



ACCOMPANIMENT

Mission rooted in relationship means mutuality, inclusivity, vulnerability, sustainability and empowerment. It means growth — for everyone involved. Together, in response to God’s liberating grace, we listen, learn and deepen our understanding of and love for one another. As we recognize, affirm and receive one another’s gifts, we become invested in God’s mission. These investments are at the center of global mission.

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Nearly 27,000 people were present at the triennial women’s gathering of the Malagasy Lutheran Church in Manakara, Madagascar. It was officially announced that female theologians could wear clerical collars and robes, a hopeful next step toward women’s ordination.

Journey with GLOBAL MISSION 2020 ANNUAL DIRECTORY



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Left photo: The Rev. José Luis Marroquín (right) blesses the Rev. Susan Schnelle (left) at El Divino Salvador del Mundo in Guatemala.

ELCA IN RELATIONSHIP

The ELCA has organized its global engagement around the theology and practice of accompaniment, walking together with Lutheran, ecumenical and interfaith sisters and brothers around the world. We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world — together.

Our church has a multifaceted approach to global mission: from sharing personnel to offering grants and scholarships that strengthen church leadership to supporting the ministries of congregations to building on the capacity of our Lutheran companion churches in their theological education. In response to requests from our global companions, ELCA missionaries accompany them in their work.

In the United States, the ELCA challenges its members to become global citizens and responsible, compassionate Christians. We are committed to:

- addressing the root causes of poverty and hunger and meeting human needs
- calling and preparing missionaries
- connecting ELCA members to the global church
- educating global church leaders
- fostering church-to-church relationships
- responding to natural disasters
- supporting evangelism and other global ministries

Learn more:
ELCA.org/globalmission

COMPANIONS IN RELATIONSHIP

As a member of the Lutheran World Federation, the ELCA is one of 148 member churches in 99 countries all over the world. Combining our gifts and working together, Lutherans can achieve things on a scale and scope that we could never do alone.

Working with international Lutheran churches allows the ELCA to address ministry opportunities effectively while skilled and faithful companion churches self-govern and take the lead on local ministry. Together we:

- advocate for one another
- build personal relationships across cultures
- connect congregations and synods through relationships
- create and collaborate on ministries and programs
- exchange pastors and leaders
- pray for and visit one another

We are called to walk alongside our Lutheran siblings to grow the church and to do God’s work of restoring and reconciling communities everywhere.

Learn more:
ELCA.org/companionsynods

YOU IN RELATIONSHIP

Receiving the gifts of the global church opens ELCA congregations to strengthening their proclamation and service. You can participate in the global community of the ELCA by:

- supporting missionaries, Young Adults in Global Mission, International Women Leaders and/or global ministries (ELCA.org/globalgive)
- equipping yourself and your congregation for global engagement by participating in Global Mission gatherings (ELCA.org/global)
- making a contribution to deepen the outreach of ELCA World Hunger (ELCA.org/hunger)
- promoting or engaging in global service in one of 40 countries (ELCA.org/globalservice)
- recognizing all companions in ministry as strong, faithful and gifted people
- strengthening your local ELCA companion synod relationship through active involvement (ELCA.org/companionsynods)
- subscribing to our e-newsletter, Global Links, which can be found as a widget on the right-hand side at ELCA.org/globalmission
- visiting the ELCA website to learn how the context of mission is changing (ELCA.org/globalmission)

The ELCA’s global engagement is made possible by missionaries, international companions and ELCA members such as you.

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your gifts support the ministries of our global companions

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We are called to walk alongside our companions to grow the church and do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities. Thanks to your generosity, the ELCA funds missionaries and projects in more than 90 countries. [Learn more at ELCA.org/globalmission.](https://www.elca.org/globalmission)



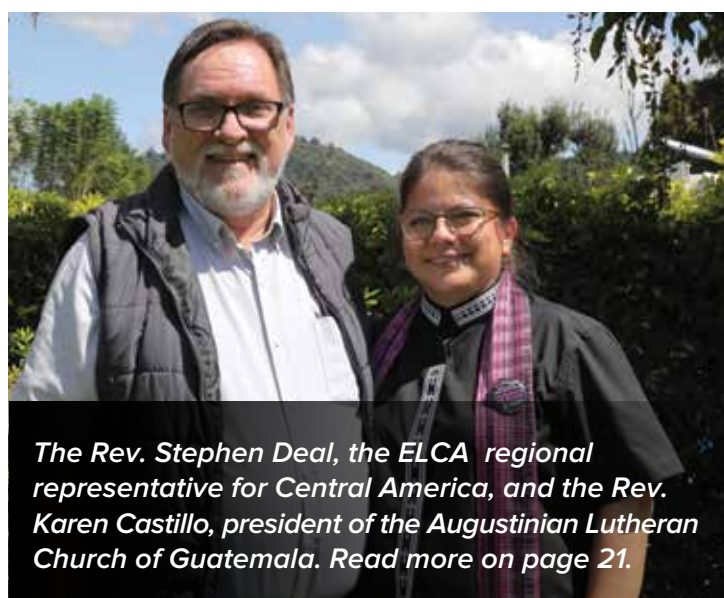
The Fifth International Consultation for Latin American and Caribbean churches and their companion synods. Read more on page 21.

REGIONAL EMPHASIS – NORTH AMERICA: Equip ELCA members for proclamation and service by receiving the gifts of the global church. Collaborate with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada concerning missionaries, global events and companion synod relationships.

REGIONAL EMPHASIS – EUROPE: Accompany and build capacity of minority Lutheran churches reemerging in a postcommunist era for evangelism, mission, and lay and pastoral leadership development. Encourage the exploration of Lutheran identity in context 500 years after the Reformation.



Malagasy choir sings at the French-speaking Lutheran ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in European Russia. Read more on page 17.



The Rev. Stephen Deal, the ELCA regional representative for Central America, and the Rev. Karen Castillo, president of the Augustinian Lutheran Church of Guatemala. Read more on page 21.

REGIONAL EMPHASIS – LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN:

Accompany churches as they do mission, explore new ministry models, train leaders, strengthen their Lutheran identity, defend human rights and promote economic, gender and climate justice. Seek just and humane treatment of migrants through the work of our AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities) companions in the region.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa – Eastern Diocese. Read more on page 6.

REGIONAL EMPHASIS – AFRICA: Strengthen mutual relationships and support programs of companion churches addressing conflict prevention, peace and reconciliation, evangelical outreach, faith formation, food security, sustainable livelihoods and health.



Augusta Victoria Hospital, East Jerusalem, Palestine. Read more on page 17.

REGIONAL EMPHASIS – MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA:

Accompany companions in their steadfast Christian witness, service and faith, which are threatened by regional turmoil. Advocate with them for nonviolent paths to more peaceful and just societies and respond to humanitarian needs.

REGIONAL EMPHASIS – ASIA/PACIFIC:

Accompany churches as they renew their Lutheran identity and meet challenges of religious plurality in today's context. Increase the capacity of churches and development organizations to address critical issues of sustainable development and justice.



The Bible Women of the Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church, Andhra Pradesh, India. Read more on page 12.



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