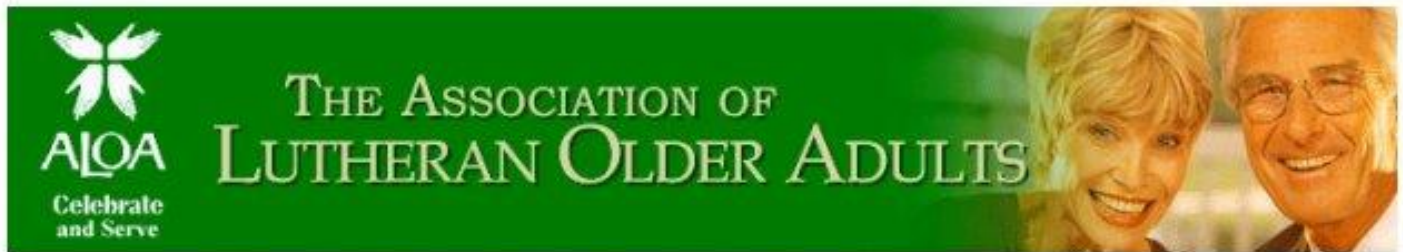


This directory is intended to be a resource as you and your congregation explore the areas to make a difference in the lives of others. Just as the needs of the nations change, so should this directory. We welcome your input of agencies to be included.

[Adapted from a list compiled by the SED Human Care Task Force]



Association of Lutheran Older Adults (ALOA)

Mission Statement:

The ALOA movement is a resource to the Lutheran Church that strengthens ministry by, for and with older adults.

Our nation is aging. The "graying of America" is a reality in all areas of life, the result of three persistent trends: we are living longer; there are fewer births; and "the boomer generation" will swell the ranks of seniors by 76 million over the next 25 years.

ALOA was formed in the early 1990's by a group of LCMS (Lutheran Church Missouri Synod) and ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) church leaders to help prepare the church for "the age wave." ALOA's initial focus was three-fold:

- * To help congregations strengthen their ministry with older adults
- * To support caregivers
- * And to encourage older adults to affirm their gifts and use those gifts in service

ALOA today is inter-Lutheran, national, volunteer driven, engaged in service, education and advocacy.

Contact:

<http://www.aloaserves.org/>

ALOA Association of Lutheran Older Adults

The Lutheran Center 700 Light Street Baltimore, MD 21230 / 1st Floor

Tel: (800) 930-ALOA (2562)



Ambassadors
of
Reconciliation™

Ambassadors of Reconciliation

Ambassadors of Reconciliation is an international ministry founded to equip Lutherans and their churches for living, proclaiming and cultivating lifestyles of reconciliation.

The ministry of reconciliation is given to the local church and every believer. Our purpose is to inspire and prepare the leaders of Christ's church around the world to carry out this vocation in more effective ways.

We serve people through training in reconciliation and offering help for conflicts ranging from personal and family disputes to business matters and conflicted groups.

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."
(2 Corinthians 5:20)

Contact:

<http://www.hisoar.org/>

email: mail@hisoar.org

P.O. Box 21017, Billings, MT 59104

Telephone: 406-698-6107 Fax: 406-294-6284



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

Bread for the World

Mission Statement:

Bread for the World is a nationwide Christian citizens movement seeking justice for the world's hungry people by lobbying our nation's decision makers BFW institute seeks justice for hungry people by engaging in research and education on policies related to hunger and development.

Contact:

<http://www.bread.org/>

Bread for the World

50 F Street, NW, Suite 500

Washington D.C. 20001

Tel: (866) 238-0507 Tel: (800) 822-7323



Heifer International

Mission Statement:

To work with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth.

Volunteer Opportunities:

1. Local volunteers opportunities include helping with facility and equipment maintenance, livestock chores, reception duties and leading educational programs.
2. Promote Heifer international at your work place – show a video, write an article for the newsletter, organize a drive to raise money for an animal or an ark full of animals.
3. Can partake in spending money on an animal that will be given to a family, which will enable them to become self-reliant. (To learn more about a gift catalog visit this website: <http://catalog.heifer.org/>)
4. For an additional list of volunteer opportunities or chances to give donations refer to their website.

Contact:

<http://www.heiferfoundation.org/>

216 Wachusett St. Rutland, MA 01543-2099

Tel: (877) 663-1681



LCMS World Relief and Human Care

Mission statement

To reach out in mercy and compassion to those in need, motivated by Christ and His Gospel, according to the Lutheran confession of the faith.

Core values

- **Mercy** Demonstrating the unconditional compassion and love of God in Jesus Christ through works of mercy.
- **Fidelity** Demonstrating faithfulness to Holy Scripture, the Lutheran Confessions, and the mission of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.
- **Integrity** Honor and accountability in our relationships with partners and donors.
- **Capacity** Developing and strengthening internal resources to meet human care needs.

Today, LCMS World Relief and Human Care is a vibrant ministry of hope, sharing Christ's mercy with people in need worldwide. The agency enhanced relationships with international partners in recent years, and continues to award grants to domestic and international partners for projects that benefit communities in need.

Contact:

<http://www.lcms.org/worldrelief>

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
Attn: LCMS World Relief and Human Care
1333 S Kirkwood Road
St. Louis, MO 63122-7295
Toll-free: 800-248-1930 1380 Fax: 314-996-1128

Lutheran Blind Mission



In 1994, blind Christians organized the Lutheran Blind Mission Society (LBMS) to encourage, train and support blind people as they share Jesus. Later they established a Christian Blind Institute in 1999 to train blind leaders and missionaries for Jesus. Training happens in local churches or Outreach Centers.

Contact:

<http://www.blindmission.org>

email: blind.mission@blindmission.org
Lutheran Blind Mission, 7550 Watson Road,
St. Louis, MO 63119
Telephone: 1-888-215-2455- toll free



Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc.

- Publishing Biblical, Christ-Centered literature
- Offered in Braille and Large Print formats
- Currently printing in 30 languages and distributing to more than 120 countries
- The work is done by a team of thousands of volunteers
- Our publications are offered free of charge

More than 180 million people around the world are experiencing life with a visual impairment. Among these, 45 million are blind and 135 million only have partial sight. There are countries where less than 10% of blind persons are literate. In a number of countries, less than 15% of blind children receive an education.

Contact:

<http://www.lbwinc.org>

email: lbw@lbwinc.org
13471 California St., PO BOX 5000
Yucaipa CA, 92399 USA
Telephone: 909-795-8977 Fax: 909-795-8970



Lutheran Disaster Response

Across the country, we carry out our mission and ministry through a network of affiliate agencies. "We are not the sprinters... we are the long-distance runners." Recovery from disaster takes years, not days or weeks. Lutheran Disaster Response is modeled on the concept of long-term recovery and meeting the unmet needs of those affected. Despite the stories of terror and tragedy often heard on the news, our LDR coordinators and volunteers bring great help to those who have suffered great loss. In turn, they meet disaster survivors filled with hope and perseverance.

Contact:

<http://www.ldr.org>

email: LutheranDisasterResponse@elca.org

Lutheran Disaster Response

8765 West Higgins Road

Chicago, IL 60631

800-638-3522, ext. 2748 / 773-380-2748

Fax: 773-380-2493



Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

LIRS is one of the nation's leading agencies of its kind. We resettle refugees, protect unaccompanied children, advocate for just treatment of asylum seekers, seek alternatives to immigration detention and stand for unity for families fractured by unfair laws. LIRS is headquartered at The Lutheran Center at Christ Church in the Inner Harbor area of Baltimore City. The agency, along with its partner Lutheran World Relief, moved from offices in New York City to the new Baltimore building in the fall of 1999.

Contact:

<http://www.lirs.org>

email: lirs@lirs.org

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

700 Light Street

Baltimore MD 21230

Telephone: 410/230-2700 Fax: 410/230-2890



Lutheran Services in America
Together we can

Lutheran Mission Society, Baltimore MD

Lutheran Services in America

Lutheran Services in America is an alliance of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, and their nearly 300 health and human service organizations. Together, these organizations touch the lives of more than six million people – one in 50 Americans each year.

Lutheran Services in America creates opportunities with people in thousands of communities throughout the United States and the Caribbean as an alliance of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, and their nearly 300 health and human service organizations. Working neighbor to neighbor through services in health care, aging and disability supports, community development, housing, and child and family strengthening, these organizations together touch the lives of one in 50 Americans each year.

As Lutheran Christian organizations, what compels and sustains us into the future is God's call to love and serve our neighbors.

Contact:

<http://www.lutherservices.org>

email: lsa@lutherservices.org

BALTIMORE, MD - National Headquarters

700 Light Street

Baltimore, MD 21230-3850

Phone: 800-664-3848 Fax: (410) 230-2710



Lutheran Social Services of Northern CA

With our origins in social ministry efforts dating back to 1883, Lutheran Social Services responds when people are vulnerable because of homelessness, mental illness, drug addiction or disaster. We provide support services and compassionate guidance to help individuals, families, and youth emerging from foster care stabilize their lives and become self-sufficient. Our programs serve more than 2,575 clients in Sacramento, San Francisco, and Contra Costa and San Joaquin Counties, providing hope, housing, and compassionate support.

We are grateful to our many funding partners in the community, ranging from government agencies, to Lutheran congregations, to our philanthropic supporters.

Contact:

<http://www.lssnorcal.org>

email: <http://www.lssnorcal.org/contact-us>

Concord, CA - Headquarters

988 Oak Grove Road

Concord, CA 94518

Phone: 925-825-1060 Fax: (925) 825-1061



Lutheran Special Education Ministries

Lutheran Special Education Ministries formerly Lutheran School for the Deaf wants to help open the doors of Christian schools and congregations for special needs children.

Children who have special learning needs are often misunderstood. They look like other children but feel frustrated, lonely and unloved. For children like this, words may be a confusing jumble of letters, or math a series of numbers that don't compute and paying attention may be an impossible challenge.

LSEM serves Christian schools and congregations in metropolitan service areas across the country. Our national office is located in Detroit, Michigan. You may contact us any time and speak to one of our special education professionals to determine how we can support you or your ministry.

Contact:

<http://www.luthsped.org>

email: lsem@luthsped.org

6861 East Nevada, Suite 2

Detroit, Michigan 48234
Phone: 313-368-1220 Fax: 313-368-0159
Toll Free: 1-888-488-LSEM (5736)



Lutheran World Relief

Lutheran World Relief seeks lasting solutions to poverty and injustice and in doing so, compels U.S. Lutherans to put their faith into action.

Contact:

<http://www.lwr.org>

email: <http://www.lssnorcal.org/contact-us>

700 Light Street

Baltimore, MD 21230 USA

Telephone: 410-230-2800 Fax: 410-230-2882



Mercy Ships

Mercy Ships is a global charity that has operated hospital ships in developing nations since 1978. Mercy Ships brings hope and healing to the forgotten poor by mobilizing people and resources worldwide, and serving all people without regard for race, gender, or religion. Our Crew of both professional medical and non-medical volunteers has chosen a very powerful way to share

their blessings. Mercy Ships has chosen to follow the 2,000 year-old model of Jesus: the blind see, the lame walk, the mute speaks, and the Good News (the nature and character of a loving God) is proclaimed and demonstrated among the poor. Mercy Ships welcomes individuals that seek to engage in our mission of hope either by volunteering with our Crew or in the sharing of personal relationships and resources. Not everyone can give of themselves as volunteers, but your support for our cause can make a difference in the lives of the forgotten poor. Short-term volunteers can participate from two weeks to a year with Mercy Ships, while others may choose to serve in a longer capacity. The ability to utilize professional volunteers as Crew allows Mercy Ships to maximize our donor support and serve those who need help the most.

Contact:

<http://www.mercyships.org>

email: info@mercyships.org

P.O. Box 2020

Garden Valley, Texas 75771-2020

Tel: 800-772-SHIP (within U.S.)

Tel: 903-939-7000 Fax: 903-882-0336



Mill Neck Family of Organizations

Mission Statement: The mission of the Mill Neck Family of Organizations is to enhance the quality of life for people who are Deaf, or who have other communication needs, through excellence in individually designed educational, vocational or spiritual programs and services.

Volunteer Opportunities: 1. Fall Harvest

Festival – for more information and a volunteer form refer to website. Buddy up Program

2. for Schools and Sunday schools – Sunday schools and Church schools give contributions through Chapel, Lenten, Advent or special offerings.

If you would like to volunteer on a regular basis you may also contact the Director of Human Resources, Kathleen Lagalante, at 516- 922-4100 ext. 224.

Contact:

<http://www.millneck.org>

Mill Neck NY 11765 Frost Mill Road,
P.O. Box 12

Telephone: 516-922-4100 or 516-628-4243



Orphan Grain Train

Mission Statement:

In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near. Sometimes that character expresses itself as a word well spoken, sometimes as a bandage well applied, and sometimes as a child well fed.

Volunteer Opportunities:

1. Sponsor a Box – congregations collect a desired amount of money and ship it to the organization.
2. Collect new underwear – congregations collect and ship underwear, undershirts, and/or socks.
3. By kids...for kids – children fill book bags with school supplies, their picture, gospel witness note, and bible storybook.
4. Other donations that can be sent are infant supplies, medical equipment /supplies and new or gently used clothing
5. Need people such as nurses or others willing to help put together workshops in Thailand or Nicaragua

Opportunities to offer Donations:

1. Most urgent form of aid needed is money for shipping costs

Contact:

<http://www.orphangraintrain.com>



**SERRV International
Mission Statement:**

A Greater Gift is a program of SERRV International, a nonprofit alternative trade and development organization. Our mission is to promote the social and economic progress of people in developing regions of the world by marketing their products in a just and direct manner. Our goal is to alleviate poverty and empower

low-income people through trade, training and other forms of community support as they work to improve their lives. SERRV has worked to assist artisans and farmers for more than 55 years, by:

- Marketing their handcrafts and food products in a just and direct manner.
- Educating consumers in the United States about economic justice and other cultures.
- Providing development assistance to low-income craftspeople through their community-based organizations.

Contact:

<http://www.serrv.org>

P.O. Box 365
500 Main Street
New Windsor, MD. 21776-0365
Tel: (410) 635-8767



Tri-LERT provides basic disaster preparation resources for individuals, families, and congregations so they can take helpful steps in doing the best job possible to be ready for a broad range of disasters from individual to communal, from natural to man-made. The Tri-LERT (Tri Lutheran Emergency Response Team) service area encompasses all of Nevada except Las Vegas, California north of Bakersfield, and Hawaii. It is the ministry area served by a convergence of the respective operations of the CNH District of the LC-MS, the Sierra Pacific Synod of the ELCA, and LSS-NorCal. The resources have been compiled to assist in being a blessing to those whom God has entrusted to your care.

Contact:

<http://cnhdisasterprep.jimdo.com/>

Lutheran Social Services of Northern CA

<http://www.lssnorcal.org>

Nancy Nielsen, Disaster Coordinator

email: nnielsen@lssnorcal.org

SF Office

290 8th St

San Francisco, CA 94518

Phone: 415-581-0891 ext. 123 Cell: (415) 290-2290 (text)

CNH District, LCMS – District Disaster Response Coordinator (DDRC)

The Rev. Philip W. Zabell, KI6SMN

email: pzcard@yahoo.com

881 Brennan Pl

Willows, CA 95988

Phone: (530) 934-6863 Fax: Same (call first so FAX machine can be turned on)

Cell: (530) 521-9367

Sierra Pacific Synod, ELCA – Disaster Response Coordinator (DRC)

The Rev. Brian Deckinger

email: pastorbrian@trinitypleasanton.org

1225 Hopyard Rd

Pleasanton, CA 94566

Phone: (925) 846-6363 Cell: (925) 640-6471 (text)