

Delaware-Maryland Synod Overview of Programs and Ministries- August 2018

Program	Goal/Purpose	Funding	Point of Contact	Other	Vision 2018
African Descent Lutheran Association	Engaging, involving and investing in the gifts, interests and capacity of people of African descent in every aspect of the life of this church	Self-supporting	Pres- Linda Chinnia lindachinnia@verizon.net	Instituted through ELCA constitution	Connectedness
African Descent Strategy	Maintain Lutheran identity with simultaneous development of indigenous churches (AD); emphasizing all expressions of ELCA, variety and diversity of cultures/traditions within AD communities	Synod Funding	Synod staff AD Strategy Coordinator Rev. Eric Campbell ericconsults@comcast.net	Mandate from ELCA Supported by ADLA Churchwide strategy team	Connectedness
Bishop Leadership Days Bishop Leadership Retreat	Leadership development for rostered ministers and members of the Order of St. Stephen	Synod Funding	Synod staff cvanvliet@demdsynod.org jsergeon@demdsynod.org	Registration fees	Leadership
Campus Ministry	As expansive as Christ's love, Campus Ministry reaches out through worship, study, fellowship, and service to all who teach and learn, inviting them to experience the challenge of following Jesus on the Way.	Synod Funding	Rev. Laura Sinche lsinche@towson.edu Deacon Reggie Price Rgnaldprice_1@yahoo.com Mindy Holland (DE) chaplain@lutheransatud.org	Towson, UMBC,  Morgan  U of Delaware	Discipleship
Candidacy	Church-wide process of preparation and formation leading to approval for public ministries: pastor and deacon	Synod Funding	Leslie Hobbs- Coordinator Leslie.hobbs@icloud.com	Assist with fees	Leadership
Celebrate Lay Ministry Event	Celebratory dinner event, featuring a keynote speaker, to recognize and award those people who participate in lay ministry.	Self-supporting	Claudia Harrington Claudia280@comcast.net	Charge to attendees	Connectedness
CLAIM	Congregations gathered in unity and grounded in God's Word shaping mission decisions to proclaim the gospel of Jesus for the sake of the Baltimore region	Self-supporting	Coordinator-Elaine Wagenfuehr claimbaltimore@gmail.com	Participating congregations covenant fee	Connectedness

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Congregational Connectors	Identified person for each congregation to serve as part of Communications Team	Synod Funding	A2B for Communications jstecker@demdsynod.org	Included in Vision 2018 funding	Communication
Community of St. Dymas	A recognized congregation of the DE-MD Synod (Prison ministry)	Synod Funding ELCA Funding Gifts, donations	Rev. Gerry Rickel Ric7277@verizon.net Deacon Paula Thistle psthistle@aol.com 25-30 volunteers	-Grant from Second English \$50,000 -Under synodical administration -Difficult clearance process for volunteers -Philosophic differences with head of MD Prison Chaplaincy	Connectedness
Creation Care	Ways that caring for creation can be an expression of your faith life	Grants Gifts	Deacon Laura Heller Lheller1@msn.com	-Synod serves as guardian/fiscal agent for grants -Work done by volunteers	Connectedness
DAART	To improve accessibility and encourage full participation in our faith communities by working to reduce the stigma associated with disability through prayer, education, and advocacy.	Gifts	Volunteers Pr. Sandy Carlson Alexis, scalexis@verizon.net	Synod/congregational activities	Connectedness
Finish-Estonia Task Force	The ministry has involved visitation exchanges between the various countries, and shared communication of history, ministry and mission	Gifts	Volunteers Pr. Matthew Fuhrman revfuhrman@msn.com	Synod/congregational activities	Connectedness
First Call/Region 8	Support for archives, first call rostered leaders support	Synod Funding			Leadership
Generosity Project	An initiative to help households, congregations and synods grow in their capacity to be generous and their stewardship practices.	Synod Funding	Karen Kretschmann KKretschmann@demdsynod.org Associate for Generosity	Synod stewardship goals for 2018-2019 will include synod members facilitating some gatherings and workshops on the Generosity Project, as well as other stewardship topics	Connectedness
God's Work Our Hand's Sunday	ELCA members will engage in service work to make a positive change in their communities, build and deepen relationships and share God's love.	N/A Volunteerism	ELCA provides resources materials	Congregational Activities	Connectedness Discipleship
Healthy Leaders	Resources for church professionals and congregations including chaplains and spiritual directors		Paula Thistle ChaplainPaula@gmail.com Dr. David Baker drdcbaker@gmail.com	Leadership Team is reviewing the resolutions passed at synod assemblies past for guidance and direction	Leadership

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Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center	To provide supplemental educational activities for youth in the Hilltop area so they are able to effectively compete academically and socially for career opportunities and higher education. To promote high educational, ethical, moral, and spiritual values.	Synod Funding	Michelle Williams MICHELLE.WILLIAMS@hilltoplnc.org	Use \$450 to leverage other sources- need proof of synod support	Connectedness
Interfaith Activities	Central Ecumenical Council	Synod Funding	N/A	Membership fees for Delaware and Maryland Constitutional mandate	Connectedness
Interim Pastors Network	Support and encourage interim pastors in their calling- support and networking, workshops to enhance skills for interim ministry.	N/A	Volunteer lead	Support group for interim pastors	Leadership
LEAD Training	Living Everyday as Disciples 10 step process for congregational development	Synod Funding	Cindy Van Vliet cvanvliet@demdsynod.org	Congregations- \$1500-\$4500 fees	Discipleship
Leadership Summits /Leadership	Lead and implement the rostered and lay leadership development curriculum of the synod	Synod Funding	The Rev. Stuart Luce SLuce@demdsynod.org Candy Maxwell (lay) CandyLMaxwell@gmail.com	Rostered and lay leadership focus	Leadership
Lutheran Night at Camden Yards	Oriole Game	Self-supporting	Volunteers	Proceeds -ELCA Campaign, <i>Always Being Made New</i>	
Lutheran Community Services- Delaware	Charity organization works with local churches to help the less fortunate, homeless and poor- across the state, including in the counties of Sussex, New Castle and the city of Wilmington	Synod Funding	info@lcsde.org	Use \$450 to leverage other sources- need proof of synod support	Connectedness
Lutheran Development Alliance	Helps faithful Lutherans remember not only their family and other loved ones in their estate planning, but also the ministries that reflect the values they want to leave behind.	Synod Funding	Regional staff Need new staff?		Connectedness

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Mar-Lu-Ridge	A mountain-top experience of Christian community that changes lives, makes disciples, builds friendships, and encourages care of God's creation.	Synod Funding	Sarah Lefler- Ex. Dir 800-238-9974 mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org	Camper/retreat fees; rental fees for use of facility	Connectedness
Mission Interpreters	Mission Interpreters are excellent communicators who delight in sharing stories that reveal how the ELCA's mission and ministry is accomplished within their congregations		Volunteers Claudia Harrington Claudia280@comcast.net	Identified by congregations <i>Same as Congregational Connectors?</i>	Communication
MLK Celebration	Commemorative program in honor of the life and contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.- a synod event	Gifts and offering	ADLA- lindachinnia@verizon.net	Planned and d by ADLA, CLAIM, RJMT since 2007 Synod support for 2018	Connectedness
Mutual Ministry Workshop		Synod Funding	Rev. Fred Lehr saillehr@aol.com		Leadership Discipleship
New and Renewing Congregations	Financial support from synod and ELCA	Synod Funding	Assistant to Bishop- Rev. Amsalu Geleta AGeleta@demdsynod.		Discipleship
Opioid Addiction Resource Team			Rev. Sara Yotter Rev. Melissa Lemons		
Racial Justice Ministry Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being inclusive, not exclusive, to create a climate of peace, justice, freedom and dignity that embraces all people.</li> <li>• Creating a climate that provides opportunities for growth, leadership, empowerment</li> <li>• Advocating for policies and programs that are socially and racially just.</li> </ul>	Gifts/Grants	Rev. Patrick Gahagen pgahagen@verizon.net	Funded through existing grant	Connectedness
SWAT- Synod Worship Action Team	Team appointed by Bishop to coordinate worship experiences for various events	Synod Funding	Bishop		Connectedness

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SWO- Women of the ELCA	Women of the ELCA is the women's ministry organization of the ELCA. It is separately incorporated and is not an auxiliary of the church. It is financially independent and responsible for its own financial affairs.	Self-supporting- Financial support comes from individual and group offerings and gifts	Kristin McMasters- President demdswo@gmail.com	Separately incorporated organization -ELCA constitution	All 4 ways are addressed
Tanzanian Task Force	Coordinate collection of contributions to fund hospital, wells and other projects for the Mara Diocese-	Gifts	Volunteers Pastor Charles Zang mif_charles@comcast.net	Synod/congregational activities	Connectedness
World Hunger	The Hunger Task Force is committed to educating our congregations about this persistent and devastating problem throughout the world. Hunger is also very real for many living in our area.	Synod Funding Donations	Rev. Fred Melton fmelton@comcast.net	Synod/congregational activities	Connectedness
United Seminary Gettysburg	Synod support- scholarships	Synod Funding			Leadership
Youth & Family Ministry	Helping young people and families practice their faith at home as well as within their community	Synod Funding	Julie Stecker A2B for Youth and Family Ministry jstecker@demdsynod.org		Connectedness