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Joel's Legacy

Each year ELM names a Joel R. Workin Memorial Scholar to honor the life and ministry of Joel Workin. Emily Ewing and Laura Kuntz are this year's scholars.

Joel left a legacy to our movement as one of the first individuals to speak about the importance of publicly identifying as a person who was gay as part of his ministry. This scholarship is available for publicly identified lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer Lutheran seminarians. This year we awarded two scholarships thanks to a generous gift from Joel's parents, Ray and Betty Workin, in loving memory of the late Rev. Dr. Paul Egertson. Joel's friends and family created this Fund in 1995 as a way of providing ongoing support for LGBTQ seminarians.

Emily Ewing is in her second year of seminary at the Lutheran School of Theology Chicago (LSTC). She completed her Clinical Pastoral Education work this summer with the Seafarer's and International House in New York City. Emily leads Thesis 96, a student LGBTQ association at LSTC.

Laura Kuntz is a seminarian at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Ohio. She is currently on internship at Lake Park Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Her partner Sara Cogsil is on internship nearby at Advent Lutheran in Cedarburg.

The Joel R. Workin Endowment Fund is managed by Lutheran Community Foundation. You can ensure long-term funding for the education of seminarians who, like Joel, visibly proclaim the Gospel as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people by including the Fund in your will. Contact Amalia Vagts for details.



Joel Workin Scholars Emily Ewing and Laura Kuntz



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*expanding ministry opportunities
for publicly-identified LGBTQ
Lutheran rostered leaders who are
changing the church and society
through their ministry*

Support LGBTQ Seminarians

LGBTQ interns need your financial support. Your gifts to ELM support grants to Lutheran congregations and ministries that are served by LGBTQ ministers. Because of recent increased demand for support to LGBTQ seminarians, ELM is launching a new grant category. These new ELM Internship Grants will provide up to \$12,000 per site for publicly identified LGBTQ Lutheran interns. This grant category begins in 2012.

What's up with Candidacy?

One of the programs you support with your gift to ELM is the new Candidacy Accompaniment program. Randy Nelson, former Contextual Education director at Luther Seminary has joined ELM'S Board of Directors, serving as chair of the Candidacy Accompaniment Program. In addition to his roles at Luther and other Lutheran seminaries, Randy has served most recently as convener of the Twin Cities Extraordinary Candidacy panel. The Candidacy Accompaniment program provides support for publicly identified LGBTQ seminarians through coaching and mentoring. The need to support these seminarians is great.

In early October, Proclaim member and ELM co-chair Erik Christensen spoke about ELM at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Erik shared his own journey to ministry and provided encouragement to the LGBTQ seminarians gathered. He also shared information about ELM's ministry to support publicly identified LGBTQ rostered leaders and seminarians in the Lutheran church and ways that students and staff can support our work. Over 60 people attended the talk.

Giving Options

You may make a gift of stock to ELM to support our ministry to LGBTQ rostered leaders. This can be one way for donors to make an extra or special gift to ELM this year. We'll provide you with a sample letter of instruction and get you started so we can put your gift to work.

Another option for friends of ELM to consider is opening a charitable gift annuity. Your gift will be managed by Lutheran Community Foundation. This option provides you a consistent income, and a planned gift to ELM's future through a gift to the Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries Endowment.

Please call Amalia at 563-382-6277 to discuss these options further.

ELM Ministry Grants

Each year, part of your gift to ELM gets put to use by supporting a ministry or congregation that is served by a publicly identified LGBTQ rostered leader. The visible witness of these leaders is changing the church in Houston and Chicago and San Francisco and beyond! Our Spring 2012 newsletter will contain profiles of the 2012 grant recipients. We hope to grow this area of our ministry as the need is great. This year we received \$133,000 in grant requests but had only \$62,000 to give. Your increased gift in 2012 will help us put more money towards ministry grants.

2012 Proclaim Retreat

The 2012 Proclaim retreat will be at Stony Point Center in Stony Point, New York, Wednesday April 18 – Saturday, April 21, 2012. Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson is the keynote speaker and presenter.

Mark your calendar now and check www.elm.org for current information. Proclaim is the professional community for publicly identified LGBTQ Lutheran rostered leaders and seminarians. This retreat is open to members of Proclaim and their spouses, partners and significant others. We are planning for over 100 participants at this year's retreat.



Bishop Gene Robinson

Contributions to ELM from individuals and congregations support scholarships and program costs associated with the retreat. Last year, ELM donors provided enough funds for nearly 20 scholarships!



2011 Proclaim Retreat attendees

Advent Lutheran Church: Church with a Mission

ELM gives thanks for a \$5,000 grant from Advent Lutheran Church in New York, NY. Advent Lutheran established the Advent Mission Fund in 2009 after receiving a generous bequest from the estate of Jacob Moeller. Through their grants, Advent works to provide long-term support of church and community ministries.

The purpose of the grant is to increase ELM's organizational commitment to inclusion and for an expansive outreach project for our new candidacy accompaniment and Proclaim programs. The Rev. Elise Brown is senior pastor at Advent. Associate pastors include the Rev. James Sudbrock, who has long been involved with ELM's candidacy work, and the Rev. Barbara Lundblad, member of Proclaim.



PROCLAIM

Updates

Proclaim, a program of ELM, is the professional community for publicly identified LGBTQ Lutheran rostered leaders and seminarians. The Proclaim community includes Lutheran ministers (mostly ELCA-rostered) from around the U.S. and beyond. This new section highlights updates from the Proclaim community.

- Brach Jennings and Kyle Severson were named ELCA Fund for Leaders scholarship recipients.
- Rev. Tim Weisman was ordained September 17th, and serves as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Pittsfield, Mass.
- Rev. Sharon Stalkfleet has received a synodical call to the Sierra Pacific Synod.
- Rev. Cindy Coleman has received a synodical call to chaplaincy in the North Carolina Synod.
- Fairbank United Church will celebrate Rev. Lionel Ketola's Coventing Service on Sunday, November 13 (United Church of Canada).

Diane Nelson DeLange, In Memoriam

We give thanks for the life of Diane Nelson DeLange, who passed away on Friday, September 30, surrounded by her family. Diane is the beloved spouse of the Rev. James DeLange, a founder of Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministries (a forerunner of Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries). Diane's kindness, hospitality and wit will be so deeply missed. Diane's funeral was on Saturday, October 29 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church Street, San Francisco, CA 94114 with interment of her ashes on the Memorial Terrace at St. Francis. You may honor Diane's life with a gift to the St. Francis Lutheran Church Endowment Fund (152 Church Street, San Francisco, CA 94114).



The Rev. Jim DeLange
and Diane Nelson DeLange

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