current workers. Since 2004, Soldiers of the Cross has provided financial support and pastoral care for LCMS church workers who are affected by natural disasters or other emergencies. Veterans of the Cross, which is funded by the LCMS Office of National Mission and administered by Concordia Plan Services, supplements low, inadequate pensions, making it possible for retirees and widows to afford the cost of necessities such as medication, food and electricity.

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"If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together."
— 1 COR. 12:26 —