

Faithful Congregation Award

Presented to

Hope Lutheran Church, Cleveland Hts.

October 3, 2006


Today we recognize the outstanding and dedicated work of Hope Lutheran Church, Cleveland Hts., Ohio for their impressive record of community outreach and service.

Hope Lutheran Church wants everyone to know that *All Are Welcome Here*; a statement evidenced through impressive examples of outreach and inclusiveness in the community. Members of Hope participate with and support Interfaith Housing Network, Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry, Redeemer Crisis Center, African American Lutheran Association Cleveland Chapter, Cleveland Food Bank, LAOS Lolly the Trolley, Heights Emergency Food Center and others. Hope Lutheran members actively participate in the Hunger Walk, AIDS Walk, CROP Walk and in the Equal Exchange of Lutheran World Relief Coffee Club. Hope hosts an annual Block Party that is attended by over 200 neighbors and supported by area businesses. Hope also partners with Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio (LOMO) to host a summer day camp that reaches over forty children and their families. In addition Hope's outreach includes hosing meetings of Lutheran Concerned, the Heights Community Congress and participating in activities of the Heights Interfaith Council, including a service for Darfur, the Interfaith Seder at Fairmount Temple and monthly Response to Youth Violence community gatherings.

Hope has hosted Black History Month dinners, participated in the NEOS Martin Luther King, Jr. programs, presented a series of seminars on Preaching Against Racism and has worked with Restore Cleveland Hope a grass roots organization to restore the Cozad-Bates Home a pre-Civil War house which was part of the underground railroad in the University Circle area.

Members of Hope Lutheran have also generously donated to ELCA International Disaster Response, Lutheran Domestic Relief, LAOS, ELCA World Hunger, Stand with Africa, Heights Interfaith Council, Heifer Project Gender Equality project, InterAct Cleveland, Heights Community Congress, Habitat for Humanity, Liberian Ministry and Hunger Center of Calvary, East Cleveland, Youth Re-entry and Cleveland AIDS Walk.

We, the Board of Directors of Lutheran Agencies Organized in Service, publicly acknowledge the congregation of Hope Lutheran, Cleveland Hts. as a model of servanthood and thank them for their service to all of God's people.



Rev. Terry Mohr, President, LAOS Board of Directors