

2009 Disbursement - Social Ministry Benevolence
Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mission

At Immanuel, we celebrate Christ's own generous life as the basis for our commitment to address human needs, social ills and world concerns. Immanuel's Social Ministry Committee supports the congregational impulse to demonstrate acts of love that enrich others' lives, but is not singularly responsible for carrying out Immanuel's ministry to others. Rather, it is a catalyst for organizing. This list includes ministries that receive financial support through the social ministry portion of Immanuel's budget. These ministries and many others also will benefit from Immanuel people power that's at work through board service, in-kind donations and

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Bethany College: In Lincolnton, Kan., is not only the closest institution of Lutheran higher education, it is the only such institution in the Central States Synod.	\$900
ELCA (Central States Synod, National Church Missions): Our support helps fund vital missions and programs in our synod and throughout the larger church.	\$32,834
ELCA Fund for Seminaries: The seminary system trains pastors through three- and four-year degree programs.	\$1,000
ELCA Special Needs Retirement Fund: This fund is a lifeline for ELCA pastors and their families who retire without home equity, pensions or other benefits.	\$300
Mauritania School Tuition: This small donation provides full-year educational tuition for one Mauritanian girl. Immanuel member Heather Arney helped found and identify funding for the school when she served in the Peace Corps.	\$170
Mosaic: Bethphage Mission merged with Martin Luther Home to form this stronger residential agency serving persons with developmental disabilities.	\$400
Oaks Indian Center: This Oklahoma-based ELCA residential care program serves abused or neglected children, most of whom are of Native American	\$400
World Missions: We help support a Lutheran missionary serving in Central America.	\$1,000

Ministry to the Community

Back-to-School: This fund allows us to purchase clothes and supplies for children served through not-for-profit programs in both Kansas and Missouri.	\$500
Budget and Financial Management Assistance (BFMA): Founded by Immanuel member Ruth Myers-Melching, this agency provides financial services, counseling and management, especially to the elderly and persons with disabilities. It helps ensure that individuals' money and benefits are protected.	\$1,500
Community LINC: This Troost Avenue-based organization, with an impressive track record of moving homeless families to sustainable self-sufficiency, provides transitional housing, as well as "one-stop" counseling and support	\$1,800
Cross-Lines: This inter-racial, interdenominational agency serves low-income and disadvantaged residents, mostly in Kansas City, Kan. The agency's programs include field work for people in crisis, home repair, summer youth activities, a food pantry and utility/rent assistance.	\$700
Emergency Needs: Pastor uses this fund at her discretion to confidentially, appropriately and quickly respond to needs.	\$200

Hollis Renewal Center: Many Immanuel groups use this Lutheran outdoor retreat/renewal center, and Immanuel members donate time to make it successful. \$1,200

Inner-City Missions: These funds support cooperative ministries, such as local Lutheran missions identified by the Central States Synod, the Westport United Methodist Church Neighbor-to-Neighbor program or Redemptorist Social Services. These groups minister directly to inner city people in ways that Immanuel does not, and they help us build partnerships for our own continuing contact with the inner city. \$250

Lutheran House of Studies: This fund covers expenses so congregation members and church staff can take advantage of learning opportunities. \$500

Metropolitan Lutheran Ministry (MLM): Kansas City Lutheran congregations created MLM more than 35 years ago to combine their social-service resources and help more needy people than any one congregation alone could help. Today, MLM remains the leading agency for Lutheran congregations serving our city's low-income and underprivileged persons. Its many programs include emergency assistance, job development, homeless services, counseling, elderly services, life-skills training and the Christmas Stores. Immanuel, with about 30 other congregations, is part owner of MLM, and Immanuel members support the social ministry. This fund is for the social ministry committee's use as special outreach projects or needs evolve. During past years, for example, contributions from this fund went to buy bus passes for Immanuel staff to give to the needy, to support an after-school program operated by an African Methodist Episcopal church on Kansas City's east side, and to pay expenses associated with hosting the Community Blood Center Bloodmobile. \$5,300

Westport Cooperative Services, Inc. (WCSI): A community-service agency supported largely by area churches, this group's many programs include delivery of hot meals to elderly (more than 150 a day), tutoring, a senior companion program, emergency assistance, a health clinic, a community center and in-home chore services. Immanuel members serve on the board. \$750

Communities Creating Opportunity (CCO): CCO brings people of faith together to build relationships, develop strong leaders, and improve the quality of life in our communities. As an effective example of faith-based community organizing in the Kansas City area, CCO represents an important and underrepresented aspect of ministry to our community. \$3,300

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TOTAL: \$56,504