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**AGENCIES, INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

**URBAN SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM**

In 2006, approximately 400 inner city children, ages 4-14, were touched with the love of Jesus through the Summer Day Camp outreach ministries of seven urban congregations in the DE-MD Synod. The Summer Day Camp ministries at All Saints, Amazing Grace, Augsburg, Faith, Second English and St. John's (all in Baltimore) and Spirit of Life (Wilmington, DE) provide a safe and spiritually enriching environment for youth in many of Baltimore's most distressed communities.

Each Summer Day Camp offers holistic programming which includes educational tutoring, faith development, cultural enrichment and physical education activities, health and hygiene programs, drug prevention and conflict resolution, art, music, dance and drama. Each congregational Summer Camp, which ranges in length from four to seven weeks, also offers a variety of educational field trips to places such as Annapolis, the Reginald Lewis Museum of Maryland African-American History, The Maryland Science Center, The National Zoo in Washington D.C., and local colleges including Morgan State, Coppin State and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

The Summer Camps provided over 9,000 breakfasts and 11,000 nutritious lunches to camp enrollees, and served as host sites for almost 100 Lutheran youth and adult volunteers from Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania. In addition, 35 teenage youth from Baltimore City are employed as program assistants at the Summer Camp's congregational sites. Thanks to the benevolence of the congregations of the DE-MD Synod, and thousands of volunteer hours from members of our host congregations, this program is provided at minimal cost to some of the most at-risk youth in our communities.

In a time when all our youth need the support and nurturing of a whole village, the Summer Day Camp ministry provides a strong Lutheran witness to God's steadfast love and amazing grace, through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for your continued partnership in the Gospel!

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