

**Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa)**  
***Church together in Pennsylvania for the sake of the world God loves***

***In response to God's love in Jesus Christ, we advocate for wise and just public policies in Pennsylvania that promote the common good.*** Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania is a shared ministry of seven Pennsylvania synods and ELCA Service and Justice. Through LAMPa, Lutherans called to be part of God's healing and reconciling mission in the world are supported to voice their faith convictions in the public square with and on behalf of our most vulnerable neighbors and the world we share, while seeking to create a more just Commonwealth.

In 2024, LAMPa celebrated 45 years of advocacy ministry with gratitude for a legacy of community building and justice seeking while looking forward in hope for a more just world. We successfully worked together to pass state legislation addressing poverty, housing insecurity, climate change and massive inequity in education funding. We equipped people of faith to stand against hate, to bridge divides and work for peace. We trained and organized to prevent political violence and protect vulnerable neighbors.

As 2025 began, I completed my service to the ELCA task force developing the social statement on Faith and Civic Life, and pray that its work will strengthen our ministry together now and in the years, ahead. As marginalized communities are under attack and safeguards for human rights, religious liberty and human and environmental health are increasingly threatened, LAMPa is striving to connect and equip increasing numbers of disciples who are seeking to respond faithfully in their communities and with state and federal policymakers.

I give thanks to God for you and for the support of our Upper Susquehanna Synod Policy Council representatives, the Rev. Justin Lingenfelter and Ms. Michele Mitchell.

With deep gratitude for all the ways in which you support LAMPa's ministry,

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