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THAT UNITES PEOPLE TO WORK
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This is a maxim that seems like a self-evident truth. Yet, in our society we tend to reject it in practice. Don’t these two statements sound more relevant in America today? “If you want something done right, do it yourself,” or, “it will take more time to teach someone to do it than it will take me to do it myself.”

Yes, America has a very strong myth around “self-made” success and individualism. However, it seems to me that at its very core, LVC must reject this notion. If we truly want to be a “community of faith united to work for peace with justice” then “many hands make light work” is our approach to achieve this.

Consider this statement from Hustin Smith’s book The World’s Religions:

“[Yogi’s] are not broken by discouragements, for winning is not what motivates them; they want only to be on the right side. They know that if history changes it will not be human beings that change it, but its Author — when human hearts are ready.”

While describing a principle of Hinduism, this passage also speaks directly to LVC’s belief about our call to service in God’s name. We are in the business of cultivating enough ‘human hearts’ to manifest God’s will. While Gandhi, Dorothy Day, and Martin Luther King were all great leaders, their accomplishments were achieved through their inspiration of millions of ‘human hearts,’ not a heroic act of the action hero defeating foes with superhuman abilities.

So, while the 225,000+ hours of service completed by our Volunteers each year in their placements is impressive, it is only a part of our efforts. LVC’s sustainable impact lies within the community of people, nonprofit organizations, and congregations that it connects in our collective pursuit of justice. We simply cannot accomplish this goal alone.

“Many hands make light work.”

In the pages of the 2012 LVC Annual Report, we show some of the many hands of the LVC community who help us to pursue our mission. We hope that you enjoy their stories and are inspired by them.

Thank you for your contributions to our ministry.

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2012 PLACEMENT ORGANIZATIONS
Biva Rajbhandari and Wendy Guyton at Bread for the City provide four of the many hands that comprise LVC. Bread for the City and LVC’s partnership dates back to their shared origins at Luther Place Memorial Church and Bread for the City has been an LVC Placement Organization for years.

Wendy is Biva’s supervisor. They work as a team in the Case Management department. Both were drawn to Bread for the City because of its mission and model of providing comprehensive services “under one roof.” “Bread for the City offers lots of resources—a food pantry, clothing, medical, legal, social services—and serves a large, diverse population. We strive to live up to our values of dignity, respect, service, and justice as we work with our clients,” shares Biva.

“Wendy is very approachable and has lots of experience. She makes sure to check in and see how I’m doing,” says Biva. Wendy adds, “I trust Biva to ask questions if she needs additional support or direction.”

Biva appreciates her Volunteer experience. “I eventually want to work in the realm of global poverty. Serving at Bread for the City has equipped me with skills to go on to do this. I am given lots of responsibility and treated like a member of the staff.”

Wendy understands the long term impact of her role with LVC. “As a placement supervisor, one of the biggest impacts for change I am making in my position is through working with Volunteers. I teach, practice, and model the ideals of Bread for the City for Volunteers and empower them to go on and create lifetimes of social change. I work with many clients on a daily basis, but the work I do with Volunteers has exponential value as they go on to serve their communities.”

### PORT HURON, MI
- Mid City Nutrition
- St. Clair County Community Services
- St. Martin Lutheran Church

### SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA, CA
- Berkeley Food and Housing Project
- Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)
- East Bay Community Law Center
- Homeless Advocacy Project
- La Raza Centro Legal
- Literacy Action, Inc
- Lutheran Social Services of Northern California
- San Francisco Night Ministry
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### SEATTLE, WA
- Compass Housing Alliance
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- Earth Ministry
- El Centro de la Raza
- ElderHealth Northwest
- Emergency Feeding Program
- Global Visionaries
- Heart of America Northwest
- Lifelong AIDS Alliance
- Matt Talbot Center
- Transitional Resources

### ST. PAUL, MN
- Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota
- Lutherans Concerned/North America
- Southeast Asian Ministries
- St. Paul Reformation Lutheran Church

### TACOMA, WA
- Citizens for a Healthy Bay
- L’Arche Tahoma Hope
- Nativity House
- Tacoma/Pierce County Habitat for Humanity

### WASHINGTON, DC
- Academy of Hope
- BEST Kids, Inc.
- Bread for the City
- Community of Hope
- DC Employment Justice Center
- DC Rape Crisis Center
- La Clinica del Pueblo
- L’Arche DC
- Latin American Working Group
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) DC
- Miriam’s Kitchen
- N Street Village
- National Council of Churches
- National Council of La Raza
- So Others Might Eat (SOME)
- Steinbruck Center for Urban Studies
- Thurgood Marshall Academy

### WILMINGTON, DE
- Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County
- Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center
- Lutheran Community Services
- Ministry of Caring
- Samaritan Outreach
Our primary means to accomplish this is to engage communities in the process of matching Volunteers with nonprofit social justice organizations in a year of full-time service. In this process we hope to help nonprofits in today’s struggle for social justice while nurturing the movement’s future leaders.

LVC is an expression of the Lutheran faith and our work is based upon three core practices:

1) intentional community
2) peace with justice
3) living simply and sustainably

LVC is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and is a member of Lutheran Services in America and Catholic Volunteer Network.
One of LVC’s core practices is intentional community. This takes many forms, most notably in the shape of the 24 Volunteer houses across the United States. Sharing resources, chores, spiritual journeys, and fellowship during the program year creates bonds that last a lifetime.

For Sarah Ervin and Maria Krebs, the bond of practicing intentional community as Volunteers in Seattle led them to live together after their program year.

“The community is what inspires me most about LVC, and I’m happy to be part of it,” shares Maria. “My favorite part of living in community was our spirituality discussions—we were all across the spectrum, so we had cool conversations.”

This August, Sarah and Maria will join another LVC community as part of the nine-person Climb for Peace with Justice Team.

Eight LVC alumni and one current Volunteer will ascend the slopes of Mt. Rainier in Washington. Each climber has committed to raising at least $3,800 for LVC and training for a grueling, two-day climb to summit the highest glaciated peak in the lower 48 states. Each will engage their extended communities to support LVC and will build their own community as members of the climb team.

As for why Sarah and Maria decided to take on the dual challenges of fundraising and climbing a mountain, “I really believe in what LVC does,” shares Maria. “It’s a nonprofit that’s making a real difference in the world.” For Sarah, participating in the Climb for Peace with Justice “will be an adventure. I’m really excited about taking on a physical challenge and supporting an organization for which I have a lot of gratitude.”

Both agree that they’re most excited to get to know more of the LVC community through the climb, and to train together! In Sarah’s words, “I’m looking forward to meeting the other climbers and having an adventure.”
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LVC PROGRAM YEAR 2012

105 Number of Placement Organizations
133 Number of Volunteers matched with placements
96% Percent of Placement Organizations that returned in FY13
225,000 + Number of hours contributed by LVC Volunteers
2,063 Number of LVC Alumni
16 Number of LVC Cities

MANY HANDS ACROSS AMERICA
FY 2012 Financial Statement
(Sept 1, 2011 - Aug 31, 2012)

OPERATING REVENUE

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NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN U.S. CITIES
Planned Giving

One of LVC’s core practices is sustainability. The most direct way we “live into” this value is through matching Volunteers with nonprofit organizations. This helps the nonprofits pursue their justice related missions today while providing a start to the movement’s future leaders.

LVC supporters can help sustain this important mission through a planned gift. Often, a planned gift can be mutually beneficial — providing savings on your income, estate, and capital gains taxes, while directing your resources toward the future you most believe in.

Planned giving makes sense to me because I want to be sure that the missions I support during life will continue to be supported with a gift from my estate. I know that nonprofits often use these gifts to fund special projects or rainy day reserves, giving them long-term viability that is so important.

~ JULIE HAMRE

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Shauna was an amazing person of great joy, compassion, faithfulness and energy. She spent her LVC year in Baltimore working at Alternative Directions, helping incarcerated women with legal issues involving domestic violence and child custody. She continued living in community with former Lutheran Volunteers and friends in Baltimore for several years before moving back to her native California where she worked as a social worker and was active in support of LVC in the Bay Area.

Shauna and her husband Andreas were faithful members of St. Mark’s Lutheran Church in San Francisco. She is survived by her dear husband Andreas Kemp, daughters Mara, 4 ½, and Carly, 2 ½, parents Tom and Mary, and sister Molly. She will be greatly missed by many, far and near.

Shauna’s family has designated LVC as a recipient of memorial gifts.
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To date, alumni have made 60 recruiting visits, collected 500 names, and helped to yield a significant increase in completed applications this year compared to last.

“The experiences I was afforded through LVC shaped my current path, both in my career and personally, and I appreciate being able to promote that opportunity to others,” shares Sophie Gardner (Seattle, 10-11), who recruited for LVC at her alma mater, Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. “I enjoy getting to learn about the journeys of others and share my own in the process.”

If you would like to become an alumni recruiter, please contact Joanne Otte at jotte@LutheranVolunteerCorps.org