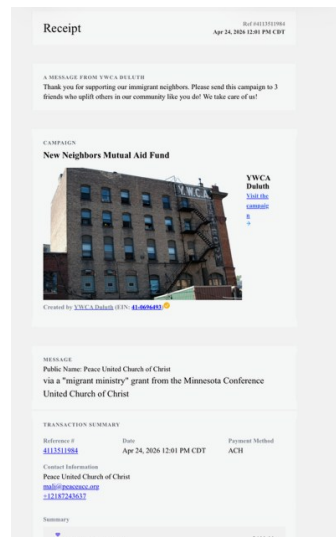


Minnesota Grant for immigrants impacted during Metro Surge

Duluth is just 160 miles north of the Twin Cities—close enough that immigrants here were impacted by ICE operations in the Twin Cities during and following Metro Surge. Immigrants stayed home from work, kept children out of school, missed rent payments and ran short of groceries and household supplies. Peace Church applied for a \$1600 grant to contribute to immigrant support carried out by Peace and partner organizations.

\$400 to the YWCA's New Neighbors Program Mutual Aid Fund

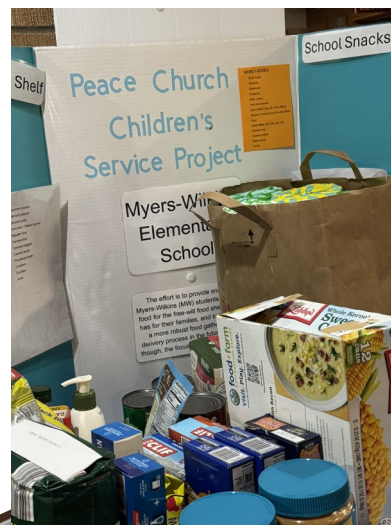
The local YWCA worked with community partners, including Peace UCC, asylees and refugees to establish a program serving New Neighbors. The YWCA established a mutual aid fund to help with utilities and rent. Additionally, they applied for and received a grant to bring two immigration attorneys to Duluth to service northern Minnesota. The Conference grant assisted Peace in making one of the initial donations to the mutual aid fund.



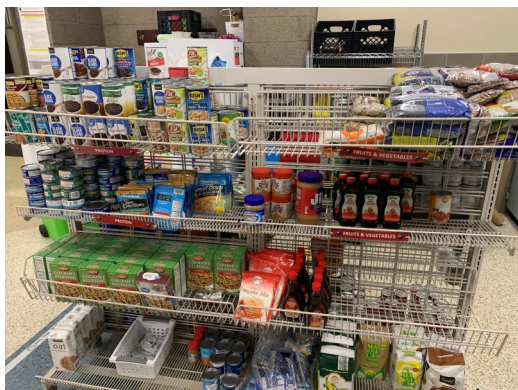
From YWCA New Neighbors Website

\$300 to Food programs at Myer-Wilkins Elementary School

Myers-Wilkins houses a Spanish immersion program and serves a significant number of Latinx families. Peace shares a property line with the school. This winter Peace collected school snack items for students at the school and non-perishable food items for their families. The Minnesota Conference grant allowed Peace to supplement collected food items with a cash gift.



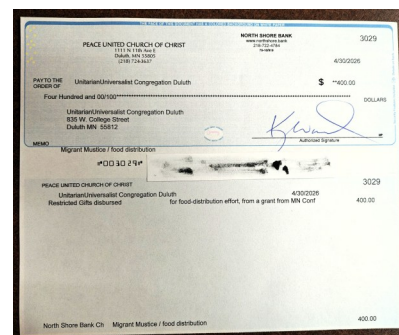
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Myers-Wilkins Food Shelf

Peace Church maintains a Sanctuary Fund designated to assist asylum seekers and refugees with legal costs and the costs associated with responding to required check-ins with ICE or USCIS offices in the Twin Cities. The congregation and partner organizations have provided drivers and accompaniment to these appointments. This winter two refugees sponsored by Peace were called in for PARRIS interviews and an asylee who now has a green card was called for a check in and then detained. Peace congregants have had first hand experiences with accompaniment. The Conference grant helps support this ministry.

One of Peace's partner congregations, UUCD, began delivering food to a few Latinx families. They supplemented donations from the Food Bank with additional purchased items. The project grew to serving 10 families on a weekly basis. UUCD collaborated with Temple Israel and United Protestant Church (UCC) in Morgan Park in order to expand the pool of available volunteers. A member of Peace helped mentor this group. The grant from the Minnesota Conference helps support this work.



Volunteers from UUCD, Temple Israel, and UPC pick up, sort, package and deliver groceries and other items to immigrant families in Duluth each week.

