

• **ANNUAL REPORT FROM GUSTAVUS CHURCH RELATIONS — DECEMBER 2019** •

Greetings to you from your partners in ministry at Gustavus Adolphus College! The definition of community at Gustavus has always included the wider ELCA community. The network of institutions and relationships which holds our Lutheran congregations, synods, camps, colleges, seminaries, and social agencies together plays a vital role in nourishing and advancing our collective and important contribution to the world. We all make a greater impact because of this diverse network to which we belong.

The Gustavus Association of Congregations, a collection of more than 500 ELCA congregations from across the country provides another relational layer at the grassroots level through which we can work together with member congregations to strengthen the presence of the church in the life of the college and presence of the college in the life of the church.

As you gather for congregation annual meetings and synod assemblies, we hope you are inspired by the reminder of the many others who walk along side you in mission. We are blessed to be able to share numerous resources with your congregation. Thank you to the many of you who have made good use of our church and college ministry partnership.

MARK YOUR 2020 CALENDARS AND JOIN US FOR THESE SPECIAL EVENTS:

- **STEP UP — MARCH 12 and 19, 2020**, a leadership development resource for high school youth. Students will be introduced to college level concepts of leadership that will help them develop a stronger personal plan for continuing to grow as a leader. For more information: gustavus.edu/churchrelations/stepup
- **Annual Gustavus Association of Congregations Business Meeting Luncheon — APRIL 25, 2020**
The Annual Business Meeting of the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations is a luncheon meeting that features updates from the Gustavus President and Chair of the Board of Trustees as well as inspiration from Gustavus students. For more information: gustavus.edu/businessmeeting
- **MAYDAY! Peace Conference—APRIL 29, 2020** *“Voices of Change: Our Generation of Student Activism.”*
For more information: gustavus.edu/events/mayday
- **The Gustavus Academy for Faith, Science, and Ethics — JUNE 20-26, 2020**, an exciting resource for high school youth interested in exploring creative alliances between faith and science. The theme for the 2020 Academy is *“Why? The Ethics of Cancer and Its Treatment.”* For more information and to nominate a high school student: gustavus.edu/chaplain/academy
- **Annual Nobel Conference®— OCTOBER 6-7, 2020** *“Cancer in the Age of Biotechnology.”*
- **Christmas in Christ Chapel— DECEMBER 3-6, 2020**

For more information about these events and the many resources we offer congregations, please contact the Office of Church Relations or visit us on-line at: www.gustavus.edu/churchrelations. Thank you for your partnership and prayers!

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