

## Augustana Lutheran 2016 Social Ministry Report

In 2016, 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 continued our 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

#### Augustana Food Pantry

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



#### Community Conversation

- Facilitated community problem-solving dialogue about a homeless resident
- Participants included DC Metro Police, area neighbors, council members

#### Nursery Overhaul

- Completed cleaning, painting and equipment replacement to provide an improved space for Augustana's children.



#### Martha's Table, McKenna's Wagon

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

#### SOME Trot for Hunger 5k

- The team of 5 ran the race together and Augustana raised \$3,786.59 for SOME
- Augustana was the #4 team fundraiser in the 2016 event.

#### Continued support Aqeel Muslim Ahmed and Family

- Helped family with ongoing integration needs, social visits, and friendship.



## Co-Hosted the Pulse Nightclub Prayer Vigil supporting the LGBTQ community

- Joined with several faith communities to join in prayer for those lost and affected by the shooting in Orlando.

## Visit Detained Immigrants with the DC Immigration Detention Visitation Network

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



## Care for Sick Members of our Augustana and Santa Maria Community

## Volunteer Work and Collecting Books for DC Books to Prisons

- 100s of books delivered to DC Books to Prisons

## Human Rights Day "Write for Rights"

- Wrote over 100 letters

## Education

## Movie Screening: "13<sup>th</sup>" + Community Discussion

- Hosted gathering of 30 community members to learn about and discuss criminal justice and racism.
- Majority of participants were from the community.



## Book Study : "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Paul Coates.

## Spoke on behalf of Detained Immigrants in Interview for CNNs "United Shades of America"

- The episode should air spring 2017 <http://www.cnn.com/shows/united-shades-of-america>

## Financial Support

### Gifts of Hope

Equal Justice Initiative (\$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)

Write for Rights Campaign (\$100 for postage and supplies)

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (\$100)

*Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' Matthew 25: 34-40*