

St. Michaels Youth Mission Endowment Program

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Michael James Ancona
1975-1994



Michael David Mower
1970-1992

Your Youth Endowment Fund At Work

**SUICIDE &
DEPRESSION
PREVENTION
WORKSHOP**

Special Programs



Youth Activities



Local Outreach



Student Scholarships

Reaching Out Touching Lives



Seminar Support



Camper Grants



Scouts



Mission Trips



Vacation Bible
School

Since 1996

*Eagle Scout
Environment
Mission El Salvador*

International Outreach



Lutheran Camps



*Caroline
Furnace*

Since 1996, the Saint Michaels Youth Endowment Fund has distributed over \$125,000 in grants and gifts in support of Christian youth programs in accordance with the Fund's slogan, "A Debt to the Past; an Obligation to the Future".

Your continuing contributions to the Saint Michaels Youth Endowment Fund works in perpetuity providing resources for life-long Christian education, activities and opportunities to the young generations that nurture, enhance and furthers their understanding faith in Jesus Christ.

2023 grants focused on our local Lutheran camps – MarLu Ridge & Caroline Furnace

Thank You **Steven Carlson** for a quarter century of dedicated service as treasurer for the Saint Mark's Youth Endowment Fund! Your diligence, advice and recommendations were instrumental in the long-term development of the fund and sustaining its growth. We wish you the best in retirement from the treasurer responsibilities and duties. You are truly a blessing. **Thank you for your service!**



St. Mark's Lutheran Church Youth and Family Ministry gets a new Youth Director

St. Mark's has a new Director of Youth and Family Ministry!

St. Mark's bell director (and budding organist) Alice Real has been offered and accepted the position. We are excited to welcome her into this new role. Alice has been part of our St. Mark's family for over ten years and has already worked with most of the congregation's youth in Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, children's choir, and youth bell choir.

A Northern Virginia native, she attended Chantilly High School and was active at Floris United Methodist Church in Herndon, where her mother (now a retired deacon in the UMC) served as Director of Music and Outreach. Alice earned a BA in History and Music and an M.A.Ed. in Elementary Education from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, where she was highly involved in the W&M Wesley Campus Ministry, as well as the music ministries of Williamsburg United Methodist Church. She taught elementary general music in Fairfax County Public Schools for 13 years and is continuing in her 11th year as St. Mark's Handbell Director.

You Are Wanted! Can you spare about 4-5 hours per year? The Saint Michaels Youth Endowment Fund is looking for members willing and able to support the youth of St. Marks by joining the Endowment Board.

The Board meets (on-line) 4 times a year for about an hour to develop an annual budget, review grant & gift requests, and oversee the investment portfolio.

No experience necessary; only an interest in supporting the youth of the congregation.



Will you help us?



Like to manage money and write gift and grant checks? The Fund is seeking a treasurer. Treasurer's duties include recording fund contributions, issuing fund checks in accordance with budget decisions, reporting quarterly finances. Interested in a non-profit career? This position will look good on your resume.

If you are interested, please talk with Dan Ancona or Steven Carlson for details.