

**Mission Team Meeting Notes**  
**April 11, 2018**

**Attendees:** Kathy Gaal, Linda Lemke, Leslie Steinmeyer, Christie Tietjen

Peggy opened the meeting with prayer.

Discussion was held concerning the previously agreed to \$1000 contributions for Pastor Lapencecko's salary (Russian Companion Synod) and Lutheran School of Theology-Chicago to confirm the agreement since the Endowment Fund also supported these with funds earlier this year. Kathy presented Rob Harper's suggestion that the Mission Team contribute \$500 to each at this time. After discussion, it was agreed that the contributions from the Mission Team budget should be made as previously agreed to. Kathy will contact Kelly Strum to request the disbursements.

Kathy asked if the contributions previously agreed to for Lutheran Family and Children's Services and Lutheran School of Theology-Chicago should be designated toward a specific fund. After discussion, it was agreed that the LFCS contribution should go to the general fund and the Lutheran School of Theology contribution should be designated to support scholarships.

Kathy advised \$2550 was received in contributions for ELCA World Hunger during Lent. Leslie will coordinate with Kelly to have the funds sent.

Leslie requested financial support for Lutheran Campus Ministries in the amount of \$250 or \$500. It was agreed that \$500 should be provided. Pastor Boardman will be preaching at a service this summer and the contribution will be presented to her at that time.

Leslie provided an update on plans for God's Work Our Hands Sunday (Sept. 9). There will be one service that will be a commissioning and last about 15 minutes. The service will probably be at 10AM. There will be 3 on-site and 1 off-site activities. On-site: 1. Make 3 child size picnic tables to be donated to an organization in St. Charles that works with autistic children, 2. Make soup in a jar to be donated to Lutheran Senior Services, 3. Make fleece blankets to be donated to Children's Hospital of LFCS – the attendees recommended LFCS. Off-site: Clean something outside, such as a ditch or grounds of a facility. Leslie requested ideas from the team for the off-site location close to Trinity. Kathy suggested the senior housing facility on the north side of Clayton Road, east of church. The team will provide any additional ideas to Leslie.

Kathy advised the Endowment Fund will host their annual event at Bellerive Country Club on May 10. Mission Team has been asked to make a short presentation on the missional support provided. She has made the presentation the last couple of years but will not be able to attend this year and asked for another representative. None in attendance are available. Kathy will reach out to Rob Harper.

**Individual Updates**

Leslie: Pastor Chris requested the slide used during the offering on Sundays include a couple bullets advising where our gifts go. Leslie will use information from the agreed to Mission Budget allotments. Pastor has requested more information on Missions in the monthly Trinitell. Kathy requested team members regularly forward information to Leslie to be used for the slide & Trinitell.

Linda: The Women's Care Center will open October 1. Rehab of the building will start April 21. The facility will house 20 women. The North County ELCA churches are engaged with support. Linda will keep the Mission Team updated so that we can identify additional ways to support.

Kathy: The annual Gateway Gala was held April 6 and it appeared to do well raising funds. The cab transportation fund continues to be a valuable transportation alternative for Gateway180's residents. Monthly Brown Bag Lunch preparation & Saturday Night Dinner & Activities continue. Volunteers for the Saturday event have been lacking.

Christi: A Meals Do Matter cooking session is scheduled for Sunday, April 15. Trinity youth will participate. All are welcome to join the cook session, as well as the prep session on Saturday. Christi shared an email report from Elisa Thelen on the Starbucks donations which continues to be successful, with donations going to Circle of Concern, Parkway South Middle & homeless.

Peggy: Peggy participated in the advocacy rally in Washington, D.C. last week. An interfaith group held a press conference to voice concern with pending legislation that would allow guns in churches unless the church posts signage prohibiting. Work is being done to establish a Central States Synod task force on issues of race and to establish a group of faith leaders to work on issues of justice, in line with ELCA Social Statements. An additional Listening Session on the Women and Justice Social Statement is upcoming. The West County Interfaith Group is looking to establish subgroups with focuses on youth, missional service & cooking, for example. Offering of Letters is scheduled for May 20 and will focus on foreign assistance for food & hunger issues.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 15, at 9:00. Future meetings will probably be every other month.