Cambridge Center Closes after 42 Years

The LMS Compassion Center in Cambridge, MD has closed its doors after 42 years in operation. Established in 1979, the center had been an instrumental part of the Eastern Shore community.

The hard decision was made due to budgetary constraints and the increasing maintenance and servicing costs of the old building in Cambridge.

Thank you to coordinator Mrs. Linda Hallinean, who retired after 21 years of faithful service, and to all the volunteers and staff who made the Cambridge Compassion Center a blessing to the people of the Cambridge community for over four decades.

Annual Dinner Nov. 7th at Kurtz’s Beach

Make plans to join us for the 2021 Annual Dinner on Sunday, November 7th starting at 2:00 PM in the Bay Room at Kurtz’s Beach great facility in Pasadena, MD.

There will be a raffle and also a Silent Auction with a variety of great items on which to bid.

Reverend Gerald Miller and Mr. Arnold Abel will be honored for their 15 years and 5 years on the LMS Board of Directors, respectively.

Tickets are $50 per person and tables hold eight people. Join us for an afternoon of faith, food and fun while raising money for the Lutheran Mission Society Compassion Place ministries!

For tickets or more information, call Kathy at 410-636-0123 or email her at: tickets@CompassionPlace.org.

Hickory Center Damaged in Accident

On September 21, 2021, the LMS Compassion Center in Hickory (Bel Air, MD) was struck by a car, narrowly missing an LMS staffer inside the center by five feet. She was not injured.

A motorcyclist involved in the accident with the car had to be airlifted to a local shock-trauma center. The driver of the car was reportedly not seriously injured. Please keep them in your prayers.

The Hickory Center sustained structural damage and will be repaired.

LMS Miracle of Christmas

Help provide food, gifts, and the story of Christmas for a family in need this year!

Sponsor a family (large or small) this Christmas by filling a gift basket and also a food basket, if possible. We will provide the boxes (courtesy of Iron Mountain) and all the support you’ll need. For more information on adopting a family and filling Christmas baskets, go to: https://CompassionPlace.org/christmas

In addition, if you’d like to help pack boxes for non-sponsored families, join us at LMS Compassion Place headquarters in Brooklyn Park for:

- Food Packing - Monday, Dec. 6th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Gift Packing - Monday, Dec. 13th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

To make a financial gift:

Please make checks payable to LMS and designate “Miracle of Christmas”
Mail to: Lutheran Mission Society, PO Box 438, Linthicum, MD 21090

Thank you to Iron Mountain, Inc. for their partnership in the Miracle of Christmas project and for once again donating boxes to be used as the Christmas baskets.

1.25 Million Pounds of Food Distributed to Needy

Since March of 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic flared, LMS Compassion Place has distributed over 1,250,000 pounds of food to over 27,500 families and individuals in need.
Trinity Lutheran Church in Bowie, MD recently donated $50,000 to help LMS Compassion Place fund transportation and other infrastructure needs.

This generous gift could not have come at a better time to help LMS Compassion Place ministries continue its work in difficult times.

Trinity, longtime sponsor of the LMS Golf Tournament fundraiser, has been a faithful and valued partner in LMS Compassion Place ministries for many years.

Thank you to the Trinity congregation and leadership for their compassion and constant outreach serving those in need.

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**Hickory Center (cont.)**

damage in the impact and will remain closed until repairs are made.

The center, located at 2500 Conowingo Road, opened in the fall of 2015 and is the newest of the LMS Compassion Centers.

Please watch for the reopening.

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**Thrivent Financial members:** Thank you for designating your Thrivent CHOICE dollars to the Lutheran Mission Society of Maryland. We need your participation now more than ever in this Thrivent benefit.

During the past LMS fiscal year, July 2020 thru June 2021, your Thrivent Choice donations have totaled $8,969 to LMS Compassion Place ministries. Thank you for your support!

To direct your CHOICE Dollars by phone, call 1-800-THRIVENT (1-800-847-4836) and state “Thrivent Choice.” You will be connected to someone who will help you. To direct CHOICE Dollars online, go to: [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice).