



## Lutheran Volunteer Corps

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### Volunteers Begin Year of Service in Sierra Pacific Synod

*'09-'10 is Largest LVC Class Yet*

The Lutheran Volunteer Corps volunteers are here!

Lutheran Volunteer Corps (LVC) is excited to welcome seventeen Volunteers from across the country to a year of service at local non-profit organizations in the Bay Area. The Volunteers are part of the largest LVC class ever, which for the 09-10 program year includes 124 Volunteers serving in thirteen metropolitan areas across the U.S.

The Lutheran Volunteer Corps is a community of faith that unites people to work for peace with justice. From advocacy work with the Disability Rights Defense Fund to organizing churches to grow vegetable gardens for the homeless at The Welcome Ministry to working with homeless youth at Youth Engagement, Advocacy, and Housing (Y.E.A.H.), our volunteers are learning, supporting, and engaging in social justice work in the neighborhoods of the Bay Area. This year's volunteer houses are: Joel Workin House (San Francisco), Ella Baker House (Oakland) and Fr. Bill O'Donnell House (Berkeley). Volunteers explore their spirituality while committing to a year of working for social justice, living in intentional community, and simplifying their lifestyles. They join a legacy of over 2,000 volunteers that have served with the Lutheran Volunteer Corps over the last 30 years. The Lutheran Volunteer Corps continues to be a life-changing experience for many. Many alumni of LVC continue on to seminary or stay in the non-profit sector. They find a variety of ways of converting a year of service into a lifetime of commitment. LVC is grateful for the prayers, time, and financial gifts it receives from individuals and congregations. Special thanks to the East Bay Parish, and the dedicated group of alumni and friends of LVC on the local support committee in the Bay Area.

#### **This year's Bay Area Volunteers are:**

**Anderson, Maria** (Lindstrom, MN)  
**Henry, Elizabeth** (Little Rock, AR)  
**Jones, Megan** (Huntingtown, MD)  
**Mauk, Allison** (Traverse City, MI)  
**Pallmeyer, Hannah** (Minneapolis, MN)  
**Schneider, Lindsey** (Chicago, IL)  
**Steinborn, Ross** (Pekin, IL)  
**Williams, Tianna** (Glendale, AZ)  
**Herrington, Troy** (Scotia, NY)  
**Mason, Michelle** (Post Falls, ID)  
**Lopez, Victoria** (Fillmore, CA)  
**Keil, Katie** (St. Anthony, MN)

**Berkeley Food and Housing**  
**East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy**  
**Women's Funding Network**  
**Thunder Road Adolescent Treatment Center**  
**La Raza Centro Legal**  
**Pesticide Action Network North America**  
**Alameda County Community Food Bank**  
**Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund**  
**Satellite Housing**  
**Youth Emergency Assistance Hostels (YEAH)**  
**Thunder Road Adolescent Treatment Centers**  
**Disability Rights Education and Defense**

**Smith, Margaret** (Chicago, IL)  
**Garver, William Case** (Reynoldsburg, OH)  
**Schmidt, Jenne** (Chicago, IL)  
**Miller, Sarah** (Menomonie, WI)  
**Hellerich, Bethany** (Lincoln, NE)

**Homeless Advocacy Project**  
**The Welcome Ministry**  
**La Raza Centro Legal**  
**Women's Funding Network**  
**Habitat for Humanity San Francisco**

LVC volunteers, alumni, and staff are excited to come to your church and share their experiences. If you would like to schedule an adult forum or presentation for your congregation, contact Rae Chen Huang at [rhuang@lutheranvolunteercorps.org](mailto:rhuang@lutheranvolunteercorps.org) or 510-528-4479. To learn more about LVC go to [www.lutheranvolunteercorps.org](http://www.lutheranvolunteercorps.org).



*From left to right, top row:*

Allison Mauk, Troy Herrington, Elizabeth Henry, Lindsey Schneider, Bethany Hellerich, Jenne Schmidt, Case Garver, Victoria Lopez, Katie Keil.

*From left to right, bottom row:*

Margaret Smith, Ross Steinborn, Sarah Miller, Maria Anderson, Hannah Pallmeyer, Megan Jones, Michelle Mason, Tianna Williams, and LVC Coordinator - Rae Huang.