

Living Our Vision

FY 2017 Adrian Dominican Ministry Trust Member Initiatives

*The Congregation Grant Committee of the Adrian Dominican Ministry Trust approved \$493,640 for the following 21 **Member Initiatives** for the fiscal year 2017.*

We commit to study worldviews and emerging theologies informed by science and our suffering world.

2010 COMMITMENT

Con/Vida

Detroit, Michigan

Barbara Cervenka, OP, Co-Director

Con/Vida works primarily with Brazilian and Peruvian artists who live in limited financial circumstances in their home countries. The goal of Con/Vida is to give the artists voice and to validate and popularize their work within our culture. The Ministry Trust grant provides rent for space to house the artists' works in a central Detroit location.

HOPE Community Center

Adrian, Michigan

Pam Millenbach, OP, Board Member

Serving adults with disabilities, HOPE Community Center strives, through its Spero Wellness Initiative, to build community in a culture of caring and sharing. To this end, the Ministry Trust grant provides the means for people with

disabilities to grow an environmentally friendly garden and then donate vegetables and flowers to area soup kitchens. Just one of several activities, growing the garden provides a practical experience for the participants to become leaders, learners, and teachers.

Northwest Detroit Youth Coalition

Detroit, Michigan

Ellen Schmitz, OP, Board Member

The Northwest Detroit Youth Coalition sponsors two month-long summer camps for youths, ages 3 to 16 years. The Ministry Trust grant will provide the funds for sports, money management, healthy food, motivational speakers, and field trips for young people living in neighborhoods filled with abandoned homes, drugs, and unemployed people. The opportunity to learn skills and have fun enables the youth to experience the value of reverencing life and respecting one another.

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Mercy Housing Northwest

Seattle, Washington

Judy Byron, OP, Board Member

Mercy Housing Northwest enables low-income immigrant and refugee families to gain stability in

their housing, to seek employment, and to remain healthy, carrying forward the Adrian Dominican commitment to assist those most in need. The Ministry Trust grant will support educational programs and workshops, as well as provide

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health and wellness resources, enabling the staff to accomplish the goals of good housing, steady employment, and good health.

Covenant Community Care

Detroit, Michigan

Mary Jane Lubinski, OP, Board Member

Homelessness in Detroit continues to be a major issue. With the Ministry Trust grant, the people at Covenant Community Care will provide health care services to the homeless community of Detroit through its outreach team, which travels to various neighborhoods. Transportation to the clinic will also be available for members of the homeless community.

St. Ann Place

West Palm Beach, Florida

Patricia Leonard, OP, Associate Director

Staff members at St. Ann Place provide access to better health care for homeless men and women in West Palm Beach who are preparing for and recovering from surgical procedures. The Ministry Trust grant helps provide safe and clean accommodations and prescription medications required by the clients.

Southwest Chicago

Public Assistance to Deliver Shelter (PADS)

Chicago, Illinois

Norine Burns, OP, Volunteer

Homeless individuals and families in Chicago receive financial assistance for stable housing because of the Ministry Trust grant awarded to Southwest Chicago PADS. These clients are aided in finding and procuring permanent housing and are provided with security deposits or rental assistance. A certain portion of the grant is allocated to female-headed households.

Action of Greater Lansing

Lansing, Michigan

Cheryl Liske, OP, Consultant

Located in the state capitol, Action of Greater Lansing will continue its work of organizing the faith community and immigrant families in advocating for justice for immigrants. The Adrian Dominican commitment to reverence life is evident in this organization's quest to find equality for immigrant people who qualify for drivers' licenses, but are only receiving drivers' cards. The organization continues to work with legislators for comprehensive immigration reform.

Lenawee County Community Action Agency

Adrian, Michigan

Joella Miller, OP, Board Member

Lenawee County Community Action Agency provides a program, "Getting Ahead in a Just Getting By World," to help individuals in poverty to build their resources in a productive manner. The workshop, through funding from the Ministry Trust grant, will be available to individuals who will learn the cause of poverty and its impact on individuals. By investigating their own experiences, individuals will have the opportunity to design plans for their own economic improvement.

Catholic Charities of the East Bay

Oakland, California

Marian Castelluccio, OP, Staff Member

The Ministry Trust grant for the Crisis Response Program at Catholic Charities of the East Bay will be used for therapeutic and safety net services for women and their families who have been the victims of violence. They will receive mental health treatment, as well as individual and family grief therapy, as they struggle to heal after the violent deaths of their children or siblings.

**Christians Reaching Out to Society
(CROS) Ministries
Lake Worth, Florida
Mary Ann Caulfield, OP, Volunteer**

CROS Ministries' program, "Forestalling Homelessness," assists people in Palm Beach

County and environs. With the Ministry Trust grant these individuals receive short-term housing and utility assistance to prevent them from joining the homeless population. Many also acquire the necessary financial fees for certifications and licensing as they begin new employment opportunities.

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**Lourdes Senior Community
Waterford, Michigan
Maureen Comer, OP, Chief Executive Officer**

Lourdes Senior Community and Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan will partner in the use of the Ministry Trust grant to prepare parish nurses to deliver services in parishes. The goal of the project is to educate nurses so that they are able to assist patients in a manner that combines their nursing and pastoral ministry skills.

**Dominican Center for Religious Development
Farmington Hills, Michigan
Anneliese Sinnott, OP, Board Member**

For many years the Dominican Center for Religious Development has trained spiritual

directors and offered programs for enrichment to the wider faith communities. With the Ministry Trust grant, the Board members hope to reestablish and reinvigorate the annual Colloquium, which provides opportunity for religious formation and adult faith development.

**Dominican High Schools Preaching Conference
St. Paul, Minnesota
Mary Soher, OP, Director**

At the Dominican High Schools Preaching Conference, high school students receive ongoing formation in the Dominican charism. The Ministry Trust grant will fund travel expenses and materials for the presenters. This allows the Conference to offer additional scholarships to students eager to participate.

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freedom, equality, and full personhood.*

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**Centro Latino of Shelbyville, Inc.
Shelbyville, Kentucky
Patricia Reno, OP, Executive Director**

The Ministry Trust grant given to Centro Latino of

Shelbyville, Inc., will fund expanded programs and services for the Latino community in the Shelbyville area. Primarily, residents will learn basic English and various life skills. A monthly women's meeting,

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which provides childcare and hot lunch, enables participants to expand their capabilities through lively interaction with their peers.

St. Leonard's Ministries

Chicago, Illinois

Eunice Drazba, OP, Board Member

Grace House, a component of St. Leonard's Ministries, provides a residence where formerly incarcerated women receive housing, food, and clothing. The funding provided by the Ministry Trust grant ensures that women receive additional services, such as addiction treatment and opportunities for job search and placement.

Reuniting the women with their families in a stable environment is the hope for the program.

Resurrection Home, Inc.

Beattyville, Kentucky

Mary Kay Drouin, OP, Board Member

Through the "Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers" program, provided by Resurrection Home, Inc., grandmothers who are raising their grandchildren received support and encouragement from one another. The women meet monthly to share activities, which are available as a result of the Ministry Trust grant. These activities include monthly meetings, occasional field trips, and gift cards for Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations for the grandchildren.

We live in right relationship with Earth Community

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*We commit to live simply and sustainably
for the sake of the whole Earth community*

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River Raisin Institute

Monroe, Michigan

Patricia Benson, OP, Board Member

Because today's young people will be greatly affected by climate change, one goal of the Climate Literacy Program conducted by the staff members of the River Raisin Institute, is the education of these young people regarding care of Earth. Support from the Ministry Trust grant ensures that youth living in the Great Lakes region will have educational resources to assist them in learning to protect bird habitats, to preserve wildflowers and prairie grasses, and to maintain a healthy watershed region.

Capuchin Soup Kitchen

Detroit, Michigan

Nancyann Turner, OP, Staff Member

Situated in a poverty-stricken area of Detroit, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen offers meals to people in need. The Rosa Parks Children's Peace Garden is in its courtyard. The Ministry Trust grant will give children the opportunity to plant and tend the vegetable and flower gardens and learn to make simple recipes to take to their families. Older children will learn leadership skills in their roles as managers.

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St. Margaret Mary Parish
Winter Park, Florida
Rosemary Thomas Finnegan, OP, Staff Member

Sustainable Initiatives for Haiti is a project of St. Margaret Mary Parish. With the Ministry Trust grant, the parish offers two initiatives. One pairs 100 Haitian youth with 10 St. Margaret Mary

Parish youth in a twice-yearly peace program promoting team-building, cooperation, and conflict resolution. The other initiative provides food kits for the elderly in remote areas, as well as opportunities for the purchase of livestock to sustain and supplement their food supply into the future.

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and root out racist practices in our lives and systems.*

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Angela House
Houston, Texas
Maureen O'Connell, OP, Executive Director

With the Ministry Trust grant, the staff at Angela House will continue to assist formerly incarcerated women who attempt to re-enter society. In a

homelike environment, the women receive counseling, learn job skills, and gain confidence in themselves and their new-found abilities. Graduates participate in an After Care program to ensure their continued success.