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“Breaking New Ground” Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries

As the Presbyterian Church USA supports Homelessness and Hunger Sunday, we invite you to have an impact on this critical need in our community in a truly wonderful way -- by helping us “Buy a House.” Today, you’ll hear more about Fairmount’s latest collaboration with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry to help end homelessness in Cleveland and how you can help.

“Breaking New Ground” is LMM’s campaign to launch an innovative rental model for underserved Clevelanders by purchasing and renovating 20 houses in the St. Clair/Superior neighborhood, to be used primarily by families exiting homelessness. Earlier this year, our Session made significant gifts to our long-time non-profit partners, including a \$50,000 grant to the Breaking New Ground campaign and a commitment to raise an additional \$50,000 from our congregation. Together, these commitments would enable Fairmount to fund an entire house. This initiative – which we hope will involve all of us now and as the house becomes a reality -- responds to the three pillars of our Matthew 25 church commitment to build congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism and eradicate systemic poverty.

We have exciting news to announce today about early and unexpectedly generous responses to this idea – and a way you can help us generate even more support by making a gift **in any amount** to this matching initiative. Information about how you can participate is included below. Gifts to the match campaign are made to Fairmount and will be presented to LMM on completion of the campaign, and they would be separate from your regular stewardship pledge.

Homes are built brick by brick, and we hope each of you will join with us to make this mission commitment so close to home a reality, to those who need it most.

Gratefully,

LMM Match Committee Members

Jim Dakin, Hank Doll, Carol Gilitz, Sarah Stone, and Ginger Van Wagenen

Yes! I’d like to make a commitment to Fairmount Presbyterian for “Let’s Buy A House” matching campaign to support Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry’s “Breaking New Ground” campaign.

Attached is my check!

I wish to make a pledge of \$ _____ payable by (date) _____

Please enter this pledge in my giving record in Realm. Pledges may be paid anytime before December 31, 2022.

I have already made my pledge to the LMM challenge campaign!

Your Name (please print) _____