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2. We join God in his work of renewal, which often includes the most vulnerable.

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The vision of L.A.M.P. is to impact the City of Pittsburgh, one student at a time, by matching members of the church to Pittsburgh public school students to serve and provide mentorship.

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