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Dear Friend in Christ,

I want to personally thank you for your support of Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach, the ELCA certified onsite chaplaincy ministry at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC).

As 2011 closes I am asking you to renew your **partnership with LCO** so that we can ensure the continued presence of an ELCA chaplain at UIHC. The Chaplaincy program is based in the Department of Spiritual Care, and other than office space, receives no support from UIHC or any synod.

LCO is supported entirely by donations and contributions so please continue to help keep this vital ministry going. The contributions for our \$80,000 budget for 2010 was churches 59%, WELCA 16%, individuals 18%, and organizations such as Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and other company matching funds 6%. Obviously, LCO cannot "bill" patients or their families for bedside or other pastoral services provided through the LCO chaplain.

I am asking that you invest in us in 3 ways. The **first** is to call on the chaplain to aid in visiting Lutheran patients at UIHC when the home pastor is unable to make the visit. Although a personal visit from the home pastor is very desirable, time, distance and expense often preclude such direct contact. Here, the chaplain may be of great benefit. The **second** is to identify those who share the concept of having a Lutheran chaplain at UIHC and engage them in the voluntary work necessary to support the chaplain. We are in particular need of an editor of our newsletter.

And **finally**, because LCO receives no support other than contributions and has no employees other than our chaplain, we are asking for **your financial support** to continue LCO's mission.

You can discover more information about LCO at <http://lcoiowa.org>.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support for LCO.

In the name of the Great Physician,

Franklin Scamman, MD
President, Board of Directors
Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach

ELCA CHAPLAIN

The Rev. Cindy Ford Breed • Board Certified Chaplain, APC

Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach (LCO) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing spiritual care to patients, relatives and hospital staff at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC) as well as spiritual consultation for UIHC staff, ELCA pastors & congregations.



Ensuring the availability of ELCA spiritual care for patients at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

A Generous LCO Supporter

For more than 140 years, St. Paul Lutheran Church faithfully served the people of Kellogg, Iowa, and surrounding countryside. Committed to mission and service locally in Jasper County, the people of St. Paul Lutheran Church were also invested in partnership ministries beyond its territory, including Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach.

From LCO's beginnings five years ago, St. Paul Lutheran Church, a congregation of modest size and means, contributed \$50 every few months to the ministry of LCO. Then a few months ago, St. Paul Lutheran Church, established in 1868, disbanded, its "mission accomplished." But not until it had shared its remaining financial assets with others involved in mission and service. Again, including Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach. LCO has received its final gift, \$2,350, from St. Paul Lutheran Church, Kellogg.

Such commitment and ongoing support of other congregations, groups and individuals, helps assure that LCO will continue to provide needed Lutheran chaplaincy at UIHC to patients, their families and other loved ones, pastors and staff.

Thank you saints of St Paul Lutheran Church, Kellogg, for your support over the years and your example of giving to ministries beyond your area.

*Pastor Phil Borleske
LCO Board of Directors*

This pastor's perspective...

Looking for that perfect gift – maybe for someone who's hard to shop for, or for that someone who has everything? Or maybe you are looking for something different, something meaningful? How about giving a gift of pastoral presences, healing touch, prayer, and comfort?

Your donation to LCO is a gift that gives and gives and gives. Your gift to LCO ensures the continuing ministry of a Lutheran Chaplain at UIHC. It also ensures that someone who really needs that

From The President's Desk

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And finally, because LCO receives no support other than contributions and has no employees other than the chaplain, we are asking for donations to continue LCO's mission. Particularly, we desire a yearly commitment as a line item in your budget of about 1/2 of 1%.

This edition of OUTREACH is more compact than usual so that we can include other documents without incurring increased postage costs, now reaching over 2000 individuals. For further information, please visit our web site www.lcoiowa.org.

*Franklin Scamman, MD
President, LCO Board of Directors*

prayer and comfort, that touch and pastoral presence will receive it. Now consider, what if you make your donation in honor of friends or family? What a gift that would be!

Feel free to copy the gift tag below to let your friends and family know about your special gift!

*Rev. Lynn T. Thiede
Secretary, LCO Board of Directors*

To:
From:

A gift of care and comfort has been given in your honor!

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In her own words...

I was standing by the elevator. Should I go up or down? Going up would mean I would visit some of the 49 Lutheran patients hospitalized at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics that day. If I went down, I would visit a patient I had met once, after a referral I had received for him. I had been tracking him this day, as he had several important clinic appointments. It would be assessed whether his prostate cancer had spread any further. I knew that it would be an important day for him, as decisions would be made as to his further treatment, depending on his cancer.

Should I press the up arrow or the down arrow?

The Spirit led me to press down, to go down to the clinic where he was. After several more inquiries, I found him. He was standing in the examination room, with his wife by his side. It was obvious that he had been crying. I entered the room, placed my arm around him, and he started crying again. He is a man who has to be "strong" in his life, professionally and personally. But in the quiet and solitude of that examination room he was in touch with the fear and anxiety, the uncertainty of his disease, and his mortality.

So we stood there, in silence and tears, letting the warmth of God's love surround and fill us.

Chaplain Cindy Breed

Finance Report

Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach has had a slow-down in receiving gifts from all of you. We received less than \$1,000 in October. However, we are still ahead of last year in terms of overall income this year. We will not receive enough income to meet our budget this year unless a lot of people and congregations help us out before the end of the year. Here are the Income and expenses for 2011 through October:

Item	Jan-Oct 2011	Jan-Oct 2010
Income	57,579	41,278
Expense	61,344	56,637

LCO is introducing a new way to make your gift to support the ELCA chaplain at University of Iowa



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Hospitals and Clinics. We are offering the ability to send a contribution to us using your PayPal account, or your credit or debit card. Just go to the Contributions page on our website, lcoiowa.org and click on the button for the amount that you would like to give. We are working with PayPal to offer this and we hope that it will make it more convenient to make your contributions to LCO.

Warren Boe

Treasurer, LCO Board of Directors