

## Good News Garage – LSS

**What:** Good News Garage – LSS (Lutheran Social Services) creates economic opportunity by providing affordable and reliable transportation options to people in need. Good News Garage (GNG) accepts donated cars, trucks, and vans, repairs them and then offers them to low-income individuals. GNG fundraises and sells vehicles not used in the program to cover the cost of repairing those that go to low-income individuals.

**When:** On an ongoing basis, members of Ascension serve on the GNG New England Board and on the community advisory committee of the Vermont GNG. Members also contribute their time helping to drive cars and working in the Vermont GNG office.

Ascension also supports Vermont GNG by including an annual contribution in the Ascension operating budget.

**Who:** Sam Swanson currently serves on the LSSNE Good News Garage Board of Directors. Bill Valliere and Sam serve on the community advisory committee for Vermont GNG. Other members of the congregation contribute their time helping by driving cars and working in the Vermont GNG office.

**How:** Since its inception in 1998, Ascension has provided a major contribution of time and talent, helping GNG get started and then supporting the GNG mission with volunteer assistance. The GNG administrative offices were housed at Ascension when it was started. Pastor Neu and Bill Valliere were partners with Hal Colston in designing the GNG program and getting it started. Since then many members have contributed individual car donations, cash donations, time at the garage doing all kinds of different tasks, participating in the community advisory committee, and serving on the LSSNE Board of Directors.

Vermont GNG is included in Ascension's operating budget with a cash contribution.

The GNG depends on a steady stream of car donations. All members of our congregation contribute by encouraging friends, family, and acquaintances to consider giving their cars to the GNG as a tax-deductible charitable contribution. Cash contributions are needed and welcome. Call the Good News Garage if you would like to contribute some of your time working at the GNG offices in the North End of Burlington.

Website: [www.goodnewsgarage.org](http://www.goodnewsgarage.org)