

# Global Justice Programs



*“The Spirit of the HOLY ONE is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the HOLY ONE’s favour.”*

*Holy Cross Lutheran Church provides opportunities for members to take on the task of ushering in God’s reign of justice and peace in all the earth.*

*Working locally, nationally and internationally to promote justice Holy Cross’ Global Justice Program provides meaningful work for those who want to put their faith into action. Whether its providing a helping hand to our neighbors in need here in Newmarket, providing funds for international aid work, lending our voices to lobby for the poor, contributing to relief efforts, greening our church and homes, or raising funds for aid agencies, our Global Justice Program provides opportunities to embody Christ’s love for the world.*

***Our God is busy trying to love and save the whole world and our God has invited, called, and empowered each and every one of us to be a part of God’s plan to love and save the whole world.***

***God’s hands are our hands! Working***

**God LOVS Holy Cross LOVS**



**Lutheran Outreach Volunteers: LOVS**



**L**utheran **O**utreach **V**olunteers (**LOVs**) respond to calls from our neighbours in need. Each week we receive calls from individuals requesting help. These calls from our neighbours in need generally request help with: food to tide people over until they can get help from other sources, vouchers to purchase pharmaceuticals (cold and flu remedies not generally covered by social services), bus tokens, advice or advocacy. **LOVs** are trained and equipped to assist our pastor in responding to calls.

The Newmarket Food Pantry can only provide a limited amount of food to those in need. The Food Pantry provides us with grocery vouchers and so far this year our pastors have been able to pass along approximately \$3,000 worth of vouchers to our neighbours in need. These vouchers can be used to purchase a wide range of items that are sold in local grocery stores.

We are grateful to the Food Pantry for its co-operation but the needs of our neighbours are many and thanks to the generosity of our members we have been able to purchase additional vouchers, and provide Christmas Care Baskets for our neighbours in need.

Members of the congregation can help by making a designated offering to **LOV** or by signing up to become a **LOV** yourself!

To make a designated offering simply specify **LOV** on your offering envelope or speak to a **LOV** or write your offering number on a cheque made out to Holy Cross (**LOV**). Remember its tax deductible!



*In Mission for Others*  
  
**A People Called together we can make a difference!**

## Lutheran Outreach Volunteers: Leslie Street Dining

Each month, LOV volunteers provide a community meal at Crosslinks Leslie Street House. The Leslie Street House provides supportive housing to those who are struggling with mental illness who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Residents have their own room and share communal spaces. LOV volunteers provide an opportunity for residents to come together over a meal that provides nourishment and an opportunity to socialize.

Initial funding for the meal was provided by a grant from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada's Global Hunger and Development Appeal.

## Lutheran Outreach Volunteers: Support – Outreach Van



Crosslinks operates a street outreach van which is staffed by a mental health worker and a registered nurse. The Van operates throughout York Region supporting those who are homeless. The Van is

equipped with food and clothing for distribution to those in need. LOV volunteers are working to solicit donations from business and manufacturers to supply clothing, shoes, food, sleeping bags, and toiletries so that the Van can continue to reach out to those in need.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks. If you'd like to become a LOV volunteer speak to a member of our Global Justice Committee and together, we can begin the process of putting your faith into action!



Lutheran Outreach Volunteers  
proclaim the Gospel with deeds of love!



Canadian Lutheran  
World Relief®

**FOUR CORNERS** helps build healthy, vibrant communities by providing markets for products created

by artisans and farmers in the developing world. Purchasing fairly traded consumables helps farmers and their families make a better living by ensuring that they are paid a decent price for their product.

CLWR's alternative trade program **FOUR CORNERS** is excited to introduce our own fair trade coffee label and special roast!. Our new coffee is certified fair trade and organic! This special roast is hand-picked and sun-dried in Pangoa, Peru. Smooth, rich and creamy, with low acidity, this coffee has a nutty body with sweet undertones, available in bean and ground format.

CLWR's alternative trade program **FOUR CORNERS** also offers other fairly traded coffees from around the world. We are also pleased to introduce fair trade tea, chocolate and cocoa to our line of fairly traded consumables.

We Use Fair Trade  
products @  
Holy Cross

*To order: Pick up an order form from the Fair Trade Mail Box (on the wall outside the office) and place it in the mailbox marked "Fair Trade" and you can pay when the goods arrive!*

**Order Fair Trade  
Coffee, Tea & Cocoa**

**Don't miss the FOUR CORNERS  
Alternative Christmas Sale.  
Sundays November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

## Global Justice Partners

**Holy Cross works with Partners to accomplish more!**



### What is GHDA?

The mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with people in Canada and around the world through the proclamation of the Word, the celebration of the Sacraments, and through service in Christ's name. One way in which our church serves in Christ's name is through the Global Hunger and Development Appeal

(GHDA).

GHDA is the means by which we together as a church organize, support and carry out together our shared calling to work for justice and to care for the poor, hungry and marginalized of our world. At the ELCIC national convention of 1991 GHDA was given the goal of engaging the sustained commitment of our members and congregations in God's mission of alleviating hungers; understanding the causes of hunger and poverty; and working with the poor to find solutions to these injustices. The same convention set out the following objectives for GHDA:

- . To provide immediate relief of hunger and other emergency needs;
- . To assist people in the struggle to deal with the causes and effects of poverty through long-range development;
- . To educate the church to understand and confront the causes of hunger; and
- . To promote social and economic justice as it relates to hunger.



**Canadian Lutheran  
World Relief®**

Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) has been serving the poor since 1946. In response to the love of God, CLWR works with partners around the world in providing emergency relief, refugee resettlement, and community

development to those in need. All of this is made possible through the generous donations of Canadians and Lutheran churches in Canada.

CLWR staff and board members responsibly administer these gifts, enabling Canadians to engage in simple acts of compassion that can make a difference for thousands around the world. CLWR is committed to being a trustworthy organization capable of delivering resources that can bring hope and new opportunities for those confronting the many faces of poverty.

Canadian Lutheran World Relief seeks to address poverty and ease suffering among the poorest of the poor in the developing world. When natural disasters occur, CLWR responds with emergency relief. Quilts, blankets and kits are distributed in refugee camps and other communities that need them. In Canada, congregations and groups welcome refugees---strangers looking for a place to call home. In Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, CLWR strengthens communities against poverty's daily grind. Through CLWR's Alternative Trade Program, Canadians provide a fair wage to artisans determined to improve their lives. All of this becomes possible as CLWR connects Canadians with people courageously struggling against poverty in its many forms.



**KAIROS unites Canadian churches and religious organizations in a faithful ecumenical response to the call to "do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8). We deliberate on issues of common concern, advocate for social change and join with people of faith and goodwill in action for social transformation.**

Informed by biblical teaching, KAIROS **deliberates** on issues of common concern, striving to be a prophetic voice in the public sphere.

Inspired by a vision of God's compassionate justice, KAIROS **advocates** for social change, amplifying and strengthening the public witness of its members.

Responding to Christ by engaging in social transformation, KAIROS **empowers** the people of God and is empowered by them to live out their faith in action for justice and peace, joining with those of goodwill in Canada and around the world.