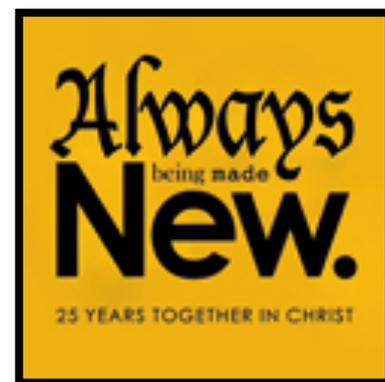


April 7, 2018

Dear Partners in Faith and Mission,

As we enter the fourth-year cycle of our Always Being Made New campaign, it is with joy that we share with you the impact that this campaign has had for so many congregations that applied for and received grants.



- **2015:** Fortune Lake and Barrier Free Grants were disbursed totaling \$10,265. Handicapped accessible doors were installed, pavements improved, and barriers to worship removed.
- **2016:** \$7600 was disbursed between 14 grant applicants who began community meal ministries, school back pack programs, food pantries, and more.
- **2017:** \$3500 was disbursed to four congregations to support visits to and from their companion congregation in the Lutheran church of Tanzania. And almost \$6000 was sent to the ELCA to support the training of Tanzanian missionaries. In addition, another \$2500 remains designated for future NGLS Companion Congregation projects.

This campaign continues to make an impact,
both in our Synod and in the global Lutheran church!

2018 is dedicated to raising funds for Young Adult Ministry and Fund for Leaders. In our Synod, the recipients will be our four Lutheran Campus Ministry sites and the efforts of the Finlandia University chaplain. As in previous years, the funds raised will benefit both the larger national church's efforts and our own Synod ministries. Fund for Leaders supports seminary students with scholarships that make a theological education possible. And Lutheran Campus Ministry supports college students with the community of faith on campus. Your Mission Support to the Northern Great Lakes Synod helps support Lutheran Campus Ministry at Bay College, Lake State Superior University, Northern Michigan University, and Michigan Tech. And since Finlandia University is a ministry partner, we have decided to include Finlandia in this year's list of beneficiaries.

Please set aside at least one worship weekend to receive an offering for the 2018 Always Being Made New Campaign. In this packet, please find bulletin inserts (also at www.nglsynod.org) and envelope pledge cards. Your offerings will help fund new and creative efforts that would not otherwise be possible. We seek to nurture the faith of young people. This is one very direct and meaningful way to make that happen. Please be generous.



In Christ,

Bishop Katherine Finegan and the Mission Outreach Committee:
Mike Coyne, Rev. Stephen Gauger, Barb Maines, Dave Mason,
Cathy Seblonka, Jean Sovey, and Orice Walters.