

Augustana Lutheran 2015 Social Ministry Report- Summary

In 2015, Augustanans devoted both time and financial resources to social ministry efforts. The Augustana Council voted to distribute the \$1500 social ministry budget in ways that both advance the cause of an integrated society and support the ongoing social ministry work of Augustana. Importantly, the Council made a commitment to support organizations that combat racism through financial support on an annual basis. Respectfully submitted by D. Walker

Luke 6:31

Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Direct Action

January 2015 Black Lives Matter March

- Marched with ELCA representatives



Augustana Food Pantry

- 16 Augustana and Santa Maria families supported
- Homeless neighbors supported

Martha's Table, McKenna's Wagon

- 12 trips to deliver meals to the DC homeless
- Over 20 members participating

Martha's Table, "Spread the Love" Campaign

- 297 sandwiches for the DC homeless



SOME Trot for Hunger 5k

- The team of 14 ran the race together and raised \$2,385.00 for SOME

Furnish Housing for Aqeel Muslim Ahmed and Family

- Entire household furnished for refugee family

Reunite Yanira Menjivar with Her Sons.

- Congregation raised over \$2000 for airfare and basic supplies to welcome Daniel and Juan home to the United States to join their mom and sister

Visit Detained Immigrants with the DC Immigration Detention Visitation Network

- 4 visits to the center
- Visited with over 15 immigrants



Participate in the October 2015 March to End Family Immigration Detention

- 2 marchers present

Care for Sick Members of our Augustana and Santa Maria Community

Provide Christmas Gifts for Residents of Fellowship Square

- The Lydiansmade105 Christmas gifts this year

Work to make BOP aware of LOC Surplus Book Program

Volunteer Work and Collecting Books for DC Books to Prisons

- 100s of books delivered to DC Books to Prisons

Facilitating Book Transfer from Library of Congress to Prison in Taft, CA.

- Over 200 Spanish books provided to prisoners in CA

Human Rights Day "Write for Rights"

Education

Movie Screening: "The House I Live In"- Community Discussion

Book Study "Just Mercy"

Training for Augustana and the Community about Detained Immigrants

Talk by Bryan Stevenson at NY Ave Pres. Church

Financial Support

Gifts of Hope (\$2,905)

Equal Justice Initiative (\$200)

Rebuild the Churches Fund (\$200)

NAACP Legal Defense Fund (\$200)

Southern Poverty Law Center (\$200)

Martha's Table (\$150)

N Street Village (\$150)

SOME (Turkey Trot sponsorship) (\$150 pledge)

National Religious Campaign Against Torture (\$150)

Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries (\$100)

