

# Journey with **GLOBAL MISSION** 2021 ANNUAL DIRECTORY



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# 2021 ANNUAL GLOBAL MISSION DIRECTORY of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## HOW TO SERVE

### MISSIONARIES

Global missionary positions can vary based on the needs discerned by global companions and the ELCA. To view current open positions and apply, visit [ELCA.org/GlobalService](https://elca.org/GlobalService) and click “View Opportunities.”

### YOUNG ADULTS IN GLOBAL MISSION (YAGM)

Applications for YAGM are open from Nov. 1 through Jan. 15 each year, for service starting the following August. To apply, visit [ELCA.org/YAGM](https://elca.org/YAGM) and click “Apply Now.”

*Cover: The ELCA and the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD) have contributed toward the purchase of the vessel Sea-Watch 4 to rescue refugees on the Mediterranean. The ship is operated by United4Rescue on behalf of 600 civic and church organizations. Photo: Chris Grodotzki.*

*“O that you would tear open the heavens and come down” (Isaiah 64:1).*

*“To change the world, dear Sancho, is neither craziness nor utopia, but justice.”*

—Don Quixote de la Mancha, Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra (translation mine)

We live in a troubled world. As people of faith, we seek answers to the pressing issues of racial injustice, discrimination, hunger, homelessness, white supremacy, wealth inequality and other issues too many to list. Like the writer of the Third Isaiah, we turn to God in anguish and yet in hopeful expectation of what Yahweh could do. We want God to tear open the heavens and come down to fulfill the new heavens and the new earth. Our cry is one of deep lament, driven by the disparity between what has been promised and what we see happening in our midst.

The hard reality is that there are no quick fixes to our social ailments. Yes, the heavens were opened to proclaim that God’s anointed one has entered into our history, proclaiming the good news that God’s kingdom is at hand. In Jesus we receive the invitation to join him in his mission to restore community. We are ambassadors of Christ and coworkers in the ministry of reconciliation.

Reconciliation is a hard, arduous road. We must at all costs avoid the temptation to move to a hasty resolution of the conflict, pretending that everything is fine. Reconciliation requires intentional, deliberate and transformational work. The theology of accompaniment envisions a three-stage process toward reconciliation: repentance, restoration and re-creation.

Repentance requires us to acknowledge the harm we have done, intentionally and unintentionally. In these troubled days it means dismantling the dehumanizing narrative we have constructed of “the other” in order to legitimize our exploitation and marginalization of people. Restoration requires the righting of the wrong done. It seeks to make the victim whole and to make reparations to the community. Most reconciliation processes fail because the conditions, attitudes, behaviors and oppressive systems that led to the crisis are left intact. Only after reparation can we move into reconciliation, the new reality of equitable, just and loving fellowship centered in the one who came to give us life abundant.

This annual directory gives you a glimpse of the work of our missionaries, called and sent to proclaim the good news of God’s justifying and reconciling grace:

We have no mission but to serve  
In full obedience to our Lord:  
To care for all, without reserve,  
And to spread God’s liberating word.

—“The Church of Christ, in Every Age” (ELW 729)

## FIVE CORE ACCOMPANIMENT VALUES GUIDE US:

- MUTUALITY:** A commitment to relationships in which we receive one another’s gifts and expertise.
- INCLUSIVITY:** A commitment to relationships that address exclusion in communities.
- VULNERABILITY:** A commitment to relationships that are open to Christ’s transformation and reconciliation.
- EMPOWERMENT:** A commitment to relationships in which we build one another’s strengths and capacity for God’s mission.
- SUSTAINABILITY:** A commitment to relationships of accountability that steward God’s given gifts for the present and future.



# MISSIONARIES



*At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Rev. Christie Manisto pastored St. Andrew's United Church of Cairo, Egypt, from afar. In Cairo once again, she leads an English-speaking congregation and oversees the ministries of six refugee congregations. Her husband, Steven Saari, serves as director of special education for St. Andrew's Refugee Services.*

## HOW MANY?



**121 missionary households** including  
**6\* new missionaries** in 2020

\*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the ELCA was not able to deploy as many new personnel in 2020.

## WHERE?



**45 countries**  
around the world

## WHAT?

### EDUCATION



**35 missionaries** serve as teachers, professors or trainers.

### ADMINISTRATION



**26 missionaries** serve as representatives, program facilitators or communicators.

### PARISH MINISTRY



**23 missionaries** serve as pastors, pastoral interns or worship assistants.

### YAGM



**11 missionaries** serve as coordinators for Young Adults in Global Mission.

### HEALTH



**7 missionaries** serve as doctors or health care coordinators.



## YOUNG ADULTS IN GLOBAL MISSION

*Emily Ronsberg (left), accompanied by her host mother, Mama Kaliza, sings in the 25th Anniversary Jubilee of the Lutheran Church of Rwanda (LCR). Joining the choir and prayer fellowship in Matimba Lutheran Parish showed her the body of Christ as she had never witnessed it before. Students at two LCR schools “taught me to see the world with new eyes,” said Emily. “The Kin-dom of God is not complete without everyone’s presence and witness.” Photo: Rev. Janelle Neubauer.*

### WHO?



**Young adults 21 to 29** with a connection to the ELCA

### WHERE?



**10 programs** encompassing **12 countries**

**HISTORY: 1,000+** young adults have served with YAGM since it began in 1999.

**IMPACT: 30%** of YAGM alumni go into seminary; **50%** work in nonprofit organizations; **60%** get involved in advocacy and justice-related work.

## GLOCAL MUSICIAN EDUCATORS

The Glocal musician educators program was formed out of the ELCA’s Global Mission unit to provide education and worship for gatherings hosted by congregations and other Christian communities throughout North America and the Caribbean. Guided by the values of accompaniment, the program strives to embody what it means to be glocal: simultaneously global and local. Learn more about the Glocal musician educators and Glocal events by visiting [ELCA.org/glocal](http://ELCA.org/glocal).

For five years, Regina Rhymes has been part of the Glocal musician educators, a diverse team of musicians who play a vital role in receiving the gifts of our global companions and sharing them with the ELCA. In person and, in 2020, online, Regina has helped lead and learn alongside communities through the team’s work with synods and congregations. “It has been an eye-opening experience that showed me my worth as a leader, and for that I am forever grateful,” she said.



*Glocal musician educator Regina Rhymes. Photo: Pam Clark.*



## ELCA WORLD HUNGER

As members of the ELCA, we believe God is calling us into the world – together. ELCA World Hunger is our church’s ministry working to break the cycle of hunger and poverty. Through Global Mission’s international programming, gifts to ELCA World Hunger were at work in over 60 countries in 2018.

The world provides enough food for all, but more than 800 million people around the world face chronic hunger. We believe in a God of abundance, so as a church, we live out our call in baptism to strive for a just world where all are fed. Internationally, this includes supporting the transformative ministries of our companion churches and partners around the world.

When COVID-19 triggered high unemployment and halted the food supply chain in Chile, Educación Popular en Salud (EPES), supported by your gifts to ELCA World Hunger, focused on local food production. Online workshops on growing vegetables and baking bread equipped participants such as EPES health promoter Maria “Maggie” Carrasco Mella to plant her own garden. Now, nutrient-rich arugula, chard and spinach are thriving along the six-foot walkway to her front door. Gardens such as hers ensure access to fresh produce and increase resilience to illnesses caused or worsened by poor nutrition.



Educación Popular en Salud (EPES) was founded in 1983 by ELCA missionary Karen Anderson, now director of its International School for Health Education. Photo: EPES staff.



WATER & SANITATION



EDUCATION & TRAINING



AGRICULTURE & NUTRITION



INCOME & SAVINGS



HEALTH



PEACE, JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS



ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

To learn more, visit [ELCA.org/hunger](https://ELCA.org/hunger).

## LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God’s hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

Since January 2020, Lutheran Disaster Response has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic in more than 35 countries. In India, the pandemic closed factories and construction projects and forced 140 million low-wage workers to travel as far as 2,000 kilometers home to their villages. The exodus cut across religions, caste, ethnicity and gender, but “the poor and desolate are the worst-affected,” said the Rev. Logan Samuel Ratnaraj of the United Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India (UELCI). The UELCI and its 12 member churches opened schools and churches to travelers needing rest. Ratnaraj said that water bottles and dry food distributed to the migrants “were like manna from above for people literally in the wilderness.”



Twelve Lutheran churches in India found ways to care for migrant workers forced to return to their villages during the pandemic. Photo: UELCI staff.

To learn more, visit [ELCA.org/disaster](https://ELCA.org/disaster).

# INTERNATIONAL LEADERS PROGRAM

The International Leaders Program partners with companions to develop strong and effective leaders. Through academic scholarships, engagement in gender justice, and short-term leadership experiences, the International Leaders Program is forming leaders for both church and society.

## IMPACT

- Over 1,250 individuals have earned scholarships for education and training, including over 150 scholars who received support in 2020.
- 55 global companion churches and institutions are represented.
- 65% of scholarship recipients are women.



*After graduating from Newberry College, International Women Leaders alum Elisa Pérez-Trejo returned to Mexico, where she teaches elementary school English and works with the Mexican Lutheran Church's migration ministry.*

# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN LEADERS

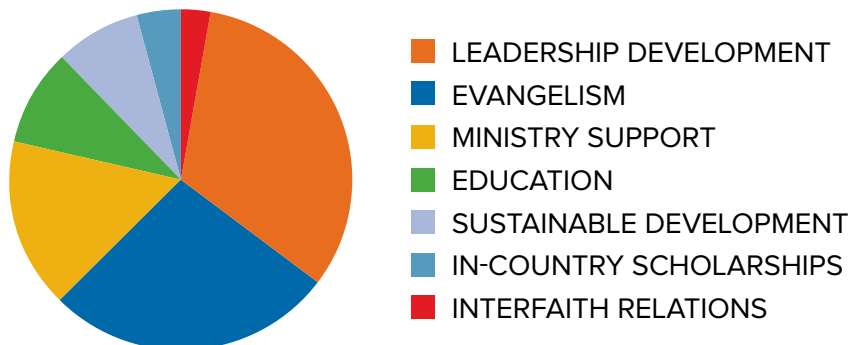
Alongside the global Lutheran community, the ELCA is engaging in a strategic emphasis on equipping women leaders in the life and development of the church and society. These emerging leaders study at ELCA colleges and universities, ELCA seminaries, and other institutions around the world:

- Since 2015, 39 scholars have studied at ELCA colleges and universities and about 10 at other institutions around the world – including 26 who received support in 2020.
- 26 global companion churches are represented.
- 134 women from 40 countries have participated in leadership seminars focused on gender justice.

# EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH WORK

Your contributions to Mission Support uplift many ministries that help the church grow and thrive in the United States and around the world. Mission Support also funds Global Mission's programs, including missionaries, companion church grants and the International Leaders Program. See the 2020 planned expenditure of these Global Mission grants in the graph shown.

FUNDS PER SECTOR





# AFRICA

## A SNAPSHOT OF IMPACT

- **Twenty-eight mission personnel** served in East Africa, West Africa and southern Africa in 2020.
- **Forty-nine synod companionships** connect **48 ELCA synods** and one Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada synod to Lutheran church bodies in **23 countries**.

### Ghana

Among West African countries, Ghana was hit particularly hard by COVID-19. At the Good News Theological Seminary, local coordinators of the seminary's skills development program took to the radio with Muslim community leaders to teach about virus transmission. Then they took to the streets, providing masks and modified buckets for handwashing to motorcycle taxi drivers, market women and other high-risk groups. Masks were sewn by people the program had previously trained in making tie-dye. Of everyone helping, local coordinator James Akoeshiehu said, "God will bless you."

*James Akoeshiehu coordinates the seminary's skills development program, which equips marginalized members of Ghanaian society with skills to make a living. Photo: Good News staff.*



### Malawi

Attending a farmer field school offered by Evangelical Lutheran Development Service helped Rose Kolokhwa and her husband feed their children. Farmers such as Rose research, test and adopt sustainable agriculture methods, boosting yields and family incomes. Now her children are in school, a new iron sheet roof protects their home, and two bicycles and a motorcycle make family travel easier. A lead farmer in the Phalome District, Rose motivates others to make the community food-self-sufficient. "Many families are asking me what magic I used to transform from a beggar to a giver!" she said.

*Farmers in Malawi's Chole District come together to learn sustainable-farming practices that enhance yields and the local ecosystem. Photo: Scott Lynch.*







## Tanzania

“Patients come with a lot more than their illnesses,” said Dr. Victoria Adonicam of Marangu Lutheran Hospital in the Northern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT). “They come with their lives, their family problems. The process of healing makes me feel like we are healing together.” She was able to complete her medical training through an ELCA-funded program of the ELCT that prepared students to serve rural hospitals where doctors are hard to retain. The ELCT health department also operates an extensive home-based care program for recovery and end-of-life care.

*Dr. Victoria Adonicam in her consultation room at Marangu Lutheran Hospital on the east slope of Kilimanjaro.  
Photo: Daudi Msseemaa.*

# ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

## A SNAPSHOT OF IMPACT

- Over **25 missionaries** were present throughout Asia and the Pacific in 2020.
- Nearly **\$1.5 million in grants supported** sustainable development throughout the region in Fiscal Year 2020.

### Indonesia

Last year over 600 students applied for admission to Huria Kristen Batak Protestan (HKBP) Theological Seminary. Only 125 were admitted. Most come with a deep sense of a call from God. Many come with a family blessing. Syaiful Siburian always wanted to be a pastor, but he didn't have the support of his family. He tried law school, but it was not a fit, and he enrolled in seminary despite ongoing family opposition. The words of Jeremiah 29:11 reassure him that God has a plan for him "to give you a future with hope."







## Japan

After a year in Serbia with Young Adults in Global Mission, Jessica Hill began a 33-month term as an ESL teacher in Japan. Settling into the community at Hongo Lutheran Church, she felt anxious as she prepared to teach at its student center. A young woman she was tutoring began crying. “God was with me, and told me to sing,” she said. Her student calmed down, and soon they were talking conversationally about her week. “Philippians 4:5-7 reminds me that, even in times like those, God is ready to help,” she said.

*Jessica Hill (left) discusses lesson planning with coworkers Ayana and the Rev. Yuki Goto at a Tokyo ramen restaurant.*



*Once Syaiful Siburian is ordained, he will join more than 2,000 pastors (plus deaconesses, Bible women and teacher-preachers) serving the HKBP's 4.1 million members. Photo: Y. Franklin Ishida.*



## Papua New Guinea

Undeterred by a three-day journey, representatives of four ELCA synods arrived in Papua New Guinea in December 2019 to meet with four district representatives of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea (ELCPNG) for mutual learning and reflection. “It is the love of Christ that brought brothers and sisters who flew over oceans and islands to meet and share with brothers and sisters in PNG,” said Pastor Kinim Siloi, ELCPNG director for Interchurch and Partner Relations. “It is the love that binds us all and has no limits [or] walls.”

*Three days of fellowship and planning with staff from the 1.8-million-member Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea (ELCPNG) offered many opportunities to deepen relationships. Photo: Cynthia Zamora.*



# EUROPE

## A SNAPSHOT OF IMPACT

- The ELCA accompanies Lutheran church bodies in **over a dozen** former Eastern bloc countries.
- **Eighty-five percent of ELCA World Hunger grants** in Europe support work with vulnerable populations, including Roma communities, refugees, asylum-seekers, and children and families living in poverty.

### Germany/Mediterranean

Rescuing refugees on the Mediterranean is controversial. Under its slogan “No one left behind,” the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD) has been a voice for people on the move. The ELCA and the EKD contributed toward the purchase of the vessel *Sea-Watch 4*, operated by United4Rescue on behalf of 600 civic and church organizations. In August 2020, after delivering 353 refugees safely to Palermo, Italy, on its first mission, the ship was detained by Italian authorities. Heinrich Bedford-Strohm, EKD president and bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria, continues to advocate for a humane response to the situation in the Mediterranean.

*The Sea-Watch 4 vessel rescues refugees on the Mediterranean. The ELCA and the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD) contributed toward the purchase of the ship, which is operated by United4Rescue. Photo: Friedhold Ulanska.*



*Photo: Chris Grodotzki.*



# LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

## A SNAPSHOT OF IMPACT

- Over **\$960,000 supported the global migration engagement** of 12 Lutheran churches and ecumenical partners through an expanding AMMPARO network in Mexico, Central America and South America.
- Over **\$700,000 funded project grants** to support regional leadership development in Fiscal Year 2020.
- **Twenty-eight missionaries** accompanied 18 church bodies and 18 companion organizations.

## Mexico

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mexico-based Migration Policy Working Group (GTPM) advocated for migrants, including women and children, being warehoused in unsanitary detention centers in violation of their human rights as well as Mexican laws requiring special treatment for migrant children. Part of the ELCA's Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO) network, GTPM is a coalition of Mexican civil society organizations that advocate for Mexican laws respecting the human rights and dignity of migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers.

*Mexican leaders and international organizations regularly turn to AMMPARO network member GTPM for policy input, advice and training. Photo: GTPM.*



*Caption: Gender-based violence has increased due to the pandemic, which makes trainings to empower young women such as Danna more important than ever. Photo: IELCO staff.*



### Colombia

Danna Nicoll Guevara loves being part of the “Projecting My Future” group because she meets new friends and learns about women’s rights. The 11-year-old even shared what she is learning with her classmates in a school presentation, and often reminds friends in her neighborhood of the importance of women’s rights. Thanks to this initiative of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia (IELCO), young women in marginalized communities are being empowered to fight for a better world – with less gender-based violence – for women and girls.

### El Salvador

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, even those who are virus-free must cope with the stress and trauma caused by high infection rates and extended confinement. Some years back, Pastor Vilma Rodriguez of the Salvadoran Lutheran Church, who is also a psychologist, helped create a special training program for pastors and lay leaders on how to treat trauma victims. The first 16 graduates of that program have been providing vital psychological care to church members and the larger community since the onset of the pandemic.

*The Rev. Vilma Rodriguez equips church leaders to provide psychological care during the COVID-19 pandemic. Photo: Rev. Rafael Menjivar.*





# MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

## A SNAPSHOT OF IMPACT

- **Ten missionaries** (not including YAGM volunteers) focus on evangelism and capacity-building.
- **The ELCA has expanded financial support** for projects benefiting refugees and host communities as they respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and other crises in Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Palestine and Jordan.



*Through ELCA financial support, the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) has reached out to many in need — including Fatmeh, one of hundreds of Lebanese people receiving medication and food aid during the COVID-19 pandemic. Photo: Our Lady Dispensary Team/MECC.*

## Lebanon

Cut off by COVID-19 from friends and relatives who helped and cooked for her, 80-year-old Fatmeh was lonely. Staffers from Our Lady Dispensary, which assists Fatmeh with health care and medications, now visit and shop for her. The dispensary is affiliated with the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC), which builds bridges between Middle Eastern churches, between Christians and Muslims, and between regional churches and the global Christian community, all for the good of humanity. ELCA funds helped MECC purchase food vouchers for Fatmeh and 149 other families and individuals during the pandemic.

## Palestine/West Bank

Travel restrictions imposed by the Israeli government often prevent Christians in the Holy Land from visiting holy sites. A new ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) ensures that its members can access their religious heritage. In a recent visit to the Samaritan village on Mount Gerizim and the churches of nearby Nablus, church members had a rich dialogue with the Samaritan leader as well as clergy.



*The ELCA's Peace Not Walls initiative encourages Lutherans to walk with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) and other companions working for peace and justice in the Holy Land. Photo: ELCJHL staff.*

# MISSION PERSONNEL DIRECTORY

## AFRICA

### CAMEROON



**REV. DR. ELISABETH JOHNSON**  
Theological education



**ANNE AND WILLIE LANGDJI**  
Regional representatives for Madagascar, West and Central Africa

### KENYA



**REV. ALEX LACHAPELLE**  
Parish ministry

### LIBERIA

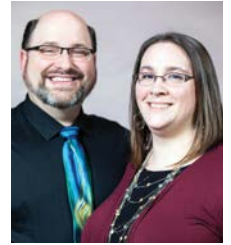


**REV. BRIAN PALMER**  
Theology instructor



**REV. LINDA JOHNSON SEYENKULO**  
Curriculum adviser and trainer

### MADAGASCAR



**REV. AMANDA AND REV. GRANT APPLEHANS**  
YAGM country coordinators

### MADAGASCAR



**REV. LANCELOT THEMBA AND KWENA MKHABELA**  
Regional representative for Madagascar, West and Central Africa

### RWANDA



**REV. JANELLE NEUBAUER**  
YAGM country coordinator

### SENEGAL



**REV. KRISTIN ENGSTROM**  
YAGM country coordinator

### SOUTH AFRICA



**REV. PHILIP AND LOU-MARIE KNUTSON**  
Regional representative for Southern Africa

### SOUTH SUDAN



**REV. WAL REAT**  
Evangelism

### TANZANIA



**ASTINE AND RYAN BOSE**  
Program coordinators for Bega-Kwa-Bega

### TANZANIA



**DR. STEVEN AND BETHANY FRIBERG**  
Health care



**ALISON GOMULKA**  
Volunteer teacher



**DR. MARK AND LINDA JACOBSON**  
Health care



**DAVID (DAUDI) AND KELLEN MSSEEMMAA**  
Regional representative for East Africa

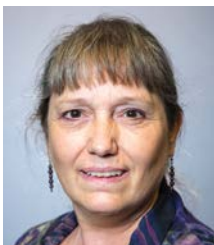


**REV. DR. CYNTHIA HOLDER RICH AND REV. DR. MARK RICH**  
Theological education



**DR. STEPHEN AND JODI SWANSON**  
Health care

### TANZANIA



**DEACON APRIL TROUT**  
Relationship facilitator in Konde Diocese

### ZIMBABWE



**REV. DR. AMBROSE MOYO**  
Regional consultant

## NOT PICTURED

### NIGERIA

**DORTHEA HUSTOFT-HAMMAN**  
Teacher

### TANZANIA

**ROBERT KASWORM**  
Health care administration

**DERRICK MATTHEWS**  
Health care



## ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

### AUSTRALIA



**REV. KIM CRAWFORD AND  
REV. HENRY MARTINEZ**  
YAGM country coordinators

### CAMBODIA



**REV. PHILLIP BAKER**  
Regional representative

### HONG KONG



**MATTHEW HAFAR**  
ESL instructor

### INDIA



**REV. CHANDRAN PAUL  
MARTIN**  
Regional representative

### INDONESIA



**REV. DR. JEFFREY  
TRUSCOTT**  
Theological education

### JAPAN



**REV. HITOSHI AND  
SATOKO ADACHI**  
Parish ministry

### JAPAN



**PATRICK AND JACKIE  
BENCKE**  
ESL teacher, music teacher



**ERICA BRYER**  
ESL teacher



**JORDAN COLLINS-BROWN**  
ESL teacher



**JESSICA HILL**  
ESL teacher



**KATIE NARUM MIYAMOTO**  
ESL teacher



**ERIN RYAN**  
ESL teacher

### JAPAN



**REV. DR. JAMES AND  
CAROL SACK**  
Theological education,  
music ministry



**SPENCER WENTLAND**  
ESL teacher



**REV. DR. SARAH HINLICKY  
WILSON AND  
DR. ANDREW WILSON**  
Parish ministry, theological  
education



**HAILEY BRENDEN**  
Communications

### NEPAL

## NOT PICTURED

### AUSTRALIA

**REV. SARA BISHOP**  
Parish ministry

### INDIA

**TIMOTHY MELVYN**  
Special consultant

### INDONESIA

**REV. DR. CHARLES PETERSON**  
Seminary professor

### JAPAN

**REV. CHARLES FREDERICKSON**  
Parish ministry

### SOUTH KOREA

**REV. DR. SUK YEON LEE (JANG)**  
University education, counseling

## EUROPE

### DENMARK



**REV. TIMOTHY AND MARYANN STEWART**  
Parish ministry

### GERMANY



**REV. VIKING AND MARISSA DIETRICH**  
Regional representative



**REV. DR. ROBERT AND KATHRYN MOORE**  
Director, ELCA Wittenberg Center

### HUNGARY AND SERBIA



**REV. ZACHARY COURTER AND REV. RACHEL ESKESEN**  
YAGM country coordinator and area desk director

### RUSSIA



**REV. BRADN BUERKLE**  
Pastor

### SLOVAKIA



**RACHEL BOSSUYT**  
Teacher

### SLOVAKIA



**MEGAN FREUDENBERG**  
Teacher



**JONATHAN KENT**  
Teacher



**JENNIFER NORBERG**  
Teacher



**EDWARD PATRICKS**  
Teacher



**NAOMI AND NICHOLAS SVEHOLM**  
Education coordinator, teacher



**REV. KYLE AND ANNA SVENNINGSEN**  
Parish ministry

## NOT PICTURED

### AUSTRIA

**REV. AMANDA OLESON**  
Chaplain

### BELGIUM

**REV. KATIE OSWEILER**  
Parish ministry

### GERMANY

**REV. DR. MARI THORKELSON**  
Parish ministry

### HUNGARY & SERBIA

**REV. JOHN VOELKER**  
Theological education

### NORWAY

**REV. SHERRI FREDERICKSON**  
Parish ministry

**REV. INGEBJORG LAUGALAND**  
Parish ministry

### SLOVAKIA

**JOHN ROGERS**  
Teacher

**SUE STREKAL**  
Teacher

### SWEDEN

**REV. ANNA BALLAN**  
Parish ministry

### SWITZERLAND

**ANDREW WILLIS**  
Parish ministry



## LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

### ARGENTINA & URUGUAY



**ALBERTO (GUSTAVO) DRIAU**  
Regional representative



**REV. RACHEL RINGLABEN**  
YAGM country coordinator

### CHILE



**KAREN ANDERSON**  
Director of International  
School for Health Education  
(EPES)

### COSTA RICA



**MICHAEL (MIKE) BUSBEY  
AND HELLEN RIOS-  
CARRILLO**  
Regional representative  
for Central America  
and Mexico; regional  
representative for the  
Caribbean and gender  
justice



**REV. STEPHEN DEAL AND  
MARTA GIRÓN**  
Regional representative for  
AMMPARO in Latin America  
and the Caribbean

### MEXICO



**REV. DAVID AND ALICIA  
BRONDOS**  
Theological education

### MEXICO



**REV. MEGHAN  
BROWN SAAVEDRA**  
YAGM country coordinator

### NOT PICTURED

#### COLOMBIA

**LINDA GAWTHORNE**  
Bible translator

#### NICARAGUA

**REV. DR. CLAUDIA LOPEZ ORTEGA**  
Mission hospitality coordinator

## MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

### EGYPT



**REV. CHRISTIE MANISTO  
AND STEVEN SAARI**  
Parish ministry

### ISRAEL/PALESTINE



**REV. GABI AND REV.  
MEGHAN AELABOUNI**  
YAGM country coordinators



**REV. CARRIE BALLENGER**  
Parish ministry

# COMPANION SYNOD RELATIONSHIPS

Through accompaniment and the five core values, ELCA and Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada synods participate in companion synod relationships. These relationships are rooted in mutuality and interdependence. They strengthen the capacity of the synods to engage in evangelical witness and service while encouraging each other to fully embrace the gifts and knowledge of companion churches.

ELCA SYNOD	INTERNATIONAL COMPANION	ELCA SYNOD	INTERNATIONAL COMPANION
1B NORTHWEST WASHINGTON SYNOD	RUSSIA	6E NORTHEASTERN OHIO SYNOD	SOUTH AFRICA
1C SOUTHWESTERN WASHINGTON SYNOD	NAMIBIA	6F SOUTHERN OHIO SYNOD	BRAZIL, GERMANY, KAZAKHSTAN, TANZANIA
1D NORTHWEST INTERMOUNTAIN SYNOD	TANZANIA	7A NEW JERSEY SYNOD	NAMIBIA
1E OREGON SYNOD	POLAND	7B NEW ENGLAND SYNOD	HONDURAS, JORDAN/PALESTINE
1F MONTANA SYNOD	BOLIVIA, SOUTH AFRICA	7C METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD	TANZANIA
2A SIERRA PACIFIC SYNOD	EL SALVADOR, RWANDA, TAIWAN	7D UPSTATE NEW YORK SYNOD	ZAMBIA, ZIMBABWE
2B SOUTHWEST CALIFORNIA SYNOD	EL SALVADOR, HONG KONG	7E NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD	ARGENTINA/URUGUAY, GERMANY, SLOVENIA, TANZANIA
2C PACIFICA SYNOD	MALAYSIA	7F SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD	TANZANIA
2D GRAND CANYON SYNOD	SENEGAL	7G SLOVAK ZION SYNOD	SERBIA, SLOVAKIA
2E ROCKY MOUNTAIN SYNOD	MADAGASCAR	8A NORTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD	GERMANY, TANZANIA
3A WESTERN NORTH DAKOTA SYNOD	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	8B SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD	MADAGASCAR
3B EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA SYNOD	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	8C ALLEGHENY SYNOD	KENYA
3C SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD	CAMEROON, NICARAGUA	8D LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD	TANZANIA
3D NORTHWESTERN MINNESOTA SYNOD	INDIA	8E UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD	GERMANY, LIBERIA
3E NORTHEASTERN MINNESOTA SYNOD	HONDURAS, INDIA, RUSSIA	8F DELAWARE-MARYLAND SYNOD	ESTONIA, FINLAND, TANZANIA
3F SOUTHWESTERN MINNESOTA SYNOD	SOUTH AFRICA	8G METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, D.C. SYNOD	EL SALVADOR, NAMIBIA, SLOVAKIA
3G MINNEAPOLIS AREA SYNOD	GERMANY, NIGERIA	8H WEST VIRGINIA-WESTERN MARYLAND SYNOD	MADAGASCAR
3H SAINT PAUL AREA SYNOD	GUATEMALA, TANZANIA	9A VIRGINIA SYNOD	PAPUA NEW GUINEA
3I SOUTHEASTERN MINNESOTA SYNOD	COLOMBIA, SOUTH SUDAN, TANZANIA	9B NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD	COSTA RICA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA
4A NEBRASKA SYNOD	ARGENTINA/URUGUAY, TANZANIA	9C SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD	COLOMBIA, JAPAN, TANZANIA
4B CENTRAL STATES SYNOD	PAPUA NEW GUINEA, RUSSIA	9D SOUTHEASTERN SYNOD	GERMANY, GUATEMALA, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE
4C ARKANSAS-OKLAHOMA SYNOD	GREAT BRITAIN, TANZANIA	9E FLORIDA-BAHAMAS SYNOD	CUBA, GUYANA, HAITI, JAMAICA, SURINAME
4D NORTHERN TEXAS-NORTHERN LOUISIANA SYNOD	SIERRA LEONE	9F CARIBBEAN SYNOD	SOUTH AFRICA
4E SOUTHWESTERN TEXAS SYNOD	COSTA RICA		
4F TEXAS-LOUISIANA GULF COAST SYNOD	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, PERU		
5A METROPOLITAN CHICAGO SYNOD	SOUTH AFRICA		
5B NORTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD	INDIA, TANZANIA		
5C CENTRAL/SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD	MADAGASCAR		
5D SOUTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD	TANZANIA		
5E WESTERN IOWA SYNOD	CHILE, TANZANIA		
5F NORTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD	HUNGARY, NAMIBIA		
5G NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD	TANZANIA		
5H NORTHWEST SYNOD OF WISCONSIN	MALAWI		
5I EAST-CENTRAL SYNOD OF WISCONSIN	SOUTH AFRICA		
5J GREATER MILWAUKEE SYNOD	EL SALVADOR, TANZANIA		
5K SOUTH-CENTRAL SYNOD OF WISCONSIN	INDIA		
5L LA CROSSE AREA SYNOD	CZECH REPUBLIC, PERU		
6A SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN SYNOD	JORDAN/PALESTINE, TANZANIA		
6B NORTH/WEST LOWER MICHIGAN SYNOD	HONDURAS, LATVIA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA		
6C INDIANA-KENTUCKY SYNOD	CHILE, INDONESIA		
6D NORTHWESTERN OHIO SYNOD	SERBIA, TANZANIA		

ELCIC SYNOD	INTERNATIONAL COMPANION
BRITISH COLUMBIA SYNOD	PERU
SYNOD OF ALBERTA AND THE TERRITORIES	COLOMBIA
SASKATCHEWAN SYNOD	ARGENTINA/URUGUAY
MANITOBA/NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO SYNOD	CAMEROON
EASTERN SYNOD	GUYANA, JORDAN/PALESTINE



# HOW TO GIVE

There are so many ways Global Mission is working alongside our siblings in Christ to build up God's global church. You can join us in these vital ministries in a number of ways, including prayer, creating a covenant and raising money to support the work that is happening around the world.

## BECOME A COVENANT CONGREGATION

Deepen your relationship with a missionary through a commitment of prayer, communication and financial support. Covenant congregations receive regular newsletter updates from their missionary and have the opportunity to request a visit during home assignment.

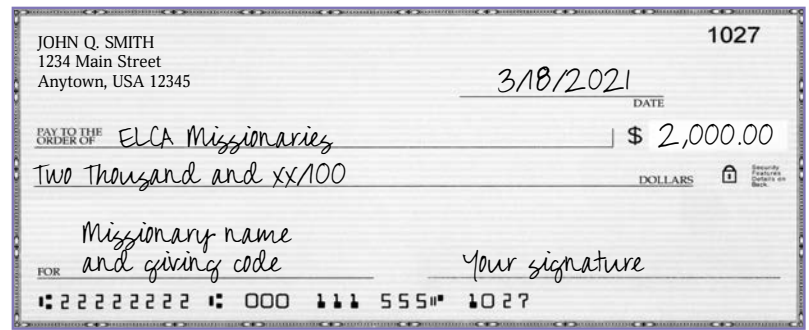
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Contact [globalchurch@elca.org](mailto:globalchurch@elca.org) or 800-638-3522, ext. 2820.

## GIVE BY CHECK

Make your check out to "ELCA Missionaries" with one of the designation names and codes\* in the memo line. Mail your check to:

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Gifts Processing Center  
P.O. Box 1809  
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\*For a list of designation codes, visit page 22.

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Visit [ELCA.org/MissionaryGiving](https://elca.org/MissionaryGiving) or call 800-638-3522.

## GIVE TO AN ENDOWMENT

Make a lasting gift! Contribute to one of Global Mission's endowment funds to help support these ministries for generations to come. Visit [ELCA.org/GlobalGive](https://elca.org/GlobalGive) and select either *ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission Endowment (E272617)* or *ELCA International Women Leaders Endowment Fund (E272671)* from the drop-down menu.

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## MONTHLY

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An ELCA gift planner can help you plan a legacy gift, such as a bequest, endowment or charitable-gift annuity. Contact [elcafoundation@elca.org](mailto:elcafoundation@elca.org) or call 800-638-3522, ext. 2299.

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Use these codes to designate a gift to a specific ministry or missionary\* in the global church. Make your check out to "ELCA" with one of the designation names and codes in the memo line. Mail your check to: ELCA Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

## MISSIONARIES

MISSIONARY NAME	COUNTRY OF SERVICE	GIVING CODE
Adachi, Rev. Hitoshi and Satoko	Japan	GCS2051
Aelabouni, Rev. Gabi and Rev. Meghan	Jerusalem	GCS2060
Anderson, Karen	Chile	MSG0676
Applehans, Rev. Grant and Rev. Amanda	Madagascar	GMG2001
Ballenger, Carrie	Jerusalem	GCS2020
Bencke, Patrick and Jackie	Japan	MSG0021
Brondos, Rev. David and Alicia	Mexico	MSG0069
Brown Saavedra, Rev. Meghan	Mexico	GCS2041
Bryer, Erica	Japan	GCS2054
Buerkle, Rev. Bradn	Russia	MSG0075
Busbey, Michael and Hellen Rios-Carrillo	Costa Rica	GMG2004
Collins-Brown, Jordan	Japan	GCS2055
Courter, Rev. Zachary, and Rev. Rachel Eskesen	Hungary and Serbia	GCS2033
Crawford, Rev. Kim, and Rev. Henry Martinez	Australia	GCS2032
Deal, Rev. Stephen, and Marta Girón	Costa Rica	MSG0098
Dietrich, Rev. Viking and Marissa	Germany	GCS2050
Driau, Gustavo	Argentina and Uruguay	GCS2045
Engstrom, Rev. Kristin	Senegal	GCS2031
Friberg, Dr. Steven and Bethany	Tanzania	MSG0141
Hafar, Matthew	Hong Kong	GCS2063
Hill, Jessica	Japan	GCS2062
Jacobson, Dr. Mark and Linda	Tanzania	MSG0216
Johnson, Rev. Dr. Elisabeth	Cameroon	MSG0719
Knutson, Rev. Philip and Lou-Marie	South Africa, Republic of	MSG0245
LaChapelle, Rev. Alex	Kenya	GCS2043
Langdji, Anne and Willie	Cameroon	MSG0260
Manisto, Rev. Christie, and Steven Saari	Egypt	GCS2061
Martin, Rev. Chandran Paul	India	MSG0721
Mkhabela, Rev. Themba and Kwena	Madagascar	MSG0707
Moore, Rev. Dr. Robert and Kathryn	Germany	GCS2036
Msseemmaa, David (Daudi) and Kellen	Tanzania	GCS2058
Narum Miyamoto, Katie	Japan	MSG0358
Neubauer, Rev. Janelle	Rwanda	GCS2044
Palmer, Rev. Brian	Liberia	MSG0688
Peterson, Rev. Dr. Charles	Indonesia	GMG2005
Reat, Rev. Wal	South Sudan	GCS2026
Rich, Rev. Dr. Mark and Rev. Dr. Cynthia Holder Rich	Tanzania	GCS2047
Ringlaben, Rev. Rachel	Argentina and Uruguay	GCS2056
Ryan, Erin	Japan	GCS2053
Sack, Rev. Dr. James and Carol	Japan	MSG0462
Seyenkulo, Rev. Linda Johnson	Liberia	GCS2018
Svennungsen, Rev. Kyle and Anna	Slovakia	GCS2059
Swanson, Dr. Stephen and Jodi	Tanzania	GCS2007
Truscott, Rev. Dr. Jeffrey	Indonesia	MSG0546
Wentland, Spencer	Japan	GCS2057
Wilson, Rev. Dr. Sarah Hinlicky and Dr. Andrew	Japan	GCS2052

\*This list includes only sponsorable missionaries. Any missionaries whose names are not on this list are not sponsorable at this time and the ELCA cannot accept funds designated for them.



# Support a Missionary

*“Mission isn’t a one-way street. We don’t take mission to whomever we intend to serve. Mission is a woven fabric, with so many threads in so many directions, and God the creator runs the loom.”*

– Daudi Msseemaa

Every ELCA missionary needs your prayers and generous gifts to succeed in their work. When you support a missionary, you help lift up Christ’s global church.

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*Kellen and Daudi Msseemaa,  
ELCA missionaries and  
regional representatives for  
East Africa*



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*A rescue operation underway on the Mediterranean Sea. The ELCA and the Evangelical Church in Germany contributed toward the purchase of the vessel Sea-Watch 4, operated by United4Rescue. Photo: Chris Grodotzki.*

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