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EPISCOPAL
MINISTRIES
OF LONG ISLAND

BROOKLYN
QUEENS
NASSAU
SUFFOLK

our mission

Episcopal Ministries of Long Island brings the teachings of Jesus Christ from the pew to the public square by nurturing, resourcing, and amplifying ministries across Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk.

We envision a world in which powerful ministries work together to cultivate the Kingdom of God in our midst. By working hand-in-hand with parish ministries, EMLI brings forth loving, liberating, and life-giving relationships with God, each other, and the earth.



“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

Christ calls each of his disciples to bring his love beyond the walls of our churches, beyond the confines of our parishes, beyond the divisions our society has created between us. If we choose to work in isolation, it is difficult to see the impact of our individual actions. But when we tap into a network that can resource, nurture, and amplify our work and connect us to others with a common vision, we can bring forth the Beloved Community right here, right now.

When you care for your neighbors and the earth in the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island, you become a cherished and vital member of the Episcopal Ministries of Long Island network.

You're invited to connect more deeply with EMLI to fuel your ministry, share your expertise, and draw from the myriad resources EMLI can provide to those engaged in ministry across Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk.

Scripture from Matthew 25:40



MINISTRY PARTNERS IN ACTION

NORTH BROOKLYN ANGELS

500 volunteers
60K meals distributed
26K people served

ST. ANN'S POP-UP PANTRY

3,300 volunteer hours
14K people served
24 community partners

COMMUNITY MEAL TO-GO

450 volunteer hours
2,400 meals served

TUTORING & ESL PROGRAM

1,715 volunteer hours
1,155 hours of tutoring
34 students

ST. NICK FRIDGE

250 volunteer hours
4K meals served
1K people served

BROOKLYN NEIGHBORS FOR REFUGEES

A new ministry supporting refugees resettling in New York City

COMMUNITY CHOIR

720 volunteer hours
50 hours of training
15 choral students

THE GARDEN AT ST. FRANCIS

2,200 lbs. of produce grown
3,480 volunteer hours
80 volunteers

SILVER BELLS

25 participants
25 hours of education
10 community partners

NEIGHBORS BEING HUMAN

5,475 volunteer hours
9,375 meals distributed
14 community partners

THE PANTRY AT ST. PETER'S

A new, tech-savvy pantry distributing pantry staples & freshly grown produce from the St. Peter's Garden

RURAL & MIGRANT MINISTRY

Partner organization standing with rural and migrant communities throughout New York

COMMON GROUND GARDEN

1,200 lbs. of produce grown
1,100 volunteer hours
30 community partners

CAMP COLOR

500 volunteer hours
108 hours of education
42 participants

ST. PETER'S ORGANIC VICTORY GARDEN

450 lbs. of produce grown
2,250 volunteer hours
13 community partners

NOURISH BABYLON

6,800 volunteer hours
3,150 meals served
60 volunteers

MINISTRY FOCUS AREAS



Upholding Human Dignity

Ministries meeting the basic human rights to food, water, clothing, and housing for all our neighbors across the diocese



Caring for God's Creation

Ministries sustainably nurturing the natural world and educating the public on the urgency of the climate crisis, which threatens the most vulnerable among us



Building Beloved Community

Ministries that work to tear down systems of oppression and provide opportunities for people to grow as reconcilers, justice-makers, and healers in the name of Christ



Fostering Solidarity & Belonging

Ministries ensuring that all members of our community can live abundant, fruitful lives by creating space for connection, learning, and support

NEIGHBORS BEING HUMAN

Neighbors Being Human is a food and clothing ministry of St. Andrew's Church in Yaphank that serves the working poor and those living in the Suffolk County campgrounds. Their mission is to "support those facing food insecurity and homelessness and to ultimately help lift people out of poverty." The daily work of the ministry is to restock nearly a dozen "Blessing Boxes" scattered across town and distribute food and clothing to patrons who visit the pantry in the evenings, often after a full day of work. The team goes far beyond meeting people's basic needs – ministry volunteers know the names and stories of everyone who frequents the pantry.

The poverty in the surrounding area could be invisible if you choose not to look for it. Suffolk County is often known for being one of the wealthiest counties in the United States. The cost of housing has skyrocketed in the past years, forcing some people to choose between paying medical bills or rent. Those without shelter stay in nearby 1- or 2-week Suffolk County owned and operated campgrounds, live in the woods, and do their best to move in with friends or family, if possible, in the winter months.

Watch this video to learn how Neighbors Being Human is meeting these challenges:



THE ST. NICK FRIDGE

The St. Nick Fridge at Iglesia de la Santa Cruz and Bushwick Abbey is a 24/7 food pantry and refrigerator owned and operated by members of the local Bushwick community. Pandemic-driven food insecurity was the catalyst for the expansion of this food ministry, which initially was a "take what you need, leave what you can" Tiny Purple Pantry, that remains outside the church next to the industrial-size fridge.

Even before the pandemic, Bushwick residents were not getting enough healthy food. The demand for affordable, healthy food increased dramatically during lockdown. When people began to lose jobs, the nave of the church was the safest place to distribute food to large groups of people. The program grew rapidly, encouraging new partnerships with local organizations with expertise in food distribution, including the North Brooklyn Angels (which also received start-up funding from EMLI in 2015). "One of the great things about the fridge is that it doesn't belong to the church. It belongs to the community and our neighbors have truly embraced it as their own," says Vince Anderson, one of the ministry coordinators.

Watch this video to learn how the St. Nick Fridge has mobilized community members to combat food insecurity:



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

*for members of
the clergy*

- Learn more about EMLI and how your parish can benefit from our support by contacting our Director of Programs, Sandra Senior, at ssenior@dioceseli.org.
- Send us updates on your parish ministry to share on our website, on social media, and in our newsletters by emailing our Communications Manager, Mary Grace Puszka, at mgpuszka@dioceseli.org.
- Update your parish and ministry information on the Episcopal Asset Map (visit episcopalministries.org for details)
- Do you have professional experience that could be beneficial to a growing, community-oriented nonprofit? Consider joining our Board of Directors. Email our Executive Director, Mary Beth Welsh, at mbwelsh@dioceseli.org to learn more.

*for someone
interested in
starting or
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- If you are interested in starting or expanding a parish-based ministry, contact our Director of Programs, Sandra Senior, at ssenior@dioceseli.org to discern if applying for funding and support from EMLI is the right next step for you.
- EMLI accepts new grant applications on March 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15. Even if you've never filled out a grant before, our application is simple and we can walk you through it step-by-step. Email Sandra for an application form.
- If you're already running a ministry and would like to connect with similar ministries and subject-matter experts, consider joining a virtual Affinity Group meeting. Contact Sandra for further details.

*for members of
the diocese*

- Interested in volunteering locally? Visit our website and learn more about all our ministry partners in your area: episcopalministries.org/partners-ministry
- Investing in EMLI is one of the most profound ways you can make a difference for the ministries in our diocese. **Consider giving monthly**, which is easy for you, affordable, and strengthens EMLI's capacity to invest in even more ministries.
- Find a ministry near you using the Episcopal Asset Map featured on our website.

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