



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
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Dear Friends,

As you know, Pastor Scott Schantzenbach is retiring from active ministry at the end of June. We will be celebrating his ministry at the Synod Assembly during the banquet on Friday, June 7. As a way to say "thank you" for his 16+ years on the Synod staff, and honoring his 41 years of active ministry (including serving as pastor at Christ Our Savior, Jersey City and St. Luke, Washington), we are inviting you to financially contribute to a gift in his honor. A portion of what you give will go into a cash gift for Scott to use as he wishes while the majority will go towards our Excellence in Ministry, Unleashed (EMU) fund.

EMU receives grant money from the Lilly Foundation which we are required to match. The focus of our EMU initiative is to reduce student debt, provide incentives for healthy savings behaviors for our pastors, and increase the capacity of our congregations to be thriving centers of God's mission. Scott has been the driving force behind the EMU initiative and has been at the center of stewardship education in our synod since 2003. Making a gift to help sustain this work is a fitting tribute to his work.

If you or your congregation wish to contribute to this gift, please send a check to the NJ Synod (memo: *Scott Schantzenbach Retirement Gift*) by May 20.

Thank you,

Bishop Tracie L. Bartholomew