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# Servant Ministry Connections in the Twin Cities Area - 2011

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Following is a list of various organizations and ministries which offer mission and servant ministry connections and volunteer opportunities. Several are associated directly with ELCA congregations in our area. (If you have updates or additions to add to this list, please contact Jo Mueller, Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator, Minneapolis Area Synod ([j.mueller@mpls-synod.org](mailto:j.mueller@mpls-synod.org))).

**The Bridge – Sheltering Youth; Reuniting Families ..... 612.377-8800**

2200 Emerson Ave S  
Minneapolis, MN 55405  
[www.bridgeforyouth.org](http://www.bridgeforyouth.org)

*Support services and center for youth in crisis; runaway youth; and parents and youth facing difficult situations and/or conflict, focused on preventing youth homelessness. Volunteers and donations welcome.*

**Central Lutheran’s Restoration Center ..... 612.767.9207**

333 S 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55404  
Coordinator: Rolf Lowenber-DeBoer ([rlowenberg-deboer@centralmpls.org](mailto:rlowenberg-deboer@centralmpls.org))

*A street-side and congregation-based ministry providing clothing, personal items, financial assistance, spiritual care and hope, and one meal per week to the “people of the city” at no charge. Volunteers and donations are needed and welcome.*

**Church World Service/CROP ..... 612.870.7332**

Regional “Minn-Kota” office:  
122 W Franklin Ave  
Minneapolis, MN 55404  
[www.cwscrop.org/minnkota/](http://www.cwscrop.org/minnkota/)

*CROP seeks to empower volunteers, donors, and supporters to confront hunger and related injustices by providing opportunities for involvement through giving, direct action, education, and local and global partnerships. Annual neighborhood walks raise funds to fight hunger locally, regionally and abroad.*

**Families Moving Forward ..... 612.529.2185**

1808 Emerson Ave N  
Minneapolis, MN 55411  
[www.familiesmovingforward.org](http://www.familiesmovingforward.org)

*A faith-based organization of volunteers (from 40 congregations in the Minneapolis area) providing temporary housing, permanent affordable housing, and supportive services to low income families with children. Volunteers and resources needed – see website for details.*

**Feed My Starving Children ..... 763.504.2919**

Locations in Coon Rapids, Chanhassen, and Eagan  
[www.fmsc.org](http://www.fmsc.org)

*Offering hope to the hungry in body around the world, and the hungry in spirit right here at home. Volunteers of all ages can visit the FMSC facility to manually assemble meal packages for hungry children. In 2009 more than 416,000 volunteers joined FMSC to package over 96 million meals for children in orphanages, schools and clinics around the world. (More than half of FMSC volunteers are under the age of 18.)*

**Global Health Ministries ..... 763.586.9590**

7831 Hickory Street NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55432

[www.ghm.org](http://www.ghm.org)

*Global Health Ministries seeks to continue the healing ministry of Jesus Christ by enhancing health care programs of the Lutheran churches in other countries; and does this through health care projects, scholarships, gathering and shipping useful donated health care equipment and supplies; and teaching and communicating the health care needs of churches overseas who are in great need. Call to discover how to volunteer locally and for current list of supplies needed.*

**Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches ..... 612.721.8687**

1001 East Lake Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55407-0509

[www.gmcc.org/retreats](http://www.gmcc.org/retreats)

**Urban Immersion Service Retreats**

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*Weekend and day retreats which educate volunteers (youth groups or intergenerational groups) about urban poverty and translates that knowledge into action. Volunteers serve meals at homeless shelters, renovate low income housing, and do chores for needy seniors and mentor kids living in shelters.*

**Kaleidoscope Ministry ..... 612.871.9268**

2400 Park Ave S  
Minneapolis, MN 55404

[www.kaleidoscope-kids.org](http://www.kaleidoscope-kids.org)

*After-school and summer programming to children in the Phillips neighborhood in south Minneapolis, located at the Center for Changing Lives on the corner of 24<sup>th</sup> and Park Ave.*

**Kinship of Greater Minneapolis ..... 612.588.4655**

3210 Oliver Ave N  
Minneapolis, MN 55412

[www.kinship.org](http://www.kinship.org)

*A Christian-based mentoring program that matches children, aged 5-15, from single-parent homes with individuals, couples and families to spend time together each week. The goal of these relationships is provide children with trusting, positive adult role models which, in turn, enhance the children's healthy development.*

**La Conexión's "Kitchen Connection" ..... 612.728.9221**

[www.laconexionmn.org/kitchen\\_connection](http://www.laconexionmn.org/kitchen_connection)

*Small groups from congregations can visit LaConexion, a bilingual community center in South Minneapolis which links Latinos to local resources and each other. Volunteers are welcome on Saturday afternoons from noon to 2:00 p.m. Groups bring ingredients for a meal or snack for 25 people. The first hour is spent preparing a meal side-by-side with LaConexion participants; the second hour the meal is shared together and bilingual staff help facilitate conversations.*

- Loaves and Fishes** ..... **612.377.9810**  
 1917 Logan Ave S  
 Minneapolis, MN 55403  
[www.loavesandfishesmn.org](http://www.loavesandfishesmn.org)  
*Loaves & Fishes provides nutritious meals to the hungry of the Twin City Metro area in an atmosphere of hospitality at site locations where the need is greatest and develops joint ventures/partnerships with like-minded organizations to assist guests with additional basic needs key to becoming self-sufficient.*
- Lutheran Social Service** ..... **651.542.5990**  
 2485 Como Ave  
 St Paul, MN 55108  
[www.lssmn.org](http://www.lssmn.org) [www.campnoah.org](http://www.campnoah.org)  
*A Lutheran-based social service agency helping over 100,000 people across Minnesota with services for children and youth; families and adults; seniors; and people with disabilities; and coordinates disaster response teams and volunteers, including Camp Noah program.  
 LSS MN Homeless Youth Services: [www.lssmn.org/homelessyouthmetro](http://www.lssmn.org/homelessyouthmetro)*
- Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless**..... **612.870.7073**  
 122 W Franklin Ave Suite 305  
 Minneapolis, MN 55404  
[www.mnhomelesscoalition.org](http://www.mnhomelesscoalition.org)  
*Comprised of more than 150 agencies from throughout the state, the Coalition fights to end homelessness in Minnesota through community education, legislative advocacy and technical assistance activities.*
- Marie Sandvick Center** ..... **612.871.4980**  
 1112 E Franklin Ave  
 Minneapolis, MN 55404  
[www.mariesandvickcenter.org](http://www.mariesandvickcenter.org)  
*Non-profit organization providing for the material and spiritual needs of the poor living in the inner city. Programs and ministries include church services, women’s meetings, after-school Bible clubs for children, Saturday Kids Club and special events on holidays. Clothing, quilts, baby layettes, food, diapers, and financial help is distributed to thousands each year.*
- Operation Bootstrap** ..... **612.871.4980**  
 122 W Franklin Ave #206  
 Minneapolis, MN 55404  
[www.operationbootstrapafrica.org](http://www.operationbootstrapafrica.org)  
*Operation Bootstrap Africa is a Minnesota-based, non-profit, inter-denominational organization dedicated to helping people help themselves in a variety of educational programs in Africa.*
- Our Saviour’s Housing** ..... **612.872.4193**  
 2219 Chicago Ave S  
 Minneapolis, MN 55404  
[www.oursaviourshousing.org](http://www.oursaviourshousing.org)  
*Our Saviour’s Housing works in partnerships to provide emergency shelter, transitional housing and support services for people who are experiencing homelessness. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve meals, organize donations and help with property upkeep.*

**Plymouth Christian Youth Center..... 612.522.6501**

2301 Oliver Avenue North  
Minneapolis, MN 55441-1878  
[www.pcy-c-mpls.org](http://www.pcy-c-mpls.org)

*A nonprofit human service organization serving youth and families through education, community programs and community development. PCYC is a member of Lutheran Services in America and is an affiliate social service agency of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. PCYC's serves young people in the inner-city of North Minneapolis who are facing significant barriers in life as they strive toward growth and active citizenship.*

**Shalom Hill Farm..... 507.831.2232**

42194 County Rd 3  
Windom, MN 56101  
[www.shalomhillfarm.org](http://www.shalomhillfarm.org) or [shf@rconnect.com](mailto:shf@rconnect.com)

*A rural ministry education center & retreat center in southwest Minnesota, offering small town and rural immersion experiences for youth groups, seminarians, and people of all ages from urban and suburban settings.*

**Sharing and Caring Hands & Mary's Place..... 612.338.4640**

525 N 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55405  
[www.sharingandcaringhands.org](http://www.sharingandcaringhands.org)

*Sharing and Caring Hands is a non-profit organization which strives to be a bridge between caring and concerned communities to the people in need of help, basic needs, services, food, time, and other resources.. Mary's Place is an extension of this ministry which provides housing, child care and coaching to assist people moving out of homelessness.*

**Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity..... 612.331.4090**

3001 4<sup>th</sup> Street SE  
Minneapolis, MN 55414  
[www.tchabitat.org](http://www.tchabitat.org)

*Creating affordable housing as a community effort, providing high-quality volunteer experiences for all members of the community who seek to respond to affordable housing issues. A wide range of opportunities are available for groups and individuals. Volunteers can help with construction, office support, family services, event planning, and many other aspects of Twin Cities Habitat's work.*

**Union Gospel Mission ..... 651.228.1800**

77 East 9<sup>th</sup> St  
St Paul, MN 55101  
[www.ugmstpaul.org](http://www.ugmstpaul.org)

*The Union Gospel Mission is a Christian service agency that works to meet physical, emotional, spiritual, and educational needs of economically disadvantaged men, women and children in the Twin Cities. UGM has many opportunities for volunteers to serve, including various specific holiday projects and meals. See website for details..*

**Urban Homeworks Inc ..... 612.724.9002**

3530 East 28<sup>th</sup> Street  
Minneapolis MN 55406

[www.urbanhomeworks.com](http://www.urbanhomeworks.com) .....

*Click on "volunteering" tab. The core purpose of Urban Homeworks is to perpetuate the hope of Jesus Christ through the strategic placement of Urban Neighbors, dignified housing for low-income families, volunteer mobilization, and construction training for community members. Volunteers are needed to build or remodel homes in the metro area. (Partner organizations supporting Urban Homeworks include Augsburg College, Lutheran Social Service, and Youthworks.)*

**Youth Enterprise Ministry ..... 612.724.4249**

3530 East 28<sup>th</sup> Street  
PO Box 6208

Minneapolis MN 55406

[www.yefonline.com](http://www.yefonline.com)

*Youth Enterprise is a Christian faith-based organization. It was established for the purpose of assisting youth from the inner-city in developing entrepreneurial and life skills that will ultimately help to promote self-sufficiency and self-worth. **Each Christian t-shirt, piece of Christian jewelry or Christian gift** sold benefits Youth Enterprise and the students it serves. (\*Custom orders for t-shirts are welcome. Consider printing your event/trip t-shirts here.)*

**YouthWorks (local, national, and international mission trips) ..... 612.729.5444**

3530 East 28<sup>th</sup> Street #200  
Minneapolis, MN 55406

[www.youthworks.com](http://www.youthworks.com)

*Providing life-changing, Christ-centered youth mission opportunities, targeted to the needs and capabilities of youth, ages 12-19. Mission sites are available in rural, small town, suburban, and urban locations across the United States, plus several international locations. Week-long experiences include worship, work projects and cultural events.*

**Zoom House at Zion Lutheran ..... 612.825.2825**

Zion Originated Outreach Ministries  
3244 Blaisdell Ave S #7  
Minneapolis MN 55408

[www.thezoomhouse.org](http://www.thezoomhouse.org)

*The ZOOM House provides low-income and homeless families with affordable housing in a loving, supportive community. The ZOOM House staff actively assists and encourages program participants, advocating for them in cooperation with several churches and volunteer organizations in the community. With these resources, ZOOM House tenants are able to cross the bridge from a life of dependency to a life of hope in a community of supportive relationships.*