

K.I.D.S.

Kids Into
Discipleship
and Stewardship

**Savings Stamp Program
From the
Alberta-British Columbia District
Church Extension Fund**



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Welcome to **K.I.D.S.**

Church Extension Fund Mission Statement

“The mission of Church Extension is to provide opportunity for making funds and services available in support of the Great Commission through Lutheran Church-Canada, the Alberta-British Columbia District.”

Church Extension is a ministry-through-investments organization that provide loans and services to Lutheran Church – Canada, the Alberta-British Columbia District congregations, schools and entities. Loan dollars are made possible through the support of LCC members who invest their money in CEF and earn a competitive rate of interest. Invested dollars at CEF belong to the investors; the money is available whenever they need it. At the same time, these dollars are loaned to LCC, ABC District congregations. This partnership between CEF investors and borrowers furthers the Lord’s work and promotes good stewardship of the blessings God give each and every one of us.

Kids into Discipleship and Stewardship (K.I.D.S.)

K.I.D.S. is a CEF stamp program providing children a fun way to learn the stewardship of saving while educating them about CEF’s mission and ministry.

The K.I.D.S. Savings Stamp Program allows younger investors (and young at heart) to participate in the CEF ministry through the purchase of stamps that are eventually deposited into a child’s very own CEF account (or “in trust”). Through the K.I.D.S. stamp program, young Lutherans learn how to save money and also help others share the Good News of Jesus.

Introducing **K.I.D.S.**

Kids Involved in Ministry

The K.I.D.S. Savings Stamp Program gets kids involved in the ministry of the Church, while also teaching them valuable lessons about money, saving, and investing.

When the children of your church become K.I.D.S. Savers, they will save their money as well as take personal pride in knowing their money helps to build, expand or renovate churches or schools – like those in their own community. Over the years, hundreds of children have participated in a similar stamp program (“Tracky”) and thousands of dollars (belonging to children) has been used throughout the Alberta-British Columbia District as loans to churches, schools and other Lutheran Church-Canada entities.

Saving with K.I.D.S. Savings Stamps

To begin each child receives a K.I.D.S. Savings Stamp Book. Children purchase stamps from the K.I.D.S. Coordinator in denominations of 25 cents or \$1.00 that are pasted into their special books. Once completed filled, the book has a \$25.00 value and is sent to the ABC District Church Extension Fund Office and deposited into a child’s very own CEF Savings Account. This account immediately starts earning interest. Children may even deposit other funds into their new savings account.

K.I.D.S. with a Purpose

Parents can instruct young people in the importance of good stewardship; however, without a fun and easy program, kids may soon lose interest. The K.I.D.S. Savings Stamp Program from CEF:

- Teaches children how the acts of discipleship and stewardship are God-pleasing.
- Helps young investors to be more conscious of the benefits of saving money.
- Creates interest and participation in the Church Extension Fund for children, parents and congregation members.
- Allows children to directly participate in the ministry of CEF. Their dollars (whether \$25 or \$250 help to build churches, schools and other facilities.

Getting Started

K.I.D.S. Coordinator

Before starting the program, appoint a K.I.D.S. Coordinator. Coordinators may want to enlist the help of other adults or even youth to assist them with their responsibilities of:

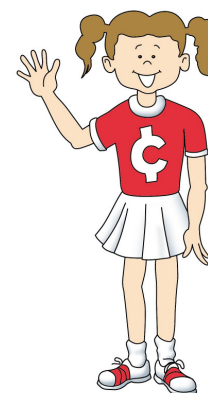
1. Promoting the K.I.D.S. Savings Stamp Program
2. Ordering and selling stamps
3. Tracking the stamp inventory and money collected

Promoting

1. Order K.I.D.S. material free (excluding stamps) from the Alberta-British Columbia District Office in Edmonton, AB. Materials include introductory information for the adults, a brochure for the children, posters, children's activity books, savings books, and a prepared K.I.D.S. PowerPoint presentation.
2. Send letters home with the children and print special "news clips" in your church's newsletter or bulletin announcing the K.I.D.S. Program. (samples on page 6 & 7)
3. Coordinate with your church a K.I.D.S. Kick-off Day. During this time, share with the parents and children the K.I.D.S. message and learning opportunities.

Promotion Hints:

- Be sure to have plenty of materials on hand.
- Place K.I.D.S. posters in visible places for children to see.
- Enlist your Pastor to lend support.
- Use the prepared K.I.D.S. presentation.
- Don't forget the cookies and beverages!



Ordering and Selling Stamps

Stamps are sold in two denominations, 25¢ and \$1.00, and must be purchased in advance from the Alberta-British Columbia District Office. You or your church will begin the K.I.D.S. Savings Stamp Program by purchasing the initial stamp quantity. As stamps are sold to children, the collected money should be used for additional stamp purchases. Twenty-five cent stamps are purchased in \$60.00 quantities. One-dollar stamps are purchased in \$40.00 quantities.

Stamp Days

Decide when, where and how often stamps will be available for purchase by the children. Selling the stamps at a designated time and place will help kids anticipate “Stamp Day” by bringing in their Savings Stamp Book and money. We encourage this to be done on a weekly basis.

Stamp Book

Always have the children write their names on the outside covers and on each page of the K.I.D.S. Savings Stamp Books. Purchased stamps should always be pasted in their books – immediately, if possible. Remember: Stamps have a monetary value, and if lost, neither the congregation nor CEF will be responsible for their replacement.

A completed book can either be sent in directly by the child and parent/guardian or by the K.I.D.S. Coordinator. If a child already has an established CEF Savings Account, complete only the “deposit slip” in the fold-out section at the back of the book. If no account exists, a CEF Savings Account application is included in the book.

Make It Work

Helpful Hints

1. Observe one or two special occasions each year, such as Christmas or birthdays, by giving K.I.D.S. Savers a free stamp.
2. Remind members that baptisms, birthdays, and holidays are excellent times to give stamps to kids.
3. Ask a group in your congregation such as LLL or LWML to provide each child a K.I.D.S. Savings Stamp Book with a stamp in it.
4. Set goals and celebrate when they are reached.
5. Try not to miss a scheduled Stamp Day.
6. Always have plenty of stamps on hand.
7. Never turn down a chance to talk about K.I.D.S. and its purpose.
8. Always include the K.I.D.S. Savings Stamp Program when a presentation is being made to a group about Church Extension Fund.
9. Have fun!

Making It Work

Newsletter Clips

Personalize and use these newsletter or bulletin clips to share CEF's K.I.D.S. Savings Stamp Program:

- 2-4-6-8 Savings Stamps are really great! Hey kids, learn how savings stamps from the Church Extension Fund can help you to save money and also help build churches and schools. Visit _____ to learn how.
- Be sure to stop by the fellowship hall / narthex to learn how to participate in the Church Extension Fund K.I.D.S. Savings Stamp Program. The program teaches kids about saving money while also stressing the importance of helping others through God's blessings.
- Stamps aren't just for envelopes anymore! Learn how saving a book of K.I.D.S. stamps from Church Extension Fund can help build a church or a school. The K.I.D.S. Savings Stamp Program teaches good stewardship through faith-based activity books. See _____ to find out more.
- Coming soon to our church...K.I.D.S. Savings Stamps from Church Extension Fund. Kids can learn about saving money, investing, and furthering the Lord's work – all at the same time. Watch for more news soon.
- Children can help build churches! *Kids Into Discipleship and Stewardship* (K.I.D.S) is a fun, easy way for children to learn the basics of stewardship. Come to the fellowship hall / narthex at _____ to learn how this savings stamp program from the Church Extension Fund teaches children about saving money, investing and helping Alberta-British Columbia District organizations share the Good News of Jesus with others. Cookies, punch and a free stamp provided!

Letter Samples

Send a letter to the child to help introduce the K.I.D.S. program:

Hey, Kids,

Did you know you can help other kids and their families build a church or a school in their own town by just collecting stamps? Church Extension Fund's K.I.D.S. Savings Stamp Program teaches you about saving, investing, and helping others further the Lord's work.

Buy K.I.D.S. stamps from me on (enter date and time) for 25¢ or \$1.00 each. Put them in your K.I.D.S. Savings Stamp Book, and when it's all filled, it's worth \$25.00!! Deposit your stamp book at Church Extension Fund and your money will earn interest and will be used as loan dollars to churches and Lutheran schools! Your money at CEF serves a dual purpose – all from collecting Stamps!

See you Sunday!



Send a letter to the parents to introduce the K.I.D.S. Program:

Dear Parents,

I would like to introduce you to a Church Extension Fund (CEF) savings program that helps your children learn about stewardship and the ministry of CEF. It's called K.I.D.S. – Kids Into Discipleship and Stewardship.

The Kids Savings Stamp Program is a unique method of saving money and also furthering the Lord's work. It's an easy, fun way for children to learn about discipleship and stewardship at the same time. K.I.D.S. Savers learn the spiritual value of saving while their money invested at CEF is also used for loans to churches and schools. The money belongs to the K.I.D.S. Savers – whenever they need it. At the same time, their investment allows Alberta-British Columbia organizations to share the Good News of Jesus with others.

At (enter your church name), your child can purchase K.I.D.S. Savings Stamps for 25¢ or \$1.00 each and then place them in his/her own K.I.D.S. Savings Stamp Book. The book, when filled, will have a \$25.00 value. Send the book to CEF to open an interest-earning account in your child's name.

Over the years, hundreds of children have participated in a similar stamp program and thousands of dollars (belonging to children) have been used to help further God's kingdom. Your child's investment can make a difference for a church or school needing a loan.

Please come to the K.I.D.S.'s Kick-Off Sunday, (date and time) to learn more. I look forward to seeing you.

Dear Parents,

*We are familiar with the word "stewardship" when we are talking about giving. But stewardship is also an appropriate word when talking about **saving** and **investing** for future needs. Church Extension Fund (CEF) offers a great way for children to learn about stewardship through the Kids Into Discipleship and Stewardship (K.I.D.S.) Savings Stamp Program.*

K.I.D.S. is a program that provides children a fun way to learn about discipleship, stewardship and how to save money while helping to build God's Kingdom. Kids can purchase stamps for 25¢ or \$1.00 each and place them on their K.I.D.S Savings Stamp Book. Once full, the \$25.00 book is sent to Church Extension and is deposited into a savings account in their name (or "in trust"). This account earns a competitive interest rate and is always available to the K.I.D.S. Saver. At the same time, these dollars are used for low-cost loans to churches and schools – all to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Please come to the K.I.D.S. Kick-Off on Sunday, (date and time) to learn more about this unique savings stamp program from CEF. I look forward to seeing you.

Contact Information

Thank you for your participation in the Kids Into Discipleship and Stewardship Savings Stamp Program from the Alberta-British Columbia District Church Extension. We look forward to working with you as you begin the K.I.D.S. program in your church.

For answers to your K.I.D.S. questions call us today at 1-888-474-0063 (in Edmonton & area 780-474-0063) Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm MST or email us at kids@lccabc.ca. You may also visit us on the Web at www.lccabc.ca.

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