

Delaware-Maryland Synod – 2018-2019 Connectedness Grant Awards

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Project Summary</i>
Anne Arundel Congregation Cluster	<u>Spiritual Giants Leaders Retreat</u>	Pr. Kati Kluckman-Ault prkatikluckmanault@gmail.com	At least four Anne Arundel Conference congregations will come together for a "Spiritual Giants Leaders Retreat in 2019 especially focused on gathering council leaders to nurture spirituality of self and congregational teams and build collaboration and connectedness.
African Descent Strategy Team with CLAIM, ADLA, Racial Justice, Baltimore City Conference and DE-MD Asian Association	<u>The Blood that Unites: "A Celebration of Our Oneness"</u>	Pr. Eric Campbell ecampbell@demdsynod.org	This collaborative project will offer a Celebration of Our Oneness in an effort to bring people together. Peoples of African Descent are eager to build relationships with all brothers and sisters in Christendom to review, reconnect, and refocus efforts being done across the many partners in this project. The celebration will also be a time of food, fun, fellowship, preaching and teaching with the intent that folks will share back in their own congregations as well.
Synod Opioid and Addiction Team	<u>Synodwide Narcon Volunteer Training</u>	Pr. Sara Yotter sarayotter@gmail.com	At Synod Assembly 2018, made a commitment to creating and supporting an Opioid and Addiction Team acknowledging addiction is pervasive in and about our church and we must show Christ's love to those suffering. Through this team, a minimum of four special Synod NARCAN (Naloxone) Volunteer Training & Education sessions will be offered. Congregational participants will learn opioid prevention strategies, receive hands-on NARCON administration skills, learn from community resources, receive resource guides and potentially gain train-the-trainer skills.
Mar-Lu-Ridge	<u>Back to our Roots</u>	Sarah Lefler sarah@mar-lu-ridge.org	In this, Mar-Lu-Ridge's 60 th year, they eagerly wish to connect and reconnect with all congregations throughout DE-MD and Metro DC Synods. This project will allow staff to more effectively reach out to congregations and members to engage in conversations on services and opportunities to partner with Mar-Lu-Ridge for camps, confirmation retreats, adult faith formation, council retreats, and use of the facilities. Mar-Lu-Ridge is committed to sharing community, service in action, and sanctuary with everyone and wish to connect across our synods to build connections and awareness.
Lutheran Community Services	<u>Connecting our Community</u>	Rob Gurnee info@lcsde.org	LCS DE is striving to improve communication, connectedness and community across agencies, congregations, and individuals to breakdown silos and build on talents to increase awareness, advocacy, volunteer opportunities and build coalitions. Throughout this year they will improve electronic outreach, increase social media collaboration, partner with interns and offer community building retreat training – calling people to serve others in Christ's love in ecumenical partnerships.
Care for Creation	<u>New Hope for Creation</u>	Laura Heller lheller1@msn.com	This project will encourage people of God across our synod to care for creation by providing education on ecological issues and lead to changed environmentally friendly behaviors. They will work with at least 20 congregations to "greenstorm" environmentally friendly practices, train shepherds to guide the work, and covenant to commit to fulfill goals.
Hunger Task Force	<u>Hunger Mini Grant Project</u>	Pr. Fred Melton fmelton@comcast.net	Our synod members are clearly dedicated to local and world hunger concerns. This project allows the Hunger Task Force to fund more local Hunger "Mini" grants throughout our synod. These mini grants are developed by congregations to support local community, school and other regional food scarcity needs.
Tanzania Task Force	<u>Mara Diocese Cold Storage Mortuary</u>	Pr. Charles Zang czang@comcast.net	A recent visit to Tanzania presented our synod with the opportunity to assist our Companion Synod-Mara Diocese by providing funds to assist in installing a cold storage mortuary at the Buda Designated District Hospital. This provides a more dignified and sanitary temporary resting place for the deceased.
St Stephens ECLA & Holy Apostles Episcopal & UMBC Lutheran/ Episcopal Campus Ministry	<u>Feeding In Community</u>	ststephenarbutus@verizon.net	St Stephen ELCA, Arbutus and Holy Apostles Episcopal are interested in partnering to address local food scarcity needs and eager to connect more fully with UMBC Lutheran/ Episcopal Campus Ministry. This project will enhance the Shelter Meal Program, Backpack program and help develop richer more transformational connections with UMBC.