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Lake Country Classical Academy Reveals School Location for 2021 Opening: The Abundant Life Apostolic Church in Oconomowoc

OCONOMOWOC, Wis. (Oct. 8, 2020) — Lake Country Classical Academy (LCCA) — a new, K-12 charter school employing the curriculum and academic program of the Hillsdale College Barney Charter School Initiative — recently signed a two-year lease with the Abundant Life Apostolic Church (ALAC) at 995 S. Sawyer Road in Oconomowoc. The lease agreement includes nearly 40,000 square feet of space, which will accommodate an estimated 350 kindergarten - 9th grade students when the school opens in September 2021.

“We are thrilled to partner with the Abundant Life Apostolic Church in Oconomowoc in providing space for LCCA for both the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years,” said Kristina Vourax, LCCA Board President and Founder. “The Abundant Life Apostolic Church is an ideal location for LCCA because it’s conveniently located just south of I-94 on Sawyer Road and Hwy 18, and the ALAC is already set up as a school with ample classrooms space, a cafeteria, a large gym and two playgrounds.”

LCCA will initially serve kindergarten - 9th grade students and will expand by one grade each year until fully serving grades K - 12 by 2024. As an independent charter school (not associated with any school district), LCCA will be a public (tuition-free) school, open to all students. Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year will begin in early December 2020. There will be two enrollment information meetings for prospective families on Thurs., Oct. 22, and Tues., Nov. 17, both from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at the Abundant Life Apostolic Church. A virtual/Zoom option will also be available on Thurs., Nov. 19 (check www.lakecountryclassical.org for details).

LCCA is working toward recognition as an affiliate school of the Barney Charter School Initiative (BCSI), an outreach of Hillsdale College. The BCSI team has assisted LCCA in the preparation of its academic program and charter application and hopes to assist LCCA in creating and implementing challenging, engaging academic programs, as well as providing teacher training that will serve as the foundation for a liberal and civic education. This classical curriculum emphasizes the core disciplines of math, science, history, and language arts, including phonics and writing, with significant attention to music, art, and foreign language. Each of these disciplines is taught with an emphasis on the history and traditions of

American citizens as the inheritors of Western civilization. The BCSI learning model has already seen substantial success throughout the United States, with more than 20 affiliate schools currently serving over 11,000 students across the country. LCCA is slated to be the first BCSI affiliate school in Wisconsin.

Next steps for LCCA include hiring the school's inaugural principal and securing the needed seed money for start-up costs. Although LCCA will be tuition-free, it will not begin receiving state funding as a public school until after it becomes operational in the fall of 2021; therefore, donations are needed now to help pay for start-up salaries for faculty and staff, lease payments, and all needed classroom furniture and supplies. "We need the community's help in reaching our goal of raising \$1 million for LCCA by July 1, 2021," Vourax said. LCCA is a nonprofit/501(c)(3) organization, and all donations to the school are tax-deductible. Donations may be made online at lakecountryclassical.org/give, or by mailing a check (payable to "LCCA") to P.O. Box 252, Wales, WI 53183.

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