

“Adopt” a Duke Lutheran and Share the Love!

Adopt a Duke Lutheran “parent” Marilyn Bell once wrote about the Adopt a Duke Lutheran ministry, “Matching students while they’re away from their homes and families with church members is an extension of St. Paul’s mission to share God in Christ with the world and one another through service, support, and learning.”

Indeed. Whenever Marilyn and her husband Larry shared a meal with their “adopted” Duke Lutheran Jovita Byemerwa, or sent her a card, or prayed for her, they also shared God’s love in Christ with her and she with them. For as much as Marilyn and Larry blessed Jovita, she blessed them in return. In Marilyn’s words, “Jovita’s faith throughout her time as a student has been an inspiration to me. Her tenacity and determination have strengthened my own. And I know I am a better person because she is in my life, thanks to the Adopt a Duke Lutheran ministry.”

If God is perhaps calling you to “adopt” a Duke Lutheran, we’d love to hear from you and help match you with an undergraduate or graduate student. We’ve even created a brief survey for church members (and a separate one for students) to connect you with a student with similar interests and time availability. There are also many different ways to care for your adopted student: send emails, cards or a care package; perhaps host them for a meal or treat them to dinner or coffee; and, of course, hold them in prayer.

Our goal this academic year is to match every student who would like to participate with their own Adopt a Duke Lutheran parent(s). Please let us know if you are interested and may God continue to bless this beloved partnership between Grace, St. Paul’s and the Duke Lutherans.

Peace,

Pastor Amanda and Ellen Lavery (Duke Lutherans Committee Member for Partner Churches)



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