

Mission Endowment Fund 2024 draft distribution

The Humble Walk, Lutheran Campus Ministry at UMD:

25 students from the University of Maryland who serve as mentors in service of children and young adults through our Children's Outreach Ministry including programs called CARing, En Camino, and stART. Through these weekly programs, and in partnership with ministries like La Sagrada Familia and Saint Luke, we currently serve (on an annual basis) more than 50 elementary schoolers from the largely underserved area of Langley Park and North College Park in areas of tutoring, mentorship, reading, math, and the arts. These mentors are led by a select group of students called peer ministers who are responsible for coordinating scheduling, staffing, and curriculum and program development for these after school enrichment programs. The goal is to extend opportunities to elementary students beyond our services during the semester and widen the experience and training of our university volunteers in order to assist them in both better understanding the contexts from which people desire to immigrate to the USA while also using that experience to better help and support the students in being stronger mentors for the kids.

Total Budget: \$16,200. REQUESTED: \$7,600. ALLOTTED: \$7,600

Saint Luke Lutheran Church Quilt Ministry:

Lutheran World Relief Quilts give families around the world some of life's essentials, as well as a reminder that they are not alone." (From LWR Website) Prayer shawls and baby blankets are given to those in need of prayers and comfort by Saint Luke Lutheran Church pastors and staff. The Quilting Ministry has been going strong at Saint Luke for over 25 years, having made and distributed over 1500 quilts. The MFE funds will purchase supplies including fabric for quilt tops, sheets for quilt backings, and the inner layer of filling called batting. Yarn is to be purchased for prayer shawls and baby blankets. \$500 will go to Lutheran World Relief to ship the quilts around the world. The MEF members felt that the impact of the quilting ministry far outweighed the small amount requested. Additional funds could exponentially increase outreach.

REQUESTED: \$2,000. ALLOTTED: \$3,000

Saint Luke Senior High Youth Gathering:

The ELCA National Youth Gathering is a life changing event with over 30,000 youth participating. This year, Saint Luke has 5 students that need financial help in order to attend. The requested amount would provide partial subsidy for those students, but families would need to provide an additional amount. There is concern that these families might still not be able to afford to send the students. An additional \$1,500 would allow full subsidy for these students and allow them to attend.

REQUESTED: \$3,000. ALLOTTED: \$4,500

Forgotten Luther Symposium:

"Discipleship in a Democracy: Responding to the Threat of Christian Nationalism."

Symposium will seek to articulate a biblically-based response for our day. A team of scholars

and church leaders will provide resources that can help every congregation face this challenge. Funding will help support transportation for three speakers, one of whom will be brought from Germany, local transportation to and from airports, hotels, honoraria (\$1500 per), one catered dinner, one breakfast two lunches, one dinner at Zinnia Restaurant in Silver Spring for presenters and local staff, equipment needed for production, publicity, including banners, decorations supplies and materials for participants, as well as ads in Christian Century, Living Lutheran and other periodicals.

Total budget is \$36,000. REQUESTED: \$10,000. ALLOTTED: \$10,000