

## Augustana Lutheran 2019 Social Ministry Report

In 2019, Augustanans devoted both time and financial resources to social ministry efforts. Significantly, this year Augustana responded to the ELCA's call to assist immigrants through AMMPARO & Sanctuary Church efforts by developing an action plan for the congregation and supporting surrounding congregations. As brothers and sisters in Christ, the ELCA is called to bear witness to the conditions affecting so many communities and to work to find solutions that will acknowledge the humanity in all of God's children.

Respectfully submitted by D. Walker

### Luke 6:31

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

### Feeding the Hungry

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

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



#### Thanksgiving Baskets

- Delivered 23 Thanksgiving Boxes to families in need.

#### SOME Trot for Hunger 5k

- This was our 6<sup>th</sup> year to bring a team to the event!
  - In 2014 we raised: \$ 2,750.00
  - In 2015 we raised: \$ 2,385.00
  - In 2016 we raised: \$ 3,786.59
  - In 2017 we raised: \$ 2,620.20
  - In 2018 we raised: \$ 4,280.00
  - In 2019 we raised: \$ 1,716.27



Total raised by the Augies: \$17,488.06

### Direct Action, Education, and Support

#### March On!

- Participated in the Climate March

#### Letter writing campaign for Amnesty International

- Sent **57 letters** for "Write for Rights" to aid unjustly imprisoned people.



#### Hosted Monthly "Great Decision" Foreign Policy Talks

#### Supported People Impacted by the Government Shutdown

#### Visit and Care for Members of Augustana and the Community

#### Hosted the Sunrise Movement's National Training Weekend in July

- Sunrise is a movement of young people fighting to stop the climate crisis.

## AMMPARO/ Sanctuary Church

This year Augustana learned about AAMPARO and developed 10 Key Areas Where we can play a role as an [AAMPARO – Sanctuary Church](#)



**1. Family Reunification** — Identifying families who need transportation, housing help etc.

On September 15, 2019, God's Work Our Hands Sunday, we collected special funds to help Santa Maria member Cornelia reunite with her daughter and granddaughters.

**2. Housing & Shelter** — Support newly arrived immigrants through the work of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services and Lutheran Social Services.



**3. Lobbying, Protesting, Writing Letters** — Organize a letter writing, lobbying, or direct action event.

### 4. Accompaniment

ELCA Guardian Angel Program --Watch the ELCA video, [Guardian Angels](#).

Augustana Supported the Baltimore Guardian Angel Training

Augustana is working to start a Guardian Angel Program in DMV area.

Representing Children as an Advocate – [The Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights](#).

Visiting Local Detained Immigrants at the [DC Detention Visitation Network](#).

### 5. Provide Training Space

In November, Augustana hosted the DC Visitation Network Training for members and the community in the library.

**6. Be a Presence** — Attend local community meetings and connect with other churches.

In August, Manuel and Denise visited New Hope in Annandale to share ideas about how to support immigrants in our community.



### 7. Create More Interconnection

Between the members of our 10:30 am English and 2:00 pm Spanish worship services.

**8. Developing Emergency Plans** – To keep on file at the church, for members in our congregation, in case someone is detained.



**9. Fundraising** 1) For resources to support work of the Lutheran Church in El Salvador and other organizations to help people to succeed and be safe in their home country; 2) To be able to respond to immediate needs.

**10. Prayer** — For inspiration, use this special Prayers for Immigrants and Immigration Reform [Prayer Guide](#).

## ***Financial Support***

**Equal Justice Initiative (\$200)**  
**NAACP Legal Defense Fund (\$200)**  
**Southern Poverty Law Center (\$200)**  
**Martha's Table (\$150)**  
**N Street Village (\$150)**  
**350.org (\$150)**  
**National Religious Campaign Against Torture (\$100)**  
**Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries (\$100)**  
**Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (\$100)**  
**DC Detention Visitation Network (\$100)**  
**DC Books to Prisoners postage donation (\$50)**

*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*

***THANK YOU, AUGUSTANA!***

