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Dear Friend of General Convention,

Many encouraging and energizing initiatives are happening in our ministries! We thank our generous donors for making this outreach possible through support of our Annual Appeal. We hope you will consider donating this year so that these efforts can continue.

* **Swedenborgian Church Youth League SCYL** continues to grow as it strives to bring Swedenborgian theology to *teens and preteens looking for answers to tough life questions* by providing a safe space for them to explore their faith and identity. One exciting example of SCYL's ministry happened when fourteen SCYL teenagers traveled to England this summer to join teens from England at the *International Summer Camp* at Purley Chase.

"The church gave us an amazing opportunity to take us to a new country and learn about different cultures. It was the best trip I have ever been on and I'm so glad I was able to go." -Wyatt



"My experience in England was absolutely incredible. Everything about the trip was better than I ever could've hoped. The people I got to meet there and the people that I got to go with just filled my heart with happiness and joy." -Ivy

"I made a bunch of lifelong friends there and I will miss them dearly. I will treasure these memories for the rest of my life." -Jack



Youth Leader Kurt Fekete says, "*Your financial help allows our denomination to make real, positive differences in the lives of our youth. They are now the present and soon to be the future of our church.*"

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***Swedenborg On-Line Community** has been revamped and expanded under the direction of Rev. Cory Bradford-Watts. Many isolated Swedenborgians as well as others searching for community are connecting with SwedenborgianCommunity.org. The focus is *to uplift and reach everyone no matter their location or beliefs*. Various online media are offered. We have 2900+ followers on **Instagram**, 450+ **You Tube** subscribers with over 1000 views per video, 700+ **Facebook** followers, plus email distribution and podcasts.



***Mission Church - New Church of the Southwest Desert** has just completed their 10th year and continues to evolve and grow. Their focus is *to put Swedenborgian theology to use by demonstrating God's love through community outreach*. They recently moved to a storefront on the main street of Silver City, NM. The sanctuary door opens onto a busy Farmers Market and Plaza. The front of the building is Oasis Coffee & Tea House for Sunday fellowship and daily interfaith gatherings, like Creative Incubation, poetry readings, music, plays and other community activities. They continue to offer shelter to women in freezing weather and offer special needs and elderly rides through their "GoFer" program.



* **Mission Church – The Garden Church of San Pedro** is an outdoor sanctuary and urban farm *dedicated to feed the community in mind, body and spirit*. They have just passed the 5-year mark! The church offers Christ-filled service in the messy soil of everyday living where justice and liturgy unite and the *Sacred is everywhere*. They are also evolving with the promise of new land to be planted. They feel richly blessed for 2019 and look forward to the New Year. Recently they celebrated Dia de los Muertos and welcomed over 2,200 visitors into the garden. Worship service has grown with over 20 in worship and up to 10 children, feeding up to 50 persons each Sunday.



***Mission Church – The Korean New Church of New York** has been operating for nearly 20 years. Their mission is church and outreach. Their mission is *to build an active Korean-American Swedenborgian church and help people's need spiritually and socially through church programs, offering opportunities to learn and practice the Love and Truth of the Lord guided by Swedenborg's teachings*. Recently they have added Taekwondo Leadership Program and Tai-Chi meditation practices.

Please consider donating to support these and other Swedenborgian ministries. We look forward to the future with your gift included!

With care,

Rev. Jane Siebert, President, The Swedenborgian Church

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