

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Overland Park

Benevolence Ministry Team

Member Description



Basis for benevolent giving

“Benevolence” is a charitable act or gift. For the child of God, this action is wholly dependent on, and conditioned by God’s prior love. Christian love is the imitation of divine love. Luther speaks of faith and love, by which a person is placed between God and his neighbor as a medium, which receives from above and gives out again below; and is like a vessel or tube through which the stream of the divine blessings must flow without intermission to others. Love seeks the welfare of all, (Romans 15:2), and works no ill to any, (Romans 13:8-10); love seeks opportunity to do good to all, and especially toward the household of faith, (Galatians 6:10).

“Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink? When did we...?’ When did we...?’ The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.’” (Matthew 25:40)

Authorization

This Team is assembled, supported and overseen by the Executive Ministry Team (EMT) ultimately responsible to the Congregational Leadership Team (CLT) and manages our first fruits, the tithe of the gifts of our worshiping family. Changes in direction, mission or practice of this Team will be reviewed and approved by the Executive Ministry Team and the Congregational Leadership Team of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Overland Park, Kansas.

Team Structure

The Benevolence Team, led by the **Director of Outreach & Member Engagement** will meet on a quarterly basis and consist of up to 12 individuals. Each individual will serve as the ambassador for one of our 12 Benevolence Partners. At Team meetings, each will give a brief update on their mission partner. Outside of meetings, each Team member has committed to serve at their mission partner at least once a year, to champion their Benevolence Partner in a grassroots way to others in their sphere of influence, and to recruit others to serve alongside them.