

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Social Ministry Report
March, 2010

The Social Ministry Committee sponsored a brainstorming session on February 16th to receive input from the congregation for additions, changes and deletions to Trinity's local outreach service efforts. We were thrilled to have approximately 20 persons participating. Among the highlights:

- Reviewed the various ministries part of Trinity's Social Ministry program, including financial and/or volunteer support
- Re-affirmed the importance of linking volunteer opportunities in each ministry with volunteers from our congregation
- Identified some ministries (e.g. Bethesda Mission, Christ Lutheran Church Medical Ministry) that do not currently have a Trinity liaison and/or limited Trinity volunteer involvement and determined to seek persons to fill these roles
- Assembled a list of suggestions for possible new social ministry initiatives
- Received an enthusiastic report on the growth of New Hope Ministries with the addition of its new West Shore headquarters and learned that Trinity has assembled a team of volunteers to assist with work there as soon as the building is ready for occupancy
- Learned that Trinity will host the May 15th "Community Connections" breakfast for prison release inmates from the Dauphin County Prison
- Heard that the possibility of hosting a "Coffee House" social gathering at Trinity for developmentally disabled adults is being explored with CROSS (Christian Residential Opportunities & Social Services)
- Endorsed enthusiastically the monthly Second Saturday service teams that are coordinated by Barbara Musselman to give hands-on assistance to various local projects
- Developed a schedule to educate the congregation about a different social ministry each month through highlights in the *Trinity Parish*, in Council reports and on the Social Ministry bulletin in the first floor hallway near the library
- Planned to hold a Social Ministry Fair in the Gathering Space later this year to provide further education for the congregation about local discipleship opportunities
- Designated that the one-half Social Ministry share of the annual Lenten Self-Denial box offerings will be used to support new and existing service ministries beyond available funding in the church's operating budget

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Bonsall, Chair