

- b. Share that information with the other congregations in the parish.
 - c. Congregations with available human or other resources encouraged to respond positively to the needs identified by other congregations.
3. Working with established agencies or special ministries
- a. Each congregation encouraged to provide active support of at least one existing agency or special ministry.
 - b. Existing Lutheran agencies and special ministries include: Bethel Lutheran Early Learning Center, Gloria Dei Lutheran Early Learning Center, Lutheran Campus Ministry, Lutheran Social Services, Saint Timothy's Lutheran School, Sunny View Lutheran Home, The Lord's Pantry, and Turning Point Women's Center.
 - c. Existing ecumenical agencies and special ministries include: Correctional Institutional Chaplaincies, the Council of Churches of Santa Clara County, FISH (Friends in Service to Humanity), Friends Outside, PACT (People Acting in Community Together), the San Jose Family Shelter, San Jose Urban Ministries, and others.

C. ADVOCACY/JUSTICE

Working in concert with the California Lutheran Office of Public Policy (CLOPP), the committee to be appointed will:

- a. serve as a liaison between the congregations of the SCVLP and the CLOPP to develop and promote advocacy issues vital to the parish and the ELCA;
- b. enlist one or more members from each congregation to serve as contact persons for the purpose of advocacy within the congregation and, particularly, for the needs within the SCVLP;
- c. generate publicity, including distribution of the CLOPP newsletter, pertinent to writing legislators, hosting discussion groups, maintaining dialogue with elected officials, and conducting other socially responsible activities as deemed appropriate;
- d. relate to the Sierra Pacific Synod Commission for Church and Society, providing information on activities and issues, and sharing the results with congregations of the parish;
- e. provide leadership in the determining of issues that will be addressed and methods to obtain results, giving priority for such determination to the needs of people in the parish, including the poor and disadvantaged, and environmental issues that affect both this and future generations; and
- f. work in partnership with other ecumenical groups in identifying and responding to emerging community issues.