



Minneapolis Area Synod -ELCA

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Hands-on ministry

Dear friends and disciples in ministry,

This whole church thanks you! Your mission support offering helps provide for the ELCA's gospel witness by funding empowering opportunities for young adults (aged 18-30) through ELCA congregations, synods, seminaries, outdoor ministries, campus and chaplaincy ministries, colleges and universities, and innovative pilot ministry programs. Let me tell you just one story.

Krista Oppie is a first-year student at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN, but already she has years of mission and ministry experience. This twenty-something leader served for a year in the Philippines through the ELCA's **Young Adults in Global Mission** program. She participated in a pilot program in Northwest Washington state that organizes and mobilizes young adults to fight the causes of world hunger. Before that, Krista ministered in soup kitchens in El Salvador and on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Most recently, she has participated in the **Young Adult Conversations Pilot Program**, which invites young adults to consider what their ministry might be.

Your sustaining generosity prepares capable hands for service throughout God's world. Thank you!

On behalf of all the synod's congregations and staff,

Pastor Heather Hammond, Bishop's Associate