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# Lafayette Urban Ministry

## Annual Report 2017

### A Prayer for LUM

**G**od abhors poverty, calls us to address its causes and consequences, and created the **Lafayette Urban Ministry** to help us pursue this goal. Therefore, I join my brothers and sisters in this **Prayer for LUM**.

**We pray** for the wisdom and courage of Old Testament prophets such as Amos, Micah, Isaiah, & Jeremiah; the Son of God, Jesus Christ; and more recent role models such as Mandela, King, Gandhi, & Saint Theresa of Calcutta.

**We pray** that LUM's efforts also reflect the social teachings of its member churches, the leadership of its directors, and the faith of its benefactors, board members, staff, & volunteers.

**We pray** that LUM's initiatives will be inspired by biblical concepts such as alms giving, tithing, gleaning, jubilee, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, turning one's cheek, and turning over the tables in the temple.

**We pray** that LUM's programs will address both symptoms and root causes, include both assistance and advocacy, involve both service and justice, and be both comforting and challenging.

**We pray** that LUM will speak the truth to power and will always give priority to people over things, the needy over the self-sufficient, and the voiceless over the noisy.

**We pray** for each other that we will aspire to do Your will, acknowledge our limitations and failures, and ask for the grace to be Your faithful disciples.

Amen

**Professor James Davidson & the Reverend Donald Nead**

# LUM 2017 – Connecting Faith and Action



**Joe Micon, LUM Executive Director**

**H**ow pleased we are to present to you, on the front cover of this 2017 Annual Report, “A Prayer for LUM.” It was recently written and shared with me by Dr. James Davidson and the Rev. Don Nead. Along with LUM’s first Executive Director Rev. Ron Elly and Dr. Thomas Hull, Davidson and Nead

## Mission Statement

Poverty is the greatest thief. More than depriving a neighbor of food or shelter or warmth, it steals away hope. While other thieves may take away the past, poverty steals the future and self-respect.

Lafayette Urban Ministry is in the business of restoring human dignity. Through voluntary efforts and contributions we give back the hope, the future, and the self respect which all God’s people need and deserve.



Ours is a Christian ministry that welcomes congregations and people of all faiths. We give witness to God’s saving love & prophetic power by loving neighbors, seeking justice, empowering the least among us, and renewing the Church’s social ministry.

were instrumental in the early formation and development of LUM.

These four LUM “Dream Team” members knew then, that in order for LUM to grow and to have a positive impact in the lives of the needy in our community, it must become a place that seamlessly integrates both the spiritual and social aspects of our Christian faith. As LUM begins its 46th year of ministry to at-risk families and children in our community, how powerful it is for us to receive Jim’s and Don’s prayerful expression of why it is that LUM is here.

The Rev. Clementa Pinckney, who lost his life in June of 2015 along with eight members of his congregation at Mother Emanuel Church in Charleston, South Carolina, once shared in a sermon that “Our calling is not just within the walls of the congregation, but in the life & community in which our congregation resides.”

In eulogizing Rev. Pinckney, President Obama shared that Pinckney’s faith demanded that he perform deeds along with preaching words; that the sweet hour of prayer is supposed to last all week long; that putting faith into action is about more than just individual salvation, it is about our collective salvation; that to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and house the homeless is not just a call for isolated charity, but the imperative of a just society.

In the pages of this Annual Report, I hope you will look beyond all the data and dollars, as impressive as they are, to the deep reservoir of communal faith from which these things flow. I hope you gain a sense of what it is that motivates us as LUM donors, volunteers, staff and board members, to accomplish all the many works of charity and social justice that happen here.

At LUM’s board meeting last week, board secretary Joan Low (Greater Lafayette Stake LDS) shared a story about Dr. King’s final words.

As far as anyone knows, the last thing Martin Luther King, Jr. said as he leaned over the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis was to saxophonist Ben Branch. “Ben, be sure you play my favorite song tonight, ‘Precious Lord.’ Play it real pretty.”

*Precious Lord, take my hand  
Lead me on, let me stand  
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone  
Through the storm, through the night  
Lead me on to the light  
Take my hand precious Lord,  
Lead me home.*

LUM’s work is often difficult. Staff members work long hours. Volunteers always wish they could do more for those we serve. Decisions have to be made every day about how to best allocate limited resources. It is in the midst of these difficulties that so many of us at LUM draw upon our reservoir of faith to help lighten the load.

“Thank you” Jim Davidson and Don Nead for sharing your “Prayer for LUM” and for reminding us yet again of LUM’s mission and what motivates us to accomplish it. My deepest gratitude to each of you - LUM’s donors, volunteers, staff and board members - for expressing your faith through your special involvement in and support of the Lafayette Urban Ministry.

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## LUM – Social Media

Get Connected — Get Engaged!

Follow **Lafayette Urban Ministry** on social media and see daily updates, news, photos, announcements and more. You will be the first to know about LUM events, new initiatives and volunteer opportunities as well.

LIKE us—FOLLOW us—Share our stories! You won't be disappointed. Go to our website ([www.lumserve.org](http://www.lumserve.org)) for a direct link to all of the LUM social media sites. See you online!

### Connect with LUM online

- ◆ Like us on [Facebook](#)
- ◆ Follow us on [Twitter](#) & [Instagram](#)
- ◆ Connect with us on [LinkedIn](#) & [Google+](#)
- ◆ Follow us on [Snapchat](#), [Pinterest](#), [Flickr](#), [YouTube](#) & [Tumblr](#)



## Jubilee Christmas Assisted 682 Local Families



The 37th annual LUM [Jubilee Christmas](#) Program took place

recently at 26 sites throughout Lafayette/West Lafayette.

Thirty churches along with Sigma Chi Fraternity at Purdue, numerous individuals, businesses and clubs provided gifts of new toys, books, food, and clothing, to parents from 682 local households impacting 1,945 local children. Jubilee Christmas is designed to let mom and dad be the heroes, rather than providing gifts to children at a large party or having volunteers deliver toys directly to the home. Jubilee Christmas strengthens families by supporting the important role of parents at Christmas time.



On Jubilee Christmas Saturday, parents arrived at their designated Jubilee Christmas site and with the assistance of a host, selected and gift-wrapped toys, clothing, books and stocking stuffers for their children. Each family also received a food card, homemade Christmas cookies and a holiday ham. Over \$250,000 worth of toys and food was distributed; and it

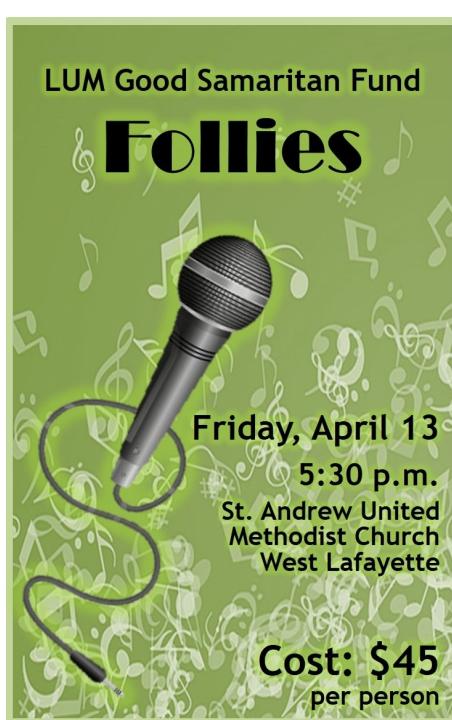
took over 1,200 individual volunteers to make it a success as it does every year.

A program of this size is a real benefit to our local retail economy. All the gifts, food, food cards and gift cards for Jubilee Christmas were purchased locally. As a result of Jubilee Christmas, LUM will also see fewer requests for emergency rent and utility assistance in January and February.



Join us for the sixth annual [LUM Good Samaritan Fund Follies](#) and support the good work of Lafayette Urban Ministry. The event is a lighthearted evening of fine dining, entertainment, fun & good company — filled with delightful surprises.

There will be a lovely dinner with fabulous people; a Silent Auction filled with unique and priceless items; and local entertainment (also known as *LUM Follies*) that will bring laughter, fun and sheer joy to the room.



The best part though is that **100% of the proceeds** from LUM Good Samaritan Fund Follies go to the **LUM Good Samaritan Fund**, an emergency financial assistance program that supports local families.

**Make your reservations TODAY** (\$45 per person; \$360 per table) by calling the LUM Office at (765) 423-2691.

If you are not able to attend the "LUM Follies" but still wish to make a donation to the LUM Good Samaritan Fund — go to [www.lumserve.org/donate](http://www.lumserve.org/donate).

# 2017 Programs



## In 2017...

- ◆ Lafayette Urban Ministry served 5,166 households
- ◆ More than 3,000 individuals volunteered in a LUM program
- ◆ 1,605 individuals, churches, civic organizations, foundations or local businesses contributed financially to the work at LUM



## GOOD SAMARITAN FUND January 1 to December 31, 2017

<b>Revenue</b>	
Gifts.....	45,563.00
Churches.....	13,986.00
EFSP.....	11,000.00
Follies.....	15,688.76
Gipson/Veldman Account .....	2,000.00
Mary Anderson Kick Start Fund....	4,425.00
Miscellaneous.....	15,374.15
Transfer from Programs.....	30,000.00
<b>TOTAL Revenue .....</b>	<b>\$ 138,036.91</b>

<b>Expenditures</b>	
Housing .....	40,501.50
Utilities.....	48,431.77
Food .....	9,000.00
Gipson/Veldman Account .....	1,837.91
Mary Anderson Kick Start Fund....	1,745.46
Medical.....	2,863.95
Transportation .....	4,408.45
Miscellaneous.....	8,269.94
<b>TOTAL Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$ 117,058.98</b>

<b>Strengthening Families</b>	<b>Individuals Served</b>
Community Thanksgiving Celebration	900 individuals were served dinner at Central Presbyterian Church on Thanksgiving Day.
Good Samaritan Program	Assistance in averting eviction, utility disconnects and other financial crises was provided 2,032-times. \$115,314 was shared.
Hunger Hike	Over 1,000 hikers and runners raised \$114,568.09 for fighting hunger locally, regionally and globally — the most ever raised at Hunger Hike & the HH5K Run.
ID Clinic	211 individuals received help in cutting through the red tape associated with re-establishing their legal identities.
Immigration Clinic	101 individuals received assistance navigating the Immigration & Naturalization Service process and 15 obtained citizenship; 46 participated in Citizenship Classes; & 17 participated in Spanish Conversation Tables.
New Opportunity Fund	This merit-based fund focused on assisting shelter guests in moving into their own home helped 27 individuals.
St. John's/LUM Food Pantry	2,810 households received emergency food aid.
Shelter — Homeless	704 individuals were provided overnight shelter at LUM. Guests stayed an average of 12 nights.
Shelter — Winter Warming Station	206 individuals took advantage of the Winter Warming Station — totaling 584 stays.
Social Justice Public Policy	Letters were written, op-eds. submitted, forums were held, Campaign for Hoosier Families Alerts were sent and in-person advocacy was conducted on a range of public policy issues important to clients, including health care, the earned income tax credit and the child & family dependent care tax credit in Indiana.
Tax Assistance Program	552 working families were served with an average return of \$1,774.26 and an average earned income of \$19,719. Almost \$980,000 in refunds and tax credits were secured.
Turkey Trot 5K Run	At dawn on Thanksgiving morning, over 45 runners/walkers raised \$21,325 for LUM programs & services.

<b>Supporting Children</b>	<b>Children Served</b>
5th Quarter Summer Learning Program	47 children participated in the LUM summer learning retention program. Increases in reading comprehension and certain math skills were documented.
After School Program	113 children were provided academic support and education enrichment in a fun learning environment each day after school.
Jubilee Christmas	1,945 children from 682 families received gifts of new toys, books, clothing & food for Christmas Day at 26 different sites. Parents become the heroes.
LUM Camp	84 overnight campers experienced one of the most fun and educational weeks of their lives.



5<sup>th</sup> Quarter Summer Learning



After School Program



Immigration Clinic



Hunger Hike — 5K Run



Thanksgiving Celebration



# FINANCIAL REPORT

## January 1 to December 31, 2017

### REVENUE

#### Unrestricted

Personal Gifts	280,243.62
Member Churches	46,996.58
Judicaries	2,000.00
Church/Civic Groups	10,321.65
Corporations/Development	19,403.71
Endowment	53,046.00
Winebrenner Social Justice Fund	9,462.00
Lease	3,375.00
Rental House Income	6,940.00
Checking/Savings Interest	9,088.35
Miscellaneous	3,053.33
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	<b>\$ 443,930.24</b>

#### Restricted

5th Quarter	40,690.40
After School Program	90,299.92
Community Thanksgiving	7,938.62
Emergency Shelter	49,033.55
Jubilee Christmas	45,674.45
Hunger Hike	111,883.00
ID Clinic	55.00
Immigration Clinic	8,758.02
LUM Camp	55,089.50
Port of Hope	21,988.00
St. John's/LUM Food Pantry	3,192.00
Social Justice Ministry	832.00
Tax Assistance	200.00
Turkey Trot 5K	21,325.00
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<b>\$ 448,659.39</b>

#### TOTAL REVENUES

### EXPENDITURES

#### Programs

Staff	216,963.05
Benefits	50,093.76
FICA & Medicare	39,844.65
5th Quarter Summer Learning	34,621.98
After School Program	82,369.57
Community Thanksgiving	3,303.81
Emergency Shelter	131,354.41
Good Samaritan Program	25,673.98
Hunger Hike Expenses & Distributions	67,461.82
ID Clinic	49.00
Immigration Clinic	3,528.31
Jubilee Christmas	27,138.67
LUM Camp	30,405.24
St. John's/LUM Food Pantry	11,000.04
Social Justice Ministry	35,147.36
Tax Assistance	12,583.36
Turkey Trot 5K	4,056.65
SEED Newsletter	3,200.68
Transfer to the Good Samaritan Fund	30,000.00
<b>Total Programs Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 808,796.34</b>

#### General Support

Insurance/Professional Services	11,906.00
Audit	6,900.00
Utilities 525	1,542.32
Utilities 420	6,616.06
Rental Houses	946.05
Fundraising	5,460.91
Building/Grounds Maintenance	9,749.43
Telephone/Internet	2,347.40
Office Supplies	2,837.64
Postage/Printing	5,570.87
Staff Travel	424.50
Staff Development	1,224.01
Repairs/Service Contracts	20,806.98
CC Fees/Miscellaneous	3,138.38
Board Committees	458.23
<b>Total Support Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 79,928.78</b>

#### TOTAL EXPENSES

**\$ 888,725.12**

## Plan Your Giving in 2018

Those served by Lafayette Urban Ministry depend upon the generosity of friends like you. Your financial support allows LUM to support working families, nurture at-risk children and help the homeless become self-sufficient.

During the coming year, LUM will ask for your support for the following:

- LUM Programs ..... March
- LUM Camp ..... May
- Good Samaritan Fund ..... July
- Emergency Shelter ..... September
- Good Samaritan Fund ..... November
- LUM Programs ..... Christmas Season

Contributions to Lafayette Urban Ministry are tax-deductible and may be made by sending a check directly to LUM, by pre-authorized monthly withdrawals from your checking account or online by credit card, debit card or PayPal on the LUM website: [www.lumserve.org/donate](http://www.lumserve.org/donate).



*Touching the future by helping children and families today*

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Joan Low .....	Secretary		Evaluation
		Joe Micon.....	Executive Director

## LUM STAFF MEMBERS

Joe Micon.....	Executive Director
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**Teacher's Aides:** Tiffany Finch-King and Danny Pollitt

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**Interns:** Rhyannon Barrett & Katelyn Hettinger - Ivy Tech Community College, Human Services; Erice Perez - Purdue University, Liberal Arts; and Saedie Spikes - IUPUI, Social Work

