

Dear Congregational Liaison Representative,

“First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you...” Romans 1:8

The Congregational Liaison Representative program one of the avenues The Good Samaritan Society (GSS) is using to help strengthen its relationship with the Lutheran community. This relationship is important because we are a Lutheran social service organization, not separate from the church, but a vital ministry of the church. Our identity is rooted in the Lutheran community of which you are a member, through your local congregation. The Gospel that we proclaim is a Gospel of care, as exemplified through the teachings and modeling of Jesus and seen through the parable of the Good Samaritan.

You have been selected by your church to carry out the ministry of being a Congregational Liaison Representative. I am thrilled that you have become a partner with us in holding up the mission, vision and values of our shared Lutheran social ministry. You have been chosen because of your willingness to serve and your commitment to the mission of The Good Samaritan Society. We receive and welcome you with open arms. We pray that God’s Spirit will strengthen you for this role and give you the necessary gifts to carry out the responsibilities that this role brings.

Our commitment to you is to provide you with the necessary resources so that you may carry out your duties, not only successfully, but also with enthusiasm and meaning. This means that you have access to me by telephone and email if you have questions to ask or you want to give feedback. In fact, I encourage you to let me know your views and the views of your congregation.

This CLR kit is the culmination of much work done by Walt Hubick and his committee of Gladys Teske, Elona Nessel and Len Bauer. It serves not only as a roadmap to your job, but it is a symbol of our support for the important work that you are doing. We want you to know that you are not alone in doing this work.

Once again, let me say just how happy I am that you have chosen to take on this ministry. May God richly bless you on this new journey.

Blessings,

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