



Christmas Angel Giving 2017

Christmas will soon be here and each of us can be an angel by contributing to the Christmas Angel Fund. During these trying economic times the needs are great and we are fortunate to be part of such a generous church community. We strive to reach a balance among the supported organizations; having local, regional and global impacts, as well as organizations sharing the Christian faith beyond the bounds of our church. This year, four organizations have been selected to receive angel donations. Decide which one will receive your charitable donation, or let the Missions Committee decide for you.

Common Cathedral (*Ecclesia Ministries, Inc.*) is an outdoor congregation, for the housed and un-housed, sharing God's love through community, pastoral care, creative expression, and worship on Boston Common. Programs that fall under the *Common Cathedral* umbrella are: *CityReach*, *Boston Warm*, and *CommonArt*.

Hagar's Sisters is an organization striving to end the cycle of domestic abuse through the transforming power of God. As a Christian ministry, Hagar's Sisters uniquely provides domestic violence education and support within the context of a woman's spiritual beliefs. Whether she is a woman of deep faith or a woman who questions if God is real, Hagar's Sisters is a safe place to explore the tough spiritual questions every woman asks in the midst and aftermath of abuse.

Loaves & Fishes was founded in 1983 to help our neighbors in need. *Loaves & Fishes'* mission is to provide nutritious food, in an atmosphere of kindness and respect, to individuals in need who reside in Ayer, Devens, Groton, Harvard, Littleton and Shirley. Assistance is offered to families who are struggling by providing them the opportunity to shop for groceries up to twice a month.

2018 Youth Mission Trip Since 2010 our teenagers have connected to God and local communities through life-changing Christ-centered mission trips. (*Youthworks* and *The Center for Student Missions* are the mission agencies which have coordinated our work). We have served in Philadelphia, Washington D.C., Rutland VT, Hamlin WV, Queens NY, and Pine Ridge SD. Next summer we will serve in Lynn, MA.

Common Cathedral \$ _____

Hagars Sisters \$ _____

Loaves & Fishes \$ _____

2018 Youth Mission Trip \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to Union Congregational Church Groton, with "Christmas Angel" in the memo. Gifts should be received by December 25. This sheet and attached check may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the Church Office (220 Main Street, Groton, MA 01450)



No preference — the Missions Committee can allocate my gift.