COSTA RICA AND HONDURAS:
STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

The Lutheran churches in Costa Rica and Honduras are small churches with a strong commitment to serve the most marginalized and impoverished people in their countries.

THE NEED

In Costa Rica, the church welcomes Nicaraguan immigrants, informs them of their human rights, and accompanies them when their rights are violated. In addition, with the help of the church’s legal-aid office, indigenous people have achieved legal citizenship and recovered their ancestral lands.

Honduras continues to be one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere. The Lutheran church in Honduras does ministry in areas invaded by youth gangs and drug trafficking where violence envelops faith communities and forced migration to the U.S. is rampant. Within this context, the church has only one ordained pastor, along with a missionary from the Church of Sweden. The church relies on volunteer lay leaders who are highly committed but have limited access to formal education and theological training, especially in rural areas.

While these two churches have embraced their calling to mission and ministry in very difficult circumstances, in order to be more effective, they need to grow numerically and deepen their understanding of their Lutheran heritage.

Through the $500,000 goal for Costa Rica and Honduras: Strengthening the Church for Mission and Ministry, you can help construct buildings for proclaiming the good news of the gospel, develop new models of church leadership that are more participatory and inclusive, especially for women and youth, enable projects responding to the most urgent needs of the church’s communities, open new congregations and much more. Together, we can build up Christ’s church in Costa Rica and Honduras.

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ABOUT ELCA GLOBAL MINISTRIES

The ELCA has deep, long-standing relationships with more than 80 Lutheran churches around the world. As part of a global Lutheran community, we work alongside our brothers and sisters to spread the good news of Jesus Christ near and far.

Because we can do more together than we can as individual congregations, the ELCA listens to our companion churches around the world and responds to their requests for financial support to expand their ministries – to start new congregations, extend outreach in urban areas, and train pastors and evangelists. We call these joint evangelism projects Global Ministries.

The initiative in Costa Rica and Honduras is one of 14 new Global Ministries introduced as part of Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA.

HELP US DO MORE!

Make a gift to Costa Rica and Honduras: Strengthening the Church for Mission and Ministry.

ONLINE Make a secure credit card donation by visiting community.elca.org/latinamerica.

MAIL Make checks payable to ELCA Global Church Sponsorship with “Costa Rica and Honduras – GCS4018” in the check’s memo line. Mail checks to: ELCA, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

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Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA is our moment to look toward the future of this church and boldly respond to the needs of the world with a living, daring confidence in God’s grace. This five-year, $198 million campaign will help our church grow our communities of faith, form new leaders, welcome our neighbors, overcome malaria, confront hunger and poverty, accompany our global churches and so much more. Together, we can achieve things on a scale and scope we could never do otherwise.

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