

# Together, we can equip young leaders for discipleship.



Our goal is to raise **\$150,000** to equip generations of Christian disciples who self-identify as servant leaders within the church and the world.

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## Mark Relates the Story of Jesus' Call For Disciples to Serve Others

*<sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."*

**Mark 10: 42-44, NRSV**

When James and John come to Jesus with their request to sit at His right and left hand, they are likely reflecting the hopes of a number of their fellow disciples. It's why the others respond with such "anger," as Mark puts it. Jesus takes the opportunity to remind all of us, once again, that to follow Christ means to be a servant leader first and foremost. This understanding of leadership is at the core of Lower Susquehanna Synod's Youth & Young Adult ministry.

## Equipping Young Leaders For Ministry



For 26 years, our synod has sponsored a week-long Leadership Training Camp specifically designed to equip young leaders for a life of discipleship. With a focus on what it means to develop a lifestyle of servant leadership with Jesus as our example, the annual Leadership Training Camp gathers youth from across our synod

to celebrate and hone their gifts for leadership within a community of peers.

Youth are recommended by congregational leaders who identify them as young people with gifts for leadership in the church and the world. *Over 1,500 youth have attended the camp over the course of this ministry's history, and many have gone on to serve in congregational settings, some opting for vocations as rostered ministers.* Some synod pastors who are alumni of this experience, now serve on synod council, as R3 congregational leaders, and even as Conference Deans.

Thanks to a generous grant from Gordon and Sandy Lamb all first-year participants have attended the camp at no charge since the camp's inception in 1993. After Sandy's death, Gordon continued to support this program; however, he is unable to maintain the same level of giving that he and Sandy had established prior to her death. Alumni of the experience stepped up to assist in maintaining a level of giving that would allow for us to offer the camp at no charge, with Chris and Missy Grant taking the lead. While we have been able to continue to offer the camp to all first-year participants at no charge, this may no longer be the case.

**Will you graciously consider a donation to the Youth & Young Adult portion of our Always Being Made New (ABMN) Campaign to allow us to continue providing scholarships for all first-year Leadership Training Campers?**

## Endowment Offers Sustainability for Youth & Family Leadership

In 2016, Lower Susquehanna Synod Director for Youth & Family Ministry Charlie Roberts and his wife Tammy established an endowment with the ELCA Foundation designated to support youth ministry in the Lower Susquehanna Synod. The long-term goal of the endowment is to offset a salaried position for a youth and family ministry director. **The Roberts' Lower Susquehanna Synod Youth Ministry Endowment** is designed to support ministry with youth and families on a long-term basis on the territory of the Lower Susquehanna Synod. Gifts supporting the Youth and Young Adult initiative of the Always Being Made New Campaign can be used to strengthen this endowment.

### Always Being Made New Gifts Support Long-Term and Short-Term Goals

Equipping young leaders for missional service in the church and the world, while emphasizing cooperative ministry through a strengthened peer community, aligns our youth ministry closely with the missional goals of our synod. Youth who participate in our Leadership Training Camp and our various synod events can count on:

- Naming and celebrating their spiritual gifts
- Growing in discipleship
- Developing leadership skills
- Discerning their vocation
- Better understanding what it means to follow Jesus in service to the church and the world

Your ABMN gifts designated for Youth and Young Adults support ministries like Leadership Training Camp and other formation events that allow us to help our youngest members understand who Jesus is, who Jesus calls them to be, and to help identify ways to live out their baptism. *Your gifts also provide scholarships to those who may not be able to afford to do so otherwise.*

**Will you help us make a difference in the lives of our youth and young adults?**