

## APPENDIX—MINISTRY AND MISSION

In addition to the Diocesan ministries and initiatives described in this Profile, individual parishes within the EDOA also fulfill the Great Commandment in unique and region-specific ways. In an effort to learn more and then to inform and encourage one another about these local ministries, a request for information was made. The following listing, containing details from those who were able to respond, provides a partial but inspiring picture of how our congregations reach out beyond the church walls.

### **Feeding Ministries**

*Food Pantry*—Christ Church, Hudson; St. John's, Troy; St. James, Oneonta; St. Paul's, Bloomville; Christ Church, Ballston Spa; St. Ann's, Amsterdam

*Providing Free Community Meals*—Christ Church, Hudson; Trinity, Watervliet; St. John's, Massena; St. Luke's, Saranac Lake; Trinity, Plattsburgh; St. James, Oneonta; St. Paul's, Sidney; St. Ann's, Amsterdam

*Food Pantry Support*—St. John's, Essex; St. Paul's, Keeseville; St. John's, Massena; St. Mark's, Malone; Christ & St. John's, Champlain; Good Shepherd, Elizabethtown; St. James, AuSable Forks; St. Mary's, Lake Luzerne; Church of the Cross, Ticonderoga; Zion, Hudson Falls; St. James, Lake George; St. Mary's, Downsville; St. George's, Clifton Park; Calvary, Burnt Hills; St. Augustine's, Ilion

### **Outreach to schoolchildren, individuals & families**

*Thrift Shop*—St. John's, Troy; The Cathedral of All Saints, Albany; Christ Church, Ballston Spa

*Free Clothing*—St. Paul's, Bloomville; St. Ann's, Amsterdam; St. Augustine's, Ilion

*Pantry, non-food essentials*—St. Luke's, Saranac Lake

*Neighborhood "Trunk or Treat" Event*—St. John's, Troy

*Backpack Programs*—Zion, Colton; St. Mark's, Malone; St. Mary's, Lake Luzerne

*School Supplies Drive*—St. Mark's, Malone; St. Mary's, Lake Luzerne; St. Augustine's, Ilion

*Daycare/Before and After School Center*—Christ Church, Ballston Spa

*After School Youth Program and Dinner (elementary level)*—Christ Church, Ballston Spa

*Summer School Breakfast/Lunch Programs*—St. Mary's, Lake Luzerne; Calvary, Burnt Hills

*Vacation Bible School*—Christ Church, Ballston Spa

*Christmas Angel Tree*—St. Mark's, Malone; St. John's, Troy

*Christmas Family*—Church of the Messiah, Glens Falls; Holy Cross, Warrensburg; Zion, Hudson Falls; St. James, Lake George

*Christmas Day Dinner*—St. James, AuSable Forks

*Easter Family*—Zion, Hudson Falls

*Sock Drive*—St. Mary's, Lake Luzerne

*Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts/Cub Scouts*—Church of the Messiah, Glens Falls; Church of the Cross, Ticonderoga; St. George's, Clifton Park

*Veteran's Center*—St. Paul's, Bloomville

*Spiritual Cure Cottage (space/lodging for spiritual respite & retreat)*—St. Luke's, Saranac Lake

*Adirondack Friends of Refugees & Immigrants*—St. John's, Essex

*Community Fuel Fund (providing heat to those in need)*—St. Mary's, Lake Luzerne

*Emergency Relief*—St. George's, Clifton Park

### **Active Support of internal/external ministries of the Diocese**

*Healing a Woman's Soul*—Christ Church, Hudson; St. Mary's, Lake Luzerne; St. George's, Clifton Park

*Albany Refugee Resettlement Ministry*—St. Mary's, Lake Luzerne

*St. Francis Mission*—St. Michael's, Colonie; St. George's, Clifton Park

*Loaves and Fishes*--Church of the Cross, Ticonderoga; St. George's, Clifton Park

*Beaver Cross*—St. Eustace, Lake Placid; Good Shepherd, Elizabethtown; St. John's, Troy; St. Mary's, Lake Luzerne; Christ Church, Gilbertsville

*Welcome Home Initiative*—St. Mary's, Lake Luzerne; St. George's, Clifton Park

*International Mission Partnerships (financial support, supplies, humanitarian aid, trips, prayer)*—St. Eustace, Lake Placid, with the Dominican Republic; St. James, AuSable Forks, with the Dioceses of Maridi and Juba in South Sudan, and short-term mission in the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Peru and Costa Rica; St. James, Oneonta, with a school in the Dominican Republic; Christ Church, Burnt Hills, with a church in Belize; St. George's, Clifton Park, with the Dominican Republic; St. Luke's on the Hill, Mechanicville, with a church in the Diocese of Toliara, Madagascar; the Empire Haiti Coalition, comprised of The Cathedral of All Saints, St. Andrew's, and St. Paul's, Albany; St. John's, Troy; St. Stephen's, Delmar; and To Love a Child

### **Support for & partnering with outside ministries/organizations helping those in need**

*Operation Christmas Child/ Samaritan's Purse*—Christ & St. John's, Champlain; Church of the Messiah, Glens Falls; St. Mary's, Lake Luzerne; Holy Cross, Warrensburg; St. James, Lake George; Calvary, Burnt Hills; St. Augustine's, Ilion

*Capital City Rescue Mission*—St. Michael's, Colonie; St. George's, Clifton Park

*Village of Colonie Outreach*—St. Michael's, Colonie;

*SAMS*—St. John's, Massena

*Serenity Place (safe house for those in recovery)*—St. John's, Massena

*Light up the Night: Compassionate Friends*—St. Mark's, Malone

*Shriners' Hospitals for Children and Soda Pop Tops*—St. Mark's, Malone

*Toys for Tots*—St. Mark's, Malone

*Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (formerly United Thank Offering)*—St. Mark's, Malone

*Salvation Army Toy Distribution*—Christ Church, Hudson

*Riverside Recovery Center*—Christ Church, Hudson

*Habitat for Humanity*—St. Eustace, Lake Placid

*DEI Ministry (to support diversity, equity, & inclusion)*—St. Eustace, Lake Placid

*Joint Council for Economic Opportunity (JCEO)—Christ & St. John's, Champlain*

*Hospice of the North Country—St. Paul's, Keeseville; Gateway House (hospice home)—Christ Church, Ballston Spa; Hospice and Palliative Care—St. Augustine's, Ilion*

*Catholic Charities of Herkimer County—St. Augustine's, Ilion*

*Birthright—St. Paul's, Keeseville*

*International Accelerated Missions (eyeglasses for medical missions)—St. George's, Clifton Park*

*Financial Support to Ukraine (through various organizations)—St. Mary's, Lake Luzerne; Church of the Messiah, Glens Falls; Church of the Cross, Ticonderoga; Zion, Hudson Falls*

*Financial support to Kentucky—Church of the Messiah, Glens Falls*

*Open Door Mission (serve dinner, donate funds)—Church of the Messiah, Glens Falls*

*Double H Ranch (children with serious medical conditions)—St. Mary's Lake Luzerne*

*AARP (help with income taxes)—Church of the Cross, Ticonderoga*

*The Women's Center—Church of the Cross, Ticonderoga*

*Montcalm Manor (adult assisted living) and Elderwood (skilled nursing care)—Church of the Cross. Ticonderoga*

*Doubleday Woods (affordable rentals for seniors)—Christ Church, Ballston Spa*

*Home of the Good Shepherd (elder care)—Bethesda, Saratoga Springs; Christ Church, Ballston Spa*

*Coburg Village (independent living community)—St. George's, Clifton Park*

*GriefShare—St. James. Lake George*

*Adopt a Senior—St. James, Lake George*

*Living Resources (social/educational support)—St. James, Lake George*

*International J-1 Students (work-and-study-based exchange visitor programs)—St. James, Lake George*

*"Sleep in Heavenly Peace" Bed Build (bunk beds for children and families in need)—St. Stephen's. Schuylerville; St. Paul's, Greenwich; St. Luke's on the Hill, Mechanicville*

*Amazing Grace AIDS Ministry (promoting spiritual and physical health in Southern Malawi)—St. George's. Clifton Park*

*CAPTAIN Community Human Services (programs and services combatting hunger, homelessness, economic crisis)—St. George's, Clifton Park; Calvary, Burnt Hills*

*Montgomery Department of Social Services (to provide gifts, food, clothing to families in need) and Montgomery County Correctional Facility (providing weekly services)—St. Ann's. Amsterdam*

*Herkimer County Office of the Aging (to provide Christmas gifts and food for seniors)--St. Augustine's, Ilion*

### **Offering the use of church buildings for outside groups**

*Twelve-Step Programs—Christ Church, Hudson; St. Michael's, Colonie; St. John's, Troy; The Cathedral of All Saints, Albany; St. John's, Massena; St. James, AuSable Forks; Trinity, Plattsburgh; Holy Cross, Warrensburg; Church of the Cross, Ticonderoga; Zion, Hudson Falls; St. James, Lake George; St. James, Oneonta*

*Hospice*—St. John's, Massena

*Columbia County Family Resource Center*—Christ Church, Hudson

*Columbia County Recovery Kitchen, Inc.*—Christ Church, Hudson

*First Presbyterian Church Thanksgiving Day Dinner*—Christ Church, Hudson

*Alpha Pregnancy Care*—Christ Church, Schenectady

*Church of South India Congregation*—St. Michael's, Colonie

*Grace Communion International Congregation*—St. James, Lake George

*Candlelit Meditations with Music, Advent and Lent*—St. John's, Troy

*Montessori Toddler Group*—St. John's, Troy

*Boy Scouts*—Church of the Messiah, Glens Falls

*Troy's Hidden Garden Tour*—St. John's, Troy

*Free Medical Clinic*—St. John's, Massena

*Red Cross Blood Drive*—St. Mark's, Malone; St. George's, Clifton Park

### **Knitting, sewing & quilting ministries**

St. Mark's, Malone; St. Eustace, Lake Placid; Christ & St. John's, Champlain; Bethesda, Saratoga Springs; Christ Church, Ballston Spa

### **Tithing to God from church income for outreach ministry to meet needs beyond the parish**

Trinity, Watervliet; Zion, Colton; St. James, AuSable Forks

### **A sampling of ecumenical and other partnerships within the diocese**

*Ministerial Alliance*—St. John's and other congregations in the Massena area, collaborating on community meals, a free medical clinic, Christmas gifts for children, and fundraising projects for local food pantries

*Two Rivers Ecumenical Council*—Zion, Colton, and other clergy and lay representatives in the area, providing free dinners and help with financial needs including heat, power, gas, groceries

*Loving Community Mission*—St. Mark's and two other churches in Malone, providing a weekly free lunch program to the community

*ReNew*—a ministry of St. John's, Essex; strongly supported by the churches of Essex/Willsboro/Westport and providing both financial assistance and life coaching to those in need

*Ticonderoga Area Clergy Association Fund*—Church of the Cross, Ticonderoga and other area churches, providing financial help for those in need

*Columbia County Recovery Kitchen, Inc.*—Christ Church, Hudson; formed during the COVID pandemic, with volunteers now preparing and delivering 900 hot meals a week throughout the county

*Alpha Pregnancy Care Center*—Christ Church, Schenectady; this satellite location has had a significant impact on the community over the past 20 years, providing Christ-centered solutions and equipping young parents