

LUTHERAN ADVOCACY MINISTRY IN NEVADA



SECOND MILE GIVING

“Some day there will be a king who rules with integrity, and . . . leaders who govern with justice. . . . Their eyes and ears will be open to the needs of the people. They will not be impatient any longer, but they will act with understanding and say what they mean[,] . . . [serving] honestly and [standing] firm for what is right.” Is. 32, vs 1-8.

This is not a quote from some political blogger; it is the prophet Isaiah, from three thousand years ago. **God’s people have long believed in a vision for a just society.**

LAMN is the group within Nevada that carries this vision to elected representatives. Specifically, we

- Interpret Lutheran positions on certain public issues to the Nevada Legislature, and work to influence legislative action on these issues.
- Provide members of the Nevada Legislature with facts about how poverty and injustice affect the citizens of Nevada.
- Assist individual Lutherans to become more informed and active on issues of social justice.
- Identify issues that ought to be addressed but for which there is no current law or legislative proponent.
- Unite with other Christian denominations seeking common goals, to better help the poor and least among us.

LAMN gets some financial support from the Grand Canyon Synod and ELCA churchwide. Gifts to LAMN in the Second Mile campaign will strengthen this ministry and continue working for a more just society in Nevada that reflects our shared values.

LUTHERAN ADVOCACY MINISTRY IN NEVADA is guided by a Policy Council that meets to prioritize issues for advocacy activity. Policy Council members represent the Sierra Pacific and Grand Canyon Synods, and Lutheran Social Services in Nevada. LAMN is accountable to the ELCA and the Synods for its advocacy work.

2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Prison Reform and Reentry** of inmates into society: Building a system that is cost-effective and accountable to the people, with greater emphasis on prevention of more crime after inmates are released.
- **Affordable Housing:** Seed money for local projects to deal with homelessness and a law requiring local governments to identify and address housing needs in their communities.
- **Protection for Vulnerable Groups:** Better services for foster children; protection from predatory lenders; expanded access to health care for the poor and uninsured; treatment for gambling addiction; encouraging participatory democracy.

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***Donation checks should be noted “LAMN Second Mile” and reported through the local church to the Sierra Pacific Synod.** LAMN and its ecumenical partner, Religious Alliance in Nevada (RAIN) had visibility and success in the 2007 Nevada Legislature. Your contribution will keep the momentum going.