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# Open Doors This #GIVINGTUESDAY™



As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we believe there is a place for all in Christ's church. Our doors are always open – no line in which to wait, no offer code necessary.

**This #GivingTuesday, share this message of welcome and tell our neighbors who need it most, "There is a place for you here!"** Through a gift to Disability Ministries, Renewing Congregations and ELCA New Congregations, you help congregations across the ELCA open their doors to all and spread God's love to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

**"Growing up with cerebral palsy was difficult for me. There were times I felt very lonely and wondered why God had made me so different. Now, as a pastor, I feel a strong sense of call to reach youth with disabilities and help them see the claim of God on them."**

*– The Rev. Brian Krause, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Arcadia, Ohio, and counselor and cofounder of Camp-ABLE.*



DISABILITY MINISTRIES



RENEWING CONGREGATIONS

**"Through a Renewing Congregations grant, we are able to see where God is calling us to serve our neighbors. We expect that people's faith in Christ will be strengthened, worship life will be enlivened and a new sense of purpose will arise in our congregations."**

*– The Rev. Mark Narum, bishop of the ELCA Western North Dakota Synod.*

**"One of the things that's really important to us about this ministry [Cathedral in the Night] is that it's not outreach to anyone; it's creating community with everyone, that we are church together."**

*– The Rev. Stephanie Smith, mission developer at Cathedral in the Night, a new ELCA worshiping community in Northampton, Mass.*



ELCA NEW CONGREGATIONS

Being part of the ELCA means that, together, we serve our neighbor – on the street, in our country and around the world. We are freed to serve, not out of burden or obligation, but out of gratitude and joy. Give a gift today and help our congregations open their doors to all of God's children.

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