**LUTHERAN HISTORICAL CONFERENCE PUBLICATION GRANT**

The Lutheran Historical Conference will award grants of up to $1500 to support publication of books substantially concerned with the history of Lutherans in North America. Such books may also include works that relate the history of Lutherans in North America with other groups or movements, but the primary focus must be on Lutherans. The Publication Committee of the Lutheran Historical Conference will make the determination of these grants.

These grants are targeted for the publication of completed manuscripts, and are **NOT** research grants (that is, it is not a grant for the research and writing of a manuscript). These grants will usually be intended for the payment of a subvention to a publisher to enable the book to be published, although it may, in some cases, cover the final technical preparation of a completed and contracted manuscript.

The strongest applications will be those demonstrating that there is a significant likelihood the manuscript will be published. It is preferred that the applicant already have a signed book contract with a reputable publisher, although this is not an absolute requirement. The applicant will have to show at the minimum, however, serious intentions from a publisher to produce the book. In the case of a subvention for publishing, the funds will be sent directly to the publisher.

These grants are not intended for the self-publication of manuscripts, nor can they cover the entire cost of publication. The Publication Committee of the Lutheran Historical Conference shall be solely responsible for the determination of whether a given publisher is, in fact, a reputable publisher.

Normally the manuscripts supported by this grant will be a unified volume, produced by one or two authors; such works will receive priority. Collections of separately authored chapters or articles within a single volume may be considered at the discretion of the committee, but may receive a lower priority. Completed doctoral dissertations will be considered for publication only if they have been re-worked into a cohesive book manuscript and have support from a publisher for their publication. Translations and compilations of primary source material may be considered for this grant if they are edited and annotated, and if the primary source material is significant, and is not otherwise readily available in print, or in English.

Preference will be given to those who have not previously received this publication grant. Only members of the LHC are eligible to apply. The grant process is competitive and the LHC Publication Committee will determine the number of awards each year, based upon the quality of the applications.

Completed applications must include (1) a cover page; (2) a description of the book project and any arrangements made with a publisher; (3) a statement of the significance of this book relative to Lutheran history; and (4) a budget for publication, including a statement of the requested amount and how that would fit into the budget.

The Publication Committee may request to see some or all of the manuscript of the work in order to judge the appropriateness of the work and to make sure it fulfills all the criteria listed above.

The Publication Committee shall be the sole judge on all matters pertaining to these grants, and its determinations are final.

If you are interested in applying, please utilize the **Contact Us** feature on the Lutheran Historical Conference website with the subject line: Publication Grant. The LHC webmaster will respond with further details on how to upload/submit your application materials.

Applications will be considered twice a year; submission deadlines are March 31 and October 31. Please do not submit manuscripts with the application until and unless they are requested.

Normally, the funds for subvention will be paid directly to the publisher. If funds are needed for editorial or technical production of the manuscript, these expenses will be paid as a reimbursement to the grantee after the proper receipts are sent to the LHC.

Books published by means of these grants must include in the initial acknowledgement section that the publication of the work was underwritten by the Lutheran Historical Conference through its Publication Grants program. Those receiving publication grants are expected to submit one copy of their published book to the Publication Committee of the Lutheran Historical Conference within one year of publication.