

Resolution to Reallocate Unused “Restricted Fund” Accounts

WHEREAS the La Crosse Area Synod seeks to be faithful and transparent with the financial resources it receives; and

WHEREAS some of the financial gifts given by donors were given to ministries that are no longer active in our synod; and

WHEREAS the La Crosse Area Synod seeks to discern other appropriate ministries for these financial gifts, honoring the “intention and spirit” of the givers; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the following unused “Restricted Accounts” be reallocated to these ministries:

- The \$2,992.59 for Synod Disaster Relief Teams¹ to be directed to our Sister Synod, Southeastern Synod, for ongoing disaster relief efforts.
- The \$2,177.06 for Chaplain at Camp Decorah² to be directed to and shared equally between Sugar Creek Bible Camp and Luther Park Bible Camp.
- The \$6,874.51 for Hmong Ministries³ to offset start-up costs involved in possible ministries focused on the growing Latino population in the region: Comunidad de la Esperanza: Community of Hope⁴ in La Crosse County; and a possible new ministry in Trempealeau and Buffalo counties⁵.

¹ Established in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina to financially assist individuals or groups from our synod who traveled to the area to provide help.

² Established in 2005 to provide a small stipend to an ELCA minister volunteering a week at Boy Scout Camp. The current director was contacted and they are not able to establish a position for this money.

³ Established for Agape Asian Ministry that dissolved in 2009.

⁴ Comunidad de la Esperanza: Community of Hope is a fledgling Spanish-English bi-lingual ministry led by La Crosse Area Synod Pastor Melinda Pupillo (English Lutheran). The group consists of 10-15 people with a passion for Latino ministry who have been meeting in prayer for discernment for God's guidance since October of 2014. This summer, Comunidad de la Esperanza: Community of Hope will hold three public events at 3pm on Sundays, June 28, July 26 and August 30 at Van Riper Park in Onalaska. There will be music, food, worship, and games. All Are Welcome!!

⁵ This possibility is in its earliest stages and is a combined effort with the Northwest Wisconsin Synod of the ELCA. The first meeting of interested parties is scheduled for June 25, 2015 at Christ Lutheran Church in Arcadia, WI.