

The Bishop's Road Show – The Season of Easter

May 4, 2010

Dear Friends:

The West Virginia-Western Maryland Synod is the recipient of a \$5,000 grant from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America through the Lutheran Disaster Response.

Within the last West Virginia Council of Churches Board meeting each denomination was asked to contribute \$5,000 to the Miners Fund. I phoned Rev. Kevin Massey in Chicago and asked if it was possible to obtain a grant as we did not have funds to participate. Within days this gift had been sent electronically to us. Today I wrote the letter that will accompany this check to the West Council of Churches so that the families of the 29 dead miners will receive assistance.

As I write this note to you Nashville, TN is digging out of mud created by many inches of rain water. Bishop Julian Gordy “thinks” that all of the Lutheran Churches in Nashville are in good shape yet he knows of one that no one has heard from as communication systems are down.

LDR – Lutheran Disaster Response has already assisted this synod with a grant of \$15,000 to Community Lutheran Partner's Inc. to assist with the flooding that took place in Western Maryland and West Virginia about a month ago.

This Road Show is a reminder to us all of how far reaching LDR is and can be. When you contribute to respond to natural disasters you can do so by giving thanks that LDR responds to us and all nature related disasters.

A second avenue of concern is Pastor Louise Knotts. Louise has been moved from an assisted living arrangement to the Emeritus Inn, 150 Browns Road, Marietta, Ohio 45750-9085. Pastor Erik Nielsen shares that Louise would love to receive cards from as many people as [possible. When I spoke to Louise just prior to Easter she was anticipating that she would be moving back to her home. No one is willing to say if Louise had another stroke or not, but she is not returning home at this point. The Emeritus Inn will do more for Louise but that is not necessarily good for her physical recovery and returning home. Please lift Louise up in prayer and send her a card to cheer her.

Yours in our Lord's service,

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