

# COMMUNITY PARTNERING



## WHAT IS COMMUNITY PARTNERING?

- An approach to developing community outreach programs.
- A congregationally-based neighborhood support ministry.
- A focus that builds, sustains, and strengthens relationships in the congregation and within the community.
- An identification of the gifts, strengths, resources, and assets of congregations and communities.
- A partnering between Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey and area congregations.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERING AT WORK

- Community Partnering helps to train congregational teams in the development of relationships and partnerships with the people and organizations in the neighborhoods.
- With on-going assistance from Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey, congregations design, develop, and nurture their own community ministries.
- By working with their neighborhoods, congregations build upon local skills, resources, gifts, and talents to support their communities.
- Congregational and Community Partnering relationships provide opportunities for sharing information, resources, and training.

## MISSION STATEMENT:

*Through the power of the Holy Spirit, and in response to God's love as revealed in the Gospel, the mission of Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey is to serve those in New Jersey who hurt, are in need or have limited choices.*





## PROGRAMS:

We come to you. Let us lead your next social ministry discussion or temple talk.

Each includes Bible Study and lasts approximately 1-1 1/2 hours.

- **LSM/NJ and You: Never underestimate the capacity of one agency** Emphasis on LSM/NJ's role as a partner in the work of social ministry. Focuses on LSM/NJ's programs, as well as Community Partnering, and how congregations can participate.
- **Social Ministry: Living out the Gospel** Social ministry is a state of being, not doing. As children of God, we are called to serve one another in love. Participants will develop a more comprehensive understanding of social ministry in the life of the worship community.
- **Using What You've Got: Being who you are called to be** Living the Gospel starts with identifying where you are and what resources you have available. Participants will identify their personal and corporate resources and begin to connect those assets to the work of the Gospel.
- **Just Neighbors:** An interactive poverty awareness program developed by Family Promise. A nine-part series, this can be done in its individual parts or as one multi-week event.
- **Temple Talks:** Available to come on site to preach original temple talks. Anything can be adapted to meet your individual needs.

Something you didn't see here? Let us know, and we will adapt to your needs. Please call Lisa Barnes.



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