

## Missions & Ministries

The Light of Christ (TLC) Anglican Church is committed to honoring the Great Commission given to us by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In this effort, TLC has many direct and indirect avenues through which we look to reach the lost, the poor, the sick and the downtrodden. We do this through direct interactions within our community as well as indirectly through local, national and global ministries. While TLC staff and volunteers interact and minister directly to our church members and other visitors to our church, the TLC Mission Board coordinates our local, national and global giving opportunities. The information below shows the various ways in which TLC looks to honor the call of Jesus' commission.

### Direct Community Outreach

- **The Burmese (Myanmar) Community** – In an answer to prayer, God blessed TLC with a community of displaced Christians from Burma. These Christian brothers and sisters had escaped war in their native country and spent many years in United Nations refugee camps in Thailand. To learn more about this community, click [here](#).
- **Vacation Bible School** – each year TLC hosts a weeklong Vacation Bible School for children 4-12 years old from our church membership and community at large.
- **King Soopers cards** – for years TLC has sold King Soopers cards for congregation member use, with the proceeds from these sales going to support Community Ministry.
- **Benevolent giving** – should a member of our community find themselves in need, TLC distributes parcels with enough food to feed 4 people for a week.

### Local, National and Global Involvement

TLC's Mission Board is comprised of TLC members with hearts for sharing and spreading the Good News. Its purpose is to act on behalf of the Vestry and the congregation on all matters regarding the church's involvement and investment in Gospel-centered activity outside of the local congregation, for the sake of the Great Commission (Matt 28:19). Below are the current ministries that TLC supports through the Mission Board:

## DOMESTIC MINISTRIES

**Community Ministry** – A local ministry in place to meet the basic needs of qualified people in Southwest Denver who are experiencing economic hardships and related problems (collecting & contributing food, school supplies, etc. weekly). If you would like to volunteer at CM click [here](#).



- **TLC involvement:** We currently contribute \$50/month to their capital campaign to purchase a permanent building for their ministry, and contribute requested grocery items donated by congregation members



**Purple Door Coffee** – Purple Door Coffee is a specialty coffee roaster in Denver, Colorado that employs teens and young adults who have been homeless and want to move to economic independence and stable living. To learn more about Purple Door, click [here](#).

- **TLC involvement:** Recently made a \$1000 donation to help Purple Door maintain operations and supply free coffee to two fire stations and one police station in Harvey Park, and is also contributing \$200/month to help support this ministry.

**Alternatives Pregnancy Center** – Alternatives Pregnancy Center cares for Denver-area women and men in pregnancy-related crises, offering them a meaningful alternative to abortion. Following the example of Christian love, APC seeks to meet their emotional, physical and spiritual needs, and enable and encourage them to choose life every day. For more information, click [here](#)



- **TLC involvement:** in December each year, donations of items are provided to bless mothers and their newborns

## INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

**Open Doors USA** – Open Doors USA supports persecuted Christians in more than 60 countries. It was launched by a courageous Christian man from the Netherlands named Brother Andrew, who took great risks to sneak the Gospel into communist countries during the height of the Cold War. Today, Open Doors team members still take on risks to resource these Christians living in hostile regions and to continually work against persecution wherever it exists. For more information on Open Door(s) USA, click [here](#)



- **TLC involvement:** Currently contribute \$200/month (\$100 designated for Myanmar and the other \$100 for North Korea).



**Latvian Christian Retreat Center** – Liēna Apsukrapsa is a former TLC member now serving as chaplain, spiritual director and pastor at Exempla Good Samaritan Medical Center in Longmont, Colorado. She is working to further establish the Christian faith in her home country of Latvia by helping raise money to construct a Christian retreat center. For more information go [here](#).

- **TLC involvement:** we made a one-time \$250 contribution and are praying if we should make a monthly contribution.

**Operation Christmas Child** – The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to provide God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.



- **TLC involvement:** Each year TLC members pack individual shoeboxes, contribute items for bulk assembly of shoeboxes and serve as a local Dropoff Location where we receive shoeboxes prepared by the community. We also volunteer at the local processing center, inspecting and cartonizing shoeboxes for overseas shipment.