

Benevolence Budget FY 2016

Bethel commits to giving away 7.5% of the offering that our church receives as benevolence to outside ministries and non-profit organizations. On top of these 7.5%, the Bethel community generously contributes to recipients of monthly special designated offerings and provides relief for unforeseen catastrophic needs (especially through Lutheran Disaster Relief). Together, these annual benevolence offerings exceed 10% of our budget.

Bethel's Mission Outreach Committee annually develops a schedule of recipients which reflect areas of ministries that are important to our congregation (hunger, homelessness, poverty, women, children; locally and abroad, especially in Mexico and Tanzania).

Any amounts that are left over after these outside groups are funded is given to the Sierra Pacific Synod in support of regional and churchwide ELCA ministry efforts.

(in alphabetical order)

Centre for Living with Dying (Bill Wilson Center) (Jan)
Dar Al-Kalima Lutheran University scholarship (Bright Stars of Bethlehem) (Feb)
Dorothy Meyer Award Gift (Dec)
Faith in Action Silicon Valley Rotating Shelter (Oct/June)
Habitat for Humanity (Nov)
Help One Child (June)
Homeless Meals (SJFS) (Oct/Dec/Feb/Apr/Jun/Aug)
Mission to Mexico/Esperanza (Sept)
Mission to Tanzania:
~ AIDS orphans (Pastor Godbless) (Mar)
~ MaaSae Girls' School (Operation Bootstrap Africa) (Dec)
~ New Life Band (Oct/Jan)
Mt. Cross (Apr/July)
West Valley Community Services (May)

Designated Offerings FY2016

September – Lutheran World Relief

October – Bethel Quilters (material and shipping)

November – The Lord's Pantry at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
(groceries)

December – Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley

January - Correctional Institute Chaplaincy (CIC)

February – San Jose Family Shelter

March – Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

April – Esperanza International

May – Bethel Lutheran School

June – Second Harvest (Share Your Lunch program)

July – West Valley Community Services (Back-to-School shopping)

August – ELCA Disaster Relief