



Center for Urban Education Ministries Newsletter

"Relentlessly Strengthening Urban Education"



"Our Confidence"

We lost a leader, board member, friend, fellow believer, and loving woman. LuJuana was always joyful and always confident in her prayers. We definitely miss LuJuana, but we are confident that she is in heaven with our loving Lord and Savior in perfection. This is our confidence - this is our joy.

"I know that my Redeemer lives and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes-I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!" -Job 19: 25-27

Judy Benke, CUEM's Board Chair adds,

"LuJuana was a valued member of our board and will be missed, not only for her insights in urban ministry, but her gracious manner, always giving respect to everyone she met. Whenever I asked her how she was doing, her answer was, 'I'm blessed.' Indeed, we are the ones who were blessed to know and work with her."

The Center for Urban Education Ministries (CUEM) will collect memorial gifts in honor of LuJuana's love for urban students, teachers, and educational leaders. LuJuana served the Center for Urban Education Ministries as a board member for numerous years with a contagious smile, incredible faith in her loving Lord and Savior Jesus, and vast wisdom.

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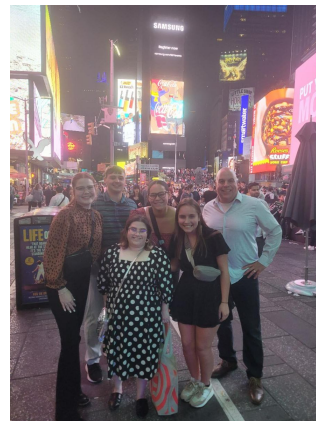
-Dr. Steve Gerner, Executive Director/CEO



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RECRUITMENT

The Center for Urban Education Ministries led teacher candidates from Concordia University Texas and Concordia University Nebraska on "Immersion Insights New York 2023." The goal is to gain more knowledge about students and have more experiences working cross-culturally in the city. This trip was highly successful as the teacher candidates immersed themselves in classrooms (Our Saviour, Bronx & St. Mark's, Brooklyn), learned from educational experts, and studied neighborhood improvement projects (Pastor Dave Benke). CUEM leads "Immersion Insights" every year as they are essential for all educational stakeholders.



RESOURCES

Through the support of the Betsy Henderson Family, California Lutheran University has provided six student scholarships to Our Saviour Lutheran School in the Bronx, New York. These awards allow students to attend Concordia University Irvine's High School Leadership Academy this summer. This academy is a week-long comprehensive attempt to help high school students become better servant leaders of high character. The Center for Urban Education Ministries is very proud to support this vital work. Dr. Michael Hillis, California Lutheran University Dean of Graduate Education, adds "We are pleased to support this work as we continue to help build leaders for the future."

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RECOGNITION

The Jake Nelson Achiever Awards were given to three Our Saviour Lutheran (The Bronx) students. These students were honored with a scholarship, certificate, and special presentation for their great efforts.

Reflections from Mel Keischnick

(CUEM Board Member, Emeritus)

"May the wreath of memories of this year which your students are about to complete find in it a bud nurtured by you - a bud which may in later years burst into full blossom with a lingering aroma powerful enough to shape and sustain a life."

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