

Participating Ministries and Institutions

Carolina Lutheran Outreach Centers (CLOC)

An organization formed by concerned Lutherans who have a heart for social ministry and recognize that an outreach center is necessary to meet the needs of the most impoverished and at risk people living among us. Efforts are concentrated on after school programs that aid in reading comprehension and remedial math, as well as resiliency/self esteem components. Additionally, the center works with adults to deliver health and language courses.

Iglesia Luterana Manantial de Vida (ILMV)

Iglesia Luterana Manantial de Vida (Spring of Life), is a ministry of the SC Synod of the ELCA. Our mission is to serve individuals and families living in poverty - physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Our worshipping community includes programs that build community and change lives by helping immigrants improve their English language skills, continue their education and learn life skills that will enable them to live healthy lives.

Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church (JELC)/Japan Evangelical Lutheran Association (JELA) JELC/JELA is one of the SC Synod's companion synods. JELC and JELA work in cooperation on many ministry programs including helping families rebuild their lives following the disastrous earthquake and tsunami that struck in March of 2011.

Lutheran Family Services in the Carolinas (LFS)

Each year, LFS Carolinas works to bring healing and wholeness to children, adults, families and communities through accredited human service programs at many program sites in North and South Carolina coordinated from community based offices in Raleigh and Charlotte, NC and Columbia, SC. Founded in 1976, LFS is a joint social ministry of the North Carolina and South Carolina Synods of the ELCA.

Lutheran Homes of South Carolina (LHSC)

Lutheran Homes of South Carolina enhances the well being of older adults by providing residential, health care and hospice services. The ministries of Lutheran Homes include five continuing care retirement communities--Franke at Seaside in Mt. Pleasant, the Heritage at Lowman in White Rock, Rice Estate in Columbia, RoseCrest in Inman, and Trinity on Laurens in Aiken; Lutheran Hospice in the Upstate, Midlands and Lowcountry; and BeWell Home Services in the Upstate, Midlands and Lowcountry. Learn more online at www.lutheranhomescc.org

Iglesia Evangélica Luterana de Colombia – Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia (IELCO)

IELCO is the South Carolina Synod's newest companion synod relationship. IELCO has 14 churches and 5 missions in various parts of Colombia. Although IELCO is a small church it has made great strides in their work in the areas of environment, justice and human rights, HIV/AIDS, and education. Currently they have four Lutheran schools as part of the church and they are building a Lutheran School of Theology to better equip their pastors and laity in an understanding of Lutheran theology

Lutheridge+Lutherock Ministries, Inc. (LLMI)

Lutheridge+Lutherock Ministries Inc. is owned and operated by the Florida-Bahamas, North Carolina, South Carolina, Southeastern synods of the ELCA and serves all ages from the SE United States. Its mission is to provide programs, opportunities, and places apart where all people can experience a Christ-centered community, grow in relationship to God and God's creation, and be equipped for ministry. Camp and conference facilities are Lutheridge, 160 acres in Arden, NC known for its summer camp and year-round ministry programs; and Lutherock, 700 acres on Sugar Mountain, known for its rugged, outdoor adventure ministry. www.llmi.net

South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers (SCLRC)

SCLRC provides places of hospitality where congregations, communities and individuals can experience a Christian environment to renew faith, foster fellowship, build memories and encounter the glory of God's creation. These places of hospitality are Camp Kinard near Batesburg-Leesville, and Coastal Retreat Center on Isle of Palms, SC. We host a variety of groups all year at both centers. We provide facilities at Kinard for special summer camps such as Camp Kemo, a camp for children fighting cancer, Camp Wonder Hands which is for kids who are deaf and hard of hearing, and Children Unlimited, a camp for special needs kids waiting for adoptive placement. Learn more at online at www.sclrc.com.

South Western Diocese Of Tanzania (SWDT)

The South Western Diocese is located in the southwestern corner of Tanzania in a remote mountain region. The Diocese was created in 1992 when the Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania was divided. There are approximately 18 parishes and each parish has several congregations. Tanzania is a very stable country, but very poor, with warm and friendly citizens. The Lutheran Church's rapid growth rate in Tanzania makes it one of the world's fastest growing churches in East Africa.

Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (LTSS)

Southern Seminary has served the Church since its founding by the South Carolina Synod in 1830. The seminary's mission is to teach, form and nurture men and women to become servant leaders in the public ministries of the Church. Southern Seminary is one of eight ELCA seminaries and has been located on N. Main Street in Columbia, SC since 1911. Offering three degree programs: Master of Divinity, (M. Div), Master of Arts in Religion (M.A.R.), and Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.). Southern Seminary draws students from Region 9 of the ELCA and from across the country. For more information visit www.ltss.edu or call (866) 921-1157.

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Gifts of Hope is operated entirely by volunteers from throughout the SC Synod of the ELCA. Every penny received is distributed directly to the beneficiary organizations.



*This year give Hope
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Gifts of Hope is an alternative gift-giving program in the SC Synod (ELCA). This Christmas give gifts, to family and friends, that really matter. Give HOPE! For your shopping pleasure, this catalog contains 38 unique gifts priced from \$10 to \$100 that give hope to others. The gifts in this catalog are presented by the institutions and social ministry organizations affiliated with the SC Synod of the ELCA, as well as the SC Synod's companion synods.

For each gift you purchase, you receive two items - a gift card and an insert describing your chosen gift - which you give to the person receiving the gift. The actual gift will be delivered by the designated organization or institution to the beneficiary, (for example, new shoes and backpacks for children or food for a refugee family).



Whether you give Gifts of Hope to share your faith and blessings, to advocate for a simpler lifestyle or to make a difference in the lives of all those touched by your gift - we thank you for participating in this program to give hope to someone who really needs it.

HOW TO PURCHASE:

You can purchase your Gifts of Hope through your congregation this Advent season or through the US Mail.

THROUGH YOUR CONGREGATION

The fastest and easiest way for most people to purchase Gifts of Hope during Advent is in person, at the sales event in your local congregation

1. Review the Gifts of Hope Catalog
2. Fill in the order form
3. Write a check to your congregation or pay in cash
4. For each purchase receive a card and an insert for your gift.

THROUGH THE MAIL USING OUR WEBSITE:

If you are unable to purchase Gifts of Hope through a local congregation sales event, please use www.GiftsOfHopeSC.org to print an order form. In addition, when friends and family, at home or away, ask what you want for Christmas, please direct them to the website. To place an order:

1. Go to www.GiftsOfHopeSC.org
2. Review the online Gifts of Hope catalog
3. Print out and complete the order form
4. Mail your Order Form with check as directed

Note: The website is unable to accept credit card transactions. We will endeavor to fill orders promptly, but cannot make guarantees about delivery times. We send the cards and inserts you purchase to you via regular US Mail, so please allow at least 2 weeks delivery time.

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View the Gifts of Hope Catalog online at www.GiftsofHopeSC.org

GIFTS OF HOPE THAT PROVIDE FOR DAILY NEEDS

- 1. HELPING CHILDREN IN JAPAN Basic Needs JELC/JELA \$25
2. SOLID GROUND Flooring for Group Homes LFS \$25
3. A YARD OF MULCH For the Playground at Lutheridge LLMI \$20
4. HOSPICE CARE For Low Income Patients LHSC \$25
5. BUS TRANSPORTATION One Child, One Semester CLOC \$25
6. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR A SEMINARIAN Help for Unexpected Emergencies LTSS \$25
7. COMMUNITY GARDEN Help for the hungry ILMV \$15
8. LIGHTWEIGHT TABLES For the Retreat Centers SCLRC \$55
9. HEALTHY FOOD For After School and Weekends CLOC \$25
10. REBUILDING AND IMPROVEMENTS Churches and Schools in Colombia IELCO \$65
11. SCHOOL UNIFORMS AND SUPPLIES Youth in Tanzania SWDT \$10
12. A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP For Veterans and Developmentally Disabled Children LFS \$100
13. RENEWED HOPE For Family Caregivers LHSC \$50
14. SPORTS EQUIPMENT One Child, One Semester CLOC \$20
15. LUNCH For a Seminarian LTSS \$10
16. NEW BACKPACK/SCHOOL SUPPLIES Building Materials for Tanzania ILMV \$25
17. TWIN MATTRESS PADS For Retreat Centers SCLRC \$15
18. MEDICAL AND DENTAL SUPPLIES For Tanzania Clinic SWDT \$35
19. NEW SHOES For Children Starting School ILMV \$25

9. HEALTHY FOOD For After School and Weekends CLOC \$25
A child's ability to learn is greatly diminished by hunger. Your gift will help provide healthy snacks for after school and a backpack of food to take home on the weekends.
10. REBUILDING AND IMPROVEMENTS Churches and Schools in Colombia IELCO \$65
Some of the IELCO churches are in very historic buildings that are badly in need of repair. Others need improvements, such as a covering for a central courtyard that creates more space for use during the rainy season. Your gift provides for one square meter of church/school building renovation or repair.
11. SCHOOL UNIFORMS AND SUPPLIES Youth in Tanzania SWDT \$10
The youth of SW diocese attend Lutheran schools from primary through the equivalent of High School. Many cannot afford the required uniform and the basic school supplies. Your gift helps provide a child with his or her school necessities for a year.
12. A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP For Veterans and Developmentally Disabled Children LFS \$100
We currently have 16 beds for veterans creating a new life for themselves and 36 beds for developmentally disabled children who either have no family to care for them or require a higher level of care than their family can provide. Your gift will help us replace old mattresses, encouraging a better night's sleep full of the sweet dreams each of our neighbors deserve.
13. RENEWED HOPE For Family Caregivers LHSC \$50
Over time, providing constant care for an older adult with poor health or a hospice patient can result in the family caregiver becoming completely exhausted. Your gift will enable BeWell Home Services to provide a break for a family caregiver; time to renew his or her physical, emotional and spiritual energy.
14. SPORTS EQUIPMENT One Child, One Semester CLOC \$20
Extracurricular sports activities are a privilege some students are unable to enjoy outside of school. Your gift will provide these students with the equipment they need for fitness classes and sports activities so that they too can be active and healthy!
15. LUNCH For a Seminarian LTSS \$10
Your gift will provide two meals for a seminarian struggling with financial hardship.
16. NEW BACKPACK/SCHOOL SUPPLIES Building Materials for Tanzania ILMV \$25
School supplies are very expensive and are required in all grades. Your gift will help provide school supplies and backpacks for children who live in poverty, giving them a good start to the new school year.
17. TWIN MATTRESS PADS For Retreat Centers SCLRC \$15
Everybody needs a good night's sleep after a busy day at one of our retreat centers. Your gift to purchase a mattress pad will make our beds even more comfortable for guests (especially younger ones) after they have spent a full day of hiking on the beach or in the woods, being with friends and fostering fellowship.
18. MEDICAL AND DENTAL SUPPLIES For Tanzania Clinic SWDT \$35
People walk for miles to be seen in a clinic built by the diocese in 2002. This clinic serves thousands of people and medical supplies are always in short supply. Your gift will help meet the basic medical needs in this third world country.
19. NEW SHOES For Children Starting School ILMV \$25
Shoes are one of the most expensive and yet one of the most needed items for children as they prepare to go back to school in the fall. Your gift will provide new shoes for a child to better prepare them for learning.

20. MEALS FOR ORPHAN CHILDREN In Tanzania SWDT \$25
The women of the diocese opened an orphanage in January, 2011. Many children arrived the first day. This created a challenge for the women to feed the children. Your gift will help feed the children for a month.
21. MEALS FOR VOLUNTEERS At Camp Kinard SCLRC \$10
What would we do without our wonderful volunteers that come in to build, paint, clean, fix, repair, etc? Your gift will provide a delicious meal to give a volunteer some extra energy to make Camp Kinard a better place.
22. ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES For English Language Learners CLOC \$25
Learning English is very important for any immigrant who comes to the United States. Your gift will help adult students learn English and be better equipped to find work and support their families.
23. PLANTING TREES To Save the Environment IELCO \$10
The Lutheran Church of Colombia purchases young trees and then works with schools and community organizations to plant them along the roadways to prevent mudslides and soil erosion. This helps the church to be seen as a leader in environmental conservation and to connect them with other groups in Colombian society. Your gift will buy 20 trees.
24. CAMP SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES For a Youth Camper LLMI \$20
Grounded in basic leadership fundamentals and the spiritual leadership of Christ, the camping experience will help youth develop their own leadership potential in church, school, or even as a future Lutheridge+Lutherock counselor. Because of camp experiences, many go on to seminary and serve the church as ordained and rostered leaders. Your gifts will provide scholarship assistance for camper programs.
25. SPARK STORY BIBLES For Kids ILMV \$25
Encouraging children to begin a lifelong relationship with God and God's Word is how we best serve them. Your gift will purchase a "Spark Story Bible" which will help the youngest to learn about God's work in their lives.
26. WAITING ROOM AT KAMANI CLINIC Building Materials for Tanzania SWDT \$20
People travel for hours by foot to visit the Kamani clinic and wait for hours or overnight to be seen by medical personnel. Your gift provides materials to build a shelter area for waiting.
27. LANDSCAPING To Beautify the Coastal Retreat Center SCLRC \$100
We completed renovations to our beloved Retreat Center, and the building is wonderful! With this gift of new plants and regular maintenance of the landscaping, the glory of God's creation will be even more apparent to those coming to grow in faith and build memories.
28. TEXTBOOK For a Required Seminary Course LTSS \$50
Required textbooks cost students over \$750 per year. Your gift will provide one required textbook for a seminary student struggling with financial hardship.
29. ART SUPPLIES For After School Program CLOC \$20
Children who live in poverty often miss the opportunity to find the artist that lives inside of them. Your gift will help provide the art supplies necessary to teach and encourage kids who live in poverty to believe in themselves and in their gifts to create art.

30. BOOKS FOR THE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY For Pastors and Seminary Students in Colombia IELCO \$35
Most pastors in Colombia must attend an ecumenical school of theology for their seminary training. The Lutheran Church of Colombia has established a School of Theology to help its pastors become more deeply rooted in Lutheran theology. Your gift will purchase a theological book in Spanish for the school.
31. HOUSING AND MEAL ASSISTANCE For Volunteers LLMI \$10
Each year volunteers come to Lutheridge and Lutherock to help get camp ready for the summer. Volunteers are an integral part of opening camp. Weekends are customized for the work at the sites. Your gift will assist with housing, materials, and meals for volunteers.
32. SUMMERSHINE CAMPER OUTING ASSISTANCE For Mentally Challenged Youth and Adults LLMI \$20
For 40 years, Lutheridge has provided a quality camping experience for mentally challenged youth and adults. This program enables these special campers to experience all the fun of summer camp. Your gift will provide outing money for one camper.
34. MAKING MEMORIES For Children Living in Group Homes LFS \$25
Do you remember the first time you went to the zoo? Saw a play? How about your first football game? Through your support, we can give these life-long memories to a child in our group home or foster care program.

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35. LOOK AND FEEL BETTER For a Resident or Hospice Patient LHSC \$10
Older adults with limited resources often forego buying clothes or having their hair cut. Your gift will be used to purchase some basic clothing or pay for a visit to the hair stylist or barber and help an older person or hospice patient with limited resources maintain their self esteem.
36. SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITY For Kids ILMV \$50
Summer camp provides children with an opportunity to grow spiritually and discover their own leadership potential. Your gift added to grants from Lutheridge+Lutherock will allow one child, who would otherwise not be able to, attend summer camp.
37. GIFT OF GRACE For Lutheran Hospice Patient LHSC \$25
As Lutheran Hospice cares for patients and their families, staff members often learn about simple unfulfilled wishes that are still possible to achieve. Your gift will enable Lutheran Hospice to provide a special gift of grace that fulfills a wish and makes a difference in a patient's last days.
38. A NEW YOU For Veterans LFS \$50
As our veterans prepare to seek gainful employment they often lack the necessary clothing to make a good presentation. Your gift will provide a new set of professional clothing for an interview along with a new haircut.

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