

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 2025, LAMPa marked 46 years of ministry with gratitude for a legacy of community building and justice seeking. We worked together on state legislation addressing hunger and poverty, housing insecurity, health care, climate change, immigration and discrimination. 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 – helping disciples act at the local, state and federal levels. We helped congregations and leaders stand together against attempted intimidation by white supremacist groups and threats to immigrant communities.

We published a study guide to accompany the newly approved ELCA social statement on Faith and Civic Life – now offered as an official resource for the whole ELCA.

As 2026 began, we partnered with United Lutheran Seminary to host our second program based on lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer – this time in companionship with the life and writings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Our annual day in the Capitol saw another year of record attendance with more congregations sending teams to learn and return to inspire others and support one another as they act on behalf of neighbors near and far.

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 growing numbers of disciples 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 Upper Susquehanna Synod Policy Council representatives Michele Mitchell and the Rev. Justin Lingenfelter.

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

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