



# Enlighten Me!

Take a few minutes to become enlightened about the King of Glory Lutheran Church Foundation's recent grants to support our mission: *To be and to make followers of Christ who boldly share the grace of God with the world.* The Foundation is an independent, non-profit corporation whose purpose is to receive gifts through planned giving, hold the principal, and give the value increase of those gifts to expand King of Glory's ministries. If you have given to the church throughout your life, wouldn't you want to continue your stewardship by including a planned gift at the end of your life through your will or estate plan? Visit [kingofgloryfoundation.com](http://kingofgloryfoundation.com).



## Foundation supports NT–NL Fund for Leaders

The King of Glory Foundation joined Preston Meadow (Plano) and Trinity (Fort Worth) Lutheran Churches in supporting the North Texas–Northern Louisiana Synod's Fund for Leaders in Mission. The Foundation provided \$4,000 of a \$10,000 challenge grant to match other congregations' special offerings during the Easter season. The appeal resulted in a commitment of over \$14,400, for a total of \$24,400.

Two NT–NL Fund for Leaders scholarships were awarded to seminary students within the Synod. They are **Austin Nickel** and **Wm. Eric Saed**, both Synodically Authorized Worship Leaders.

Nickel is studying at the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest in Austin and serving First Lutheran Church in

Waco. He will be ordained to serve First Lutheran as a pastor when he completes his studies. The church has just sold its historic building and will continue ministry without the burden of physical maintenance. They are considering a campus ministry site relating to Baylor University.

Saed is just beginning his studies at Wartburg Seminary and serving Trinity Lutheran Church in Clovis, New Mexico, the only NT–NL church in the state. He has also provided leadership in NT–NL's prison ministry, Church of the Damascus Road. Saed will continue to serve at Trinity, which serves a vital role in connecting with Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis. Trinity is the only ELCA parish within a 75-mile radius of Clovis.

The Fund for Leaders in Mission



is part of the ELCA's Always Being Made New campaign, now in its fifth and final year. The Fund provides 50 full-time scholarships each year for seminarians in the ELCA. The Foundation's gift helps ensure that highly talented individuals will be able to answer the call to ministry by making seminary more affordable.



### Did You Know?

You can add the Foundation, or any charitable organization, to your Will with a simple, short document. If you already have a properly-drafted Will, you can amend it with a short "codicil" which is signed, witnessed, and notarized. You do not have to change your existing Will. Obtain a sample at [kingofgloryfoundation.com](http://kingofgloryfoundation.com).

## Foundation grant provides trial subscription to RightNow Media for entire congregation.

It's like a "Christian Netflix" with a huge library of over 15,000 faith-based videos, Bible studies, and conferences that you can access from anywhere via your computer or mobile device. *RightNow Media* has content for everyone—kids, youth, parents, married couples, college students, single adults, working professionals—all presented on engaging video by leading authors and pastors. It's all aimed at helping us grow in faith. Stream it in your living room or while you're on the road.

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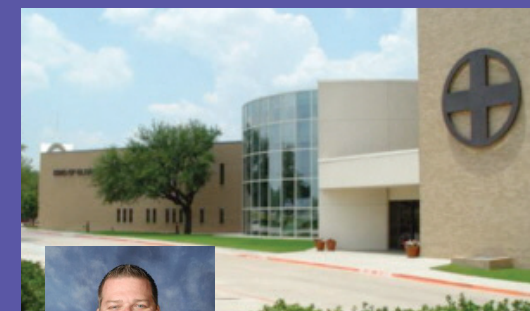
## Managing & distributing?

The prophet and theologian Don Henley—yes, THAT Don Henley, of *The Eagles*—has a great lyric in his song *Gimme What You Got*: "You spend your whole life just pilin' it up there; You got stacks and stacks and stacks; Then, Gabriel comes and taps you on the shoulder, but you don't see no hearses with luggage racks." It's one of the great truths of our human existence: we arrive on this planet with nothing in our hands, and we exit the planet the same way.

Our command from God is to be stewards of all that is in the earth.

Not collectors of all that is in the earth to take with us. We were appointed as God's partners in managing and distributing all the earthly resources while we're here. From the moment we arrive until the moment we exit, we are simply stewards of all that God has entrusted to us.

When we think about how we'll complete the work here that God has given us, my hope is that our final allocations will reflect the entirety of our lives already spent being generous managers and distributors. King of Glory's Foundation has exciting ideas regarding end-of-life stewardship. Consider inviting the Foundation into that important conversation.



**JIM GRAESER**  
Lead Pastor

*(RightNow Media Cont.)*

Brian Mosley, President of *RightNow Media*, put it this way, “We no longer see an hour or two on Sunday morning as sacred and all other aspects of life as secular. It’s all sacred to God. Work. School. Board rooms. Family. Neighborhood picnics. Monday matters just as much as Sunday.” All the resources available online through *RightNow Media* make it easy to learn, be curious, to broaden your viewpoints.

Here’s an example: The King of Glory Moms Fellowship group based their discussions on a video series called “Mom Core” which focused on many aspects of motherhood. The video series inspires, encourages, and guides moms in their daily lives. Not only are the videos available for free

through *RightNow Media*, but working and traveling moms could join an “online group” from anywhere, and connect with other moms through a Facebook group.

The Foundation partnered with the King of Glory Adult Education ministry to fund access to *RightNow Media* content for the first year, which includes the entire congregation. Foundation grants like these let us try new and different ways to reach out to people, which may not have been possible without this extra funding. Visit [kingofglory.com](http://kingofglory.com), click on the Resources banner and then on *RightNow Media* Sign Up. Try it now! Send Kerri Macy at [kmacy@kingofglory.com](mailto:kmacy@kingofglory.com) your thoughts.



## Enabling a new era of caregivers



On April 8, 2018, sixteen King of Glory members were commissioned as Stephen Ministers after months of preparation. Stephen Ministers are well-trained caregivers who listen, care, pray, encourage and offer the love of Christ during a time of need. It takes a special person with a compassionate heart to commit to the time required for this program and King of Glory is blessed by these care givers and their leaders.

In the 1990s, a previous Stephen Ministry program was merged into what is now known as the Parish Care team. A few years ago, King of Glory member, Betty Keefe, felt the time was right to renew the Stephen Ministry program and formed a team to recruit and train a new group of Stephen Ministers. A grant from the Foundation provided funding for training and support materials for the team as they prepared for this ministry. Training is a key element for a Stephen Minister – at least 50 hours before commissioning and

then throughout their service with individual study, peer meetings and working with care specialists.

In the book of Acts, Stephen is one of several men chosen by the apostles to oversee care of those in need. Stephen Ministries was founded in 1975 in St Louis, Missouri, by psychologist and pastor Rev. Kenneth Haugk. Since then, over 13,000 congregations have established their own programs and more than 1.5 million people have received one-to-one Christian care from a Stephen Minister.

The motto of the program is “Christ caring for people through people” and Stephen Ministers provide care to those dealing with grief, illness, loss or any of life’s struggles.

If you or someone you know is in need of care, contact Betty Keefe, Stephen Ministry Coordinator, (214-577-1089) or Pastor Jim (972-661-9435). All communications are strictly confidential.

*Class of 2018 Stephen Ministers*



### Foundation support for our own Angela Remmers

*I grew up at King of Glory. I was baptized there, and you made promises to me at that time that you would be there for me and my life in Christ. You have been.*

*I went on the junior and senior high mission trips as a chaperone and began to feel some sort of call. I went to college and even though I studied engineering I still felt a call tugging at me. I got my engineering degree, but I was really involved in campus ministry. I went to work at a camp one summer and could no longer deny this call.*

*That was a hard decision to make because seminary is expensive and I*

*didn't know if my family and my community could support me in this. The Foundation really has helped through the grants it has provided to me. It has been such a wonderful experience. This would not be possible without you.*

*Seminary has been a lot different than engineering. I learned how to write essays that I never had to write before. In engineering, I just had to solve a problem. Now I have to think deeply about my faith and how it impacts others.*

*My favorite class was one on Judges. I know a lot of us have a fear of the Old Testament because it seems so dark. But reading it in class helped me realize no matter how often we make mistakes we have this thing called Grace to fall back on. God's love never leaves us.*

*Now I'm in my internship congregation, Augustana Lutheran Church in Omaha, Nebraska. It's been such a delight to be here and my call has been ever more affirmed. This is what I am called to do, and I know I'm in the right spot now. Thank you so very much.*



### Did You Know?

*Since its formation in 2008 with just \$40,000, the Foundation's asset value has grown ten-fold. That's been accomplished by the planned giving of members who have passed away and remembered the Foundation in their estate plans, and by prudent management of the Foundation's Investments Committee. Usually, 4-8% is distributed annually through grants to mission needs.*