

Cross Cultural Ministries *(cont'd)*

12. Masih ki Awaz (The Voice of Christ) (\$18,000)

is broadcast live each Sunday morning at 8am over AM770. This Urdu/Punjabi/Hindi language radio program consists of a sermon/teaching time, live phone-in time, and prayer. The broadcast reaches a large South Asian audience in southern Ontario and a world-wide audience through the internet. Partner with Pastor James Luke and his on-air team as they proclaim Christ for the encouragement and strengthening of Christians and for the salvation of those who do not yet believe in Him.

Congregations in Transition

More and more of our congregations are finding it difficult to continue doing ministry "the way we always have done it". As a district we are giving financial assistance to these congregations as we are able, to support them as they seek out ways to be God's people gathered around Word and Sacraments in the community where God has placed them. For some this means seeking to form dual/tri-parishes. For others it could mean using a "circuit rider" model, becoming a "house church", joining with other congregations and utilizing a "pastoral team" (three or more pastors for four or more congregations), or worshipping in a location other than the church building where they have always been.

Partnering with one of these congregations encourages the pastor and congregation members, reminding them that their brothers and sisters in Christ care about them and are walking with them in these challenging times.

- 13. Concordia, Fonthill, ON (\$21,000)
- 14. Living Faith, Orangeville, ON (\$17,730)
- 15. Our Saviour, London, ON (\$43,500)
- 16. Our Saviour, Niagara Falls (\$37,000)
- 17. Quebec Tri-Parish of Buckingham, Inlet, and Poltimore (\$43,775)
- 18. Ontario Tri-Parish of Hanover, Kincardine, and Southampton (\$5,000)

Partner to Partner Project

To make your tax deductible donation fill in the Partner to Partner donation form and mail it with your cheque to:

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c/o Partner to Partner Project
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Kitchener, ON N2M 1Y3

Or visit the Partner to Partner page on the East District website www.lcceast.ca and make your donation online (CanadaHelps.org).

Or call the East District office at 1-800-465-8179 and speak with President Zabel (ext 1), Pastor Mohr (ext 2) or Darryll Holland (ext 4). They will answer any questions you have about the project and assist you establishing your partnership with the ministry of your choice.

P2P gives us all an opportunity to support one another's ministries, truly being synod as we joyfully and lovingly walk together. Your donation, over and above your congregation's ED mission and ministry commitment, and your active participation in the partnership of your choice, will speak volumes to the world of our eagerness to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Donations received for a given ministry which exceed the target amount will be carried over for use in the following year.

2018 partner to partner

St. Paul writes in Ephesians 4:1-3,

"I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."



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Praise be to God for His work among us in the East District! Through the revamped Partner to Partner (P2P) Project, nearly \$200,000 was received from individuals, congregations, Sunday Schools, Youth Groups, LWMLC national and district Mission Grants, and others. That means that with the East District CEF Matching Grant nearly \$400,000 went to support our ministries.

Equally, if not more important, is the partnership itself. Each P2P gift helps show the communities around us that we are God's people working together in Christ's service.

When your donation is received asking for a partnership, you are encouraged to make contact with your requested partner. I hope that you have all taken advantage of that opportunity to find out more about each other's ministries, visit in each other's congregations, develop mutually supportive friendships, and pray for each other as you discover each other's needs.

The P2P Project will continue through 2018, with the CEF again matching grants up to a total of \$200,000. After this year it will be up to the new East District Corporation members and Board of Directors to determine the project's future. But for now, P2P gives us an opportunity to do what Paul encourages the Ephesians to do – walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which we have been called.

That calling is as members of the body of Christ – that body being not just our own congregations but also our circuits, regions, and our beloved synod. In these broader fellowship groupings we have a great witnessing opportunity to show how we respond to our Father's love for us by bearing with one another in love. Partnering with other congregations demonstrates our fellowship's vitality, our reliance upon and desire to continue to have a confessional Lutheran presence in our communities.

Remote Ministries

- 1. Kingston (\$8,544)**
Connect with this vibrant, joyful mission served by Pastor Allen Maleske. They are still worshipping in a retirement home, but are searching for a worship location where they can connect better with the whole community. They have also developed a mission site in Trenton and are looking to develop mission sites to the east of Kingston as well.
- 2. Moncton, NB (\$25,000)**
Served by Pastor David Millette, this congregation has developed a strong outreach program through live streaming of their worship services and Bible studies, drawing people into their fellowship from various remote locations. They welcome support and encouragement from all across the district as they reach out to the French-speaking community and the university communities around Moncton and beyond.
- 3. Atlantic Canada Circuit Rider (\$92,478)**
Pastor Mark Smith serves a growing number of mission sites throughout the Atlantic provinces, connecting even with people in Newfoundland. He and the people who gather together in these mission sites are joyfully bearing witness to Christ in their communities and there are visitors at many of their worship services. This isolated ministry is eager to establish more connections with their fellow Lutherans from across the district.
- 4. Sudbury (\$64,500)**
This congregation continues to be a joyful, vibrant gathering of God's people. Pastor David Smilek has made excellent use of available technology to help himself and his congregation maintain a sense of connectedness with their fellow Lutherans, especially across the vast Ottawa Circuit. In the past VBS teams from other East District congregations have provided an important link for this remote, near-north congregation. They would welcome more of these and other ways of walking together with others of our fellowship.
- 5. Timmins (\$55,000)**
This congregation, even more remote than Sudbury, is enjoying the ministry of their new pastor, Rev. Milton Lam. His ability to communicate in French and Mandarin Chinese is opening up even greater opportunities to reach out with the Good News of the Gospel in their community. Become a partner with them for the mutual encouragement to bear witness to Jesus Christ and Him crucified.
- 6. Strathroy (\$10,000)**
Connect with this group of Lutheran Christians eager to serve our Saviour together and reach out into their community with the good news of the gospel. Led by Pastors Jim Scholz and Oscar Castillo, this daughter congregation of Faith, London, welcomes every opportunity to draw others to Christ and would appreciate your partnership with them in Christ's mission work.

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- 7. Rev. James Luke (\$85,000)**
gathers people together for Urdu-language services at Christ Our King, Mississauga on Friday evenings. He also serves as the called pastor for Living Faith, Orangeville. These times of worship are followed by a hearty fellowship meal. Pastor Luke also makes the most of his considerable contacts within the South Asian community, bearing witness to Christ and His love in both word and deed.
 - 8. Rev. Joseph Singh (\$50,000)**
gathers people together for Hindi/Urdu-language services at Our Saviour, Etobicoke each Friday afternoon. He also heads up the food bank program at Our Saviour. Through this program and through his ministry of hospitality he reflects Christ's loving care for people with many and various needs. He and Pastor Greg Johnson are seeking more ways to reach the diverse and changing community which surrounds their church.
 - 9. Rev. Peter Gatluak (\$86,800)**
gathers people together from the Sudanese community for worship services each Sunday afternoon at Pilgrim, Hamilton. With his connections to Sudanese and other Arabic-speaking communities, he shows Christ's love by seeking to meet their spiritual and physical needs, paying special attention to new immigrants and refugees.
- All three of these pastors work closely with the pastors of the established congregations where their groups worship. Together they organize joint, bi-lingual services, Bible studies, and fellowship activities, seeking to unite the people together into one church family. Each of these pastors would welcome your support and partnership in their respective ministries.*
- 10. WECLO (\$20,000)**
(Windsor/Essex County Lutheran Outreach) is a multi-cultural ministry served by lay missionary, Javed Kahn. He and his wife use the gift of hospitality, gathering people in their home for Bible studies, for meals, and for holiday celebrations. He proclaims God's Word and exhibits God's love through basketball, soccer, and cricket camps, teaching ESL classes, helping newly arrived immigrants and refugees, and dialoging with Sikh and Moslem community leaders. Partner with this ministry as people are drawn to Christ and are connected with First, Windsor and the other area LCC and LCMS congregations.
 - 11. Holy Trinity, Bradford and Korean Lutheran Church, Toronto (\$22,000)**
is thriving under the pastoral care of Rev. Sam Choi. The cultural differences between the two congregations and the ways they work together point to the diversity that John describes as he sees God's people worshipping around His heavenly throne. As they bear witness to Christ in their communities, inviting others to hear with them His life-giving Word, they invite your partnership with them in this ministry.

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