

Official Adoption Agreement For the

Direct Support of Missionary **Ellie Menz**



Ellie is the director of IOWAY (Individual Outreach with Adults and Youth). It is an exciting outreach in Iowa District West to give adults and youth the opportunity to be personally involved with mission trips and service projects. Each year, for two weeks in July, she leads a group of Iowans to inner city Los Angeles, CA to teach VBS and to help with work projects in five Lutheran churches. She also organizes and trains teams to experience mission trips to Lewisburg, WV; Breckinridge and Leadville, CO; three to Jacmel, Haiti and a winter trip to Pasadena, CA.

The Pasadena trip is to help decorate the Lutheran Hour Float for the Rose Parade. During the summer and winter trips, the teams work for a day to reach out to the homeless on Skid Row. As they distribute health kits, Bibles, food and clothes the team becomes aware, first hand of poverty that they could not even previously imagine!

Ellie's other responsibilities include work on numerous committees throughout the year, being part of the Junior High and Senior High youth gatherings, making presentations to LWML and LLL groups, advising youth leaders of servant events, researching and writing articles, coordinating the sending of 2,000 toys from Iowa to California and various other projects throughout the district.

She is also the District Disaster Response Coordinator for Iowa District West which involves conducting LERT training (Lutheran Emergency Response Training) and working with congregations and communities that experience a natural disaster.

Ellie was born and raised in Linn, KS. She graduated from Concordia, Seward, NE and her first teaching call was to Whittemore, IA. After she and Lynn were married, she taught school in Glidden, IA. They currently live in Jefferson, IA.

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