

Informative Bulletin Blurbs Reformation Offering 2017

Please use these bulletin blurbs for four Sundays as your congregation considers their gift for the CNH Reformation Offering in 2017.

Reformation Offering Information #1

“The true treasure of the church is the most holy Gospel of the glory and grace of God” – (Thesis 62 Luther). We are blessed in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod with a first class and Gospel-centered educational system. Help provide for the faith and witness of the next (and the next) generation of Gospel believers and proclaimers by providing a gift to relieve education debt of our active church professionals. Make a “500” Gift to the Reformation offering this year (pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, dollars). Twenty-five percent plus is remitted to the CNH workers debt relief fund.

Reformation Offering Information #2

“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing” (Luther on prayer). Prayer is praise and intercession, thankfulness and confession, confidently and intimately spoken to our Heavenly Father for the sake of Jesus. We praise God for these ministries and their outreach to the community: St. Mark’s Santa Rosa; San Pablo Hispanic outreach; Eritrean Youth; Grace, Santa Maria. We ask God to guide and lead new efforts, such as School of Young Leaders. We give our Lord thanks for Caleb, Berhanu, Tesfai, Mark, Eric, Scott, and Jim who continue to sharpen their leadership abilities through continued education, and we boldly confess our faith, strengthened through group opportunities and celebrations like the Multi-Cultural Gathering, Catalyst Disciples, and the Reformation Sinfonietta. All of these are assisted by the Reformation Offering.

Reformation Offering Information #3

Leaders, both professional and lay, benefit by receiving travel grants making it possible for them to attend continuing education events that bless them and open new ideas and possibilities to carry the Gospel into all the world. This past year, nine different leaders have received partial travel grants assisting them in visiting and learning from other ministries. Your celebratory “500” Gifts (pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, dollars) are an encouragement to leaders with limited financial means who are seeking ways to deepen their mission skill set for the sake of the faith and witness of the next generation.

Reformation Offering Information #4

School of Young Leaders is an intentional action taken in collaboration by LINC Bay Area and the CNH District’s Mission Agency. Bethany Lutheran in Menlo Park was the primary funder and supplied the energy and visionary leadership to make this dream a “pioneer reality.” One hundred volunteers from four different circuits combined to supply expertise and volunteer hours. Individuals from Bethany, CEF grant dollars, other congregations from across the nation, and the CNH District’s Mission Agency supplied financing. Debriefing and retreat time with the participants of the pioneer class was sponsored largely by **Reformation Offering** gifts. SOYL is all about providing for the faith and the witness of the next generation. *“We are nothing with all our gifts, be they ever so great, unless God assist us”* – (Luther, commentary on Galatians).