

Domestic Giving 2015

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Seekers Church continues to support many missions and ministries in the United States and other countries. The amount budgeted for domestic giving is usually about 20% of what we expect to receive in offerings over the course of the year. Once our budget is approved each year and the overall amount available for domestic giving has been determined by the Stewards of Seekers Church, all members of the faith community are invited to request support for missions or ministries where they are personally involved.

For 2015 the community has affirmed support for 30 domestic missions and ministries. For easy access to more information, the name of each organization is linked to its web site.

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Here are the domestic missions and ministries we are supporting this year. To visit their web sites, click on the name of the organization.

HOUSING

[Interfaith Works / Community Vision](#)

Walking through the doors of Community Vision is the first step homeless clients take to recover from unstable lives. Located at Progress Place, just off Georgia Ave. in Silver Spring, Community Vision provides case management, job training, vocational services, substance abuse programs,

recreational and therapeutic groups. The case management team concentrates on full clinical assessments and referrals for housing, mental health and substance abuse treatment. Community Vision is a day program, but provides emergency night shelter during the winter. Other services include meals, laundry, showers and transportation.

L'Arche of Greater Washington

L'Arche Greater Washington, D.C. is: a faith community; a licensed provider of professional services; an advocate with and for people who have intellectual disabilities; and a member of a worldwide federation of autonomous L'Arche communities.

Manna, Inc.

Since 1982, Manna has been serving low and moderate-income families, assisting them to fulfill the dream of homeownership. In that time, they have created and preserved nearly 1,000 units of affordable housing for low and moderate-income DC residents, and their homeowners have accrued over \$60 million in equity. The Manna financial literacy and homeowner training program has been replicated more than 200 times across the nation.

N Street Village

N Street Village is a community of empowerment and recovery for homeless and low-income women in Washington, D.C. With comprehensive services addressing both emergency and long-term needs, N Street Village helps women achieve personal stability and make gains in their housing, income, employment, mental health, physical health, and addiction recovery.

[Sarah's Circle](#)

Sarah's Circle, a not-for-profit located in the Adams Morgan community of Washington, DC, is an award-winning affordable housing residence and Wellness Center providing comprehensive services for very low-income seniors.

[Silver Spring Village](#)

Silver Spring Village, Inc. is a new, nonprofit, tax-exempt [501(c)(3)] organization that offers needed services and programs for older adults who wish to "age in place" – to remain as long as possible in their own homes, amid familiar people and surroundings. Like other senior villages throughout the U.S. and abroad, their network of "neighbors helping neighbors" aims to support individuals and to strengthen the community in which they live. Silver Spring Village opened on September 29, 2013.

EDUCATION/CULTURE

[Common Ground on the Hill Veterans' Initiative](#)

In 2012, Common Ground on the Hill launched its **Veterans Initiative**, providing full scholarships for ten veterans to attend the Traditions Weeks summer workshops at McDaniel College in Maryland. The experience was transformative. Both veterans and civilians thrived in an environment of mutual respect and sharing, engaging in an essential and difficult dialogue.

[First Book](#)

First Book provides access to new books for children in need.

To date, First Book has distributed more than 90 million books and educational resources to programs and schools serving children from low-income families throughout the United States and Canada. First Book is transforming the lives of children in need and elevating the quality of education by making new, high-quality books available on an ongoing basis.

[For Love of Children \(FLOC\)](#)

For Love of Children (FLOC) provides educational services beyond the classroom to help students succeed from first grade through college and career. FLOC brings together students, volunteers, families, and community partners in proven programs that teach, empower, and transform.

[Guatemala Pilgrimage Scholarships](#)

The annual work pilgrimage to Guatemala is a ministry of Seekers Church. Each year we facilitate the opportunity for two dozen people to work with a Mayan community-building organization and the residents of a highland village, helping them build a school, running water system or library. Scholarships help cover the costs of the program so more people can participate.

[InterPlay Race Exploration](#)

InterPlay is a global social movement dedicated to ease, connection, human sustainability and play.

[Luce Center for Arts and Religion](#)

The Henry Luce III Center for Arts and Religion nurtures and

guides students, churches, and artists exploring the intersection of the arts and theology. The Dadian Gallery serves as a meeting place for both contemplative reflection and communal celebration, playing host to compelling one-of-a-kind shows and spiritually themed exhibitions. A long standing Artist-in-Residence program offers seminary students hands-on-training in a variety of artistic traditions, while also providing artists with shared studio space and a spiritual home well suited to vital art making. By producing dramatic works, concerts, artist talks, poetry readings, dance workshops, symposia, and other special events, the Center for the Arts and Religion seeks to promote dialogue between artists and theologians, and to foster inspired creativity in all forms of ministry.

[Street Sense: Staging Hope](#)

“Staging Hope” is a workshop directed by GWU professor Leslie Jacobson, with colleagues [Elizabeth Kitsos-Kang](#) and Roy Barber. Scenes, monologues, poetry, and songs are created and performed by members of Street Sense.

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR

[Christ House and the Christ House Art Program](#)

The mission of Christ House is to provide comprehensive health care to sick, homeless men and women from the District of Columbia, and to assist them in addressing critical issues to help break the cycle of homelessness. The art program gives Christ House patients another way to express themselves.

[Dayspring Permaculture Project](#)

Dayspring Farm is beginning a new project to restore the health of the soil and encourage sustainable farming. Their vision is to develop resources to help growers learn and adopt more sustainable practices and provide healthy produce.

[Discipleship Year](#)

One of The Festival Center's core programs, Discipleship Year is a year-long residential experience that actively engages volunteers with issues of social justice and servant leadership. Volunteers will: live in intentional community in a Christian setting; enter into theological study and/or reflection through classes at the Servant Leadership School; and work in one of the **Church of the Saviour** ministries or a similar organization.

[Joseph's House](#)

Joseph's House is a hospice home for homeless men and women who are dying of AIDS and cancer. For 21 years, Joseph's House has offered a welcoming community and comprehensive nursing services. Our medical staff and trained caregivers work to create a home where the values of unreserved love and unconditional forgiveness are practiced. The house includes nine beds, and welcomes about 40 people each year.

[Potter's House](#)

The Potter's House coffee house and bookstore is the first of the outreach ministries of the Church of the Saviour. Since 1960 it has served as a birthing place for most of the 501c3 activist and service organizations in the Adams Morgan neighborhood today.

OTHER

Arlington THRIVE

AMEN provides same-day emergency financial assistance to Arlington residents facing a financial crisis.

Charlie's Place

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday starting at 6:30am Charlie's Place offers homeless individuals coffee, tea and pastries. After announcement and/or a presentation at 7:30am they serve a hot and nutritious meal. This breakfast program serves approximately 80 individuals every morning it is open. In addition to a nutritious meal, Charlie's Place provides clothes distribution, barbering services, writing classes, space for personal hygiene and a stable address to receive and send out mail to create an environment that is most helpful for all clients. Twice a week a registered nurse is present to administer toiletries, first aid and attend to minor ailments as well as referrals to the appropriate clinic or hospital for additional attention.

Companioning the Dying

A year-long program offering both formation and ongoing support for those who have been seasoned by losses and others who feel called to deepen their own spiritual grounding as they companion the dying, especially those who would otherwise have no one to accompany them.

[Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County](#)

In 1999, citizens of the down county area of Montgomery County became concerned about the growing number of neighborhood disputes that didn't seem to belong in court. There was a lack of an appropriate, countywide venue for dealing with disputes within communities and between neighbors. That concern grew to include most of Montgomery County and resulted in the development of the Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County (CRCMC). The official start of the program was July 1, 2001.

ADVOCACY

[Center for Medicare Advocacy](#)

The Center for Medicare Advocacy's diverse staff allows them to offer consultation, training, presentations and materials on a wide array of topics. The CMA-Trained CHOICES Program is one of the most highly ranked programs in the nation for helping older adults with Medicare and health insurance choices.

[Compassion Over Killing](#)

Compassion Over Killing (COK) is a national nonprofit 501(c)(3) animal advocacy organization headquartered in Washington, DC, with an additional office in Los Angeles, CA. Working to end animal abuse since 1995, COK focuses on cruelty to animals in agriculture and promotes vegetarian eating as a way to build a kinder world for all of us, both human and nonhuman.

Learning Disabilities Association of Maryland

LDA Maryland is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all individuals with learning disabilities and their families through awareness, advocacy, education, service and creating greater awareness of learning disabilities and ADHD among parents, professionals and the general public.

Muslim Women's Coalition

For over a decade MWC's Greater Washington DC Office has donated 100s of baskets to the abused women's shelters in the DC Metropolitan Area. This year we once again aim to deliver baskets to the women and children at LAWS in Loudon County, Betty Ann Krahnke Center in Montgomery County, Doorways for Women and Families in Arlington County, The Iraqi Refugee families in Fairfax, AACH Homeless shelter in Arlington. We thank Seekers Church, Nova Community Church and all our wonderful members and friends for their continuous support.

National Alliance on Mental Illness

NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI advocates for access to services, treatment, supports and research and is steadfast in its commitment to raise awareness and build a community for hope for all of those in need.