



About TEAM

Alaskan congregations follow the work of the Holy Spirit into new and vital ministries, projects and collaborations with help from the TEAM program: Together Emphasizing Alaska's Mission.

This fund was created in 1997 to support new initiatives that make a difference for the sake of God and the neighbor to God and our neighbors.

Nearly twenty congregations in the Alaska Synod have received a TEAM grant. Grants have also been awarded to seven ministry partners.

To date, more than \$296,000 has been awarded.

TEAM Grants are funded through the generosity of individuals and synod congregations.

Applications are reviewed when received by a team of people from across the synod.

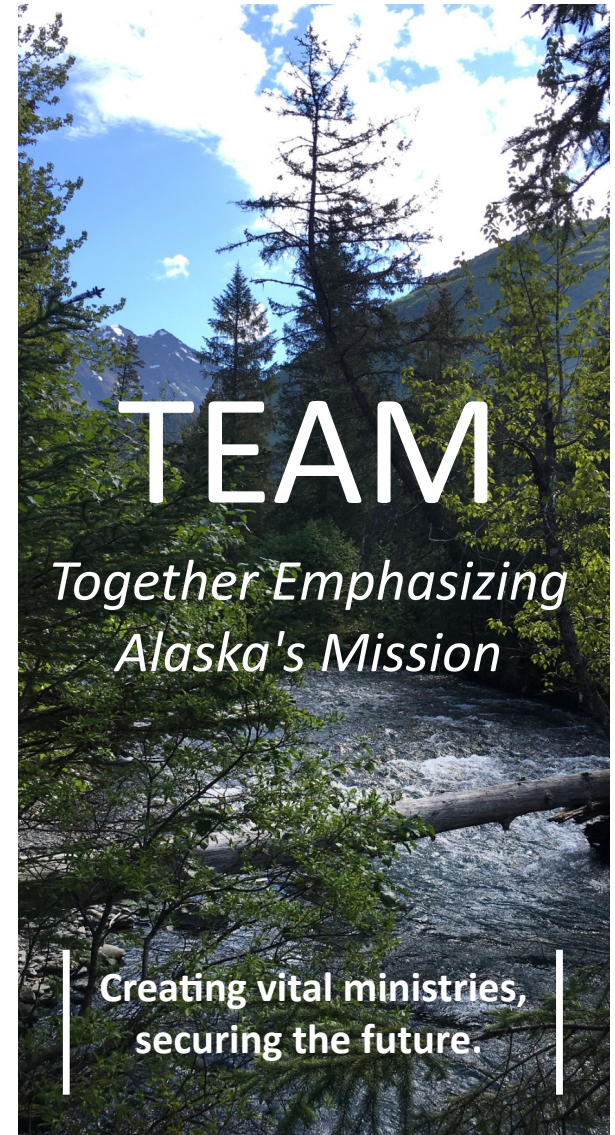


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A Sample of TEAM Grants in Action

Shishmaref Lutheran

A TEAM grant is supporting a group of youth who are learning to play guitar for worship, including playing songs translated into their Inupiat language.

Trinity Lutheran, Palmer

A TEAM grant helped launch a community garden that engages neighbors, donates food, and makes a place for fellowship.

Lutheran Church of Hope, Anchorage

In 2019, the Harvest of Hope Memorial Garden saw more than fifty volunteers and donated nearly 4,150 pounds of food to the LSSA food bank, Beans Cafe, and Tudor Road Gospel Rescue Mission.

Shepherd of the Valley, Juneau

A TEAM grant supported Family Promise, a housing ministry with neighbors experiencing homelessness.

How to Apply

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. For additional guidelines and an application form, please visit:

<https://www.elcaalaska.net/team-and-team-grants.html>

Be a TEAM Player

Consider a one-time or recurring donation to the TEAM fund at:

<https://www.elcaalaska.net/team-and-team-grants.html>

Please contact the synod office, if you would like to consider a gift to TEAM in your will. Your partnership makes a difference!

TEAM's Impact

TEAM recipients report congregational renewal following the Spirit's call to try new things.

Here's what congregational leaders are saying:

- “We are now better stewards of our land; community and friendship have flourished, and hungry people are fed thanks to the TEAM grant that got us started.”

Pastor Diane M Krauszer,
Trinity Lutheran Church, Palmer
(TEAM grant for garden)

- “TEAM made it possible for us to reach out to the community. The TEAM support through these years has helped us dream big.”

Pastor Tari Stage-Harvey
Shepherd of the Valley, Juneau
(TEAM grant for food pantry)

- “It is good to know that Alaskans help Alaskans, and Lutherans help Lutherans. Go TEAM!”

Rev. Sandra Rudd
Sitka Lutheran
(TEAM grant for children's outreach ministry)